

## BAPAC California State Chair Older



**Percy Pinkney was honored on his birthday last February 25<sup>th</sup> at Jin Jiang Restaurant in West L.A. The buffet dinner was attended by some 200 guest and friends to the private event. The Black American Political Association of California, was founded by Willie L. Brown Jr., Mervyn Dymally and 60 members in July of 1978. As a 501-c organization, it has been authorized to engage in any lawful acts that would improve the quality of the life of the African-American. Jim Dear, Mayor of Carson delivered a Proclamation to Percy for his dedicated service of over 33 years in politics. When asked how old are you the answer was "Over 21". Standing one ft of Percy is H.H. Brookins at the cake cutting. ■**

## 9 to 5 National Association of Working Women



On March 10th, for Women's History Month, the Los Angeles Chapter of 9to5 National Association of Working Women, raised hundreds of dollars for the Haitian women's organization LAMBI Fund for Haiti, by showing the film Poto Mitan.

Poto Mitan is a compelling document of the lives of 5 courageous Haitian women that offers in-depth understanding of Haiti. Its focus on women subjugation, worker exploitation, poverty, and resistance demonstrates the global struggles of women everywhere. Finally through their collective activism, these women demonstrate that despite monumental obstacles in a poor country like Haiti, collective

action makes change. "After seeing all depressing news about Haiti, it was great to see some positive images of women standing up to lift their community", said participant Maya Anderson. "A lot of the struggles that Haitian women are facing, American women are facing as well. It really touches me to know that women everywhere are standing up for themselves and are trying to recognized as equals", said member Monica Mitchell.

Los Angeles 9to5, National Association of Working Women, is a grassroots membership-based organization dedicated to continue to promote equality and fairness in the workplace for women; especially low wage women. Its vision is an eco-



*In May 1985, a colorectal surgeon ran around a track for 24 hours in Tacoma, Washington to raise funds for his local American Cancer Society. The following year, 220 supporters on 19 teams joined him and the American Cancer Society Relay For Life was born.*

*Relay For Life unites communities in support of a common cause – to accelerate the progress against cancer. Relay empowers people to fight back against cancer by enlisting them in advocacy efforts, recognizes and supports cancer survivors, patients and their caregivers and raises community awareness of cancer prevention.*



## You are invited to the Relay For Life of Hawthorne

Hawthorne High School

May 1-2, 2010

[www.relayforlife.org/hawthorneca](http://www.relayforlife.org/hawthorneca)

### Please join us:

May 1, 2010  
9:00 am – Opening Ceremonies  
The event begins with inspirational stories and then a Survivor's Lap.

May 1, 2010  
9:00 pm – Luminaria Ceremony  
This moving ceremony will honor those that have been touched by cancer, as we continue to walk through the night with our path lit with hope that we will find the cure.

Relay For Life is an opportunity to Celebrate Hope and Join in the Fight Against Cancer. For more information, call Irma Vargas at 310-567-2319 Alex Monteiro at 310-686-5464 .



The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

nomically just world where poverty and discrimination have been eliminated, the contributions of women are recognized and valued, and all women and their families thrive.

For more information about 9to5 please visit the website at [www.9to5.org](http://www.9to5.org). ■

## Messianic Passover Seder

Monday, March 29th  
6:00 pm, Auditorium

A prophetic image of the redemption of mankind by the blood of the Messiah, the Lamb of God. A Messianic Passover Seder glorifies God, uplifts the heart of the believer and stirs the heart of the non-believer.

Tickets: \$27 per person, includes Worship and a catered Passover dinner. Tickets may be purchased at the Information Counter or Church Office until Sunday,

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## El Camino College Students May Be Eligible for the American Opportunity Tax Credit

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, students at El Camino College may qualify for a tax credit to help pay for college fees and expenses. The American Opportunity Credit is worth up to \$2,500 of the cost of fees and related expenses, such as books, supplies and equipment needed for a course of study. Students or their parents can make a claim on 2009 and 2010 tax returns.

Full credit is available to individuals whose gross annual income is \$80,000 or less, or \$160,000 or less for married couples. Even students who don't make enough money to file a return should do it anyway because they may receive up to \$1,000 back. Reminder: the last day to file a 2009 tax return is April 15, 2010.

To take advantage of this tax credit, contact the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at 1-800-829-1040. The VITA program offers free tax help to people with a gross annual income at or below \$49,000 who need assistance preparing their tax returns.

Students and their parents are encouraged to learn more about this important tax credit by visiting [www.irs.gov/recovery](http://www.irs.gov/recovery) and clicking on the "American Opportunity Credit" link.

For more information about financial aid at El Camino College and to receive assistance with the application process, contact the Financial Aid Office at 310-660-3493 or go to [elcamino.edu/studentservices/fao](http://elcamino.edu/studentservices/fao). ■