

Mary Ball Chapter
January 2022
Chapter Regent's Report

Good morning everyone and Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a nice holiday.

It has been a quiet month for me in my DAR life. I have been working on the Chapter Master Report, which is due at the end of this month. As I have worked on that report, I am amazed at what we accomplished this year. Our chapter is amazing, and you can all be proud of it. It takes a lot of work from a lot of members to make us successful, and I appreciate each one of you and all that you do for DAR.

I also completed the new Committee Leaders Course during the holiday break and attended the Greater Seattle Regents Council meeting last week.

Next weekend is the Winter Board of Management meeting at the Sea-Tac Marriot. I will be attending, and I encourage anyone who is interested to attend. BOM's are a great way to meet members from all around the state, and to learn about the State's DAR business.

On Sunday the 23rd, there is a reception at the Rainer Chapter House to celebrate the completion of the State Regent Grave Marker project, which occurred during Honorary State Regent Lanabeth Horgen's term. Our chapter marked five graves as part of this project, and everyone is invited to attend. I, along with a handful of Mary Ball members will be attending, and if you are interested and have not seen the invitation, please come talk to me after the meeting.

It is an honor to serve as your Regent, and I appreciate your support.

Lynne Stallcop

Regent, Mary Ball Chapter.

Mary Ball Chapter January 2022 Registrar Report

Thank you Madam Regent,

Well ladies, it is the start of a new year and that means it is the start of the new year for membership in the DAR too. Last year on January 1st we had 223 members, this year we are starting with 215 members with a goal of a 10% increase per National.....that means we are aiming for 21 new members this year. We're off to a good start with adding Mara Barthel to our chapter. We currently have one application at National, one application with the 250 Task Force and several applications close to being complete.

For those of you who might not be familiar with the 250 Task Force, it is a group of DAR women from across the country with a lot of genealogy experience who help to solve difficult problems with applications. Sometimes it is finding a patriot with a lineage that can be proven or maybe it's "boots on the ground" that is needed to find that missing link to join two generations in order to complete the application. This group is an invitation only group and they only work on applications for new members. Their success rate is very high and our chapter has used them a couple times to solve an issue that has stumped the knowledge of our membership team which has resulted in a couple new members for Mary Ball.

Thank you.

Membership Report
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Madame Regent,

This year has been quite a challenge with Zoom meetings ending and in person meeting back again. However, the Membership Committee continues to be a positive note in its' ongoing concern to attract, keep and encourage our members.

The application team of Registrar Melonie Liening, Tami Reynolds, Kay McArthur and myself have sent in a total of 17 applications resulting in 17 verifications for our chapter. We have met with the Prospective members at Heritage Quest Research Library, Starbucks, and at our meetings to accomplish this goal.

As I was reminded by a member at the last meeting, “ Well, Ann, membership is about ALL the members, not just the Prospective Members, right?” Correct!. To that end:

Many members have taken the Supplemental class offered by the Membership committee and have successfully submitted several new supplemental applications.



Membership started a Zoom Book Club in 2020 which has met each month for the past year. We have included the whole chapter, but average about 10 ladies who are passionate about books each month. Subjects range from Mysteries to Historic Preservation, fiction, Trails and historic byways and local authors for the Northwest. It is a wonderful way to meet new people and keep in touch.

We have always emphasized Service to our Membership. Specifically we have instituted Suits for Service and have encourage all the members to clean out their closets (as well as their husbands) for suits that can be donated to this ASUSA organization. To date, we have donated approximately over 1,000 pieces of clothing for the men and women of our armed forces getting out of the service. A Huge thank you to Ta Mouton and her team at the SFS office on base at JBLM. Thank you to Buffie Splinter, Annette Huvler, Anglie Condon, Sherry Hayes, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Elks Club for their support and donations. Thank you to all the members of Mary Ball who have donated as well.



Anglie Condon, SFS Volunteer, Buffie Splinter, Ann Crawford

Grave Cleaning- In October, Members of Mary Ball cleaned gravestones at Woodbine cemetery. We have been doing this for the past three years with great success. It is a private/city owned cemetery where Ezra Meeker is buried.

Meeker Mansion

Membership has encouraged our members to help the Historical Society with filing, cataloguing, (Buffie Splinter) , cleaning wood and stripping doorway jambs, (Judy Myers and Amy Hunter) and countless other jobs for the Meeker Mansion Historical Society. Lastly, we have applied to DAR national for some grant money to help with their large projects.



Regent Lynne Stallcop, Ann Crawford, Tami Reynolds, Melonie Liening, Kay McArthur in front of the giant “downline” of Ezra meeker. The chart helps visitors to the mansion trace their lineage to see if they are related to Ezra or Eliza Meeker. The volunteers also helped out at the “Grand Re-

Opening of the Mansion after a year of Covid, cleaning out, repair, redecoration and organization.

Historical Preservation Grant

Dec 2021

Mary Ball Chapter NSDAR has prepared a Historic Preservation Grant for Meeker Mansion. The grant is asking for \$5,000 from DAR with a matching \$5,000 from the Puyallup Historical Society. The Project is to replace a door that was put there during the "hospital" stage of the mansion's life. It will include historically accurate detail, window glazing and window weights to match the other windows in the house. Broken window weights will be replaced in another downstairs window as the original stained glass is in danger of breaking should the window fall to the ground. The front door's locking system will be replaced to upgraded to conform to today's standards of security and safety.

Members Lynne Stallcop, Tami Reynolds, Kay McArthur, Melonie Leining and Ann Crawford have worked since summer with director Shelly Schlumpf to create a "downline" for Ezra Meeker to be displayed in the

hallway. We have also met monthly with the director to construct on the framework for the Grant. The Grant was sent in December. We are hoping for a positive outcome when they announce the recipients in May.

Service to America

All year long the members of Mary Ball have been encouraged to submit their hours for volunteer work. In November, this chair did a visual Power point to show them how to get on line and locate the portal to report their hours. To date, approximately 10,000 hours have been logged for 2021.

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Chemawa School Update for January 2022

Provided by Peggy Borgatti

Chemawa Indian School currently has 115 students attending school on campus. The rest are attending school remotely. Mary Ball Chapter sent enough Christmas cards for all students and staff to receive a card. We also shipped treats for all students, as well as 20 \$20 gift cards from Amazon to be distributed as incentives for the students. Carole John, our DAR liaison, reported that the campus will be open to visitors as soon as protocols for Covid-19 are lifted or allowing an open campus.