



**BEDFORD-LEXINGTON AREA BRANCH
OCTOBER 2011**

Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

**OCTOBER PROGRAM
“WOMEN, POPULATION AND THE
UN MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS”
SPEAKER: JANE ROBERTS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 7:00 PM
BEDFORD LIBRARY**



Jane Roberts, cofounder of 34 Million Friends of the United Nations Population Fund (www.34millionfriends.org), will speak on *Women, Population and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals* at the October 3 meeting of AAUW at the Bedford Library. Jane is a long time member of AAUW in California, has been among the Women of the Year for MS Magazine, one of the 21 Leaders of the 21st Century by Women's eNews and in 2005 was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize as part of the 1000 Peace Women by UNESCO in Bern, Switzerland. She will share copies of her book "34 Million Friends of the Women of the World" with our chapter.

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Dinner with Jane Roberts

Members and their friends will have an opportunity to meet Jane Roberts, our October speaker, before the meeting. Dinner will be at Luigi's Restaurant in Bedford. She will be our guest at this Dutch treat event on October 3 at 5 pm. Please let Liz Markson know if you plan to come by no later than September 30 so she can make reservations. Contact Liz at ewmarkson@gmail.com or on her cell phone at 781/696-3173 and leave a message.

GREETINGS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

At the first meeting of AAUW /Bedford-Lexington Area Branch on September 7, Joan Zinderman reminded us of our vision statement: "The AAUW Area Branch is a local organization working collaboratively for educational, economic, and social equity for all women and girls."

All Board Members were introduced. Karen Bragaw and Terry VanDeCarr, the Membership co-VPs, created a wonderful new brochure (in color!) which is available to bring to your local libraries. Member interest checklists were handed out; we want to involve each member. A new role was created: 'the greeter' who will be available at each meeting. Volunteers welcome! Robin DeMott gave every member a 2011-2012 Yearbook. Midge Nealon Siebert asked us to be ready to help the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) at our October meeting.

This year, Human Trafficking issue will be an important theme with action plans. Most important-SAVE THE DATE- Saturday, October 28, for the AAUW-MA Fall Conference on the topic. See page 5 for details. Hopefully, Liz Fragola, AAUW-MA President, will attend our October meeting to provide more information.

The speaker of the September 7 program was

Margaret Yamamoto and the topic was "Justice Denied: A Personal Perspective." Her entrepreneurial family came from Japan to the West Coast of the United States in 1892 and they settled near Long Beach, California at Terminal Island. One vital insight that Mrs. Yamamoto gave us was, "How fragile are our human rights!" When the Executive Order was signed by President Franklin Roosevelt on February 19, 1942 (President Gerald Ford repealed it 1976), many Japanese-Americans were sent to relocation centers –internment camps away from the West Coast. Most were people who were born in the United States: American born children of immigrants and even grandchildren of immigrants. The photos of the life of her family both before and after the war were a window into their interrupted lives. Japanese families in the internment camps showed great courage and creativity. Finally, in 1988, the Civil Liberties Act was signed by President Ronald Reagan which gave every survivor \$20,000. Many have used the money to help fund scholarships and memorials. Her story was helpful to understand the governmental decisions and consequences of those decisions.

Looking forward to seeing you next month.
—Alice Wadden and Joan Zinderman

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

We are planning a cruise on the Norwegian Cruise Line *Jade* from January 31 to February 9, 2012. It is a nine-day cruise starting and ending in Barcelona. The ship sails to Funchal, Madeira; Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Arrecife in the Canary Islands; and Malaga, Spain (near Granada).

Prices, including port charges and taxes, are:
\$690.13 for an inside cabin
\$820.13 for an ocean view cabin
\$940.13 for a balcony cabin

Air and extra days in Barcelona are not included.

A gift to the Education Fund will be made by the travel agency for each cabin booked.

For more information, contact Helene Rosenthal at 781-538-6903.

SUPPORT BRANCH LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND FUNDRAISER ON OCTOBER 3

Midge Nealon Seibert, LAF Chair

Congratulations Bedford-Lexington Area Branch! Our branch was honored at the June 2011 AAUW National Convention for achieving **Eighth Place** among the Top Ten Protectors of the legal rights of those facing discrimination through **Total Branch Giving to the Legal Advocacy Fund**. Our branch contributed a total of \$7,035 in the 2009-2010 time period. Of these gifts, \$710 were contributed at our "fundraiser at the branch meeting" held in November 2010.

On Monday, October 3, 2011, the Bedford-Lexington Area Branch will hold its annual LAF fundraising event. Please help us exceed last year's branch fundraiser amount of \$710 by attending the Monday, October 3rd meeting and making your gift. While gifts of any size are welcome, I urge you to consider a gift of \$10 or more. We all easily spend \$10 on coffees from our favorite coffee spot or a trip to the movies. Please make a gift that you know will have lasting impact! The branch member contributing the largest check at this meeting will receive a special "mystery" gift.

Please bring your checkbooks and make your check out to "AAUW Funds" with Legal Advocacy Fund #3999 on the memo line.

If you wish to help and are unable to attend the October branch meeting,, please send your check to me, Midge Nealon Seibert, at the address in the directory.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund in the past. A special thank you is due to Florence Baturin and Sema Faigen for their significant gifts directly to the Legal Advocacy Fund. With the ongoing support of our branch, LAF can continue its critical work to combat campus and workplace sex discrimination.

SUPPORT FOR NEW CASE IN MASSACHUSETTS

WASHINGTON – The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund announced on January 27, 2011 that it is awarding monetary support to the case Sun v. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

Plaintiff Lulu Sun, an English professor, has alleged sex and race discrimination in the promotion process at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Sun filed two charges of discrimination with the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination (MCAD), the first in 2005 and the second in 2006. For the first charge, MCAD found probable cause of discrimination based on gender, race, and national origin. In the second charge, MCAD found probable cause of retaliation and of discrimination based on gender, race, and national origin. Sun will seek not only a promotion and damages for the alleged discrimination but also an order from MCAD requiring the university administration to undertake diversity and anti-discrimination training and to actively recruit and promote women faculty, especially women of color.

"By supporting Dr. Sun's case, we are sending employers

the message that discrimination will not be tolerated," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund seeks out cases that can bring about equitable treatment for all women in all workplaces."

AAUW support has been instrumental in the success of many promotion and tenure cases of faculty and staff at universities across the country during the 30-year history of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

"At my university, there has been a pattern of discrimination against women and people of color for over a dozen years," said Sun. "There are almost no female faculty of color at the full professor rank. I am grateful that AAUW is supporting my case as I work to change this reality."

Today, AAUW provides financial and organizational support for a select number of cases that have the potential to provide significant protection for all women. The funds come directly from generous AAUW members who support the Legal Advocacy Fund.

SUFFRAGISTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Lucy Stone (1818-1893) An eloquent speaker, founder of the American woman Suffrage Association and leading spirit in New England, Stone published and edited the influential weekly, *The Woman's Journal*, for 21 years.

Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) Symbol of the suffrage movement, Anthony was a strategist with sharp political instincts, the driving force behind the National Woman Suffrage Association, and single minded champion of a federal amendment.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902) Brilliant women's rights leader and forceful writer, Stanton authored the 1848 "Declaration of Sentiments" declaring "all men and women are created equal." She and Anthony were political partners for 50 years.

Sojourner Truth (c.1797-1883) born into slavery, Isabella Van Wagener changed her name in 1843 and began preaching against slavery and for women's rights. She is best remembered for her dramatic "Ain't I a Woman?" speech at the 1851 Woman's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio.

Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947) With Anthony, Catt reorganized the National American Woman Suffrage Association in 1890, and then unified the movement in 1916 with her secret "Winning Plan." Catt called for the formation of a League of Women Voters in 1919.

Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862-1931) Wells-Barnett founded the first suffrage club of African-American women, the Alpha Suffrage Club of Chicago. She marched in the 1913 Washington, D.C. parade and led a contingent of Black suffragists in the famous 1916 Chicago parade.

Alice Paul (1885-1977) Chief strategist of the militant wing, Paul founded the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and the National Woman's Party. Organizer of the White House pickets in 1917, she was jailed three times and force-fed. Paul authored the Equal Rights Amendment.

Nina Otero-Warren (1881-1965) Her fluency in Spanish and English persuaded women in New Mexico to become suffrage activists through the militant Congressional Union, of which she was the advisory council's vice president.

INTERESTED IN MORE ON THE JAPANESE INTERNMENT?

Many of us were moved by Margie Yamamoto's account of her family and their internment as enemy aliens during World War II. If you are interested in reading more about this period, here are a few books, most of which are personal accounts. Almost all are available from Amazon or through public libraries.

- *Farewell to Manzanar*, by J. W. Houston and J. D. Houston, 1973
- *Only What We could Carry*. L. F. Inada (ed), 2000. Anthology of writings, drawings, etc.
- *Looking Like the Enemy: My Story of Imprisonment in Japanese American Internment Camps*. by M. M. Gruenwald, 2005.
- *Impounded: Dorothea Lange and the Censored*

Images of Japanese American Internment. by Linda Gordon, 2008. Photos and information about Dorothea Lange's efforts to photograph camps.

- *Wild Daisies in the Sand*, by Tom Sando, 2002. A Japanese Canadian account of internment, even harsher than in the USA.

Talking to High Monks in the Snow, by Lydia Minatoya, 1992. A more recent memoir of Japanese and Japanese-American experience post-WWII.

—Thanks to Liz Markson for this information.

The American Association of University Women-Massachusetts (AAUW-MA) in collaboration with the United Nations Association of Greater Boston and the Boston League of Women Voters proudly presents its Fall Conference

HUMAN TRAFFICKING WHAT CAN *WE* DO ABOUT IT?

**Wylie Conference Center
Endicott College, Beverly, MA
Saturday, October 29, 2011**

Working schedule

8:30 a.m.	Registration Opens
9:30	Welcome
9:45 – 10:30	Overview Christina Bain , Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:45	Keynote Speaker: Cherie Jimenez
11:45 – 12:00	Break
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15	Plenary/Panel Suzanne Sullivan , United States Assistant District Attorney Liam Lowney , Chief of Victim Witness Services, Office of Attorney General, MA Deborah Quigley , Airline Ambassadors International Marissa A. DeFranco , Attorney
2:15 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:30	Break-out/Community Action Plan Not for Sale All Hands In Kim's Project
3:30 – 3:45	Break
3:45 – 4:30	Wrap-up/Reporting back/"Poster Section"

All are welcome. Registration \$85 including continental breakfast, lunch, beverages and snacks; \$45 for graduate and undergraduate students with student ID.

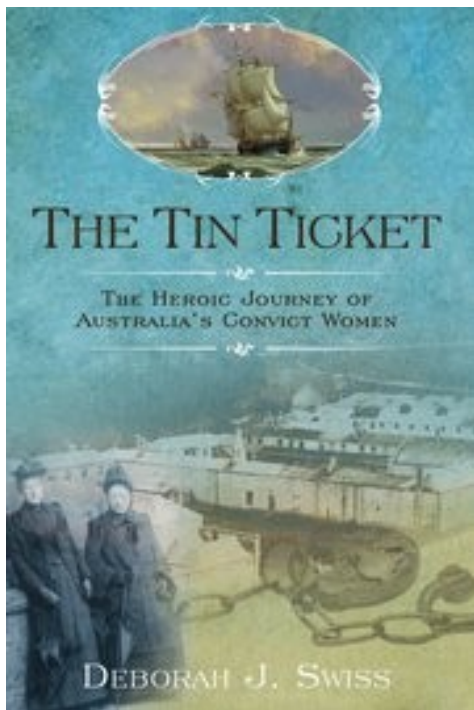
A limited number of scholarships will be available.

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AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: October 18, 2011



BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet on Wednesday, October 19th at 1:00 pm at the home of Jeanne Stockdale in Bedford. We will be discussing *The Tin Ticket* by Deborah Swiss. New members are welcome to attend. Please call Jeanne at 781-275-8345 if you would like to join us.



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