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## Happenings at Mautner: New Initiatives and Research Studies!

**July 22, 2009**

### Mautner Project: Working with the Community on New Initiatives!

#### Tea by the Sea was a Blast!

We'd like to thank all of you who came out to Rehoboth Beach to join us for our 2nd Annual Tea by the Sea! It was a lovely event with incredible views, great conversation, and fabulous food! Here are just a few pictures from the event:



Leslie Calman spent 2 days in July at the launch of a new project, the "New Beginning Initiative," convened by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. This is a coalition of over 20 LGBT organizations who are sharing advocacy strategies to advance key federal LGBT policies, including a number

concerning health. For more information regarding this initiative, please visit [http://www.thetaskforce.org/newadmin/newbeginning\\_intro.html](http://www.thetaskforce.org/newadmin/newbeginning_intro.html)

We are also happy to share that Leslie was an invited participant in "A Summit for Action: The Health of Women and Girls Beyond 2010" convened by the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Women's Health in Alexandria, Virginia on July 16-17, 2010.

#### Get In On Kastles Action Before It's Too Late!



**WASHINGTON  
KASTLES**

The World Team Tennis League's 2009 season is almost over so if you haven't seen a Kastles match yet this summer, get your tickets now! **With just a week left in the season**, the Washington Kastles made two major announcements that should help their chances of winning the King Trophy. First, they announced the signing of Nadia Petrova, the world's tenth-ranked women's singles player. Secondly, they have secured the rights to host the Eastern Conference finals against the New York Sportimes Friday, June 24 if they qualify for the playoffs. Following the semi-finals, the winners of the Eastern and Western Conferences will meet in the Advanta WTT Championship Finals on July 26 at Kastles Stadium.

Remember, **with every ticket purchase using Mautner Project's**



**special promotion code**, the Kastles will give a **10% discount as well as 10% back to Mautner Project**. To purchase your tickets, go to [www.washingtonkastles.com](http://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 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](mailto:jadkins@mautnerproject.org).

## Mautner Project's Support Groups!

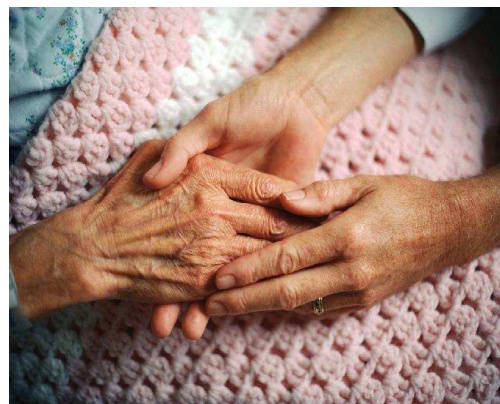
Mautner Project will be holding the following support groups:

**Bereavement** meets Wednesday evenings from 7.00-8.30 p.m.

**Cancer Survivors** meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 4.00 p.m. beginning July 25th

**Caregivers** meet Thursday evenings from 7.00- 8.30 p.m. beginning July 16th.

The groups are free, but registration is required. Folks who are interested should call or email Elizabeth Ide at 202-332-5536 or [directservices@mautnerproject.org](mailto:directservices@mautnerproject.org)



## 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 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](mailto:rdixon@mautnerproject.org).

## Remember Mautner Project in your Estate Planning!

Mautner Project recently received a small bequest from one of our former clients, who passed away from breast cancer. We are very grateful to her for this thoughtful generosity. Please, when doing your own estate planning, think of Mautner Project. Help assure that our ability to serve our community extends into the future.



## 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

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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 the DC Center at 202-682-2245 or e-mail [readytoquit@thedccenter.org](mailto:readytoquit@thedccenter.org).

**Lesbian Breast Cancer Survivor Study!** A PhD student at Oregon State University is conducting a study examining factors that uniquely influence the process of breast cancer survivorship for lesbian breast cancer survivors. The hope for the result of the study is that it will allow for better tailored support programs and resources to the unique experiences of lesbian breast cancer survivors and thereby enhance survivorship outcomes. **The one-time online, anonymous survey can be completed at:**

<http://bcsurvivorship.surveyconsole.com/>

The survey takes 20-30 minutes to complete and requires NO additional participation.

### **Research Study to Examine Differences in Breast Cancer Treatment Between African American and Caucasian**

**Women!** African American women are more likely to die of breast cancer than Caucasian women, even though fewer African American women are getting breast cancer each year and screening use has improved. This difference has actually gotten worse over the past 20 years. The best way to close this gap is to fill it with knowledge! A research study, conducted by a professor at Georgetown University, has been designed to better understand the differences in breast cancer treatment experiences between African American women and Caucasian women. The study is seeking **400 African American women** to participate.

**What's involved?** 30-40 minute telephone survey about your health related experiences and to allow your medical records to be reviewed by the doctor conducting this study.

**Who can participate?** You can join the Gap Study if you match ALL of these main categories:

- You consider yourself to be Black/African American
- You are newly diagnosed with breast cancer (within 20 weeks of your diagnosis)
- Your breast cancer is stage I, II, or III
- This is the first time you have been diagnosed with breast cancer (this is not a recurrence)
- You live in the United States

The researcher may ask you additional questions to determine if this study is the right fit for you.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please email [info@armyofwomen.org](mailto:info@armyofwomen.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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