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Breast Cancer Study Seeks Participants

In an effort to collect accurate data on lesbians and bisexual women who are at-risk for breast cancer, such as their knowledge of detection and treatment, a nation-wide study is seeking additional participants.

In the May, 1996 edition of *National NOW Times*, the National Organization for Women reports that "The Breast Cancer Risk Educational Program for Lesbians and Bisexual Women," is being conducted by researchers at the Georgetown University Medical Center's Lombardi Cancer Center in Washington, D.C. The researchers are seeking:

- lesbians or bisexual women between the ages of 35 and 75
- who have a mother, sister or daughter who has had breast cancer
- but who have NO personal history of cancer.

Study Hopes To Dispel Inaccurate Myths

"There was intense lobbying by the lesbian community for a study such as this, because there just isn't good data available," said Dr. Caroline Burnett, the study director and a researcher at Lombardi's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. "More importantly, we want to dispel myths based on inaccurate or absent data regarding lesbians' and bisexual women's attitudes and beliefs about breast cancer, especially those who are at risk."

After interviewing at-risk lesbians and bisexual women, Burnett said researchers will compare results to those from similar studies of heterosexual, at-risk women. Questions will explore the participants' adherence to breast cancer screening guidelines and their beliefs and anxieties related to their at-risk status, and determine if there is any relation between occurrence of the disease and participant's nulliparity (never having children), smoking, alcohol intake and past weight history.

"Our goal is to educate these women about their risk factors based on the information we collect," Burnett said. A free education program designed specifically for at-risk lesbians and bisexual women is available to study participants.

Information kept confidential

Women interested in the study should call (202) 687-0647. Leave your name and telephone number, and a research team member will return the call. All information is kept confidential, Burnett said.

The study will continue throughout 1996, and is being conducted in association with the Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer and the Lesbian Health Clinic of the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C. It is funded through the Office of Research on Women's Health and National Institutes for Health.

The People's Fund

September 1st Fall Grant Proposal Deadline

September 1st is the deadline for the fall cycle of grant proposals for The People's Fund. **If you know of a group or individual who may be eligible for grant money supporting social change, please call 526-2441 to receive an application form and guidelines.**

Please do not delay. Ten (10) copies of all applications must reach the People's Fund office no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 1st. No exception will be made.

For 24 years, The People's Fund has been awarding grants to community-based organizations working to build a more equitable and just community. This past spring, The People's Fund was able to distribute seven grant awards and eleven emergency grants. These grants will help to:

- subsidize housing for low-income elderly patients with Hansen's Disease;
- address the negative social conditions confronted by Native Hawaiians, including homelessness, landlessness, cultural alteration, poor health, ethnocide and genocide;
- improve living conditions for 50 low-income families residing in the Kau' iokalani Housing Project;
- support cable TV coverage of local events related to issues of sexual orientation;
- send a representative to an international gathering in Okinawa to address the issue of increasing tensions between the US and Japan, and the growing danger of racism on both sides of the Pacific;
- support creation of a state park along the Ka Iwi coastline;
- protect the island of Kaho'olawe from desecration by the U.S. military;
- explore the opportunity to create a Puuhonua (city of refuge) at Makua;
- help send a delegation of four people to the Nuclear Abolition Summit in Nevada;
- reproduce and distribute to neighbor islands a live, monthly one-hour cable TV program of political analysis, commentary and viewer phone-in;
- support the two marines in their legal battle while refusing to provide the government with tissue samples of their DNA;
- assist in a puwalu (coming together to make a decision) gathering as part of the unification process of Hawaiians moving toward self-determination;
- fund a forum on chemical weapons disposal by the U.S. at Johnston atoll;
- produce a brochure and membership materials for organizing Hawaiians in solidarity with the Philippine women's movement.

Silent Auction Items Sought for Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation 1996 Fundraiser

Investing in the future of Hawaii's women, children & families

Each year, Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation helps women and children in our state by funding a variety of community programs. For the past six years, HWLF's main fundraising event has been an annual dinner attended by all four Mayors. This year's dinner will be held on September 7, 1996, in the Monarch Room at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki.

Buying a table and inviting key clients is a great way to network with your clients outside the office environment, while supporting a worthwhile cause. Tables of ten are available at three levels of contribution: \$1250; \$2500; and \$3500. For more information on sponsoring a table, call Mary Houghton at 369-8506.

A primary feature of the evening will be the annual silent auction. How can you help? By donating items and/or services for the auction, or by asking your friends and clients to do so.

There are lots of creative services that you can donate to the cause:

- Do you have a fun hobby? Attorney Curtis Kam is a weekend magician; last year he donated a free magic party.
- Are you a terrific cook? Donate a personally cooked dinner party for four in either your home or theirs. Include your spouse as the server.
- Do you have a sailboat? You could donate a Saturday sailing party for a group of four to six people.
- How about a week at your off-island or mainland vacation home?
- a case of good wine
- a round of golf at your country club
- Remember that beautiful heavy cut-glass bowl that your late Aunt Mary gave you as a wedding gift? Let's face it, you haven't used it in ten years and you're never going to. Donate it to the silent auction, and pass it on to someone who will really use and appreciate it.

Don't Forget Your Friends!

Suppose you have no boat, no vacation home, and no discernible talent? (Bummer!) You still have access to something valuable: Your friends.

Most folks are happy to donate something to a truly worthwhile cause, if you just ask.

Doodles For Dollars

And finally, this year's auction will feature something new and different: "Doodles for Dollars."

HWLF is soliciting donations from celebrities and local artists in the form of "Doodles," (a whimsical drawing on a napkin or personal effect). Basically, anything goes, and if the famous don't feel like doodling, they may send a signed personal belonging or other item. The general idea is to obtain something personal from the celebrity and local artist, whether it be a drawing, imaginative creation, or something personal to them.

Several charities on the mainland have used this idea with much success, as the donation does not impose upon the donor a significant donation of time or money. Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation is requesting your assistance in this endeavor.

Please ask any local celebrities you personally know to help by picking up a pen or marker and expressing themselves in a doodle.

Questions may be directed to Committee Chair Lynda Pelayo at 522-1027. Lynda will also be the contact person for item pick-ups.

Worthwhile projects that will be funded by the proceeds of this fundraising event include:

- Kids' First Program
- The Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline
- Family Peace Center
- Hawaii State Committee of Family Violence
- Hale Ola Windward Abuse Shelter
- Friends of Children's Advocacy Centers of Oahu

Legal Secretary Position Available

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**Professional Women's Network June Luncheon Meeting
Monday, June 17th**

*The Honorable Mayor Linda Crockett Lingle
Guest Speaker*

**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Hale Koa Hotel
2nd Floor
DeRussy Hall**

On November 6, 1990, Linda Crockett Lingle was elected mayor of Maui County. She is the first woman mayor in the history of Maui County and, when she was sworn in on January 2, 1991, at the age of 37, she became the youngest mayor as well. On November 8, 1994, Lingle was re-elected for a second 4-year term.

Since 1988, Lingle has been a volunteer tutor at Makawao Elementary School in the HOSTS (Help One Student to Succeed) program. She also serves as an Honorary Chairperson of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii and is a member of the Maui Community Theater Advisory Board. She also chairs the United States Conference of Mayors subcommittee on Community Development and Housing.

**Call 533-4800 for reservations
Cost is \$14 for PWN members; \$19 for non-members**

Thai Lemon Chicken Soup
Spicy Duck & Noodle Salad
or
Vegetable Fettucini
Ice Cream Sundae with Strawberry Sauce
(Specify entree choice when making reservations)

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