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Happenings at Mautner: Happy Pride Month!

June 24, 2009

Tea by the Sea

Join us for a Beachside Bash for Mautner Project! Featuring cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a beautiful sky-high setting with fabulous views and stellar conversation.

Saturday, July 18, 2009
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Free!

12 Hickman Street, Rear deck entrance (3rd Floor), Rehoboth, DE*
Generously hosted by Scott Sterl and Gene Lawson

Please RSVP to Jeanie Adkins: jadkins@mautnerproject.org or 202-332-5536

*Please note multiple flights of stairs are involved to reach event.

Get the Breast EDUCation!

We need your help! Do you want to make a difference in your community? Are you interested in learning more about breast health? What if you could have fun and

Happy Pride Month



As June continues, Pride celebrations are being held across the country and around the world. We hope that you are enjoying the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion. Here in DC, we sure did at the Capital Pride Parade. Mautner Project's contingent of staff, volunteers, and supporters was joined by the DC Gurlly Show, at left.

See Serena, Help Mautner!



WASHINGTON
KASTLES

Mautner Project is proud to announce our new partnership with the Washington Kastles! The Kastles, featuring world-renowned tennis star **Serena Williams**, represent D.C. in the Advanta World Team Tennis league, co-founded by tennis legend **Billie Jean King**. Mautner Project is honored to be part of the Kastles' Charity Program which gives a *10% discount* on each ticket purchase, as well as *10% back* to Mautner Project. There are only 8 home matches, and the entire season is in July so purchase your tickets now while they last! Among the tennis stars the Kastles will be challenging this season are Venus Williams, Martina Navratilova, Anna Kournikova, and John McEnroe. Visit the Kastles website: www.washingtonkastles.com. Simply click on the Tickets tab and you'll be directed to purchase your tickets through Ticketmaster where you can enter the **special promotion code: MPDC**. Save money to see the Kastles play and help support Mautner Project in the process. It's a win-win! For more information or questions, please call Jeanie Adkins at 202-332-5536 or jadkins@mautnerproject.org.

Research Participation Opportunities

As a part of their health care fairness campaign, Lambda Legal is launching a national survey to document the unique health care experiences and needs of LGBT people and people living with HIV.

meet people doing it? Sign up to become a peer educator and find out how to host a *Breast Health House Party!*

We are currently recruiting Griots, or peer educators, to participate in our new community support and education program, **EDUcate: Eliminating Disparities for the Underserved**. EDUcate is designed for African American lesbian and bisexual currently low-income women of all ages in the DC metro area, and is generously supported by Susan G. Komen for the Cure. For more information or to sign up, contact Rachele at 202.332.5536 or rdixon@mautnerproject.org.

Hoedown to Benefit Mautner Project



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!

Information from this survey will be used to educate politicians and other decision makers about the specific problems health care reform must address. For this survey to reflect the varied needs of LGBT and HIV communities, they need to hear from you. **If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender or living with HIV, please [take the survey now](#) and spread the word to your friends and family.** (The survey is available in both English and Spanish.) You must be 18 or over to take this survey. Once you complete the survey, enter to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

It is widely known that a breast cancer diagnosis can have far reaching effects both socially and emotionally. Less well understood are the ways in which a breast cancer diagnosis impacts the well-being and quality of life of women who have historically been underserved by the medical community. Lesbian and bisexual women are one of these underserved populations, and little research has been done to assess their health and well-being as breast cancer survivors. Identifying their unique needs by asking questions related to health and well-being in a survey will help researchers to develop culturally appropriate survivorship programs for these women. If you choose to [join this study](#), you will be asked to take part in a phone survey that will last approximately 35 minutes. The survey can be taken from anywhere in the country. Questions about your health, medical history, sexual orientation, and demographics will be asked. Ulrike Boehmer, PhD, at the Boston University School of Public Health is conducting the study. You can sign up for the **Variations in the Health Needs of Breast Cancer Survivors** study if you match ALL of these main categories:

- You identify as lesbian or bisexual, or as a woman who partners with women.
- You were diagnosed with breast cancer between 2000-2005
- You were at least 21 years old at the time of diagnosis
- You were diagnosed with DCIS, or stage I, II, or III breast cancer
- You have only been diagnosed with breast cancer one time, you have not had a recurrence
- You have never been diagnosed with ANOTHER invasive cancer, other than breast cancer

The researcher may ask you additional questions to be sure that this study is a right fit for you. Join now by visiting the [Army of Women's website](#).

Jennifer Jabson, a PhD student at Oregon State University, is conducting research examining the multiple factors that impact women's breast cancer survivorship processes, including one's sexual identity. The survey is available online, is entirely anonymous, and requires no additional participation. It takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. The survey can be found at <http://bcsurvivorship.surveyconsole.com/>.

In the Community

Ready to quit? Increase your chances of success by joining a Freedom from Smoking seven week class at The DC Center. Free tobacco replacement therapy (the patch, nicotine gum) are included in this program for DC residents. The classes will take place Thursdays at 6:00 PM at The DC Center starting on July 9th. Sign up now. Call us at 202 682-2245 or e-mail readytoquit@thedccenter.org.

Hoedown proceeds will benefit DC area organizations that support the LGBT community including the Mautner Project! Register at www.Hoedown2009.com.

Mautner's Official Florist, JLB Floral



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.

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Self-protection skills for the LGBTQI community - You can defend yourself! Join Defend Yourself to learn how to prevent harassment, attack and abuse, including how to stop a threatening situation with words and physical moves to use against common attacks. They'll address the range of situations you might encounter, from the annoying to the dangerous, including abusive relationships and hate crimes. Though you may never need the physical techniques, you'll use the confidence, skills, and attitude every day.

Where and when: Sat., June 27, 11 am-2 pm, at MCC in downtown DC (near Mt. Vernon Square/Convention Center. Metro, Green/Yellow lines)

Cost and how: \$43 - Register with a friend and get \$5 off each. Pre-registration required. Limited reduced-fee slots for low-income people.

For more info or to register: 301-608-3708 / lauren@defendyourself.org / www.defendyourself.org

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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