

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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TO MEMBERS OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

It seems to be the fashion today to turn the lights down, put soft music on the Hi-Fi, and then suggest very mildly that "Dues are due".

The lights here are neither on nor off and we have no Hi-Fi, so we'll stand up and say that another year has passed for the Washington State Historical Society, that it's been a good year for the Society, a very busy year, and dues for 1957 are due, as shown by the enclosed statement.

The statement gives the figures but not the story back of them.

As Director, I see the story back of the figures, see it every day. Attendance moving steadily upward, including tourists from every part of the country; more bus-loads of school children here to have a look at Washington history first hand; more groups of younger boys and girls-- a mighty inspiring story.

I see the number of county societies increasing, more local museums-- approaching the goal of a society in every county,-- Washington history being preserved.

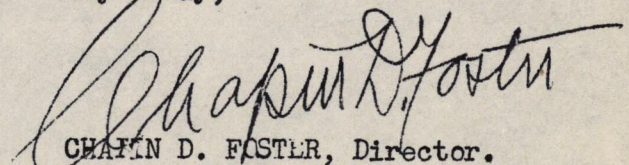
I see new exhibit halls-- Oriental, Old Musical Instruments, Women's Alcove, new art show every month, and I see that new Rock and Mineral Exhibit that will be one of the very best in the country. I see the Library moving steadily forward, more gifts for the Museum.

All this, and more, one sees from the inside, with memberships playing an important role. Yes, we should have more members, and at this point every member can help-- many of them do.

For your dues you have a part in all this. You get the Pacific Northwest Quarterly, News-Letter, discount on Northwest books we handle, so your investment is a mighty sound one.

A double invitation-- to attend the Annual Meeting on April 27th and visit your museum frequently.

Yours very truly,


CHAFIN D. FOSTER, Director.

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