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Happenings at Mautner: Many Opportunities Coming Up to Get Involved in the Community!

September 30, 2009

Join us at Nellie's!

Please join Mautner Project and Burgundy Crescent Volunteers for a casual evening at Nellie's Sports Bar **THIS Thursday, October 1st**, from 7-9 p.m. Meet new people, catch up with friends in a fun, relaxing environment. Nellie's is located at 900 U Street NW, Washington, DC.



Spencer's Story Continues to Raise Awareness

In his speech on September 27th to the Congressional Black Caucus, **President Obama cited Mautner Project volunteer Easter Spencer** as an example of working Americans who need health care and why the country needs an improved health care system. For more information on Spencer's story, please check out this [Metro Weekly article](#).

Calling all LGBT Allies!

Take a Chance and Win Big!

ONLY 2 MORE WEEKS TILL THE RAFFLE DRAWING!!!

Come join us for an evening at Town Danceboutique and reconnect with your Mautner Project family. We will be hosting the raffle drawing there at 11:15 pm so if you haven't bought your raffle ticket yet, **call us now!** **As long as they're still available, we will be selling raffle tickets the night of, up until the time of the drawing.** We look forward to seeing you there!

This year's raffle prizes include:

- **1st Prize: \$5,000** in cash
- **2nd Prize: Round-trip airfare for two** on American Airlines to **48 states, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean** (restrictions apply)
- **3rd Prize: \$1,000** gift certificate to **I. Gorman Jewelers**

Tickets are **\$100 each**. You can purchase your tickets by calling **202-332-5536 (ask for Jeanie)** or by sending a check to: Mautner Project, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW Ste. 710, Washington, DC 20009

Drawing will occur on Saturday October 17, 2009 at 11:15 pm (winner need not be present to win). **Your raffle ticket gives you free entry to Town!**

Where: Town Danceboutique, 2009 8th Street NW, WDC 20009

For more information on the venue, [please click here](#).

All funds raised benefit the Mautner Project's Health, Education, and Direct Services Programs!

Odds of Winning: 3 in 500

Aggregate value of raffle prizes estimated at \$7,500

Must be 18 years of age to enter

Licensed by: D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board

9 FOR one ACTION

Here's a chance to voice your support! 941Action is a new organization that is being **created by straight allies for straight allies**. Please help Mautner Project, a proud endorser of 941Action, get the word out to straight allies to take their online survey. The survey takes less than 5 minutes to complete and will provide key information about why allies support equality, how they want to speak out, and how they prefer to be mobilized. The results will be used to develop a Web-based strategy to provide opportunities for straight allies to voice their support. **Let's get behind this and make sure that the voices of straight allies in the health care field are heard loud and clear!**

Take the [survey](#) (if you're straight) and forward it to other allies!

Want to help Mautner Project Win \$10,000 to Expand Vital Services for the LBT community?



Christie Cookies has decided to use the celebration of its 25th

anniversary by creating the Christie Cookie \$25,000 Charity Giveaway.

From now until October 15, 2009, people can nominate their favorite charity to win.

The most-nominated charity will receive a check for \$10,000. The runner-up wins \$5,000 and 10 more will receive \$1,000 each.

Nominations can be made online at www.ChristieCookies.com in a simple, less than two-minute contest with one entry per person/email. All you have to do is nominate us! **Take 2 minutes**

Mautner would like to thank its generous sponsors for this event:

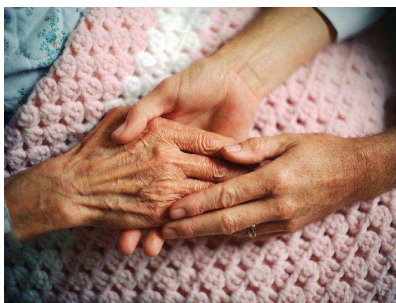


Volunteer Orientation!

To learn more about how you can be part of the Client Services Volunteer team, **come to our Orientation for new volunteers on Tuesday, October 6th at 7.00 pm.** You'll learn the ropes of the program, meet seasoned volunteers, and have the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. **Please RSVP by NEXT Monday, October 5th.**

In just one hour a week, you could make a difference in our community. Direct Service Volunteers are a vital part of Mautner Project's mission to support lesbians and their families affected by cancer and other life crises. Work directly with our clients to offer companionship, a friendly ear, and practical assistance such as transportation and yard work. For more information or to RSVP, contact Ashlee at aburks@mautnerproject.org. **You must be able to commit an average of four hours per month to the program.**

Mautner Project's Support Groups!



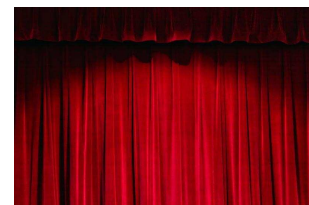
Mautner Project is offering a Bereavement Support Group **beginning TODAY September 30th, 2009.** The group provides a safe space for members to connect with one another, share emotions and experiences, and learn coping skills to guide the healing process. **Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7.00 -**

8:30 pm for ten weeks, and are open to any lesbian or woman who partners with women who has lost a loved one from any cause. **The group is free, but pre-registration is required.**

For more information, please contact Elizabeth at 202-332-5536 or directservices@mautnerproject.org

Enjoy a Theater Series, Support Mautner Project!

Hope Opera has chosen Mautner Project as one of its beneficiaries for its six serialized shows that run for six weeks. Each week, each serial presents a 15-minute episode. **20 MILLION BREASTSTROKES TO EARTH is the show that will benefit Mautner Project.** 20 MILLION



BREASTSTROKES TO EARTH stars Lucrezia Blozia, Nkemjika Ofodile, Oscar Ceville, Yasmin Tuazon and Hugh Bris with special appearances by local tv celebrity Dick Dyszel (Count Gore de Vol, Capt. 20), local drag royalty Shiqueeta Lee, art impresario Philippa Hughes and a host of great local theatre talent including Helen Hayes winner Jennifer

of your day to nominate Mautner Project and help in changing the lives of women who partner with women!

**Mautner's
Official Florist,
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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.

Mendenhall, who are all generously donating their time to this Hope Opera, a 6-part benefit. **Audience members will be invited to vote for their favorite serial and proceeds will be distributed to the beneficiaries accordingly.** So **come this Monday, October 5th** (or every Monday if you'd like!) and **vote for 20 MILLION BREASTSTROKES TO EARTH!** Hope Opera opens Monday, October 5th and runs **every Monday night through November 9th** at 8:00 pm at Miss Pixie's Backroom Palace at 1626 14th St., N.W. Admission is \$10.

Events In the Community

Walk to Fight Aids!

The 23rd Annual AIDS Walk Washington takes place the morning of **Saturday, October 3**, beginning and ending at Freedom Plaza. AIDS Walk Washington is a fundraising 5K walk and timed run benefiting the HIV/AIDS programs of Whitman-Walker Clinic. Your participation and generosity will make a big difference in the lives of those most affected by HIV/AIDS.

For more information and to register, go [here](#).



Join the National Equality March in DC!



Join your local LGBT community in DC as we march with one simple demand: full equality for all LGBT people in all matters governed by civil law in all 50 states. Now! **The March will take place March 10-11.** For more information, please go [here](#).

GWCI Symposium

The GW Cancer Institute (GWCI) Center for the Advancement of Cancer Survivorship, Navigation and Policy is hosting its inaugural **Cancer Survivorship Research & Health Disparities Symposium on October 15, 2009.**

Cancer patients, survivors and caregivers, as well as full-time students may attend free. The cost is \$150 for the public. For more information, please visit: <http://www.gwumc.edu/caSNP/navigsurvivor.html>

Food for Breast Cancer Patients

Washington Cancer Institute is partnering with Food & Friends and Breast Cancer Network of Strength to offer Dinner on Us for breast cancer patients in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. This event will take place on **Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 6 pm to 8 pm.** The dinner will include a cooking demonstration and a discussion on optimum breast health maintenance. Please bring a female family member or friend who would benefit from



Breast Cancer Network of Strength's discussion on optimum breast

health maintenance. Space is limited, so **please RSVP to Robin Bunch** at the Washington Cancer Institute by phone: **202-877-6681**.

The WAWF is Looking for Volunteers!

The Washington Area Women's Foundation is looking for a few good volunteers who are excited about rolling up their sleeves and delving into community grantmaking! And WAWF would love to see more representation from the lesbian community. Learn about the many organizations doing outstanding work in your own backyard, make new friends, and experience grantmaking from the inside out! To help WAWF select its Leadership Awards, and to learn more about what's required, **contact Nicole E. Cozier at 202-347-7737 / ncozier@wawf.org**.

Research In the Community

CURVE Magazine Needs Our Help in Raising Awareness for Eating Disorders!

CURVE Magazine, the nation's leading lesbian magazine, will be covering a feature story on lesbians who have suffered (or are currently suffering) from anorexia or bulimia. CURVE would like to interview these women in an effort to have them share their story/experiences /feelings with the public to help educate others on the devastation of eating disorders. Many people are unaware that the lesbian population also suffers with these diseases, so we'd like to set the record straight (so to speak!). **Please contact contributing editor Sheryl Kay ASAP if you are interested in participating.** Sheryl can be reached at skreporter@hotmail.com

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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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