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Happenings at Mautner: New Support from Mautner Online and In Person

May 27, 2009

Sunday is World No Tobacco Day

Mautner Project has worked for years to help reduce the effects of tobacco use on the the LGBT community.

Did you know that...

- LGBT people are 50-200% more likely to smoke than the general public?
- Smoking a pack a day can cost over \$2,000 a year?
- Second-hand smoke can affect loved ones, including pets?
- More women die of lung cancer than of breast cancer?
- Tobacco kills 25 times more people than AIDS every year?

If you smoke and are interested in quitting, contact us at info@mautnerproject.org or 202-332-5536. We will be happy to help you find resources, wherever you are!

**Mautner's Official
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Learn How to Protect Your Family! The "L" Word: Lesbians and the Law, June 9



Michele Zavos, a well-known attorney in the Washington metropolitan area specializing in LGBT family law, will discuss issues regarding marriage and domestic partnerships, creating families with children, and estate planning issues, including the preparation of Wills, Living Wills, and

Powers of Attorney for Health Care and Finances. Come learn about the District's comprehensive domestic partnership law and what it may mean for you, whether you live in the District or not. Find out about recent legislation in Maryland that extends some benefits to partners. Hear about implications of California marriages and marrying in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Learn about creating legal relationships with the children you are raising, and why that's important. Get information on how your wishes can be carried out regarding health care, finances, and transfer your assets at the end of life. Michele is an engaging and knowledgeable speaker on all of these issues. Don't be afraid of the "L" word - the Law!

Tuesday, June 9, 6:30-8:00 PM

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We Want to Support You - Online and In Person!

Client services will be starting **three new in-person support groups** this summer (bereavement, cancer survivors and caregivers); anyone interested should **call 202-332-5536 and ask for Elizabeth Ide**, Acting Client Services Director. Please tell your friends!



Are you available? Mautner Project **needs a new co-facilitator** for our Bereavement Group, which meets Wednesday evenings from 7.00 PM to 8.30 PM, beginning June 24th. If you have related professional or volunteer experience, and can commit 2.5 hours per week for ten



We are pleased to announce JLB Floral Inc. as the official florist of Mautner Project. Order your flowers and centerpieces and 5% of your total purchase will be generously donated in support of Mautner Project's local and national health programs.

Call (703) 751-4031 and mention Mautner Project with your order. Let JLB Floral provide flowers for any occasion or celebration in 2009 - and you can contribute to Mautner's efforts in helping the lives of others.

weeks, we're looking for you! Please contact Elizabeth at 202-332-5536 for more information.

In addition, Mautner Project is proud to announce three new member-driven **email support groups**:

- [Lesbian, Bi & Trans Survivors](#) for women surviving serious illnesses;
- [Lesbian, Bi & Trans Caregivers](#) for women caring for loved ones with serious diseases or disabilities; and
- [Lesbian, Bi & Trans Bereavement](#) for women grieving the loss of a loved one.

Have a story to share or a question to ask? Email the group to connect directly with other survivors, caregivers, or grieving women. Your membership is free and confidential.

Interested? You can become a member through each group's website by clicking "Join This Group" at the top of the page. You can also join by emailing us at DirectServices@MautnerProject.org. Just let us know which group(s) you'd like to join and we'll send you an "invite" with instructions for signing up.

Still have questions? Send us an email at DirectServices@MautnerProject.org and we'll be happy to help.

In the Community



Dance---or learn how to! Two-step, swing, waltz, Latin and line dancing. Take classes with nationally ranked professionals, enjoy exhibition team dancing, competitions, nightly entertainment and open dancing on a huge dance floor! What a way for gay cowboys and cowgirls to celebrate the Fourth! Put on your hat and boots and join us for **Stomps and Stripes Forever**, a national dance hoedown and convention at the Hyatt Regency hotel, this July 2 through 5, 2009! Hoedown proceeds will benefit DC area organizations that support the LGBT community including the Mautner Project! Register at www.Hoedown2009.com.

Volunteers are needed for **Recycling with Pride**, June 14th 2009. **BurGREENdy**, the environmental arm of Burgundy Crescent Volunteers, invites you to help them make this the greenest Pride ever. Recycling Ambassadors will be paired up with another volunteer to make sure that full bags of recycling are removed and taken to the drop off area, to encourage people to recycle, to talk up the Recycle with Pride booth, and to discourage contamination (non-recyclables being put into recycling bins). It will be lots of fun and you will get a special Recycle with Pride t-shirt that's all yours to keep.

9a-12p Setup, 10 volunteers

12p-2p Recycling Ambassadors, 12 volunteers (fully staffed)

2p-4p Recycling Ambassadors, 14 volunteers

4p-6p Recycling Ambassadors, 14 volunteers

6p-8p Break down, 18 volunteers

If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to jonathan@burgundycrescent.org.

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The Mautner Project improves the health of lesbians, bisexual,
and transgender women who partner with women, and their families,
through advocacy, education, research, and direct service. We envision a
healthcare system that is guided by
social justice and responsive to the needs of all people.

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