



Hit the ground  
running  
in January!

Three events of note are scheduled for the beginning of the New Year:

- Our January 14 meeting will feature **Pickford Director Susie Purves**
- Our **Tech Trek** effort begins with a Jan. 11 kickoff meeting
- The **Bellingham Women's March** is set for Jan. 21.

See the details on these and other events throughout this newsletter.

## AAUW members to join Women's March on Bellingham

A local march is planned for January 21st, in solidarity with the Women's March on Washington, D.C. It will begin at 10 a.m. at Bellingham City Hall, 210 Lottie St., and go until noon.



**National AAUW** encourages branch members to attend one of the many Sister Marches, such as the one in Bellingham, which are planned throughout the nation. **If a Bellingham Branch member would like to organize our members to march as a group**, please call or email the membership, and we also can discuss it at the Jan. 14 meeting.

**Don't forget to wear your AAUW gear! AAUW poster board, stickers, and buttons can be **ordered free of charge** by January 16, or visit **ShopAAUW** to purchase banners and other promotional materials.**

Organizers say they anticipate a turnout of 3,000 or more in Bellingham. The event begins at City Hall with speakers and music, followed by a march through downtown Bellingham; then more speakers and music, plus a "community connections fair"—to allow people to connect with local organizations.

**Their message: "Women's rights are Human rights."**



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### January meeting....

## It's more than just a movie theater..

"The Pickford Film Center and the Community" is the topic for our January meeting of Bellingham Branch AAUW on Saturday, January 14. The meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the YWCA, 1026 N. Forest, Bellingham.

Susie Purves, executive director of the film center, will speak on her experiences with independent film organizations, the Pickford's role in the community and their support of local non-profit groups.

Purves joined Pickford in 2013, after having served as executive director of Seattle's Spectrum Dance Theater since 2010. She also has served as managing director for the Northwest Film Forum.

**Members whose last names begin with M through W are asked to bring finger foods. Coffee and tea will be provided. Thanks to all who help out in this way!**



Bellingham AAUW offers scholarships and supports numerous programs which help women and girls gain equity in all areas of life.

Anyone possessing a four-year bachelor's degree or a two-year associate's degree is welcome to become a member.

## You are invited to the Tech Trek 2017 Kickoff meeting.

It is time to gear up for TechTrek 2017. I hope you are all in for this exciting project.

tech trek

There will be a Tech Trek committee meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 2:30 in the meeting room of Terra Organica/Public Market at 1530 Cornwall Ave. Parking is available in the lot in front of the building.

Those currently on the committee are Susan Moen, Esther Golde, Jean Cox-Treverton, Sommer Cronck, Maggie Moore, and myself, Pam Sankey. We welcome any other AAUW members who would like to work on this project to interest young girls in STEM careers.

The agenda will include the following:

1. Review funding sources and discuss potential new contributors;
2. Review new application forms and discuss distribution system to the four Bellingham middle schools;
3. Determine how many applicants from each Bellingham middle school;
4. Develop calendar to establish following dates:  
Applications to counselors at each school  
Deadline for application returns  
Dates for student interviews
5. Other items - feel free to add items not included

Hope to see you on Wednesday.

Pam

**Next month: February's meeting will feature Executive Director of the Whatcom County Library System, Christine Perkins.**



**December meeting - A Morning at the Museum:** Above, some of the members who attended our holiday meeting at the Old City Hall pose in front of “our” tree. The sign next to the tree read:

“AAUW Celebrates Women in STEM Through scholarships, the American Association of University Women, Bellingham Branch, supports and celebrates women and girls studying in Whatcom County who excel in the STEM fields. These decorations are mounted on parts from dismantled computers, and designed to highlight successful women in STEM fields and include a bit of periodic table humor!”






 HAPPY NEW YEAR

## New Year Babies

Jan. 7	Jane Morgan
Jan. 9	Pat Banasky
Jan. 19	Mary LeDonne
Jan. 22	Sandra Randall

## INTEREST GROUP NEWS

### REEL MOVIE LOVERS

We should plan to resume the movie get-together in January, meeting, as before, for a matinee on the third Sunday of the month. Liz Wright will be out of town from January through March, so we are looking for someone to take her place for those months. The job entails sending out an email to members on the Wednesday prior to the movie viewing, which is when the theaters have an updated schedule for the coming weekend. After members respond with their preferences, another email is sent out on the Friday or Saturday before the movie showing. If you are interested in taking this on, contact Liz for more details, 360-671-5518.

**ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB** meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon. The next meeting will be January 26th, and the book will be *Fairhaven, A History*, by local author Brian Griffin. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.

### SOMETHING NEW?

Issaquah has a Bunch for Lunch - or we could do an occasional craft - lets talk about this...Contact: Susan Moen, 360-773-2510..

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