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To Jerry Hoose
With best wishes,

President and Michelle Obama host SAGE member Jerry Hoose (2nd from right) and Tommy Lanigan Schmidt (2nd from left) at the White House Pride Reception.

White House Photograph

SAGE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

By Sunny Bjerck

SAGE and the needs of LGBT older adults continue to gain national attention, evidenced by several invitations SAGE received from the White House to participate in important meetings and events over the past few months.

In June 2009, SAGE was invited to the President's LGBT Pride Reception at the White House, which marked the 40th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Michael Adams, SAGE's executive director, joined SAGE members Madelin Alk and her partner Renee Rosenfield, along with Stonewall veteran Jerry Hoose at the Reception. Madelin and Renee, who have been together for more than 20 years, never thought they would see the day when the LGBT community and LGBT older adults in particular, were officially recognized by the President. They were

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thrilled by the White House reception, with Renee calling it “a wonderful thing.” For his part, Jerry had the unique opportunity to meet privately with the President and Mrs. Obama, where he spoke about how LGBT aging is different, and why decisive action is needed by the federal government to help LGBT older adults as they age.



Renee Rosenfield and Madelin Alk (L to R), partners for more than 20 years helped put a face to SAGE and the concerns of LGBT older people at the White House Reception.

Two months later, Karen Taylor, SAGE’s Director of Advocacy and Training, traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with White House senior staff Valerie Jarrett and Tina Tchen to discuss how health care reform affects LGBT older adults. SAGE joined nearly thirty of the nation’s lead-

ing aging agencies -- including AARP, the National Center and Caucus on Black Aged, The Alliance for Retired Americans, and the National Alliance for Caregiving – at the invitation-only gathering. The participation of both SAGE and the Task Force in the dialogue signaled a welcome shift from the prior Administration and a new emphasis on including LGBT perspectives in the highest levels of discussion around the country’s policies for older people.

Given the tumultuous state of health care reform and political debate in the country, SAGE’s most recent visit to the White House was timely. Currently, there are a number of policy components in the leading health care reform proposals that would be very helpful to LGBT older people. These new policies would help older people to “age-in-place” -- i.e. at home, in their own communities. This kind of enhanced safety net is especially important to older LGBT people, who until now have been more likely to end up in institutional care because they usually lack family support.

As Karen Taylor notes, “If an older adult who is living alone has a manageable but chronic illness, and does not have a family member—a son, daughter, or sibling—who lives nearby

and is able to help them, then we often see those illnesses go untreated.” But with the potential for some new policy innovations via health care reform, there will be new support for community-based approaches to caregiving that extend beyond the immediate family. In September 2009 SAGE again traveled to Washington D.C. to attend a much anticipated meeting with Kathy Greenlee, the Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to discuss the unique challenges facing LGBT older adults. Ms. Greenlee, who is the former head of aging programs in Kansas and has been active in LGBT causes in her home state, was eager to discuss ways to bridge the gap in services, access, and government benefits



SAGE’s Executive Director, Michael Adams was interviewed outside the White House.

like Medicaid and Social Security that LGBT older adults currently face. The meeting also included discussion of the need for federal data collection to better understand the needs of LGBT older adults across the nation. To date, federal research has discounted and disregarded LGBT older people. This perpetuates the invisibility of SAGE's constituents when public policy is made.

SAGE is heartened that the Obama Administration has agreed that the needs of LGBT older adults deserve a "place at the table." That is a big step forward in and of itself. At the end of the day, though, the fundamental question is whether discussions like these will lead to real improvements in the lives of LGBT older people. SAGE and our partners are determined to make the answer to that question a resounding "Yes" and promote legislation that will make a real difference in the lives of LGBT older adults. Working together, SAGE and its partners will ensure that all LGBT older adults receive the support they need and the respect that they are entitled to.

Program Highlight:

SAGECAP

By Randi Anderson

A new SAGE program helps caregivers and receivers



Karen Taylor (right), Director of Advocacy and Training, receives the National Family Caregiving Award on behalf of SAGE from Jordan Green (left) of the National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC). NAC and the MetLife Foundation sponsored the award.

Ellen recently called SAGE, desperate to find help for her ailing mother, an Alzheimer's patient who needed full-time care. Ellen was also struggling to care for her 58 year-old lesbian partner. Even though Ellen is an extraordinarily generous, energetic and upbeat person, it was all starting to feel exhausting and overwhelming (even more so as she thought about how she might lend a

helping hand to her 89 year-old neighbor, who had no family or friends to turn to.)

Fortunately, Ellen reached out to SAGE. She thought that SAGE might be able to help find support for her mother, since we have so much experience working with the elderly. What Ellen learned was that there was much more SAGE can do. Through SAGE Caring and Preparing

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SAGECAP: *A new program helps caregivers and receivers*

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(CAP) – a brand new initiative -- we can help people like Ellen manage *all of their* caregiving responsibilities. And we can help caregivers like Ellen take care of their personal needs as a caregiver.

With more than 30 years of experience, SAGE knows that caregiving is a complicated and pressing issue for a growing number of people. As they get older, baby boomers in particular are caring for parents, loved ones, friends and neighbors. Research conducted by the Met Life Mature Market Institute and the American Society on Aging's LGBT Aging Issues Network indicates that this is especially true among the LGBT population. Boomer-age LGBT people are more often called upon to caregive than their straight counterparts, are more often caring for a parent, and are more likely to care for several people simultaneously—as Ellen's case typifies. Gay men are much more likely than straight men to be caregivers. And LGBT caregivers, like Ellen, often find it very hard to balance work and caregiving needs, leaving little or no time to take care of themselves.

Launched this summer with initial funding from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation,

SAGECAP addresses these challenges in a new way – by providing a full range of supports for caregivers themselves, and educating the LGBT community



The SAGECAP program is helping caregivers look at how they take care of themselves.

about the many facets of caregiving. In addition, SAGECAP helps people think about and start planning for their own future even while caring for somebody else. Knowing that they are not alone, caregivers in SAGECAP are better able to maintain healthy situations for themselves and the people they care for. Staff support is available to caregivers during both day and evening hours, customized to individual needs, and sensitive to the time constraints that all caregivers face.

One of the many exciting features of SAGECAP is that, unlike

traditional caregiver programs, it recognizes that caregivers come in all “shapes and sizes” and often are not family members in the traditional sense of the term. One of the great strengths of the LGBT community is the value placed on all forms of “family.” Our “families of choice” are at the core of our strength, and SAGECAP is here to support them!

For more information about SAGECAP or if you or someone you know could benefit from this program contact, Randi Anderson, Director of Social Services at SAGE at 212-741-2247 or email her at randerson@sageusa.org.



SAGE services will now be available to caregivers as well as older adults in need of receiving care.

New York City's Top Law Firms Step Up for LGBT Older People

by Scott French

For many of us, planning for a medical emergency or thinking about a will are things we tend to avoid. Decisions about issues like healthcare proxies and powers of attorney are complicated and sometimes can feel overwhelming. It just feels easier to put these things off for another day.

SAGE is working hard to combat such procrastination. That's why more than 30 representatives from New York City's top law firms contributed their time to help present a series of Life Planning Clinics to demystify these important legal issues and help over 120 LGBT older people get their papers together. The clinics were part of National Healthcare Decisions Day, a national initiative that provides free information and assistance to older adults on creating and organizing healthcare and financial decisions.

Advanced directives such as healthcare proxies and powers of attorney are important for everyone. But LGBT people need to pay even more attention. Since the laws of most states do not automatically recognize same-sex partners for inheritance and medical decisionmaking during emergencies, these tools ensure that the person you designate -- the one who understands your wishes best -- will be in charge of your care and finances if the need arises. (There are way too many stories of the long lost brother who comes in and sidelines a grieving gay or lesbian partner because the proper legal paperwork wasn't in place.)

Tom Sciacca, Esq., of Caraway & Sciacca, LLP generously shep-

herded the SAGE clinics. An expert in wills, trusts and estates, Tom provided critically important guidance to the participating firms, which enthusiastically stepped in to ensure that the Life Planning Clinics reached as many LGBT older people as possible. "As a young professional, I became involved with SAGE to make a difference in the lives of older LGBT



Tom Sciacca, Esq. of Caraway & Sciacca shepherded the Life Planning Clinics, providing guidance to the participating law firms.

people," he says. Similarly, Ashley Altschuler, Esq. of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP remarks, "SAGE and its mission of assisting LGBT older adults fit seamlessly with my firm's practice of providing pro bono legal services to New York's older population, and our team of nine attorneys and staff members found the experience assisting the clients -- who had unique personal needs -- tremendously rewarding."

According to Tom Weber, SAGE's Director of Community Services, clinic participants were equally gratified. "SAGE constituents who took part in the clinics were impressed by the caliber, talent and ability of the volunteer lawyers and extremely thankful for the warm and friendly environment the firms created. It was a lot more than just

filling out legal forms," said Tom.

Funded by the Partnerships in Law and Aging Program, a project of the Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging, and the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, SAGE's Life Planning Clinics were held at venues across New York City, including the Bronx Community Pride Center; Griot Circle; The LGBT Community Center; Maranatha of The Riverside Church; and SAGE/Queens, a program of Queens Community House.

These clinics would not have been possible without the support and partnership of the participating law firms. "I was overwhelmed by the number of members of the legal community who selflessly donated their time, knowledge and experience to SAGE constituents," said Mr. Sciacca. "Nothing is more satisfying than knowing other professional, regardless of age, experience or cultural background, share that dedication."

We at SAGE heartily agree, and offer our thanks to the legal volunteers, law firms and community partners for helping LGBT older adults make these important decisions and giving them peace of mind.

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SAGE Affiliate Network

In order to end the invisibility of older adults in the LGBT community, SAGE supports local LGBT leadership and aging advocates as powerful engines for positive change within communities. SAGE affiliates strengthen local work, increase visibility, and provide a national network of programs and services for LGBT older adults around the country. All SAGE affiliates operate independently from SAGE.

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14th Annual SAGE Awards & Gala

Please join us at the 14th Annual SAGE Awards & Gala on Monday, November 2nd [advertisement on page 16]. The event will take place at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street, in New York City.

This year, SAGE will honor four outstanding leaders from the LGBT community. **Kate Clinton**, the celebrated political humorist, author and monologist, is a resounding and unwavering voice for LGBT power and equality. **Herbert I. Cohen, M.D.**, a former SAGE Board Member, is a longtime community activist and dedicated philanthropist. **James C. Hormel** is the former US Ambassador to Luxembourg, a long-time LGBT leader and one of the founders of the Human Rights Campaign. **Christine C. Quinn** is the first openly LGBT New York City Council Speaker and has been a great friend of SAGE and our entire community for many years.

The 14th Annual SAGE Awards & Gala is a not-to-be-missed event that raises vital funds for programs and ser-



This year SAGE will honor Ambassador James C. Hormel (top left), Political Observer and humorist Kate Clinton (top right), New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn (bottom left) and longtime SAGE supporter and former SAGE Board Member Herbert I. Cohen M.D. (bottom right)

Below: Denis O'Hare, the Tony Award winning actor will host the Gala again this year. He is with SAGE Executive Director Michael Adams.



vices benefiting LGBT older adults. **Denis O'Hare**, the fabulous Tony Awards winning performer, will be joining us again as Master of Ceremonies. **John Bartlett**, the incomparable Men's designer, will serve as Silent Auction Chair. Previous SAGE Awards honorees include Edward Albee, Chita Rivera, Paul Cadmus, Quentin Crisp, JP Morgan Chase, Arthur Laurents, Martina Navratilova, and Village Care of New York.

For information about purchasing tickets, tables or sponsorships, please contact Nicki Boone by phone (212-741-2247 x295) or email (nboone@sageusa.org), or visit SAGE's website, www.sageusa.org

WHO KNEW?

A different perspective on **SAGE**

by George Raybould



Years ago, there was one thing I thought I knew about SAGE—it wasn't for me. Sure, I had seen the SAGE logo on the side of the trolley cars during the Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade in New York City, but I never really gave the organization much thought. With the word "elders" in their name I just assumed that it wasn't for someone in his 60's. I certainly didn't feel like an elder!

But one day one day while visiting New York City's LGBT Center, I came upon a SAGE brochure which detailed their programs and social events, as well as their supportive services. After reading it, I realized that SAGE was far, far different than

my original belief that it was only for "those old people," and not for someone like me. Before I happened upon that brochure I figured that

SAGE was there merely as a last-attempt door to knock upon if you were in deep financial trouble or really lonely.

*"By actively getting to know **SAGE** better...I found that there is more to 'getting older' than I thought."*

I took the brochure home and read its monthly calendar of events to my partner, Roger. We highlighted the regular SAGE outings such as Museum Walks, Morning at the Opera, SAGERCIZE, and one that seemed especially apt for me – Life Issues Beyond Retirement. I had recently retired from a career as a public relations copywriter

and creative director at several New York City publishers and ad agencies. Philosophizing about what I truly wanted to do with my remaining years, I knew I didn't want to feel like my real life ended at retirement and the future was just going through the motions.

So I started getting involved



George Raybould and his partner of 31 years Roger Silva are getting to know the variety of programs SAGE offers.

with SAGE by attending one of their support groups called "Men's 50+ Rap" on Friday nights. After my first meeting I remember going away thinking how wonderful the attendees were in their diversity and life experiences, backgrounds, and interests. Even more impressive to me was how one person's comment could get even

the shyest man in that room to raise his hand repeatedly to offer a different perspective and opinion.

By getting to know SAGE better, attending brunches at Manhattan restaurants once a month, meeting new and dynamic SAGE members, I found that there is more to "getting older" than I thought. SAGE's programming and wonderful members have inspired me to contribute more to this fine organization and be an actively involved member. I hope even more SAGE's will open in cities across the country, in addition to the fifteen that are currently part of the SAGE Affiliate Network (see page 6).

Sure, SAGE has the word "elder" within its official name, but that doesn't mean one must be a "great-grandpa" to find out more about it. The attitude at SAGE is rich. And I've learned, quite surprisingly, one needn't be retired or "settled-in" as my grandparents used to say, to be welcomed there. I encourage anyone to find out more about SAGE. It's never too late!

George and his partner Roger have been together for 31 years. They live in Brooklyn Heights. They met one day when George finally admitted he needed to begin wearing reading glasses, and walked into the eyeglass store where Roger was working.

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The Taylor Society

Honors Dr. John B. Montana

On September 16th, an enthusiastic crowd gathered to celebrate the life of Dr. John B. Montana at the Taylor Society Celebration, SAGE's annual planned giving reception. They came to honor John's friendship, work, activism [since the onset of the HIV/AIDS epidemic] and his relentless dedication to improving the overall health and well-being of the LGBT community.



John passed away last autumn. But for SAGE, he remains an inspiration. He joined SAGE's Board of Directors in 1980, just as the organization was getting off the ground. And when SAGE set up its first service site at St. Luke's In the Field, John was there to help. He remained a dedicated friend, supporter and advocate of LGBT older adults throughout his life.

John touched many lives. He was a compassionate physician and HIV/AIDS specialist, gay activist, patron of the arts and loving friend and partner. When the AIDS epidemic began, John became one of the first New York City physicians to treat gay men who suddenly fell ill. He gave generously of his time, talents and financial support to many worthy organizations over the years. In all walks of life, John was a true social activist.

John gave so much to SAGE and our community's older people over the years. And through his estate planning John did even more, leaving a legacy to SAGE with a large gift in his will. As SAGE's Executive Director Michael Adams noted, "While he was with us, John Montana's commitment and leadership were inspiring. And now, his generous bequest will help ensure that the critical services and advocacy SAGE provides for LGBT older adults will continue to thrive. We're proud to count John as a very special member of the SAGE family."

SAGE's Taylor Society provides meaningful ways to use planned giving to improve the future for LGBT older adults. Including SAGE in your will or retirement plan is a powerful way to leave a lasting legacy of your own. Such a gift enables SAGE programs to

continue to expand its programs, thus helping LGBT older adults enjoy the high quality of life they deserve. For more information about The Taylor Society and planned giving at SAGE, please visit www.sageusa.org/support or contact Daniel LaRosa by phone at 212.741.2247 x233, or by email dlarosa@sageusa.org.

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SAGE UPDATE

Calamus Challenge Grant

by Kerry Fristoe

In June of 2008, SAGE was awarded a four-year, \$1 million Challenge Grant by the Calamus Foundation. The purpose of the grant is to meet the growing needs of LGBT older people by helping SAGE create innovative new service programs. SAGE is now entering the second year of this ambitious Challenge, so we wanted to provide an update on our progress.

SAGE
has seen a
35%
increase
in the number of
LGBT elders
coming for
support services.

First, a special thank you to SAGE's loyal supporters. Because of your incredible generosity, especially during this 'great recession,' SAGE met its Year 1 goal in new and in-

creased gifts! Many SAGE friends dug deeper and encouraged others to participate in the Challenge, for which we are extremely grateful.

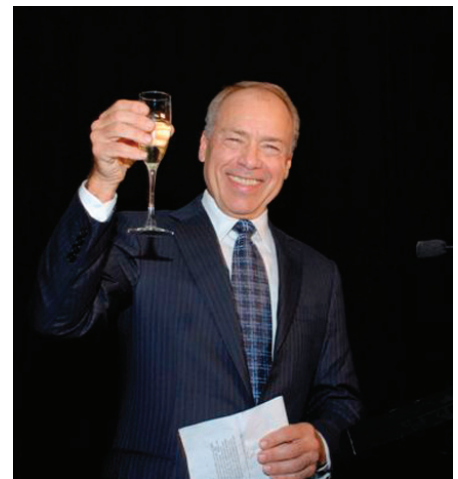
But during this same period, SAGE experienced a staggering 35% increase in the number of LGBT older adults requesting support services. SAGE is on the frontlines in serving the many needs of our community's ever-growing elder population. And these frontlines are bursting.

The funds raised through the Calamus Challenge helped make it possible for SAGE to meet the increased need, providing important services to more LGBT elders during these difficult times.

With one very successful year of the Calamus Challenge behind us and three more ahead, much work remains to be done. Everybody at SAGE is redoubling their efforts to creatively engage people and share the exciting story of what our work.

But we still need your help!

Whether you increase the amount of your already-generous giving, make a gift to SAGE for the very first time, or host a house party and encourage others to participate in the Calamus Challenge, we greatly appreciate your support and energy in helping SAGE secure a brighter future for all of us!

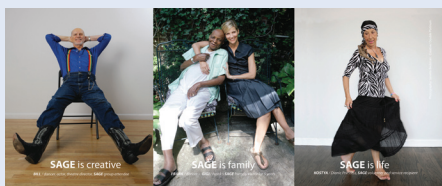


Louis Bradbury, Calamus Foundation Board President toasts the challenge grant to SAGE at the 2008 SAGE Awards Gala.

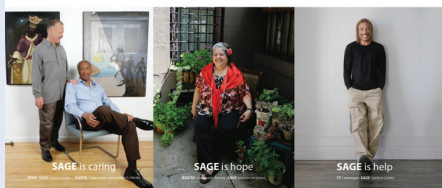
To learn more about the Calamus Grant Challenge or information about how you can host a SAGE house party, contact Kerry Fristoe at 212-741-2247 or email her at kfristoe@sageusa.org.

SAGE Marketing Campaign
“SAGE is...”
 wins the prestigious
 Communicator Award

In July, 2009 SAGE and its marketing agency, Double Platinum, got the great news! SAGE’s campaign “SAGE is...” featuring constituents, staff, volunteers and major donors won the Gold Communicator Award of Excellence in the nonprofit category.



You'd be surprised at everything SAGE is. Write your advocates and voice in the world for issues of getting older. SAGE members, volunteers and donors are among the most interesting, dedicated and caring people New York City has to offer. SAGE's social services, financial counseling, emotional support, advocacy, and care, educational and social programs are available to help you make the most of every day. Because there's no expiration date on a full active life. To learn more call 212-741-2247 or www.sageusa.org



Millions of people saw **SAGE** in the subway. The subway card is one of the marketing pieces in the campaign “**SAGE is...**” carrying the message “*You’d be surprised at everything **SAGE** is— Because there’s no expiration date on a full active life.*” The subway card is one of the pieces that helped win the award (shown below).



Volunteering at **SAGE**:
 The Friendly Visitor Program

by TJ Dietderich



Richard looks forward to Wednesdays.

He’s starting to slow down during these past few years and doesn’t get out as much as he used to. When he’s up to it, Richard volunteers at the hospital, where he plays the piano and sings to the patients. Usually though, he spends quiet days alone at home, listening to music.

But Wednesdays are a treat. That’s when D.R. Hansen visits.

Earlier this year, Richard and D.R. met through SAGE’s Friendly Visitor Program. D.R., a 27 year-old actor with Stone Soup Theatre Arts, wanted to give back to the community. Richard wanted company. Neither man knew that their visits would develop into something much more meaningful.

Richard and D.R.’s weekly visits are filled with music, laughter and conversation. Richard takes great pleasure in playing selections from his extensive collection of late- and post-romantic composers. Talks cover a wide range of topics from movies and travel, especially ocean lines and trains, to astronomy. They never run out of things to discuss. D.R. sometimes brings a movie like “Milk” or one of the Marx Brothers films to watch together.

What began as a simple volunteer activity has developed into something much more special for both men -- a true friendship. Richard and D.R. count on each other. They inspire each other, and they will keep on being there for each other. A friend - what more could one ask for?

Would you or someone you know be interested in being matched with a Friendly Visitor? For more information about SAGE’s Friendly Visitor Program please contact Michele D’Amato at 212-741-2211 or by email at mdamato@sageusa.org. mdamato@sageusa.org or 212-741-2214.

You'd be surprised at everything **SAGE** is.

SAGE provides dozens of activities, groups, and programs that encourage LGBT older adults to stay connected with each other and the community.

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David H. Braff joins **SAGE's** Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce that David H. Braff has been appointed as a new member SAGE's Board of Directors.

Currently the managing partner of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP's Litigation Group and a member of the firm's Management Committee, David works on a wide variety of matters, particularly on banking and securities litigation.

David has a long history of pro-bono work within the non-profit sector. He served as a member of the Board of New York Lawyers for the Public Interest for many years, and since 1985 has acted as counsel on numerous pro-bono cases for Lambda Legal Defense, the ACLU LGBT Project, and GMHC. Highlights of this work include: representing The Gay Teachers Association against the City of New York seeking domestic partnership benefits for City employees; representing gay and lesbian service members in *Able vs. USA*, challenging the "Don't Ask/Don't Tell" policy; representing The Gay Veterans Association in a suit against the American Legion and New York City for refusing to permit gay veterans to participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade;



and challenging pre-arraignment incarceration practices in New York City that deprived persons of necessary HIV medications.

David brings his expertise and his enthusiasm to SAGE, stating, "I'm joining SAGE's Board of Directors because I've been extremely impressed with the important work SAGE does and I'm hoping to make a contribution to this community by being part of that work."

Congratulations and a warm welcome to David!

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