

WILLMAR BRANCH AAUW

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.
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*****PLEASE JOIN US!*****

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 – 6:45 P.M.
Kandiyohi County Historical Society (note change)

Our annual Christmas party with girls and counselors from the group home will be at the Historical Society on December 19 and will include a walk through the Festive Forest and seeing our traditional AAUW tree, decorated by Marion Nordin and Kathy Vruwink. Dody Davies will read her essay: “When Mother Ran For the School Board”, followed by a great game of BINGO (thanks to our wonderful callers, George and Dody), with lots of prizes for everyone. Gift bags for the girls are lovingly packed by Dee Rosenbrook. Jeanette Carlson will bring the beverages and paper products, and we look forward to whatever holiday goodies you can add to the refreshments table. Leftovers will go home with the girls. It’s not too late to get your contribution to Dee for the gift bags. Give her a call at 599-4118.

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IN THE NEWS.....

Congratulations to Willmar AAUW member ANN JONES KAZEMZADEH who has Kay’s Naturals of Clara City, which creates healthy snack foods for those with diabetes, trying to lose weight, or those just looking for healthier options. Her enterprise has been named the “2016 Ag Innovator of the Year” by the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute. The award was given to Kay’s Naturals at Prairie’s Edge Casino in Granite Falls on November 16.

Willmar Somali immigrants Fardowsa Ibrahim and her husband Abdullahi Afrah are opening a teen center in downtown Willmar at 330 4th St. SW called the Iftiin Youth Program. The center will offer homework help for Somali youth (but is open to all youth) who sometimes struggle with academic English. There will also be recreational opportunities for young people. She and her husband both work and go to school. Fardowsa is at Ridgewater College, and her husband is studying for his GED. They have two children, a 6-year-old daughter and a 3-month-old son. She is quoted as saying: “The light to life is education.” Perhaps this is a project our AAUW branch might consider supporting.

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Merry Christmas !