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Feb. 24 Combined Reception for New Executive Director  
and Former Executive Director,  
Feb 28 "Imagine, Believe & Achieve," 4:30 pm  
March Women's History Month  
Mar 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Mar 23 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm  
Apr 1 YWCA Fantasy Ball Prize Drawing  
Apr 16-17 Mad Anthony Writers' Conference  
Apr 27 YWCA Annual Meeting & Dinner, 6:00 pm  
Apr 27 Board Meeting, 7:30 pm  
May 26 May Morning Breakfast, 7:00 am, Woman of the Year  
Presentation, 8:00 am, Board Meeting, 9:15 am

110 YEARS OF CARING FOR  
BUTLER COUNTY WOMEN AND FAMILIES!

## Imagine, Believe & Achieve

YWCA's Black History Month Celebration

Sunday, February 28  
4:30 pm

Free • Open to the Public  
Reservations Accepted

Imagine, Believe and Achieve is the theme for the YWCA's Black History Month celebration set for Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. The speaker for the event is Dr. Wanza Jackson. Dr. Jackson is a YWCA Hamilton Board member and Warden at the Warren Correctional Institution. Musical selections and recitations are also part of the celebration. Refreshments will be served following the program. The program is free and open to the public. Call 856-9800 to make reservations or for more information. ▲



## YWCA Annual Meeting & Dinner

A dynamic speaker/dinner will be part  
of the celebration for 2010!

Tues., April 27, 2010  
6:00 p.m.

Members and friends are invited to attend  
the event, which is free of charge.

Please RSVP online  
at [www.ywcahamilton.com](http://www.ywcahamilton.com)  
or call 856-9800.

Reservations are required.

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## Greetings from the YWCA!

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself: I am Sherrie Bluester, the new Executive Director of the YWCA Hamilton. I am honored to be a part of this agency's commitment to helping women and children build the foundations, that they need not only to survive domestic violence, but also to achieve their goals. I am honored to be a part of this agency's commitment to helping women realize their potential. In addition, I am honored to be part of this agency's commitment to helping families not only survive, but thrive.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the YWCA Hamilton staff, the previous Director, the Board of Directors and program residents. I truly appreciate your generous support as I begin this new venture. Together, we will build even stronger ties with our community partners— stabilizing the present and transforming the future.

Looking ahead, I see optimism and joy as we travel this road together. I also see wonderful opportunities for growth, achievement and celebration as we continue to transform the YWCA's vision into reality. I am privileged to join the YWCA Hamilton as we look forward to a future of peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

I'd like to tell you a little about myself. It is my personal mission to help families improve and excel, and I have had many opportunities to fulfill my goals. I bring over 15 years of experience in the non-profit sector serving families, women and children. I have a strong background in leadership, non-profit development, fundraising and program management. These experiences have helped me develop leadership, grant writing and community outreach skills, which I will use to bring new strengths, new programs, and new dreams to the already strong YWCA services and staff.

Since I started with the YWCA on January 4, 2010, I have gotten to hear expressions of thanks from our program participants—from flashing smiles born out of a sense of security to words of appreciation as they realize their goals through the YWCA programs. It is exciting to see this level of growth and development.

I hope you all will take a few minutes to read our entire newsletter. It has been an active few weeks for us, and we would like to share our stories with you. For everyone who has supported us over the years, we thank you for your commitment. For those who are new to our organization, welcome! I am honored to have you join in our efforts.

Thank you, again, for all of your support and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

*Sherrie*

Sherrie Bluester M.Ed., Executive Director

*Reception*

for  
*Sherrie Bluester*

New Executive Director  
and

*Sibyl Miller*

Former Executive Director

FEBRUARY 24 • 4:30-6:30 pm  
YWCA HAMILTON



Sherrie Bluester



# The Mad Anthony Writers' Conference

April 16 - 17, 2010

Harry T. Wilks Conference Center, Miami University Hamilton

**20 WORKSHOPS FOR WRITERS OF ALL GENRES**

featuring a salute to Christian Writing, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Career, and Christian

**FRIDAY, APRIL 16**

**9:30 am - 5:00 pm,**

- *Murder and Mayhem*: Tours of Butler County Morgue; Butler Technical School's Police Training Facility - police car driving simulation, shooting range, get your mug shot; K-9 unit demonstration; fire engine, paramedic, and arson questions and answers
- Crime Scene Investigation Demonstration
- Mock Trial - reenactment of actual murder trial

**5:00 - 7:00 pm**

- *Mad About Books* - books for sale, book signings, speakers
- Family Fun - face painting, balloons, food
- *Dress as Your Favorite Character* Contest
- Take your picture on the cover of a best seller
- Speakers: Gary Burbank, WLW radio personality; Greg Hoard, author of the recently released *Voices in My Head*; Ay Heyd, award winning cook and author of *Saints at the Dinner Table*

**7:00 pm** - Welcome

Reception for sponsors, participants, authors, and publishers

**7:30 - 8:30 pm**

Publishing Panel Discussion - current issues in the publishing industry

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17**

- 20 Workshops: Fiction, Non-fiction, and Career featuring a Salute to Christian Writing
- Luncheon: Keynote - Jane Friedman, Publisher/Editor, *Writers Digest*

**Manuscript Critiques & Appointments**

Jane Friedman, Publisher/Editor, *Writers Digest*; Sammie Justesen, Agent; Regina Doman, Editor, *Sophia Press*; Andrew Schiedicke, Editor, *Sophia Press*

**FEE:** \$ 99 by Feb. 15, 2010  
 \$125 Feb. 16 or later  
 \$ 50 MU students (ID required)

Register and pay online for workshops  
 at [www.madanthonycbf.org](http://www.madanthonycbf.org)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT YWCA FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

**CALL FOR AUTHORS!**

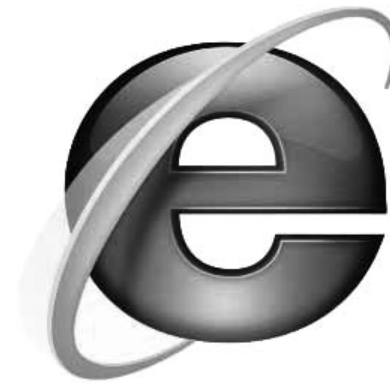
## Mad About Books

Friday, April 16 • 5-8 pm • BizTech Center, 20 High Street, Hamilton, OH

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sell and sign your books. Email your name, book title(s), publisher, genre, and your contact information to [madanthonybooks@aol.com](mailto:madanthonybooks@aol.com).

*(Mad Anthony reserves the right of selection to attain the best genre balance: space limited.)*



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[www.ywcahamilton.com](http://www.ywcahamilton.com)



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If you are not currently receiving the YWCA newsletter and would like to receive a copy through the mail, please call 513-856-9800. If you would like to receive it via e-mail, please contact us at [info@ywcahamilton.com](mailto:info@ywcahamilton.com), subject: Newsletter.

Your contact information will not be shared or distributed without your written permission. The purpose of collecting this information is to keep you informed of YWCA programs, events and issues facing women in our region and around the world.



# Fantasy Ball

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Open your heart to the YWCA.  
 Open your heart to those in need.

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## You Are Invited... Not to Attend.... The 2010 YWCA Fantasy Ball

It's the Social Event of the Year - but an event that doesn't happen!

No need to schedule the evening or find a sitter. Simply buy a "ticket" to the ball with the money you save by not attending!

On Thursday, April 1, 2010, we will draw names from the list of ticket purchasers to award gift certificates from local businesses.

Please make checks payable to:  
 YWCA, 244 Dayton Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011

I want to open my heart to the YWCA! Enclosed is my ticket purchase/contribution for the 2010 YWCA Fantasy Ball.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ALT. PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Purchase/Contribution  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you do not wish to be included in the prize drawing.

• Every individual who makes a donation of \$25 or more receives one chance to win a Fantasy Ball prize.

• All contributions must be received by March 31, 2010, to be eligible for the drawing.

• Winners will be notified by mail.



# 2009 Outstanding Women of Achievement

Above: Nancy Belew, Margestine Smiley, Lauren Marsh, Karen Underwood-Kramer, Carla Fiehrer



Right: The members of the Academy of Outstanding Women who were in attendance at the luncheon.

## The Writers' Conference

The YWCA is pleased to sponsor the fifth annual Mad Anthony Writers' Conference. It will be held on Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17, 2010. On Saturday, the conference will be held at the Harry T. Wilks Conference Center on the campus of Miami University Hamilton, 1601 University Boulevard, Hamilton, Ohio. The YWCA Family Literacy Program will once again be the recipient of the conference proceeds.

The 2010 Mad Anthony Writer's Conference is your chance to learn from the experts, network with a community of writers, have your manuscripts reviewed, & to give your dreams of being a published writer a chance to come true.

New for 2010: Chance to win a NEW computer; Special Genre salute to Christian Writing; new speakers, with return appearances from last year's crowd pleasers; and the Mad Anthony Mixer. We hope to see you there. It promises to be an exciting event. ▲

Below: Sibyl Miller, Lee Sanders, and Regina Johnson-Phillips



## Vision Statement:

The YWCA Hamilton, Ohio, is a thriving and innovative century-old organization and the recognized leader in Butler County in eliminating racism and empowering women, with programs that heal individuals and enhance community life.

## Mission

YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Members of the YWCA Hamilton support our mission to empower women and girls and our organizational quest to eliminate racism. Programs designed to advance our objectives are supported by membership dues using the principle of women of means supporting women without sufficient means.



## Join the fight

to eliminate racism and empower women! Purchase an annual membership to the YWCA Hamilton- every dollar of which goes to support our programs. Once you become a member, you will:

- Support ground-breaking programs that provide services and support to women and their families at critical points in their lives. These services include affordable permanent and transitional housing and literacy programs;
- Strengthen your voice and add it to the mission of the YWCA Hamilton, which supports women, opposes racism, and works to create greater public awareness on issues affecting women and their families;
- Increase your leadership skills by serving on a variety of rewarding task forces, committees, or boards; and
- Get to know the members of your community by becoming involved and experience the personal satisfaction of volunteer work.
- Members receive our newsletter, program updates and the annual report;
- Members may vote in the annual election of Board of Directors and Nominating Committee;
- YWCA Membership gives you the opportunity to hone your leadership skills by serving on committees and task forces;
- Members will receive periodic updates of public policy initiatives supported by the YWCA, as well as invitations to our special events
- Members who choose to share their email address with us will receive our e-newsletter.

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