



## Rainier Chapter, DAR Phyllis Hadley Toomey Memorial Scholarship

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. The Rainier Chapter was the second chapter established in Washington State in 1895, and is located in the historic Harvard-Belmont Landmark District of Seattle. The Chapter House is a replica of George Washington's Mount Vernon and was built in 1925. It is the only purpose specific DAR Chapter House west of the Mississippi, and was built with the objective of sharing it with the community for weddings, parties, meetings, etc.

The Rainier Chapter members generously contribute annually to a scholarship fund that has historically been referred to as the Rainier Chapter Scholarship. This scholarship was recently renamed to the Phyllis Hadley Toomey Memorial Scholarship in honor of a member of the Rainier Chapter who was an ardent supporter of the Scholarship Committee. Phyllis loved to spend time with and took great pride in her family, her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Her life included acting at an early age, secretarial work and working for the Navy in Oakland, California during World War II. She raised six children, played the piano and the organ, decorated cakes professionally, was a Girl Scout troop leader and enjoyed traditional Irish dancing. Phyllis was very active in genealogy and served as Madame Regent for the Rainier Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Phyllis remained active in the DAR until the last year of her life, assisting with the selection of candidates for the scholarship funds. Phyllis was loved for her spirit, joy, and sense of humor about life.