



# The Apple Branch

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January is traditionally a time for making New Year’s resolutions. And, by the end of January, it’s also a time for most people to have forgotten or failed at keeping those resolutions. I prefer to look at the start of the New Year as a time to set goals and formulate action plans.

**Mark your calendars**

In the wake of the November election and the increasingly contentious rhetoric around the issues facing our nation, one of my personal goals is to become a more educated and outspoken citizen advocate for the issues that I care about most. My hope is that many, if not all, of you see the need as well to make this a goal for yourself in 2017.

To meet that goal, we need a plan of action. The first step is to find an unbiased source of information about the issues. Since advocacy about issues affecting women and girls is essentially the “work” of AAUW at all levels – national, state, and local, I thought it pertinent to share with you the resources that AAUW has to offer on the issues. There is no better resource than our AAUW national website. Simply go to [www.aauw.org/issues/](http://www.aauw.org/issues/) for the latest information on issues that AAUW is working on.

But, there are so many issues out there! For specifics on AAUW’s current national action priorities, go to [www.aauw.org/resources/principles-and-priorities/](http://www.aauw.org/resources/principles-and-priorities/) to see the three Biennial Action Priorities that AAUW is currently focused on:

- To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity**
- To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women**
- To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society.**

These are our local priorities as well and Jacqui Klimaszewski’s article later in the newsletter will give you information on joining in branch advocacy actions which I highly encourage you to do.

The second action plan step you can take as an individual is to subscribe to the AAUW Washington Update. This is a free, members-only weekly e-bulletin. It contains the latest legislative news, updates from the Public Policy and Government Relations Department, and suggestions for “The One Thing You Must Do” each week. Sign up at [www.aauw.org/resources/washington-update/](http://www.aauw.org/resources/washington-update/) or send an email to [VoterEd@aauw.org](mailto:VoterEd@aauw.org)

Action Plan step three is to become a member of the AAUW Action Network which helps anyone with an interest and an e-mail address to take action to affect the outcome of important policy issues. Sign up at [www.aauw.org/actionnetwork/](http://www.aauw.org/actionnetwork/) The Action Network links directly with AAUW’s Two Minute Activist where you can read a summary of a current issue and then personalize an e-mail to be sent to your members in Congress – all in just two minutes!

More next month on things you can do locally to make a difference!

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**AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**

# **The Refugee Experience**

**Monday, January 23, 2017  
Memorial Presbyterian Church  
803 E. College Avenue**

**Join us for our January meeting to hear Tami McLaughlin of World Relief talk about her work with the network that settles approximately 10% of all refugees entering the United States.**

**World Relief of the Fox Valley considers the refugees in our community some of the most vulnerable among us. They work to meet their needs from the time they arrive at the airport through their journey to self-sufficiency.**

**They address things like a place to call home, furniture, ESL classes, benefits, medical visits, job skills, and orientation to life in America. And most important of all.....friendship.**

**AAUW friends....let's help with the Bare Necessities!**

**Bring something from the following list to help these new neighbors:**

**Light bulbs**

**Toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex**

**Laundry soap**

**Dish soap**

**Dish cloths and dish towels**

**Trash bags**

**We will gather at 5:45 PM**

**6:00 presentation followed by our branch meeting**

**THANK YOU**

**We raised over \$3200 from your generosity at our Christmas Brunch. The proceeds will go to our convention fund and our STEM project. Happy New Year!**



## AAUW-TechSavvy-WI Planning Help Needed!!

Plans are moving forward for the April 8, 2017 TechSavvy-WI full day, hands-on workshop for girls at UW Fox Valley. We are working on getting ourselves organized a bit differently. As we gain experience from past events, we know that we need to have more small groups of members doing specific tasks.

Here is our organization at this point:

Stephanie Malaney and Jeanne Todryk (AAUW Oshkosh) are the **Co-Committee Chairs** working with the national organization.

J. Klimaszewski and Miriam Douglass are working on the **science program** for the day.

Becky O'Connor and Marilyn Sim-Tatera are working on **registration and name tags**.

Sue Taylor and Linda Buck are working on **Career Savvy** and college recruiters.

Joan Moeschberger has updated the **school contact** list and will be contacting them regarding saved the date, requests to distribute materials and poster information.

Sara Seidling from UW Oshkosh will be contracted to do the secretarial work involved with the posters and **program booklet**.

That leaves two big areas that we still need some folks to volunteer for coordination and helping:

**Girl Savvy**—specific afternoon sessions that deal with leadership, budgeting, career pathways, communication, resilience, etc. We have ideas, possible speakers and a format. We need a group to work on deciding which ideas we want to implement and making the contacts and arrangements.

**Parent Savvy**—sessions throughout the day that assist parents with encouraging and supporting their daughters in a STEM career. There are certain sessions that will be repeats from previous years, but we also need new sessions. This would involve deciding on the content of presentations and making contacts with appropriate presenters.

ALSO, we are looking for a top-notch, state-wide or nationally known **speaker for the keynote**. We do have some funds for this and we would be willing to coordinate with school districts or other organizations. This would be a great area to volunteer for or to coordinate—OR contact us with possibilities!

Please feel confident that you will be supplied with support and information regarding the process and product for all of these projects. There will be meetings with all the planning groups to be sure we are working in tandem. Please call or e-mail J. Klimaszewski ([830-2919/jklim@new.rr.com](mailto:830-2919/jklim@new.rr.com)) to volunteer or to find out more information on the process.

TOGETHER we can make this a great opportunity for girls!!

## AAUW Public Policy/Advocacy Committee Work

AAUW has long stood for equity for women and girls—in the workplace, in schools, in health care and in the voting booth. Now, AS ALWAYS, we need to get involved and make our AAUW voice heard regarding issues facing women and girls in our nation.

Our local branch committee has a lot to do. We have outlined our areas of priority for the year, basically dealing with the continued promotion of public education and equal pay. YOU can help us decide on our strategies.

**We will be meeting on January 23 from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Concordia Office, 4351 W College Ave #100, Appleton. Please consider joining us!**

Find our more information on AAUW policy issues at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> There you will find a list of AAUW policies on various issues.

**Here is just one on**  
Making Title IX History at the Office for Civil Rights



<http://www.aauw.org/article/making-title-ix-history-at-the-ocr/>

### Communications Update:

For any communications issues such as not receiving the newsletter, name changes, email address changes, home address changes, phone number changes, contact Communications Chair, Cheryl Reissmann @ [CherylRonR@gmail.com](mailto:CherylRonR@gmail.com) or (920) 574-3301

Appleton Branch Online:

Facebook: Find our branch on Facebook by looking for AAUW-Appleton. Like our page to get its posts in your newsfeed. Like & share posts to spread the word about our branch happenings.

Our branch website can be found at <http://appleton-wi.aauw.net/>. Much of the website has been updated and more updates are on their way.

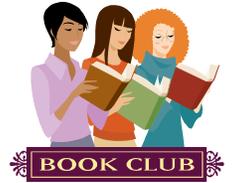
Please pick up your Yearbook/Directory at the next meeting, or book groups.

Please add the following new member to your Directory and welcome her to our branch.

**\*York, Jan** (Tim)  
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BA - Carrol College, Waukesha, 1976  
Purchasing – Becker Electric, Cincinnati  
Volunteer – Appleton Clothes Closet

## Evening Book Group

The evening book group does not meet during the months of January, February or March. See you in April.



## Afternoon Book Groups:

The January book is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

Wednesday host is Margie Young, 1661 Copperstone Place, Neenah. RSVP yes or no for attending at least one week prior to [wisquilter1@gmail.com](mailto:wisquilter1@gmail.com) or 729-6456.

Thursday host is Ginny Russler, 924 E. Pondview Ct., Appleton. RSVP yes or no for attending at least one week prior to [frussler@new.rr.com](mailto:frussler@new.rr.com) or 739-9534.

The Travel group presents:  
Wintertime Monday Movie Matinee  
at the Neenah Public Library

Come join other AAUW members and enjoy seeing  
the movie "Sully" starring Tom Hanks.  
Monday, January 9th, 2017  
1:00 pm in the Shattuck Room, 1st floor at NPL  
Guests and spouses welcome to attend.



Optional After the Movie Activity:  
Movie discussion/Social time over coffee  
at Timshel Cafe, 124 W. Wisconsin Ave,  
Neenah adjacent to the Marketplace

## Mah Jongg

If you want your name on the list of Mah Jongg participants, contact Laurie Leonard so she can update the list by January 15, 2017!

Laurie Leonard  
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Proposed Itinerary for AAUW Travel Group Trip to Decorah Iowa  
JUNE 7-9, 2017

Day 1: Depart Appleton by 9:30ish. Arrive at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Burr Oak Iowa for a tour of the hotel/ home for the Ingalls family one winter (\$8) Kathleen Ernst's book, Death on the Prairie mentions this site. Continue driving 15 miles to Decorah, staying at the Hotel Winneshiek or the Country Inn and Suites. Dinner at Mabe's Pizza or other restaurants

Day 2: Tour Vesterheim (Western Home) Museum in the morning. (\$8 Senior, \$10- Adult) The tour will take at least 2 hours, and there is a nice gift shop. Reading Heritage of Darkness by Kathleen Ernst is highly recommended prior to this!

Afternoon tour of the Porter House Museum (\$5 Senior, \$7 Adults) That tour will be under 2 hours probably

free time for shopping, optional drive to see the Luther College campus and some of the beautiful parks of Decorah. If anyone wants, there are numerous walking trails.

Evening meal at either a Mexican restaurant or at a more upscale Rubaiyat Restaurant ( entrees are \$20-\$25 range but there are more reasonable sandwiches and pizza options, starters, etc.)

Day 3: We can drive to where the murder in Heritage of Darkness "occurred," and we also can stop at Seed Savers, a leading source of heirloom seeds, known throughout the world for its efforts to preserve historic seeds.

The drive is just under 5 hours usually, including a brief lunch stop.

Welcome to AAUW-Appleton's ROAD TRIP to DECORAH IOWA  
JUNE 7,8, and 9, 2017

There are two hotel options for you to consider for the 2 nights we will be in Decorah. You need to reserve your own room within the block of rooms I have set aside. Please check out the two hotels online, and be sure to reserve your room prior to the release date. Also, please make note of the cancellation policy!

HOTEL WINNESHIEK: [www.HotelWinn.com](http://www.HotelWinn.com) (800) 998-4164

This historic hotel is centrally located to most of our destinations. It has an elevator, and the rooms we have reserved all have 2 queen beds.

Cost: \$149 plus 12% tax per night

MENTION GROUP CODE: BINS01

Release date is April 21, 2017

COUNTRY INN AND SUITES: <https://www.countryinns.com/decorah-hotel-ia-52101/iadecora> (800) 456-4000 or (563) 382-9646

This is on the edge of town, so it is a 5 minute drive to most of our destinations. Our block of rooms at this hotel includes 1 handicap king room, all others have 2 queen beds. There is NO ELEVATOR, so you may want to request a ground-floor room if stairs are difficult. There is a swimming pool.

Cost: \$145 plus 12% tax per night, includes breakfast

MENTION GROUP CODE: Appleton AAUW and the date June 7, 2017

Release date is May 7, 2017

There are several lovely B&Bs in town, and a Quality Inn and Suites. Feel free to select one of those if you wish, just let me know where you'll be.

## December 3, 2016 Branch Meeting Minutes

Appleton Branch **President Judy Goodnight** called the meeting to order at 9:30 am in Riverview Gardens. Judy began by thanking Chris Taylor (Program Vice President) and Helene Iverson (Assistant Program Vice President) for planning the Holiday Brunch. Thanks were also extended to everyone that helped. Minutes were accepted as published.

**Becky O'Connor** (past **Membership Vice President**) asked the membership committee to stand to be recognized for their efforts. We have 160 members. New members were welcomed and introduced. Guests were individually introduced also. Becky or Joan Schneider will have yearbooks for those that have not picked them up yet.

**Chris Taylor (Program Vice President)** thanked the elves and planning committee for their efforts. Laurie Leonard was thanked for her contributions. The “Right Hand Woman” Helene Iverson was also acknowledged. Our next meeting is on January 23 at Memorial Presbyterian Church. In light of the topic of the refugee experience and relocation in the Fox Valley, members are encouraged to bring household goods (such as cleaning supplies) to help prepare homes.

**Mary Grace (Book Sale)** reported that we had the most successful book sale ever this October. Our net profit is \$27,111.39. \$13,500 will be sent to fund our grant in Washington. The other \$13,500 will go to local scholarships. Two scholarships go to FVTC and the remainder goes to college scholarships for juniors, seniors, or advanced degrees. Applications are available from Mary Grace or our Website.

**Nominations Chair, Joan Schneider** asked for suggestions for Executive Board for next year (President Elect, Assistant MVP, Assistant PVP, and Treasurer).

**Tech Savvy Chair, Stephanie Malaney** said two portions of the event need chairs. **STEM Chair, Jacqui Klimaszewski** asked volunteers to sign up to take materials to schools for the essay contest.

**Public Policy Chair, Jacqui Klimaszewski** stressed the need to continue advocating for equity and public education.

**Afternoon book group** signup is continuing for the December lunch. You are welcome to attend even if you are not a member of afternoon book group.

**State President, Stephanie Malaney** mentioned members of our branch serving on the state level: Judy Goodnight (Membership Vice President), Mary Zanto (Badger Briefs), Kathy Salm (Assistant to the President), and Connie Polley (Convention Chair with the assistance of Donna Cook, Judy Phillips, and Mary Grace). State Convention is April 21, 22.

The next meeting is January 23, 2017.

Joan Schneider

The graphic consists of five white rectangular boxes with black text, arranged in two rows. The top row has three boxes, and the bottom row has two boxes. The text in the boxes is as follows:

- Top-left box: Nominations! Executive Board! joandschneider@gmail.com
- Top-middle box: President Elect
- Top-right box: Assistant Program Vice President
- Bottom-left box: Assistant Membership Vice President
- Bottom-right box: Finance Vice President

**MEMBER OUTREACH**

Do you know a member who is need of a Thinking of You card? Just send me an email or call, it is that simple!

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AAUW Appleton Branch Net Assets		09/30/16
<b>NORTH SHORE BANK, GENERAL CHECKING #1472</b>		
Convention Fund	\$ 6,631.91	
General Fund	4,783.15	
		<b>\$ 11,415.06</b>
<b>NORTH SHORE BANK, SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MARKET #1907</b>		
		<b>8,281.14</b>
<b>NORTH SHORE BANK, BEACON FUND SAVINGS #5800</b>		
		<b>210.86</b>
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<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>19,907.06</b>
<b>Less Nat'l &amp; WI dues payable</b>		<b>255.00</b>
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 20,162.06</b>



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