



The Orient Express

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Hi Everybody!

I hope you had a great summer filled with many summer activities. My summer was quite busy with work, online classes and of course Supreme Assembly in Rhode Island! I had a great time representing Montana as Acting Supreme Worthy Associate Advisor! It was also terrific to see Kennidi do a skit about Montana Rainbow and Jessica carrying the Montana flag in Cavalcade! It was a wonderful trip full of Rainbow friends old and new, touring new places I have never seen, and of course some amazing food! I am very lucky to have gotten this amazing opportunity! I hope you all had an awesome beginning of school and you

have a great school year. Make many new memories this year in school and in Rainbow! I hope to see all of you very soon!

In Rainbow Love,

Grand Worthy Advisor Kayleigh



Hamilton Assembly #2 and Garden City Assembly #55 cordially invite all MT Rainbow Girls and Pledges to the 2016 Fall Fling:

Where?

Townsend Lodge, Townsend, MT. (Last chance ever to see this lodge!)

When?

October 22-23, 2016

Registration will be from 12:30pm to 1:00pm. Many fun activities are being planned. A presentation about the Grand Service Project, Make A Wish Foundation will be made.

There will be discussions on the Grand Representative program, service project and just for fun activities. More details to come!

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Carol Huston, SD

Our Rainbow Ancestors

This year's theme for Grand Assembly is "Orient With Rainbow" and centers around the movie "Mulan". I'm sure you all have seen the movie and are very familiar with the major characters in it. I'd like you to think for a moment about some of the characters who are more in the background guiding Mulan as she faces many challenges. Mulan received guidance from her ancestors who had generations of experience and wisdom to draw upon. So it is with Rainbow. Have you ever thought about the years of experience and Rainbow knowledge brought to our present day Rainbow Girls by all of the "old" Rainbow Girls that continue to work with us today? These Rainbow Alumni not only have knowledge of Rainbow from years and years of seeing and doing Rainbow ritual work, planning functions and participating in Rainbow events, but also have the wisdom that is gained through life experiences. The Rainbow lessons they learned as young Rainbow Girls have helped them throughout their lives and through many of life's experiences. They truly understand the slogan "Rainbow gets Girls Ready for Life." I have shared many of my experiences with you through my newsletter articles which have demonstrated how Rainbow has affected and continues to affect my life. Rainbow will have this impact on your life too many times in ways you can't even begin to imagine now. Listen and watch your Rainbow mentors, you can learn much from them.

I have added a special feature to our newsletters for this year based on our Rainbow Ancestors. Each newsletter will feature a picture of a Rainbow Alumni along with a few clues to her identity. The clues will provide basic information and with a little research on your own you can probably figure out who the featured Rainbow Girl is. Send your guess to me at chuston45@aol.com or text it to me at 406-459-2564. I will keep track of everyone's guesses. The identity of the girl featured will be revealed in the next newsletter along with a "new" Ancestor picture to submit a guess on. Girls submitting correct guesses will earn an ancient Chinese coin which can be redeemed at the "Pot of Gold" sales room at Grand Assembly. Anyone is welcome to submit guesses, only the girls will earn the coins. All pictures will be of people you will have come into contact with at our Flings or Grand Assemblies. I hope that this will not only be fun but help us learn a little more about our Rainbow Family. Check out our "Ancestor Archives" and send me your guess. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mama Huston



Attention all girls who were able to visit another Rainbow jurisdiction over the summer! Please come to Fall Fling prepared to tell us all about your travels and experiences. We can't wait to hear all about your adventure!



Ann Steward, State MA

Wow...summer has flown by. After Grand Assembly I had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge in Helena, saying the Pledge of Allegiance in unison was memorable. I met "shirt tail" relatives of Mama Huston and made new friends. My next stop took me to Supreme Assembly in Providence, Rhode Island. Once again, I met many new friends and was able to catch up with our sisters from Michigan and Washington. The floor work was amazing! I am proud of Kayleigh, Jessica, and Kennidi, they did a wonderful job. I would highly recommend attending Supreme Assembly. We are fortunate to have 2020 Supreme Assembly in the "west"; hopefully you and your assembly can start planning for this adventure. I believe we should all take advantage of sharing our Montana Rainbow love where ever and whenever we travel. Please make a new friend today.

MMRS FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Fundraiser from Miss MT Rainbow Service Kennidi:

This year the state wide fund raiser for Make a Wish Foundation will be Gifts in a Jar/Bag. The items we will be selling include 2 main dishes, 2 cookie jars, 2 dip mixes in a bag and 2 drinks in a bag.

At this time assemblies can take pre-orders, which we will assemble at Fall Fling. For further orders, each assembly will have a copy of how to put them together. These make great gifts for family and friends at Christmas time!

Use the attached order form at the end of the newsletter to sell these gifts. Please have all money collected written to your local assembly. Please make 1 check out from your local assembly for all money raised by the 15th of May.





Kennidi MMRS

Hello and welcome to the first of many exciting episodes of Postcards from Rainbow Service, Kennidi reporting! Hope everyone had a fun filled but restful summer! I can't wait to hear all about your adventures at Fall Flíng! My first Postcard stop after Grand Assembly was to give a tribute to the Rainbow Flag at the Montana Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star in Kalispell. On the way home, there was a tremendous storm which produced a brilliant double rainbow afterwards. What a sight!



The next Postcard stop was the big one Supreme Assembly 2016! I participated in the jurisdictional skit, met girls from tons of other states, learned all of the uniqueness of every state, and even other countries! I can't wait to tell you all about the wonderful experience! I learned the true meaning of "Rainbow is a Rhapsody: Listen to the Parts, Listen with Your Heart" from Mrs. Moody's Supreme Assembly. Thank you for the generous support of all the sponsors and the Grand Executive Committee for the wonderful experience!



More Postcards are on their way as we get closer to Fall Flíng! Speaking of, I have many great things planned for Fall Flíng, but one of the major projects is my fundraising project! We will be selling Gifts in a Jar/Bag and putting some of them together at Fall Flíng, among other exciting things! I hope to see you all at Fall Flíng with more postcards and stories to share!

Grand Representative Program Update



Heidi Elwood Grand Rep Advisor

Hello! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and you all are looking forward to Fall Flíng. I know I am!

At the Mother Advisors' meeting, we received a lot of good feedback about what is working in the Grand Rep program and things that would be helpful. One of the questions was 'What do you want us to do? Really spell it out.' So I am asking that everyone aim for the same goals in contacting their counterparts. Following is what I am asking each of you--either individually or as an Assembly--to do.

October--You will receive your commissions at Fall Flíng. Please send a "starter letter" to your counterpart. The expectation is an introduction letter is written and mailed. Please include a Facebook invite to find the MT IORG page, website info, and Grand Assembly information for the coming year. The goal this month is to make a real attempt to contact the counterpart and to have counterparts "friended" on FB.

November--Holiday letters and cards are mailed. 'Tis the season!

January--A third letter has gone out. The goal for this month is a real back and forth interaction has occurred. Who doesn't love getting snail mail? I am hoping that your counterpart has sent you a letter, that you have emailed, or chatted somehow.

March--Spring Flíng. At Spring Flíng, we will have Grand Rep reports, skits, power point presentations, or whatever creative way you or your assembly wants to tell Montana Rainbow about your counterparts and jurisdictions. The intention is for all of us to get to enjoy hearing about Rainbow and to take the pressure off of having everything due at Grand Assembly. I'm hoping this will be the start of a new tradition for Montana Rainbow and something we can enjoy.

May--at this point, things should be winding down. There maybe last minute connections for our out-of-state visitors.

The short version--3 letters, a new Facebook friend, and a presentation. And everything lines up with the newsletter. So I will be sending out newsletter reminders. You won't even have to write this all down.



And now for the Grand Representative Regions!

The **Red** Region is assigned to **Hardin Assembly** for the coming year. The jurisdictions are WA-ID, Alaska, Nebraska, North-South Dakota, Oregon, Australia-New South Wales, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Maryland.

The **Orange** Region is assigned to **Great Falls and Helena Assemblies**. The jurisdictions are California, Illinois, Iowa-Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, Australia-Queensland, Arkansas, Bolivia

The **Yellow** Region is assigned to **Bozeman Assembly**. The jurisdictions are Canada, Michigan, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Brazil-Sao Paulo, and New Mexico.

The **Green** Region is assigned to **Garden City Assembly**. The jurisdictions are Arizona, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Colorado, Texas, and Aruba.

The **Blue** Region is assigned to **Hamilton Assembly**. The jurisdictions are Nevada, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Philippines, and Pennsylvania.

Another new item--we set up an email account for Grand Rep inquiries from other jurisdictions. mrainbowreps@gmail.com

See you at Fall Flíng!



Ancestor Archives

Can you name your Rainbow Ancestor? Send your guess to Mrs. Huston at chuston45@aol.com or text to 406-459-2564.



This young lady was crowned as Worthy Advisor of her local Assembly #21 in 1984. She served Montana as a Grand Officer and has remained active in Rainbow as an adult. She has two daughters who also joined Rainbow and served as Worthy Advisors and as Grand Officers. Can you guess who this very devoted Rainbow Alumni is?

Send your guess to Mama Huston at chuston45@aol.com or text to 406-459-2564. Be sure to include your name so you will get credit. Her identity will be revealed in the November newsletter.

Rainbow Disaster Relief Fund

Did you know that the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls has a fund set aside to help Rainbow Girls affected by disasters? Any Rainbow Girl can apply for assistance from this fund. The request is referred to the Disaster Relief Committee of Supreme Assembly and then acted upon. Last year there were three requests for relief from this fund. The first was from California where two Rainbow sisters lost everything in the Valley Lake fire. The oldest was preparing for her installation as Worthy Advisor and was in the process of making her installation dress. Her installation had to be postponed in order to give the family time to regroup and recover from the disaster. Even amid their loss, four days after the fire the family was baking cookies and making treats for the firefighters. The Rainbow Disaster Relief fund helped with items needed for installation preparations.

The second request came from Tacloban Assembly #19 in the Philippines. The Lodge was destroyed by floods as a result of a tidal wave in 2013. The Lodge was rebuilt and the Assembly was trying to gather paraphernalia to replace items lost in the disaster. Assembly items including the Alter bible, Initiatory Bible, small Bible for the Pot of Gold, Officer Jewels, station ribbons and Alter Jewel were purchased by the Disaster Relief fund and sent to the Assembly. The jurisdiction of Alabama even sent them a signet.

The third request came from a Rainbow Girl in South Carolina who lost everything in a flood. The girl's family lost their cars, had extensive damage to their home and she lost all of her Rainbow books and materials as well as formals, shoes and clothes for meetings. The Relief fund helped replace some of these items.

This year as we begin a new Rainbow Supreme term there are already many disasters looming; hurricanes and tropical storms on the east coast, fires in the west, tornados in the Midwest and an earthquake in Italy. The Disaster Relief Committee is anticipating requests for assistance because of these events and has reached out to all Rainbow jurisdictions for assistance. The committee has asked each jurisdiction to make a donation to the Disaster Relief fund (suggested donation of \$100 per jurisdiction). In Montana, that would mean a donation of \$20-\$25 from each Assembly to help your Rainbow Sisters. If your Assembly wishes to participate in this project, send your donation to Mama Huston at PO Box 1032, Glendive, MT 59330. We will pool all donations received by October 15 and send one check from the Montana jurisdiction. Please be sure to indicate on your check that it is for the Disaster Relief Fund. Maybe you could designate a coin march to benefit this fund or donate a portion of the proceeds from a special project. There are lots of ways funds can be generated to help this cause. Remember, this fund is there for any Rainbow Girl to apply for assistance. If you are faced with a disastrous situation or know of a Rainbow Sister who is, contact me about applying for assistance.

Mama Huston

PS; A great big THANK YOU to Great Falls Faith Assembly #3 and Billings Jewel Assembly #24 for sending donations already!

Assembly News

Hamilton #2

Hamilton Assembly #2 has had a very busy summer with fun activities and service projects.

Right after Grand Assembly some of our girls helped Garden City Assembly serve lemonade at the Travel's Rest Celebration in Lolo, MT in June. The Celebration was to commemorate the Lewis & Clark expedition through the Bitterroot Valley.

Our Assembly set up a table in Hamilton for Daly Days. They talked about Rainbow and sold raffle tickets for a quilt to help raise money for the Trip to Supreme. A past Grand Representative to MT from CA stopped by to chat. She is now living in Missoula!

After the Daly Days, the girls headed up to Lake Como for the annual Founder's Day camp out. Garden City Assembly girls and a couple of prospects joined us. Girls played games, swam and chatted. After breakfast & breaking camp, everyone went swimming again.

Hamilton Rainbow girls helped Garden City Rainbow girls sell corn on the cob at the Missoula fair. The camaraderie really helped the time go by quickly! After selling a few more raffle tickets on the quilt, the drawing was held. Congratulations to Carla Hansen, a Hamilton resident who bought a number of tickets at Daly Days.

The Hamilton girls also worked some shifts at the Shriner's food booth at the fair. Their help was greatly appreciated!

School has started and the first meeting of the term was held where a petition was received and read. Everyone is excited to have for a great year with new prospects!



(The rainbow was taken in Lolo after a big storm) Message: Take time to stop and appreciate the wonders God sends our way.



Kaylee & Lily at the 'Dead animal petting zoo' at the Traveler's rest in Lolo.



Hamilton & Missoula girls at Lake Como campground



Girls having fun swimming in Lake Como



Hamilton girls selling quilt raffle tickets at Daly Days



Lily, Kennidi & Kaylee at Daly Days



fun & games in the dark at Founder's Day camp out.



kids working the corn booth at the Missoula Fair



Carla- the lucky winner of the quilt.

Great Falls Faith #3

Our girls represented Rainbow beautifully in the 4th of July parade! We continue to serve breakfast to the Masons on the 1st Saturday of each month and we will be having a Halloween prospect party on Oct. 29! Feel free to join us if you're in the area!

Rainbow Love, Great Falls Faith Assembly #3



Helena #7

Happenings at Helena Assembly No. 7

The summer flew by! June found us at the Relay for Life held at Carroll College. Were we ever surprised (and pleased) to receive a certificate of appreciation from the Relay for Life coordinator. Preparing, placing, lighting, and cleaning up the luminaries for the Relay is a lot of work and is rewarding.

We mostly vacationed through July, letting Miss Rauser take off for Supreme Assembly in Rhode Island. She had a lot of fun, especially on the Lighthouse Cruise. Mrs. Lorenz invited us to what she calls her cabin, but Miss Rauser calls the Lorenz Lake Lodge, on Lake Hauser for our Founder's Day picnic. It was a rainy, Eeyore kind of day, but that didn't stop some of us from getting in the water for awhile. We are Montanans!

We have several activities for Fall. We are planning for a table-top tree at Festival of Trees, where the theme is Vintage Christmas Market. That goes well with the Grand Assembly theme element of ancestors. We are excited about Fall Fling, our annual cookie/fudge sale, participating in the MMRS fund raiser, and looking to initiate two girls (YAY!)



The Helena Assembly #7, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Rainbow Pledges react as they receive a certificate of appreciation from the American Cancer Society at Nelson Stadium on Friday.

Bozeman #21

Greetings from Bozeman!

It is amazing how quickly time goes by. It seems like just yesterday we were installing Abby as WA and a new corps of officers and then enjoying everyone's company at Grand Assembly. We were so pleased to be able to welcome EmmaJo into our Assembly. We want to thank each one of you for making Grand Assembly very memorable.

We had a summer filled with travel. Right after Grand Assembly some of our members travelled to Kalispell to participate in Grand Chapter's opening and then to Helena for Grand Lodge's opening. Some of our members were able to attend WA/ID's Grand Assembly in Yakima, WA. What a special trip! Our travels were completed with our unforgettable trip to Supreme Assembly in Rhode Island. Many special Rainbow memories were made by Bozeman Assembly members this summer!

After our travels, we were able to participate in the Manhattan Potato Festival parade. Thanks, once again, to the Prescotts for the use of their car. We had fun walking the parade route and handing out candy to all of the kids.

We celebrated Founder's Day with a bowling party. We even got Miss Patti to bowl a game! Everyone was thoroughly entertained.

Our fundraising season started a little later than usual, but we were able to sell our sweet treats at Belgrade's Fall Festival. It was a beautiful fall day.

We are back in the swing of things with our meetings and events. Our next meeting will include a self-defense class. We all benefit from these lessons. Hopefully, we will never have to use these skills, but it's good knowing we can take measures to keep ourselves safe. Thanks to Mr. Peck for his instruction.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Fling. Safe travels!





Hardin #33

Hardin Assembly #33 is getting back onto the groove of things. To kick off a new term, Shealee was installed as WA at our first meeting/Installation of Officers on Sept 11. Her term service is Erin's Hope Project, an organization founded to help provide trips and adventures for children suffering from life threatening illness. Her theme is Victorian with hydrangea flowers, birds, and her motto: 'Do not tell me the sky is the limit' when there are foot prints on the moon. We will be hosting a Victorian Tea Party in Miles City as a fundraiser.

Lookin' back on the memories of, oh wait that's a George Strait song, oh well. Summer went by in its usual fastness! We served ice cream at the Hardin KOA every night the entire summer. Many scoops of ice cream were dished up, money was made, but our greatest memory was making new friends and meeting so many people who were part of our Masonic Family.

Grand was fun! Making the road trip to Bozeman and participating in meetings, games galore, and making lots of new friends.

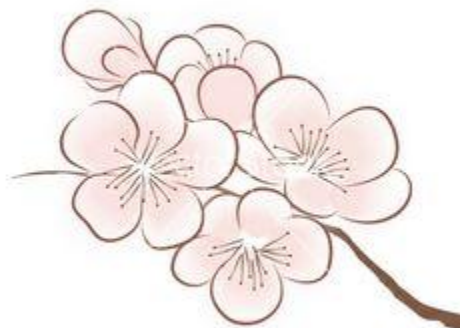
Our entry in the Little Big Horn Days featured girls riding on the Flamm's little car named Mitzie! And speaking of little cars, Maddie and Macie (MT Grand Rep to WA/ID) traveled to Yakima, WA in their Mother's new little car, to attend their Grand Assembly. Who do they run into along the way, The Widows Sons Masonic Riders, and just had to take a picture with them!!! Macie gave a wonderful welcome on behalf of Montana Rainbow and had the opportunity to witness the announcement of the new Grand Rep to MT in WA/ID! They had a most memorable trip, and I'm sure will have a great report to bring you all at Grand Assembly in June 2017.

Our Past Worthy Advisor, Ashtin, traveled to California to the National Search Dog Foundation to present a check for funds we had been raising for her term project. She was given a tour most people aren't allowed to go on, in appreciation for her efforts and donation.

We are currently working on a Fall Décor item to be donated to the Helping Hands Food Bank for their annual Harvest Hoedown fundraiser auction.

Our Annual Cancer Walk is Oct 15, 2016! Entry fee is \$20 which includes a T-Shirt and begins at 8:30 a.m. Come join us! We'd love to have you! I can send entry forms to you if you let me know!

Happy Fall Ya'll!
Hardin Rainbow Assembly #33





Garden City #55

Grand Assembly marked the start of Garden City's summer. It was a great year at Grand and we all came back to Missoula sleep deprived but happy. We celebrated Founder's Day with Hamilton. Camping and swimming at Como Lake.

"I am an R. I am an R-a-i-n-b-o-w Girl...." If you heard this at the Western Montana Fair this year you were near the corn booth. Our pledges, friends of members, and members from Garden City and Hamilton Assemblies had a great time selling corn and German sausages. We ran out of corn almost every night and had to switch to Polish sausages when our supplier ran out of German sausages. The adults were very impressed with the girls' great attitude and how much fun they were! Several friends decided that hanging out with the girls was so much fun, they want to be Rainbow Girls too!



Montana Rainbow Girls

Thank you for your generous donation to Girls for a Change - your support helps us continue to create leadership opportunities for Montana girls and we are so appreciative of all that you've done!

Thank You Again!
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Gifts in a Jar/Bag Fundraiser

Proceeds will go to the Make a Wish Foundation

Qty	product	unit price	total
	Multi-Bean Soup	\$12.00	
	Pleasing Pasta	\$12.00	
	Ranch Dip Mix	\$2.00	
	Veggie Dip Mix	\$2.00	
	Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Mix	\$12.00	
	Chocolate Chip Cookie Mix	\$12.00	
	Friendship Tea Mix	\$3.00	
	Peppermint Hot Chocolate Mix	\$3.00	

Total due:

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