

Rainbow Chronicles

Montana Grand Assembly Newsletter
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Hello to all of my Rainbow Friends and Family!

It is so exciting to share our first newsletter of this year, and I am so excited to be a part of it in this way. We have some very fun events coming up, including Fall Fling! I cannot wait to see half of your faces!

I thought that we could even start doing something with this year's service project: Watson's Children Shelter. I am asking each girl to bring something from a list that I will send to the Mother Advisers and is provided on the last page in this newsletter. Something inexpensive and just one item. I will remind everyone that Watson asks for new items, not used.

I will also take this time to remind you all that we WILL be having initiation at Fall Fling, and I hope and expect everyone to be familiar with their parts. Fall fling will also consist of a Costume party and it is a REQUIREMENT to bring some form of a costume, which I will also remind your Mother Advisers. Be prepared to speak your parts, come dressed in costume and have fun! Can't wait to see you all soon!

In Rainbow Love,



GWA Hailey



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A Word from Mama Huston

As we embark on a new Rainbow year, I am filled with excitement and enthusiasm. It was so wonderful to be together again at Grand Assembly this past June. I was extremely proud of all of our girls for their adaptability and cooperation. The use of the COVID revised ritual work was carried off without a hitch and allowed us to welcome our new sisters with a full initiation. The Grand Officers carried out the work with such grace and perfection! I was also very proud of the fact that not once did we have to remind those in attendance to wear their masks or observe the precautions in place. Thank you all for your cooperation.



The coming year will hopefully find us closer to “normal.” While COVID is still in our midst and we must take precautions, I am hoping the restrictions will be fewer. I look forward to seeing all of you at Fall Fling in Billings on October 23-24. GWA Hailey has some fun activities planned and we will welcome a new sister with initiation. Your Mother Advisors will receive more details on these plans as they are worked out.

Mama Huston



Jr. Executive Committee 21-22

Greetings one and all! Happy September! I hope you all have had a great start to the school year. We have a month before Fall Fling and I hope to see you all there. It will be a fun time!

See you soon! In Rainbow Love,

Jennifer Chabotte

Jr. Executive Committee Liaison



MT State Mother Advisor Message



Rainbow Greetings,

We started the summer with a wonderful in-person Grand Assembly in Hamilton. Congratulations Kennidi on a successful year and Hailey on your installation as Grand Worthy Advisor. I had a wonderful and busy summer serving with our local Rainbow Girls out in the community. As always I am anxious for new Rainbow adventures and hearing about the recent and upcoming Rainbow events around Montana.

Fall Fling in Billings is right around the corner and I am so excited to see you all again. We will be having initiation and it's always exciting to add another Girl to our Rainbow Family. Be on the lookout for more information soon.



I would like to encourage each one of you to take the time to help, inspire and serve in your home towns. By being active leaders and visible in your communities you will create opportunities to help Rainbow grow.

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

A note from MT State Rainbow Dad

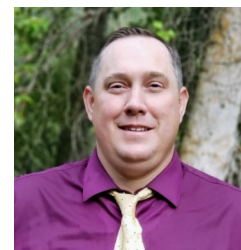
Hello Rainbow Girls,

It's been a little while since Grand Assembly in Hamilton and I know I can't wait to get back to some meetings and fun with you all. I know I had a busy summer. I helped with a Shrine Hospital fundraiser in July and worked a few shifts at a Big Top Circus in Hope's we can bring the Shrine Circus back to Missoula. But no matter what I did or where we went or what Masonic body I was representing, I was always representing the Rainbow Girls as your Montana State Rainbow Dad! I couldn't be more proud to be part of such an amazing group. You are all an inspiration to me, your selflessness and work ethic towards IORG and its charities is without rival in the Masonic Community. I also love to boast to my fellow masons about the outstanding floor work I get to witness during your meetings.

I can't wait to see you all again in Billings for Fall Fling. Till then, don't forget to have a little fun and "*Try and be a Rainbow in someone else's cloud*" Maya Angelou.

Always looking up towards the heavens,

Mr. Chris - Montana State Rainbow Dad





In Loving Memory

Past Supreme Worthy Advisor Cora Ellen Moody passed on August 8, 2021. She and her husband, Philip visited Montana Rainbow at Fall Fling 2015 held in Bannack. She and Philip enjoyed this experience & continued to comment on it for many years after.

Our prayers and sincere sympathy to Philip and family and to our Rainbow family in her home jurisdiction of Maine.

SWA Cora Ellen Moody; second from the right



Fall Fling 2015 in Bannack

SWA Cora Ellen Moody with her Montana Rainbow Girls and Pledges



Mrs. Nancy Hopkins, May 28, 1955-August 7, 2021

*Gone from our sight
But not from our hearts*

*When someone special touches our
hearts, they are never truly gone.
They are in our hearts forever.*

Mrs. Nancy Hopkins served Montana Rainbow as Supreme Deputy from 2010 to 2013. She also served many years as a board member and Mother Advisor of Bozeman Assembly #21. Mrs. Hopkins brought many changes to Montana Rainbow, always made with the benefit of the girls in mind. She instituted the positions of State Mother Advisor and State Rainbow Dad and revived the Junior Grand Executive Committee. Mrs. Hopkins developed the “Delegates Gathering” process for election of GWA and changed the voting process so that every Rainbow Girl who had completed their proficiency has a vote. These changes will forever reflect Mrs. Hopkin’s influence on Montana Rainbow.



Diane Sherick
June 10, 1942-August 13, 2021

Mrs. Diane Sherick served as Supreme Deputy of Montana from 2004 to 2010. Prior to her appointment as Supreme Deputy she served many years on the Grand Executive Committee. During her tenure as Supreme Deputy the concept of housing Grand Assembly activities and sleeping accommodations under one roof was established. This brought a new level of efficiency to the Grand Assembly schedules as it eliminated the need for traveling from hotels to the meeting location. Mrs. Sherick also implemented the practice of featuring ads in the Grand Assembly program book to help defray Grand Assembly expenses. “Auntie Diane” often expressed her pride in her Rainbow Girls with the comment that she was so proud “her buttons could burst.”

“Even though your body may die, You shall live forever...”

It's time to get started on communicating with your Grand Representatives!!

Grand Representative Regions!

The **Red** Region is assigned to **Helena Assembly #7**. The jurisdictions are Alaska, Nebraska, Australia, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Maryland.

The **Orange** Region is assigned to **Bozeman Assembly #21**. The jurisdictions are Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Arkansas.

The **Yellow** Region is assigned to **Billings Jewel #24**. The jurisdictions are Canada, Michigan, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, Colorado.

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

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

The **Indigo** Region is assigned to **Garden City Assembly #55**. The jurisdictions are Georgia, Rhode Island, Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Brazil.

The **Violet** Region is assigned to **Hamilton Assembly #2**. The jurisdictions are Tennessee, Philippines, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Oregon.

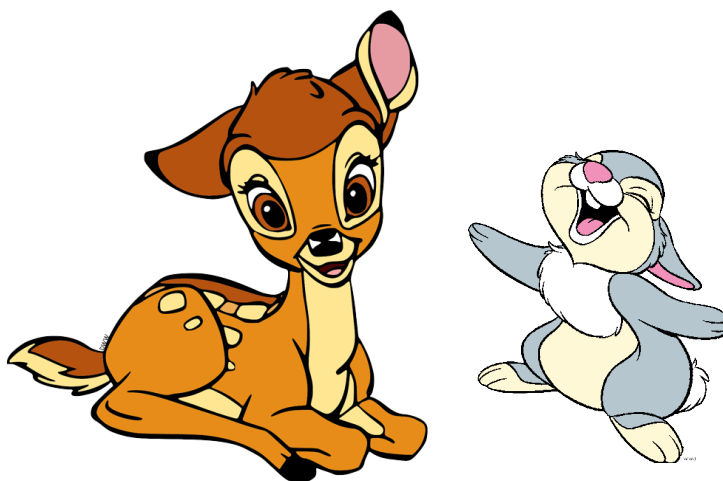
With many Grand Assemblies being held over the summer, commissions have been coming in. Check with your Mother Advisor for information on those Jurisdictions that have been received. Now is the time to introduce yourselves to your counterparts as an individual or as an assembly.

Please prepare to start sharing information you have received at Fall Fling in Billings!

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

Dee Hallock, Grand Representatives Advisor in Montana

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HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

After a busy summer of work and travel, Hamilton Rainbow Girls are ready to get busy with Rainbow service activities. The girls had an open meeting to include our Pledge girl, Kailey.

The girls planned several service projects in the coming month. They also discussed fundraising activities for the GWA's service project.



Everyone is looking forward to Fall Fling in Billings!



HELENA ASSEMBLY #7

It's been quiet in Helena. Our Founder's Day Observance was held mid-July. We met up on the walking mall and contributed to the local economy by purchasing ice cream treats at Big Dipper. Then we treated ourselves to a good ol' fashioned visit; a little hot to do much else that day. Our first Raindrop meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 12. There've been some changes to usage at the Consistory where we meet, so we have to make sure our paraphernalia and other belongings are properly secured. Hoping everyone's had a great summer and looking forward to Fall Fling in Missoula! Go Rainbow!



BOZEMAN ASSEMBLY #21

Bozeman Assembly is excited to announce that EmmaJo P has been selected as an All-American Cheerleader who will participate in a Pearl Harbor anniversary in Hawaii this December.

In August, we had a wonderful time at the Manhattan Fly In. There were so many cool air-planes. We sold COLD beverages as a fundraiser. Several folks stopped by and discussed Masonic relationships. Thank you to David Martinez for setting this up for us.

Hope school is going well for everyone else.



GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Greetings from Garden City Assembly #55!

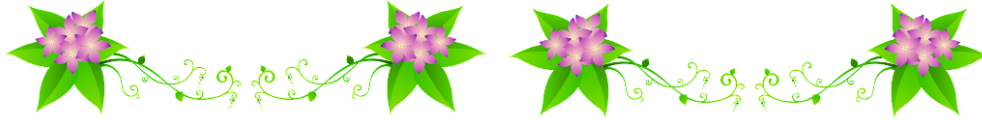
We had an amazing and eventful summer. Starting with serving dinner at the East/West Shrine scholarship dinner. We also served the new Grand Officers of the Order of Eastern Star a "Great Eggs-spectations" breakfast. Next we placed memorial markers on Masonic graves and we had DQ afterwards. We then hopped on the fun wagon and went to Grand 2020-21, where our very own Hailey C. got installed as Grand Worthy Advisor. It was an absolute blast! We volunteered at a local golf tournament to raise money for the Shrine hospital, and spent some time taking tickets at a circus in hopes to help bring the Shrine Circus back to Missoula. In August we had our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Western Montana Fair. We had to adapt to a new building and had so much fun selling corn on the cob. During September we raised money and joined the "Walk Out Of The Darkness" for suicide prevention. Finally, we had our Installation of Officers!

Laugh Long, Loud & Often,

Mikal Chaussee, WA

Garden City Assembly #55





Children's Watson Shelter: List of suggested items to donate

List for Watson's

Colored Binders : 1" , 1.5" , 2" , 3" , 3.5"

Kleenex

Hand Sanitizer

Clorox Wipes

Earbuds

Ear Phones

Sticky Notes

Note Cards

Spiral Notebook with Graph Paper

Thin Black Expo Dry Erase Markers

Multi Colored Highlighters

Children's toothpaste

Fun Patterned Girls T-Shirt Size : 4-16

Fun Patterned Boys T-Shirt Size : 4-5 / 12-14

Girl Pants Size : 4-5 / 6 - 7

Girl Lounge Pants Size : 8-16

Boy Pants Size : 4-5 / 6-7 / 8

Boy Lounge Pant Size : 4-16 / Adult sizes S,M,L

Girls Hoodies Size : 12-14

Girls / Boys T-Shirts & Pants size : 12-18month / 2t-3t

Girls / Boys Socks : For Toddlers

"Potty books" (for kids and parents to read together during potty training)

Video Baby Monitors

Portable changing mats

Bottles of different sizes with replaceable nipples / nipples of different shapes

furniture / tv straps for securing

Toddler utensils (spoon / fork / plate sets) nubby brand preferred

Diaper bags

Lock Boxes for medications

Receiving blankets (no large/puffy blankets please)

Baby sleep sacks

Co-sleepers

Baby monitor

Infant appropriate toys (soft books, rattles, teething rings, etc.)



Activity Passes

Examples would include AMC theaters, Westside Lanes, the HUB, Children's Museum Missoula, SpectrUM, Currents/Splash Montana, Montana Grizzly Football and Basketball games, Missoula Children's Theater productions, and other cultural experiences.

Gift Certificates

Gift certificates to Target, Wal-Mart, the Book Exchange, Gas Cards, Visa Gift Cards and Old Navy are an excellent way to ensure that we can provide appropriate clothing and care for every child who comes to the Shelter. We use these cards to purchase immediate needs for all of our programs.