

Rainbow Chronicles

Montana Grand Assembly Newsletter
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Hey Girls!

I hope everything is going well for everyone! Grand is approaching fast so it is important to be finishing up the final touches on memory work and fundraising for the Veterans Victory Alliance. It has been so lovely working with Tory and I am very excited for everyone to meet her at Grand Assembly. It means so much to me that all of you girls have been working hard to support this service project and I look forward to the final tally.

I have so much faith and pride in all of you girls, you all mean the world to me! Speaking of the VVA each assembly should also be getting a prepared presentation about the VVA and how Rainbow had been involved with the ranch. I recently presented the information on the service project to the Masons and it is a great fundraiser! We were able to obtain some more resources and contacts for the ranch as well. I encourage all of you girls to do the same to keep that connection with our Masonic organizations! I also hope you girls can reach out to other services in your community to help veterans and first responders in need!



In Rainbow Love & Service,
GWA Trinity



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A Word from Mama Huston

I'm sure we are all looking forward to Spring. I was very much looking forward to our Spring fling but Mother Nature had other plans. We will give it another try in April, hopefully the weather will be more cooperative then. Even though we didn't have our fling, we all learned one of those "life lessons" Rainbow teaches the ability to be flexible and make the best of the situation we find ourselves in.



I am very proud of our Billings Assembly who used their unexpected free schedule to help with the statewide Eastern Star pizzarito project. This project involved assembling pizzaritos (a burrito like food filled with pizza ingredients) to fill orders for people from all over the area. The proceeds from the sales goes to fund the Eastern Star Service Dog project which is the signature charity of the Order of the Eastern Star. There are three "assembly" weekends scheduled around the state and last weekend was the Billings event. Great Falls and Missoula assembly days are coming up. I know the Billings OES crew was very appreciative of the extra help Rainbow provided.

Hopefully you have all had a chance to see GWA Trinity's video revealing the Grand Officer formal. It's a beautiful dress and I know all of our Grand Officers will look lovely in it. Thank you Trinity for being flexible and putting such a nice presentation together for all of us to see. Be sure to order your dresses right away. Your Mother Advisors have the ordering information.

Speaking of Grand Assembly, give some thought as to whether or not you would like to give a flag tribute or participate in the Grand Choir. We will discuss these topics at the re-scheduled fling.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you. I hope you find your Pot of Gold.

Mama Huston





Spring Fling

(Rescheduled)

April 14-16, Friday thru Sunday morning

Great Falls Masonic Temple

821 Central Avenue

- ❧ The Fling will be held in conjunction with the clean-up following the Shrine Circus performances.
- ❧ This is an opportunity to help support the Shriners and the work they do.
- ❧ There are performances Friday at 4:00 & 7:30 PM and three performances Saturday at 11:00AM, 3:00 PM and 7:00PM
- ❧ Clean up will begin approximately 1 to 1 & ½ hours after the performance begins.
- ❧ Carpooling from the Masonic Temple will be available
- ❧ Arrangements have been made to use the Temple for a sleepover both Friday and Saturday nights
- ❧ If you can come on Friday and arrive during the time that the clean up will have started, please go directly to the Fairgrounds and meet up with the Rainbow group there.
- ❧ Please RSVP to Wendy by April 10 with the number attending and your arrival day (Friday or Saturday)
- ❧ Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper provided and breakfast Sunday morning, Registration fee \$10.
- ❧ Evening meal on Friday for those able to be there Friday will be on your own.
- ❧ Pizza at the Circus after Saturday's last performance clean up





MT State Mother Advisor Message

Greetings Rainbow Friends and Family,

What a stormy winter we have had! Sometimes I feel like it will never quit snowing. I was really looking forward to seeing all of you at Spring Fling but unfortunately the Montana weather had other plans. One of the lessons that Rainbow taught me years ago was the importance of being flexible and adjusting with grace. Thank you all for doing just that.

With spring forward comes looking forward to Grand Assembly and everything that comes with it. Please keep your eyes out for registration materials. Assemblies and individuals should be thinking about Grand Representative Reports and Grand Officers should get their dresses ordered as soon as possible.

I would like to challenge each and everyone of you to get out into the community and do a little extra service. Every time we are out doing service it is a chance to connect and spread the word about Rainbow. As a service organization we are so blessed to know that we make our communities a better place and we should all be proud of that.

A special congratulations to Caitlyn in Great Falls on her installation. I am so very sorry that I missed it, we are lucky to have Girls like you involved in Rainbow.

Where flowers bloom so does Hope,

Crystal Sampson, SMA



Communicate with your **Grand Representatives!!**

Who has heard from their Grand Representative?

Come prepared to share what you have learned from your counterpart at Spring Fling. Did you learn about any exciting Rainbow activities in other Jurisdictions?

If you need help getting a hold of your counterpart, let me know so I can see about getting the ball rolling for you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Dee Hallock, Grand Representatives Advisor in Montana

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MT State Rainbow Dad

Greetings to all in the world of Rainbow. I am writing this the day after the postponed Spring Fling. I hope you all stayed safe and warm in the nasty weather. There are several significant dates coming up in the next week.



The first was Daylight Savings time last Sunday. Ugh. Then next one is tomorrow PI DAY!!! (3.14, get it?) And if you love PI as much as I do then this is one of your favorite days of the year. Then comes the Ides of March on the 15th. This date was brought to everyone's attention by William Shakespeare in Julius Caesar. The Ides of March are supposed to foretell doom and destruction only if a full moon appears on the 15th of March. This year's full moon was much earlier so I don't think there is any danger to you this year. St. Patrick's day is next on March 17. We all must remember to wear green. But was green always the color of Ireland? The answer is no. Green didn't enter the picture until the 1640s when the flag displaying an Irish harp on a green field was introduced by the Irish Catholics. Between the fifth century AD and the 1640s, Ireland's color was blue to celebrate the ecclesiastical color of St. Patrick. Before St. Patrick, Ireland's color was saffron reaching back to the mists of time.

The last significant date will be on Monday, March 20 at exactly 3:24pm in Montana, spring arrives. So we will celebrate Spring Fling in Spring! I will be asking all of you what your assembly did for fun and did you share it with your friends? See you all soon.

Daddy Don – your State Rainbow Dad



Jr. Executive Committee 22-23

Who is ready for Spring? I am for sure! I missed seeing everyone at Spring Fling this past weekend but looking forward to our makeup time. I hope everyone is playing their board games. I'm ready to see the next one on the list.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day....For Each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good Health, Good Luck and Happiness for Today and Every Day!

See you all soon!

In Rainbow Love,

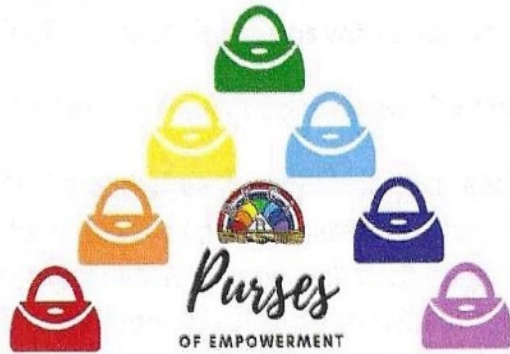
Jennifer Chabotte, Jr. Executive Committee Liaison



SERVICE PROJECTS

2022 - 2024

There will be two service projects during the next two years that will help our individual Grand Jurisdictions as well as the International Jurisdictions. Each service project will last for one year.



The first project will be *"Purses of Empowerment,"* which will be donated to domestic violence shelters and centers in our individual communities. This first project will begin August 4, 2022 and through July 31, 2023.

Over the course of a year gently used purses will be collected by each assembly along with personal hygiene products (See list below for suggested items).

Sometime towards the end of the year, either at your Grand Session or a statewide event, please have a "Purse Packing Party" to place items collected over the year in each purse. These purses with all of these different items will go to women in need, as most women who leave domestic violence situations leave with hardly anything. You can assign a specific item for each assembly to collect throughout the year, but any donation will be used.

Start saving items now !

We will assemble purses at Spring Fling

Here's a list of suggested items:

Toothbrushes/paste
Deodorant
Feminine hygiene items
Small notepad & pen
Socks
Body wash
Shampoo
Hair ties

Band-Aids/adhesive bandages
ChapStick
Hair brush/comb
Facial wipes
Hand sanitizer
Lotion
Pocket pack tissues
Miniature Bible

Please note that all hygiene products need to be travel size so that everything will fit into the purses – hotel toiletries are perfect! All size purses are acceptable, but the purses **MUST CLOSE**. Many of these items can be ordered in bulk. Check with your lodges, OES Chapters, Amaranth

Supreme Membership & Service Incentive Program 2022-2024

Membership and service will be a primary focus during the 2022-2024 session of "Walking Through Life with Rainbow." As an incentive for service and membership, SWA Kay Letterman has chosen the charm bracelet shown below.

The red charm signifying Love, and in particular your love of our Order. This charm will be awarded to first-line signers on an application for membership or for signing as a second line signer on two applications.



Additional charms will be awarded, in order, based on 20 hours of community service. Service hours can be accumulated with your Assembly or individually.

Adults wishing to participate in this program may also submit their service hours. Adults will earn the red charm with their first 20 hours of service. Adults will be asked to pay a one-time fee of \$9.50 for the bracelet.

Start keeping track of your service hours. Your Mother Advisors will have information on how to submit them.



SAVE THE DATE FOR GRAND ASSEMBLY!

June 9-12

There is a block of rooms at the Super 8 in Hamilton under "Montana Rainbow Girls" with a special rate. Everyone should call 406-363-2940 to reserve their own rooms. There are 15 rooms blocked at this special rate which is considerably less than the going rate for that time of year in Hamilton so get your reservations in. The block will be held until June 1.

The years marked are the Grand pictures we have. Please share any pictures you have with Carol Huston so they can be included in the Montana Rainbow History book.

Year	GWA	GO	GR	GCh	Pled
1938-1939	Joan Middleton	X			
1939-1940	Ethel Gibbs Larson	X			
1940-1941	Helen Walseth Hastings				
1941-1942	Eileen Plumb-Ghering				
1942-1943	Matelda Marie Severson				
1943-1944	Dorothy Baynham				
1944-1945	Margaret Ann Simpson				
1945-1946	Helen Gunkel Kriebs				
1946-1947	Barbara Rounce Roache				
1947-1948	Dolores Knutson Campbell				
1948-1949	Doris Enebo Taylor				
1949-1950	Peggy Reynolds Reed				
1950-1951	Joan Akers Beatle				
1951-1952	Valeda Emerson Doyle	x			
1952-1953	Betty Ann Morris Kibbie				
1953-1954	Gail Sherman				
1954-1955	Marlene Dolliver Zorn				
1955-1956	Patsy Schneider Gasaway				
1956-1957	V. Kay Williams Fulkerson				
1957-1958	Meta Mae Scheytt Harper				
1958-1959	Virginia Ragland Ulrich				
1959-1960	Judith Davison Bunn	x			
1960-1961	Margaret Finley Brown				
1961-1962	Peggy Bartlet Roseleaf				
1962-1963	Carol Ann Dyer Venable	x			
1963-1964	Trubijean Capp Bachman	x	x		
1964-1965	Kathie Machler Anderson	x	x		
1965-1966	Barbara West Murphy	x	x		
1966-1967	Patsy Norbo Chandler				
1967-1968	Suzanne Goodman Miller				
1968-1969	Maureen Carpenter	x			
1969-1970	Lori Brockway				
1970-1971	Connie Small Alsup	x	x	x	
1971-1972	Jane Alexander Lupo				
1972-1973	Barbara Weston Tabor				
1973-1974	Marilyn Smart Emmons				
1974-1975	Janet Hill Tidwell				
1975-1976	Jeannette Hansen				
1976-1977	Fern Carlson Thompson				
1977-1978	Robin Rademacher				
1978-1979	Shawn Giffin				
1979-1980	Leslie Wilson	x			
1980-1981	Kala Fichtner Aguado				

Year	GWA	GO	GR	GCh	Pledge
1981-1982	Shawn Lenington Schumacher				
1982-1983	Etha Roylance Carruthers	x	x	x	
1983-1984	Beth Elliot				
1984-1985	Margaret Jones Nxelson				
1985-1986	Kathy Atkinson Stevens	x	x	x	
1986-1987	Julie Fowler	x	x	x	
1987-1988	Lynda Nelson Chase	x	x	x	
1988-1989	Sonja Martin McCulloch	x	x	x	
1989-1990	Leann Davis-Gibera	x	x	x	
1990-1991	Allison Brumback	x	x	x	
1991-1992	Marni Steel Stevens				
1992-1993	Jackie Lewis Sellers				
1993-1994	Miea Brewington Levery				
1994-1995	Traci Ames Neckels				
1995-1996	Cheryl Wright	x	x	x	
1996-1997	Melissa Jennings Thomas	x	x	x	
1997-1998	Kaja Stevenson	x			
1998-1999	Heidi Jury Loomis				
1999-2000	Meghan Madeville	x	x		
2000-2001	Monique Stafford	x	x	x	
2001-2002	Callie Fura Buckingham	x	x	x	
2002-2003	Callie Fura Buckingham (acting)				2x
2003-2004	Kerby Allen	x			
2004-2005	Karly Becker	x	x		
2005-2006	Lisa Kott	x	x	x	
2006-2007	Beth Rolfe	x	x	x	
2007-2008	Ashley Brester Potter	x	x	x	
2008-2009	Selene Christman	x	x	x	
2009-2010	Amanda Nielsen Yocum	x	x	x	
2010-2011	Molly Hopkins Brewer	x	x	x	
2011-2012	Lorelei Hallock	x	x		
2012-2013	Laura Uffelman				
2013-2014	Hailey Sampson	x	x		x
2014-2015	Landa Uffelman	x			
2015-2016	Kayleigh Griffith	x		x	
2016-2017	Kayleigh Griffith	x			
2017-2018	Jessica Griffith	x			
2018-2019	Abby Peck	x			
2019-2020	Maddie Flamm	x			
2020-2021	Kennidi Wanner	x			
2021-2022	Hailey Chabotte	x			
2022-2023	Trinity McLane				

HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Greetings Rainbow Family

In February, Ionic Lodge invited Rainbow Girls to provide decorated cakes to their monthly dinner. The silent auction for these cakes generated money for the Veterans Victory Alliance (VVA), which is the Grand Worthy Advisor project.



The girls, along with 2 prospects, decorated and signed Valentine's day cards for the shut-ins at Discovery Care Center. The next weekend, Winter was installed as Hope in Hamilton

Assembly.
Congratulations!



GWA Trinity presented information on the Moon Eagle River Ranch at the weekly Ionic Lodge Education Night. The presentation included information about the VVA, the Ranch and activities Rainbow Girls have done to help with improvements at the Ranch. With the encouragement of the Worshipful Master Mark Morse, the Lodge Brothers were very generous in donations made towards the Veterans Victory Alliance project.



We look forward to seeing everyone at Spring Fling when it rescheduled.

Stay healthy!

GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3

Hope everyone stayed safe with the weather this last weekend. Caitlin's Installation was beautiful. Emmily and Jordan did a wonderful job. Wendy was Installed as Mother Advisor and the Board was also Installed.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Happy Spring!



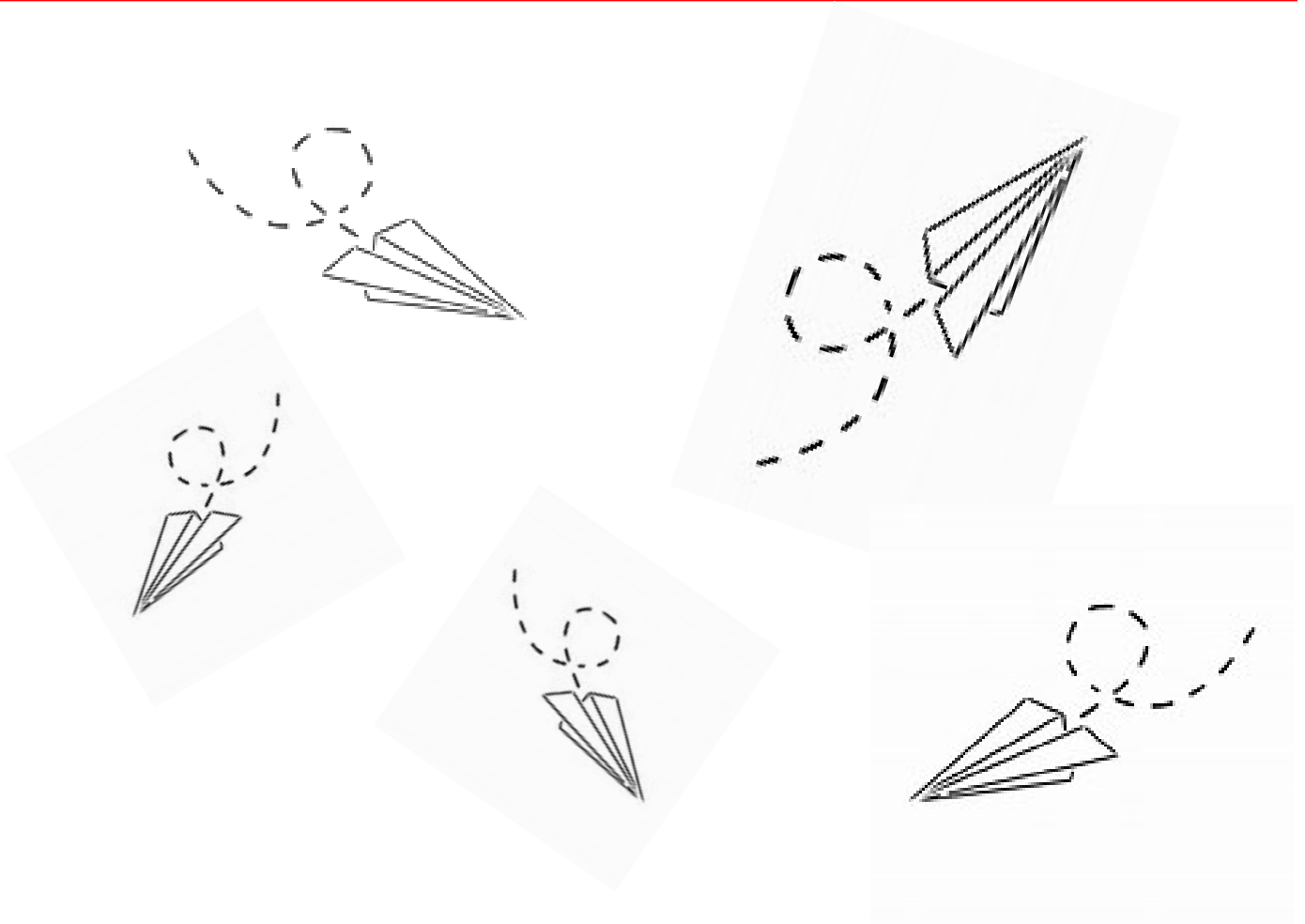
HELENA ASSEMBLY #7

Helena Assembly #7 Enters Re-building Season

Helena Assembly will be hosting a Mothers' Tea on April 23, 2023, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Consistory Shrine Temple. Tea sandwiches, cookies, tea, punch, and an activity or two. Not just prospecting...also honoring our Eastern Star sponsor, Miriam Chapter #1, and long-time supporter Esther Chapter #3, Townsend.

Did you know that Amelia Earhart Day is July 24? Our Founder's Day celebration is likely to include paper airplanes and maybe we'll fly them over a "pond."

Looking forward to when we next gather.



GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Hello Rainbow Sisters and Friends,

Missoula's Garden City Assembly #55 has been busy since our last newsletter. In January Grand Worthy Advisor Trinity came to Missoula and helped with our installation. Dani was installed as Worthy Advisor and several state and local leaders were in attendance. Dani's service project is the Historical Fort Missoula and we all are looking forward to helping with it. We also served Scottish Rite, a taco bar and dessert tacos.



In February, we celebrated Valentine's Day by making Valentine signs after our meeting. It's so fun doing crafts, visiting and spending time with our Rainbow Sisters. We donated money to our Temple Board to buy a new dishwasher for the kitchen, helped OES with a fundraiser and went shopping for purses and toiletries for the current Supreme Service Project.

In March, we hosted another Scottish Rite dinner and served a pasta bar with cheesecake for dessert and almost attended Spring Fling.

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Garden City Assembly #55

BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24

Greetings from Billings Jewel #24!

We hope our Sisters throughout the state are doing well, and we are bummed we didn't get to see you at Spring Fling.

Due to inclement weather and illness, our assembly was unfortunately not able to do much these past few months. Luckily on January 28th, we had the honor to help serve a luncheon for the Daughters of Nile. Since the state was unable to meet at Spring Fling, the Billings girls decided to enjoy breakfast together and help Billings Friendship #124 with their pizzarito fundraiser. Grand Worthy Associate Advisor Tawny got to take pictures with two of Billings' Past Grand Worthy Advisors!



PGWA Fern Thompson, Tawny & PGWA Miea Levery



The Grand Officers in the meantime, are busy preparing for Grand 2023.

See you all soon at the rescheduled Spring Fling!

Rainbow Love,

Billings Jewel #24

