

Rainbow Chronicles

Montana Grand Assembly Newsletter May 2020, Vol 5



Hey Everyone! It's was great to touch base with you on Zoom meeting! Check out our screen shot.

Check out the Grand Representative Challenge on pages 4-5 in this newsletter.

Montana Grand Assembly 2020

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New Pates August 7-9 2020 Hardin High School Commons Hardin Montana



Can't wait to see everyone at Grand Assembly! Keep an eye out for more info as we find out more!



Hi girls! Hope everyone is keeping busy throughout the quarantine. I don't know about you but the quarantine is kicking my butt! With homework, work and just trying to keep myself occupied, the days could not be going by any slower. I've been attempting to keep myself busy with things like painting, reorganizing my room, and catching up on some new Netflix shows. All though this quarantine was unexpected and not what



anyone wanted, I want to know what you guys have been up to. I hope everyone is staying safe and has found ways to keep themselves busy and made great use of all the time on our hands now! =Rainbow Love, MMRS Macie

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A Word from Mama Huston

You may have noticed the picture for this article has changed. Who is that masked woman? It's Mama Huston! This is what I look like every day at work now. We have to have our temperatures taken whenever we enter the hospital and whenever we are in the same work area as others (which is all day!)

Here we are with our final newsletter for the 2019-2020 term! What an eventful year we have had. I know that with the COVID19 restrictions it has been a strange time for everyone. I'm so proud of everyone for staying in touch and continuing to be of Service during this time in



spit of restrictions. Thanks to GWA Maddie for putting together our Zoom Spring Fling. It was fun to see everyone again.

As I said during our Zoom meeting, many of our Rainbow lessons apply to this time of social distancing and the spread of COVID19. How many of them can you think of that apply? The most obvious to me is Patriotism. This is probably one of the few times in our history that each of you has been able to contribute to furthering a national cause by your individual actions. Your participation in social distancing and practicing isolation has helped flatten the curve of the disease spread in Montana. It is a sacrifice to stay home and not go to school or see your friends but it has paid off in limiting the number of virus cases in Montana. Thank you for your part in accomplishing this!

Grand Assembly has been postponed and we are working hard and as fast as we can to reschedule it. Hopefully the number of COVID19 cases will continue to drop so that Montana can enter Phase 2 of the process and we will be able to meet. Stay in touch with your Mother Advisor for updates and more information. In the meantime, continue to prepare for Grand by learning your parts, selling those program ads and preparing silent auction items.

With hopes of seeing you all soon at Grand Assembly!

Mama Huston

STATE M.A. MESSAGE

Your mind is a garden



Your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers Or you can grow weeds



I saw this saying awhile ago and have placed it above my work computer. Any time I feel disappointed or upset I try and focus my thoughts to positive actions. These past weeks have tested me. My positive actions have been to clean and organize my sock, tank, and legging drawers. When the weather was warm enough, I cleaned the debris from the fence and around my trees. When I finished these tasks, I felt wonderfully optimistic. My hope is that you are finding positive actions to complete; maybe it's washing the dishes without being asked, sweeping the floors just because, or pulling weeds from the flower garden. Please take this time and find your helpful positive actions. I encourage you to share your results with us.

State MA Ann Steward



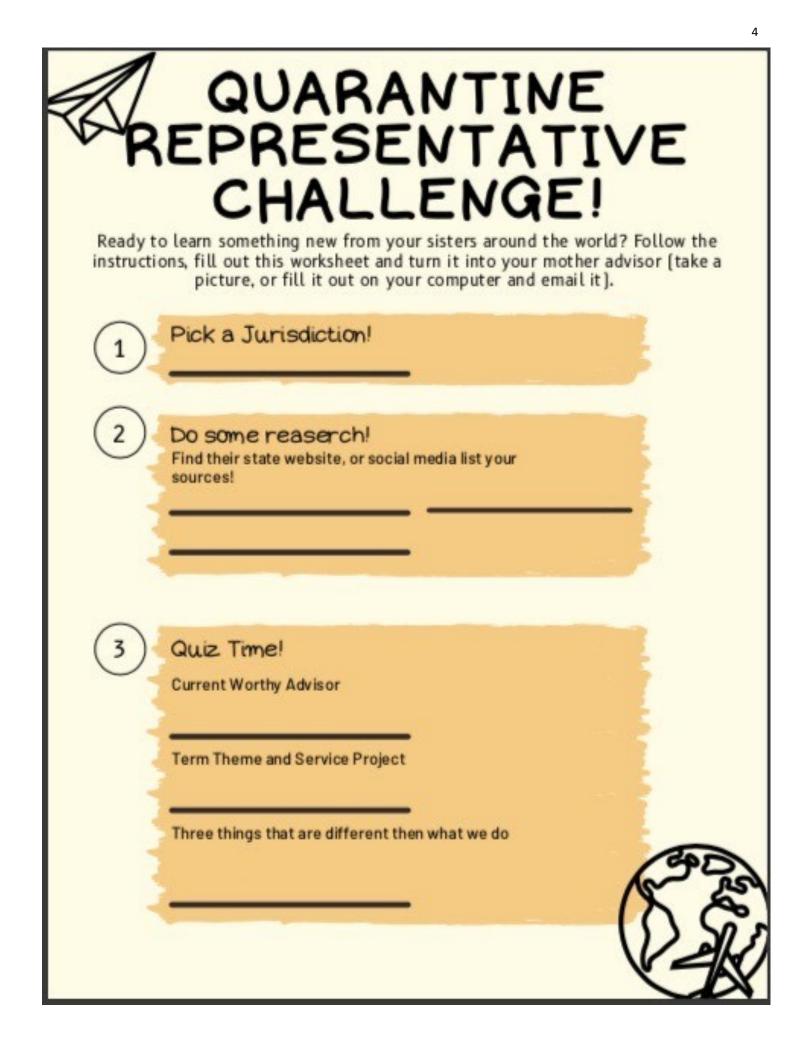
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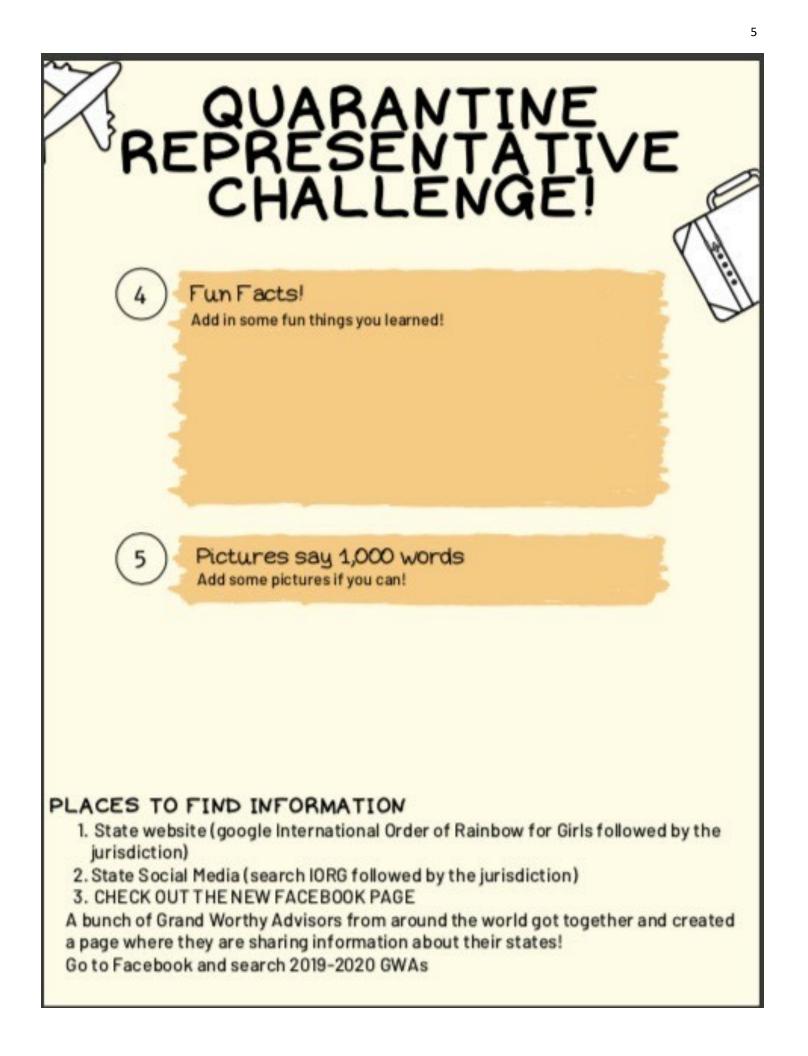
Hello everyone and greetings from the JEC!

I don't know about you, but I am anxious to get back in the assembly room and see all of your smiling faces. What a strange end to the year.

I have enjoyed the additional family time and some of my procrastinated projects are finally getting done. I hope that you are all taking advantage of the extra time on your hands to send a little uplifting note or card to your secret sister. Don't forget that you will be able to bring a little gift for her at Grand Assembly before the final reveal. The new Logo art ideas are fantastic and we should be voting virtually on them in just a couple of weeks. Are you excited for some new SWAG? I know the JEC can't wait to get their hands on some. This would be a great time for your assembly to pick out an inflatable mascot for Grand if you haven't already. Pool and lake floats are out in the stores. I am excited to see what everyone comes up with. Don't forget to keep in touch with your JEC members. We are so blessed in Montana to have a JEC with a direct voice to the Grand Executive Committee.

In Rainbow Love and Service, Crystal Sampson Jr. Executive Committee Liaison







Montana Rainbow

Polo Shirt

Size Small-XL \$18 XXL \$19

Total

Prepare for Supreme 2020

Montana's delegation attending Supreme 2020 will dress uniformly for attendance at sessions. Girls and adults attending are asked to wear the blue, Montana Rainbow polo shirt with either a khaki or navy skirt. Skirt length should fall below the knee. Gentlemen are asked to wear the polo shirt with slacks.

The order deadline for new shirts will be June 1. Please email Carol at <u>chuston45@aol.com</u>, if you intend to order a shirt.

Orders with money should be sent to:	Name	Size	Qty	Price
Carol Huston, SD				
314 W. Dodge St.				
Glendive, MT 59330				
There will be an additional charge for postage if shirts need to be mailed or Carol will bring them to Supreme Assembly if needed.				
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"Friendships Bloom Where Rainbow Is Planted" Membership and Service Incentive Program

I hope you are all keeping track of your service hours and are recruiting new members. Turn your hours in to your Mother Advisor so we can get the necklaces ordered. Be sure to start a new tracking sheet so you can earn more jewels. The last day to turn in service hours to Mrs. Huston is June 1!

Mama Huston



Dee Hallock is compiling scenic pictures for a slide show to be presented at the Supreme luncheon Montana is hosting in July 2020.Pictures may be from your backyard or travels around Montana.Be sure to include where the picture was taken.

Send pictures to <u>hallockrr55@outlook.com</u>

Grand Assembly Travel Fund Raffle

mana Rainbow Girls Rottle

Have you been selling your raffle tickets?? Girls, check with your Mother Advisor for tickets if you need more to sell.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Proceeds benefit the travel fund which will help Montana Rainbow attend Supreme 2020 in Reno, NV.

This year's fundraiser for our Travel fund is a mini-vacation package. We are raffling off a two night stay in the beautiful Flathead Valley at a 2 bedroom, one bath guest house. This accommodation sleeps 5 adults so bring the family and friends for a getaway. The guesthouse is only 30 minutes from Big Mountain ski resort and 90 minutes from the Logan Pass visitor center in Glacier Park. Also included is a \$50 gift certificate to the Buffalo Café & Nightly Grill in Whitefish. Dates of the stay are determined by the winner.

The winning ticket will be drawn at Grand Assembly 2020.



Ritual Competition Reminder! Grand Assembly Ritual competitions are:

CRose Lecture

CBDad lecture,

Confidential Observer opening and closing including floor work, and

CB Hope opening and closing, including opening & closing the Bible and floor work.



Get ready & Let's have lots of entries this year!

Zippered jewelry/make-up bags are still available. The single bags with the MT Rainbow patch is available in all colors of the Rainbow.



If you would like a personalized bags with 2 zippered pockets, \$15 each, get your order in & it will be ready by Spring Fling! Just fill out the order form below & send to :

email: <u>hallockrr55@ outlook.com</u>

Dee Hallock 767 Alvista Loop Hamilton, MT 59840

Bag type	Color	Quantity	Unit price	Total
Bag with MT patch			\$10	
Personalized bag:			\$15	
Name on bag:				
			Total order	



A good time to write that letter to your Grand Representative!

Find out what activities & service projects she is doing in her Rainbow Assembly



Don't forget to let your Rainbow Counterpart about the new dates for Grand Assembly August 7-9, 2020!

Grand Representative AppointmentsOlivia - CAClara - WA/IDHolly - NVMackensey - ND

Grand Representative Regions!

The Region is assigned to Billings Jewel #24 for the coming year. The jurisdictions are Alaska, Nebraska, Australia, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Maryland.

The Orange Region is assigned to Garden City Assembly #55. The jurisdictions are Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Arkansas, Bolivia

The Yellow Region is assigned to Hamilton Assembly #2 . The jurisdictions are Canada, Michigan, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, Colorado, Texas, Arizona.

The Green Region is assigned to Hardin Assembly #33. The Jurisdictions are Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Louisiana, New Mexico.

The Blue Region is assigned to Great Falls Assembly #3. The jurisdictions are New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Aruba, West Virginia.

The Indigo Region is assigned to Helena Assembly #7. The jurisdictions are Rhode Island, Nevada, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Brazil.

The Violet Region is assigned to Bozeman Assembly #21. The jurisdictions are Tennessee, Philippines, Mississippi, Pennsylvania and Oregon.



Another new item--we set up an email account for Grand Representatives inquiries from other jurisdictions. <u>mtrainbowreps@gmail.com</u>





Visit our shopping site at **www.gorainbow.org** to see our new **7 Color Rainbow Jewelry**. You can find them in the "New Items" category. We have a limited supply, so order yours now, they won't last long!

HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Before social distancing was in effect, Hamilton Assembly was able to get in some fundraising activities. In March, Friday the 13th was Bingo Night. The girls and adults who came had a lot of fun! The girls took turns calling numbers and everyone won at least one bingo game! We had so much fun we forgot to take pictures.

The next day, the girls served breakfast and lunch for a horse show, even though it was snowing and blowing. Only half of the people who were registered showed up. The event was inside but it was still very cold.





The following week-end we set up at a private arena for a horse clinic. It was sunny and warmer than the week-end before and the people were very nice. Setting up coffee and serving lunch was more of a service for the riders rather than a fundraiser since we didn't make much money, but people appreciated the coffee to help stay warm. While

waiting to serve lunch, the girls goofed around a bit.

All other plans for service & meetings were cancelled along with school sports, activities and classes.

Some of the girls tuned into the live feed of Rainbow Sunday Service. It was interesting.

Can't wait to see everyone at Grand Assembly in Hardin! Every one stay safe & stay healthy.



GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3

Hello from Great Falls!

Where we are all doing homework and playing in our yards. We hope this note finds you well.

In Rainbow Love

Faith #3







BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24



Greetings from Billings Jewel #24!

We hope you have all stayed safe and sane during these uncertain times. The Billings girls have worked to meet virtually several times and keep in contact. We feel blessed to have been able to share Rainbow Sunday with sisters across the country. It was a new experience to attend Spring Fling online but lovely to see familiar faces! Many of our

plans have been interrupted or altered but we are excitedly awaiting to chance to serve again.

Rainbow Love, Billings.

HELENA ASSEMBLY #7

Happenings from Helena Assembly #7

Happenings That Didn't, One That Did, and a Future Event

It's been very quiet since the last newsletter was issued and what we can share is what we had in the works...



We had planned on having a Facetime/Facetime-like meeting with GWA Maddie on March 22.

We had planned on having an amazing time at Spring Fling in Missoula March 28-29, giving the Contemporary Ritual its test drive.

We were planning to attend church together on April 6 for Rainbow Sunday.

We had planned to help Great Falls Faith Assembly with the Shrine Circus clean-up April 17-18. We do get another shot at that project as the circus was rescheduled to July 10-11.

We participated in, or watched later, the Grand Assembly Zoom meeting on April 26. Yes, this is the happening that happened.



We were going to plan another Pledge event for May 3, in conjunction with our annual Mexican Meal in May fund raiser (one of our repeat customers let Miss Rauser know she missed that amazing food this year).

We had been asked to help with a banquet after Algeria Shrine's Spring Ceremonial on May 16.

We were looking forward to Grand Assembly in June.....Now, we are looking forward to attending Grand Assembly in August and seeing everyone in person.

We are looking to the Future for a celebration of the Past with a Founder's Day; we hope that when that somewhat distant day arrives we won't have to be quite so distant from one another.

Rainbow Sparkles to one and all!



BOZEMAN ASSEMBLY #21

"Hello! It's Bozeman assembly again!

Sadly we haven't been meeting up with our mother advisor but it's okay because some of us are all in the same home! We met up with our other rainbow sisters with a zoom meeting, which was fun to see all their faces! So, what us girls have been doing while home is homework, family dinners, more family game nights, and working! Emma and Ashlyn have been working very hard with their school work and getting some sun when they can! They started embroidering small things around the house and they enjoy it!

Emma had a birthday pass by so we celebrated that! Brooklyn has been working at Taco Bell and keeping her social distance to be safe.

Right now, we celebrate Mother's Day by spending time with our mothers. We are excited for grand that is coming up! Can't wait to see you all!

Until next time! Bozeman assembly"



HARDIN ASSEMBLY #33

With these past seven weeks (and counting) of closure, I'm sure we have all found ourselves swimming through uncharted waters. The waters are rough most of the



time, perhaps leaving us feeling uneasy and unsure if we are doing enough for each other, our friends, family, and Rainbow. I found this quote to help us tread through the next phases:

"We have a chance to do something extraordinary. As we head out of this pandemic we can change the world. Create a world of love. A world where we are kind to each other. A world were we are kind no matter what class, race, sexual orientation, what religion or lack of or what job we have. A world we don't judge those at the food bank because that may be us if things were just slightly different. Let love and kindness be our roadmap."

— Johnny Corn

I would also like to take this time to congratulate our Worthy Advisor Anne Swisse for receiving the honor of achieving co-salutatorian for this year's Senior Class!! So proud of all her hard work and dedication ~



Remember to Cheer Loud, Shine Bright, Sparkle more!!!

GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Missoula girls have been helping support our community during this time in amazing ways, such as making masks and delivering masks. Girls have aided in grocery shopping for people at high risk and children in need. The girls have been communicating with an app called band, sharing ideas on ways to help and receiving updates on Rainbow news.



The girls have also been supporting our health care and essential workers by participating in the evening Missoula HOWL at 8 pm sharp every night. The girls continue to share their lives on social media, including pictures of prom dresses and times enjoyed with family.

Wishing everyone well from Garden City Assembly!