

# Rainbow Chronicles

Montana Grand Assembly Newsletter  
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Hello everyone!!!

I'm so excited to be back with y'all during this fabulous month (even though March has just begun). Lately, I've been hard at work planning for Spring Fling and Grand Assembly, and I can't wait to share all of my excitement and ideas with you!

One of my highlights of this past couple of months was joining Garden City Assembly #55 shopping for some much needed supplies and cooking a big meal for the Ronald McDonald House. I had such a great time spending the day with the Girls and making some delicious food!

Since we last chatted, I've had the privilege of connecting with several Masonic groups in Missoula and officially inviting them to Grand Assembly. My first visit was to Electa Chapter No. 7 Order of Eastern Star, where I was met with such kindness and warmth—I truly enjoyed my time with them! Next, I had the opportunity to visit Immanuel Chapter No. 54 Order of Eastern Star, where I gave a short speech. Their generosity and welcoming spirit made my visit even more special.

I then stopped by Blue Lodge No. 13, where I shared a brief speech about Supreme Assembly and the many curveballs we faced that week. As part of my visit, I also presented them with a statue representing the three Masonic Youth Groups. Finally, my last visit was to Lodge No. 155—I was so excited to see their meeting space, and I was definitely not disappointed!

Their Lodge room was absolutely beautiful, and everyone there was incredibly kind and welcoming.



To close out the month, we presented the Ribbon Ceremony for Electa Chapter No. 7 Order of Eastern Star—a wonderful way to wrap up an exciting and meaningful few weeks!

Signing off with all the love in the world,

GWA Mikal

"Even the darkest night will end, and the sun will rise."

~ Les Misérables

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## A Word from Mama Huston

Happy Spring everyone! It won't be long before we are all together at Spring Fling in Virginia City. GWA Mikal has a fun fling planned with some special activities. We will also be working on a few things to help us prepare for Grand Assembly.

Our meeting in Virginia City will be a historical event because it will be the first Rainbow meeting ever held in the Virginia City Masonic Temple. It is always fun to meet in different places and the Masons of Virginia City will be there to give us a little history lesson on the Lodge building and the city of Virginia City. Thanks to State Rainbow Dad Chris Chaussee for coordinating this venture.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and catching up on what you've been doing since we last met at Fall Fling. I hope you can all make it to Fling. Until we meet again, remember to always "Be the Rainbow in someone else's cloud!"

Rainbow hugs,

Mama Huston



## MT State Mother Advisor Message



Rainbow Greetings,

With spring we step into another exciting season for service, sisterhood, and growth, I want to remind each of you about the incredible roles you play, not only in Rainbow but in the world. Like a great musical, our journey in Rainbow is full of melodies, harmonies, and moments that challenge us to step into the spotlight.

In the world of musical theater, every performer has a role, being center stage or working behind the scenes to make the magic happen. Each role is important, and together, they create something awesome. The same is true in Rainbow, whether you are an officer, a supporter, a mentor, or a new member just learning the script, your presence makes the performance complete.

And speaking of performances, let's take a moment to learn from some of the most graceful and independent performers of all—cats! Our feline friends remind us to be confident in our individuality, embrace curiosity, and never be afraid to leap toward our dreams. Just like in Rainbow, we must walk our own paths, support our sisters, and trust that no matter what, we will always land on our feet.

So as you continue your Rainbow journey, be proud of your rolls as a star and part of the ensemble. Lift your voice, shine your light, and never stop believing in the magic that happens when we work together.

In Rainbow Love and Service, Ms. Crystal, State Mother Advisor

## In Memory of Past State Rainbow Dad Bob Culbertson

Robert W. Culbertson, 70, of Billings, MT passed away on January 16, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born October 19, 1954, to H. Carl and Jean (Foos) Culbertson in Bellevue, Ohio. He was the youngest of three children. His dad was a civil engineer working on the initial freeway construction across the nation, so they moved around quite a bit, 13 times by the time he was 12 years old. Growing up he lived in several places in Ohio, Nebraska, New York, and finally ended up in California. He graduated from Las Lomas High School in 1972 and from Montana State University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree.



After college, Bob moved to Billings for his first job as an architect. He started attending First Presbyterian Church where he met and married Catherine (Cathy) Lauwers on May 12, 1984. They moved to Great Falls in 1986, where their first son Joshua was born. They moved to Missoula in 1988 for a year and then back to Billings, where their second son David was born.

Bob worked as an architect for 38 years for several firms in Billings, Great Falls and Missoula. He also worked briefly for Eagle Mount, Bed Bath and Beyond and Lowes Home Centers. When he found himself out of work in 2020 due to the pandemic, he traveled to Denver, CO to learn about becoming an Insurance Adjuster, which he did until he retired in October of 2023.

Bob was very involved at First Presbyterian Church teaching Sunday School and at the Wednesday after school program LOGOS. He also taught a variety of adult Sunday School classes and Bible studies over the years, in addition to a myriad of other jobs. He served on the Yellowstone Presbytery Higher Education Committee for seven years, the last 3 years as the Chairman; and was elected to the MSU Billings United Campus Ministries Board of Directors where he had been an active member for about the last 14 years, the last 8 as President of the Board. Other volunteer activities included serving at Eagle Mount Billings, starting as a member of an ad hoc committee which lead to (2) 3-year terms on the Board of Directors serving as a Committee Chair, Secretary, Vice President, and President. He took a hiatus from the Board to fill in as the interim Executive Director. He was deeply involved in the Masonic fraternity. He was a Past Master of Billings Lodge and a Past Patron of Billings Friendship Chapter. At the time of his death, he was the current Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Montana, Order of the Eastern Star. He also became involved with the local Rainbow Assembly and served as the state Rainbow Dad.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on April 11, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th Street West, Billings, MT. Interment will follow the service at the columbarium at First Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church.



# Spring Fling

March 22-23  
Masonic Lodge  
164 C St  
Virginia City, MT

RSVP by March 16th

[MissoulaRainbow@gmail.com](mailto:MissoulaRainbow@gmail.com)

## Tentative Schedule and Details

\$15 per person

please eat lunch before you arrive

12 pm - arrival and registration

### Saturday      Sunday

Regular Meeting  
Tour of the Lodge  
School of instruction  
initiation practice  
Dinner: Taco Bar  
Grand Dress Reveal  
Crafts and Games  
&  
JEC/GEC Meetings

Breakfast - Waffles  
or Pancakes,  
sausage links,  
cheesy potatoes  
finish crafts if  
needed  
clean up and  
depart

# MT State Rainbow Dad



Hello Rainbow Girls!

Well, it's that time a year when I need to put the hat on as Scholarship Chairman. We have three scholarships on our IORG website <https://mtiorg.org/index.php/resources/scholarships> -

The First is the **Bonny E. Fleshman Scholarship** - Applicants must have completed their Freshman year in an accredited college or university in, or near Montana and have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.75. Masonic affiliation of parents is NOT a prerequisite for this scholarship. This Scholarship must be received by **May 15th**.

The Second is the **Evelyne B. Johnson Scholarship** - Applicant must be a member of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior from a Montana high school. Applicants must demonstrate a high school GPA of 2.0 or higher. Selection is based on the following factors: financial need, participation in school, community, and church activities, long-term goals, and motivation. Applicants must plan to be enrolled in a degree program in an accredited post-secondary educational institution. This Scholarship must be received by **April 30th**.

The third is the **Southeastern Montana Scholarship** - Our newest Scholarship and most unique. All Past, Present and Majority Rainbow girls should definitely look at this one. Here are the requirements. This is an academic scholarship for Montana Rainbow Girls for furthering their education. Open to all: Present, past and majority Rainbow Girls. Purpose: To further education; all kinds, Trade School, Tech School, Educational Camps etc. An individual may only be awarded this Scholarship once. Amount determined yearly depending on funds and applications - not to be less than \$500.00. Selection process - Grand Executive Committee to review and award scholarships. This must be received by **April 30th**.

Any questions can be directed to [MTIorgScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:MTIorgScholarship@gmail.com) or send a text to 406-214-7674 and I will get back to you amazing Rainbow Girls as soon as possible. I would suggest texting to notify us that you have sent an email. A Past Rainbow Girl and Astronaut was quoted as saying *"Find what you are passionate about and pursue it. Keep your goals high and be prepared to work towards them. Do not limit your dreams, make education your priority and make sure to stay connected to your community through service work."*

I personally believe in all of you and know how astounding you all are. You really can do anything, if you just put your mind to it and work hard. These scholarships can help open the doors that might have seemed closed before.

See you all real soon!  
State Rainbow Dad  
Chris





## Jr. Executive Committee 24-25

Hello everyone! Hope everyone is doing well! Hope you are enjoying as much sun as we can get lately. This has been a crazy winter/almost spring. Spring Fling is right around the corner, and we look forward to seeing you all there. Should be a fun and exciting time.

Your JEC members are here to help! So please reach out if you have ideas or want to see new and different things we could use to promote our wonderful organization here in Montana.

In Rainbow Love,

Jennifer Chabotte and Jessica Griffith  
Jr. Executive Committee Liaisons



## Grand Representatives

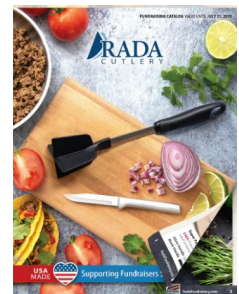
Send a note about what your assembly is planning in 2025 to your counterpart.  
Plan to share what you have found out about your Jurisdiction at Spring Fling!  
Don't forget to share pictures of your Rainbow activities!

*If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.*  
*Dee Hallock, Grand Representatives Advisor in Montana*  
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Now is the time to do some shopping & support Montana Rainbow Girls at the same time!  
It's easy! Just follow the link & shop!  
[Montana Radafundraising Link](#)

Proceeds go to Grand Assembly  
to help Rainbow Girls attend  
the Montana Masonic Youth Convention.





## March-IORG Promo/Challenge

Be Enthusiastic About Rainbow

Hello, March!

Let's have **FUN**, let's have **FUN** together. **FUN** & Creative Ways to Engage “*GO RAINBOW*” and “*SPARKLE*” our March IORG promo/challenge.

Let's make this **FUN, RAINBOW-FILLED**, and **SUCCESSFUL**! Here's how you can be part of it:

Step 1: Get Your Charm (\$5.00) & Tac Pin (\$5.00) – Celebrate your Rainbow journey with these exclusive keepsakes. Every purchase supports IORG.

Step 2: Show & Share – Snap a fun pic wearing your charm or tac pin and post it using **#RainbowAndSparkle** on social media. Tag your Rainbow sisters and challenge them to do the same.

Step 3: Sparkle & Earn – Encourage others to buy and help your Assembly shine.

Bonus **FUN** Idea: Host a Tac & Charm Swap Party – A **FUN** Rainbow Gathering. How it Works:

\*Bring a Charm or Tac Pin – Wear it proudly or bring extras to exchange.

\*Story Time – Share a special Rainbow memory connected to your charm or tac.

\*Photo Challenge – Take a **FUN** group pic and post it using **#RainbowAndSparkle**!

Pair up with a younger or newer member and share what Rainbow means to you. This keeps the event **FUN**, meaningful, and social while reinforcing sisterhood and connection.

Let's “*GO RAINBOW*”, “*SPARKLE*”, and make this a huge, **FUN**, March success!

In Rainbow Fun and Friendship,

**Carolyn York**

Supreme Worthy Advisor – IORG



Go Rainbow Flower Charm gp  
link to order (\$5.00 plus shipping)



Flower Sparkle Pin  
link to order (\$5.00 plus shipping)



## SA26 - IORG "Be Enthusiastic About Rainbow" B.E.A.R. Program

Over the next two years, (August 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026) every Rainbow girl and adult, will have the opportunity to "Be Enthusiastic About Rainbow" (B.E.A.R.) in a combined ritual, membership, community service, and fundraising; our SA26 focus - International Rainbow Temple & Capital Campaign -Phase 3, incentive program.

First, you will earn your BEAR pin when you have completed either a white heart charm for Membership or a gold heart charm for Ritual. The BEAR pin will be sent with the first heart charm awarded. Then move forward to earn the other three charms.

Our Supreme Worthy Advisor, Mrs. C, is excited to see all Rainbow girls and adults wearing their BEAR pin at all Assembly activities, especially at the "The Heart of Rainbow" SA26, in Tucson, Arizona on July 23, 2026 to July 27, 2026.

Good luck and "Be Enthusiastic About Rainbow." Mrs. Lynn Shoulders, Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Parliamentarian, IORG -Chair



Membership - White heart charm  
(earn 25 points)



Ritual - Gold heart charm 2024 - 2026  
(earn 25 points)



Fundraising: International Rainbow Temple - Blue heart charm  
(earn 25 dollars)



Community Service - Red heart charm  
(earn 100 hours)

To learn more about the BEAR pin and hearts,  
get the details from your Mother Advisor!



# HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Hamilton Assembly congratulates Lucy who was installed as Worthy Advisor in January. Majority members of DeMolay performed the special crowning ceremony.



Installing Officer: PGWA Karly Becker;  
Installing Marshall: Laura Arnold;  
WA: Lucy; Charity: Winter;  
Installing Recorder, Keli O'Loughlin;  
Installing Chaplain: Patricia White.



Our February planned activities were cancelled because of bad weather and illness. Safety is important!



Hamilton girls hosted a St Patty's Day prospect party. Bingo, M&M race, musical chairs and other games were played. The girls enjoyed themselves and look forward to participating in more Rainbow activities.



March 13, Rainbow girls provided cakes for a silent auction at the Ion-Lodge dinner before their Stated meeting and Official Visit. Funds raised are for the WA service project S.A.F.E. House in Hamilton.



Worshipful Grand Master Sam Whitehead & Worthy Advisor Lucy



# GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3

We had a February get together. The girls made hearts out of beads melted down. They also made shaving cream decorated cards for Valentine's Day.



# HELENA ASSEMBLY #7



We gathered on February 9 to make Valentine Creations for the Masonic Home residents. February 14 found us at the Masonic Home delivering our gifts. Thanks go to Ms. Connie (Home Administrator) for

giving the OK to visit. Also a big thank you to Corinne (Activities Director) for escorting us around the Home to make sure we found every resident. It was a good time and we really enjoyed visiting with residents and seeing all the treasures displayed in the Home. None of us thought to take pictures while we were there...next time.



We're busy working on proficiency and learning how to set up an Assembly Room. We've done it twice. MA Vickie, Miss Charla and Miss Dawnell directed us and gave explanations as we went. Even though none of our assemblies have a full corps of officers, we put the chairs in place for all offices. The second time was a little easier than the first. We've walked through the opening and closing ritual work with help from MA Vickie and Miss Dawnell. Just so you know, they both looked at the ritual, living ritual, and gold book A LOT.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at Spring Fling in Virginia City!!



# BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24

We are so thankful Spring is coming. Winter was challenging for our Assembly as we had several dear ones pass away.

Look For Me in Rainbows

Time for me to go now, I won't say  
goodbye; look for me in rainbows,  
way up in the sky.


In the morning sunrise, when all the world  
is new, just look for me and love me,  
as you know I loved you.

Time for me to go now, I won't say  
goodbye; look for me in rainbows,  
way up in the sky.

In the evening sunset, when all the world  
is through, just look for me and love  
me and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come  
and then, my loving arms will hold  
you when we meet again.

Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye.

Look for me in rainbows  shining in the sky.

Every waking moment, and all your  
whole life through just look for  
me and love me, as you know I  
love you. Just wish me to be  
near you, and I will be there with you.



By Grief Diaries

It is with great hope we look to the future and hope we make these special loved ones proud as we keep traveling our Rainbow path.



# GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Greetings from Garden City Assembly #55,



We've had a busy winter filled with lots of service. All of our girls and pledges met at Costco to go shopping for the Ronald McDonald house and Animeals here in Missoula. We had a fun shopping trip where we bought things to make some lasagna and cookies for dinner one night along with individually wrapped snacks and easy meals for them. We also took a quick trip to go pick up some cat food and toys for the cats at Animeals. We then took a quick trip over to the food court for some ice cream.

The next weekend we took all of our gifts for the Ronald McDonald house and made dinner with our pledges. We had a team on lasagna making and a team for baking cookies with, of course, a few stolen bites of cookie dough. At the end of the visit our pledges had a blast getting to clean the whole playroom for the kids staying there. We love every time we get to visit the Ronald McDonald house it's always such a treat.



Finally Grand Worthy Advisor Mikal and Grand Worthy Associate Advisor Dani went to an Eastern Star meeting and performed the Ribbon Ceremony for the members. It was such an honor to be invited to perform this for our sponsoring order and it was such a wonderful way to say thanks for all of their support of Rainbow.

We are so excited to see you all in Virginia City for Spring Fling and can't wait for all the fun activities planned!

In Rainbow love

Garden City Assembly #55 Assembly signing out!