

## From the Executive Director

Things are humming here at the MAMA office. With the help of many volunteers we have accomplished several things. It is now officially spring and we have moved out into the back yard. There's something to be said about the closeness of our parties when we are indoors due to the weather. Folks get to know more people due to the physical closeness. Our yard looks wonderful after the Spring Cleaning Party. The fountain is running and the flowers are colorful. The area for the youngsters is improved thanks to our friends, who brought a covered turtle sandbox. We hope to have a bench for the parents in that area soon.

Though we have received some outdoor furniture, we still need picnic tables, benches, chairs, a BBQ, and for those cool nights, a small portable fire pit would be nice. All of these things make it more comfortable for us and our visiting friends. Join us at one of events and check it out.

We got our bulk rate mailing permit and now sending our newsletter and calendar monthly is more affordable. Volunteers are crucial to this process, but a good time is had while we fold and staple the mail.

We are now scheduling appointment for massage therapy. Jennifer has transformed a former exam room into what Daniel describes as "being inside a genie's lamp". Susan is licensed, insured and tested by moi. I surely intend to take advantage of this opportunity regularly. Mmmmm! To make your appointment Call 503-233-4202 - Sandee



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## NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR



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## Daniel's Column

"I never look at the masses as my responsibility; I look at the individual. I can only love one person at a time - just one, one, one. So you begin. I began - I picked up one person. Maybe if I didn't pick up that one person, I wouldn't have picked up forty-two thousand....The same thing goes for you, the same thing in your family, the same thing in your church, your community. Just begin - one, one, one."  
- Mother Theresa

In Salem on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> YOU have the chance to be heard, be informed, and make an impact on the world around you. MAMA is hosting "Let YOUR Light Shine" at the Oregon Capital and this is an opportunity for individuals to come together and share experiences, gain information and make a difference. I believe in the words of Mother Theresa and I have found that first person to "pick up" with love typically tends to be your self. After becoming lifted by love, with a gentle hand up you can help elevate others and it all begins with one...

And so cardholders bring cuttings, sugar leaf, tincture, oil and more to share with those new patients just getting started. I challenge you to step up and do your part to help...one at a time. - Daniel



## Supreme Court Ruling!

A ruling in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals determined that a patient has no fundamental constitutional right to use marijuana for relief of pain and suffering. In this appeal by Angel Raich, with a 3-0 ruling, Judge Harry Pregerson wrote, "We agree with Raich that medical and conventional wisdom that recognizes the use of marijuana for medical purposes is gaining traction in the law as well. But that legal recognition has not yet reached the point where a conclusion can be drawn that the right to use medical marijuana is "fundamental" and "implicit in the concept of ordered liberty." The court also rejected Raich's contention that the 10th Amendment protected her right to use medical marijuana.

Since Raich initiated the lawsuit, this means little has changed in Oregon. In order for all patients to have medicinal access, it is imperative that federal law be changed. It would be very helpful if all patients and their family members would contact their congress members to express their view about access to medical marijuana. Find both federal and state legislators at the link below'

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/home.htm>



## MAMA's WISH LIST

- \* Electric stove \*
- \* Floor lamps \*
- \* Folding chairs \*
- \* Spray bottles \*
- \* Outdoor furniture \*
- \* Picnic tables \*
- \* Surveillance cameras \*
- \* Babyfood jars with lids \*
- \* Dish washer \*
- \* Volunteers \*
- \* Coat rack \*
- \* Shelves \*
- \* Pop up canopy \*
- \* Extra virgin olive oil \*
- \* Butter \*

MAMA makes good use of items people have, but no longer need or want.



Again, we thank all who have contributed so generously in the past.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

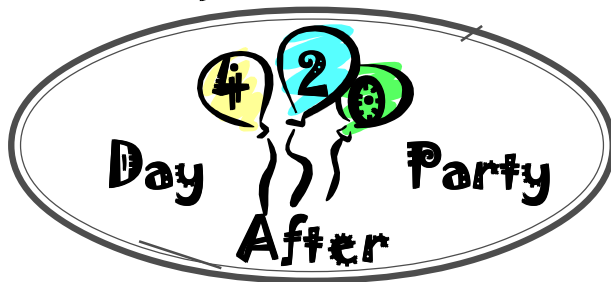
**MAMA MONTHLY**



**POTLUCK LUNCH**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH**  
Noon to 1:30 PM

Join us with your favorite dish

**4-21-07**



**Saturday, April 21th**  
4 to 9 pm

This is a MAMA fundraiser for **OMMP CARDHOLDERS ONLY**. This promises to be a rollicking good time with gourmet food, live music and entertainment in a very nice, private location in **Wilsonville** with parking. Tickets are limited so call early to reserve your ticket or stop by the MAMA office Mon-Fri from 10 AM to 4 PM.

We are looking for talented performers for this event. Interested? Give us a call.

## **MAMA's Office**

Open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

**MAMA's Clinic** helps patients gather needed medical records and schedules appointments with our doctors. **MAMA's** counselors are well versed in the OMMP application process and teach patients how to avoid negative interaction with medications, and other harm reduction techniques. **MAMA's Classes**, separate from the clinics, are designed to help patients become self sufficient as quickly as possible.

**MAMA's Social Events** offer an opportunity to meet people, network and have fun.

**MAMA's Website** [www.mamas.org](http://www.mamas.org) has a calendar and newsletter that will help keep you informed of MAMA events.

See the "**Bee Aware**" column for important meetings & happenings.

The "**Bears Watching**" column tells of pending legislative action in regard to drug policy.

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## **MARCH CLASSES FOR OMMP CARDHOLDERS ONLY**

**Advance Reservations REQUIRED**  
Fee \$25

### "Harm Reduction Techniques"

**Mondays- 5th & 19th 4 PM**  
Overview of the various techniques of using medicinal cannabis, includes demonstration of a variety of vaporization devices.

### "Joy of Life", Making Cuttings"

**Wednesdays - 4th, 11th, and 18th 4 PM**  
Get your fingers in the dirt and learn to make your own healthy cuttings. Organic, dirt.

### "Growing in Small Spaces"

**Wednesday - 28th 4 PM**  
Learn how to meet the challenges of limited space and still produce quality medicine.

### "Cannabis Preparations"

**Thursday - 22nd 4 PM**  
Learn about making glycerin tincture, butter & oil; a great way to stretch your medicine.

**COMING FRIDAY MAY 4th**  
**Class on making medicated truffles**  
**Space is limited, so reserve early**



## Let Your Light Shine!

For many years there were only a few legal patients who could freely speak about how cannabis helped them, those in the federal IND Program. Now nearly 15,000 patients are registered in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

04-02-07



OMMP Patient Day- Salem

**Let Your Light Shine on Monday, April 2nd,**

OMMP patients and their supporters are invited to join us in **Salem**. We will have patients speaking from 10am to noon on the front steps of the Capitol Building. Patients will have five minutes to tell their story about how cannabis helps them. That testimonial is powerful, as listeners will recognize themselves or loved ones and wonder if they can be helped too. We encourage attendees to take these educational efforts one step further by making an appointment to speak to your legislators, or committee members, who will be hearing medical marijuana related bills. For bill information see MAMA's "Bears Watching" column [www.mamas.org](http://www.mamas.org)

## Changing Public Opinion

One of the patients speaking on the Capitol steps, and later in HR 50 is Elvy Musikka. Elvy's story, as one of the few patients who receive medical marijuana from the federal government, helped change public opinion by shining truth on the lies.



Elvy Musikka

**Patient Day  
Speaker  
4-2-07**

Now each of the 14,000 + registered patients has the opportunity to educate others by telling their personal story about how cannabis helps them.

Of course we don't expect you all to join us in Salem, it's a Monday after all. However it sure would be great if a few hundred of you could make it. From Noon to 4 PM we have some excellent speakers, who will enlighten you about a variety of issues. Bring a bag lunch, or grab something in the cafeteria, and join us. MAMA will provide beverages and dessert. After the speakers finish, we will gather at Lefty's Pizza a short distance away for a no-host social gathering. It will be a busy, educational day. If you would like to car pool and we'll be able to help through Friday, 3-30.

## Confirmed speakers

from Noon to 4 pm

In Hearing Room 50 include:

Elvy Musikka, 1 of 5 recipients of IND, federal medical marijuana

Mark Miller,

Drug Information Specialist

Dr. Grant Higginson DHS

Discussing SB 294

Madeline Martinez

Discussing SB 767

Leland Berger, Esquire

Discussing HB 3299

Jim Byron, (LEAP)

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition

Janette Paysse, M.D.

Dr Larry Bogart, M.D.

Jim Klahr, (OGF)

Oregon Green Free

Sandee Burbank, (MAMA)

and others not yet confirmed.

Even if you can't attend, you can help. Others need to hear from you, who found cannabis gave relief better than anything else. They need to hear from you, who were able to work after using cannabis, rather than prescription drugs with severe, debilitating side effects.

Your story is unique and important. Talk to your family, friends, pastor.

Don't be afraid because you know how cannabis helps you.

Another way you can help is in covering the costs of this event.



## Bears Watching

### Senate Bills Pending

**SB 294** -Relating to medical marijuana.

**SB 348** By Senator PROZANSKI —  
Relating to industrial hemp; appropriating money.

**SB 393** By Senator KRUSE - Relating to drug testing of public assistance clients.

**SB 394** By Senator KRUSE - Relating to drug testing of state government employees.

**SB 396** By Senator KRUSE - Relating to drug testing of public education employees.

**SB 423** By Senator DECKERT - Relating to discrimination because of medical use of marijuana.

**SB 465** By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY -Relating to drugs in workplace.

**SB 606** By Senator NELSON - Relating to drug testing for public assistance.

**SB 767-** By Senator MORRISETTE - Relating to medical marijuana dispensary program pilot project.

### House Bills Pending

**HB 2306** - Relating to drug tests for public officials.

**HB 2429** - Relating to deduction from wages to reimburse employer for cost of drug test given to employee.

**HB 2441** By Rep. HANNA & Rep. CAMERON - Relating to eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.

**HB 3299** By Representative SHIELDS at the request of Lee Berger - Relating to medical marijuana.

To find the text of a bill go to  
[http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills\\_laws/](http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws/)

**Senate Bills 294 and 465** are identical bills which would preclude Oregon Medical Marijuana Program registrants from gaining or keeping employment.

Check the "Bears Watching" newsletter column at [www.mamas.org](http://www.mamas.org) for info about other bills.

To find where a bill stands go to  
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/searchmeas.html>



## Bee Aware

### Meetings

#### Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs

**Tuesday, April 24, 2007**  
9:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Business meeting - Salem  
Human Services Building 137A

**Tuesday, May 22, 2007**  
9:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Business meeting - Salem  
Human Services Building 137A

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#### Advisory Committee on Medical Marijuana (ACMM)

Regular quarterly meeting



**Thursday**

**March 29, 2007**

10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Dept. of Administrative Services  
Conference Room A155  
155 Cottage St NE Salem OR

<http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ommp/acmm.shtml>  
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