

Rainbow Chronicles

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Hello to all of my Rainbow Friends and Family!

Hello all my rainbow friends and family! Welcome to one of the busiest times of the year! I apologize for the longer little 'check in' today, but so many good things are happening that I just need to talk about! Once we hit that time around Spring Fling, it's non-stop 'go' for us, between school, extra curriculars, and of course, our Masonic events.

Two weekends ago, Manhattan Sweet Briar Chapter #54 held their official visit for the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron, where the officers showed off their work, or basically initiation. The previous night, the Grand Officers for Montana Eastern Star had to do an exemplification of their work & initiation. Guess who was asked to be the walk-through candidate, and guess who had to do it two times in less than 24 hours?! I love my counterparts, WGM Jeannie and WGP John, so of course I said yes, but boy my feet hurt! At this point, I have even been 'initiated' 4 times into Eastern Star. My point to all this is, I am reminded of all the amazing work our Masonic Sponsors do, and how much they are willing to do it. These Eastern Star people are some of my favorite people I have ever met, and they support our organization so much. I consider them my family. Please take time out of our busy days, and find the time to thank a Mason, an Eastern Star member, a Shriner (etc.), for all that they do. We are the future of those organizations, and they realize that, so they give so much of their time, energy, and resources to be able to help us.

This weekend was our Spring Fling, our first 'normal' fling in two and a half years. The girls and I were so thankful to be with each other again, and be able to have a giant sleepover. I had so much fun participating in activities, such as Rainbow Jeopardy, the Masonic Museum in Helena, and Watson's service projects. We (Mama Huston did the PowerPoint) used the Supreme Proficiency questions to quiz our girls with some of our adult advisors, and most of them have been around long enough, or have been 'seasoned' enough that I had a hunch the adults absolutely whooped us, and once again underestimated Vickie Rauser (the biggest know-it-all I have ever met). Next we went to the Masonic Museum in Helena, which was one of the coolest things I've ever been to. The highlight was being able to find Meriwether Lewis's Masonic apron. For Watsons, we stuffed up some Easter Eggs and filled them with candy & quarters. Wendy White had surprised some of us with a suburban full of donations for Watson's, disinfectant wipes, school folders and notebooks. My family and I dropped them off on Monday. They were so shocked, and so grateful for us.

My favorite thing that happened this weekend however, was getting My Supreme Appointment... Acting Supreme Treasurer! I am so thankful for this opportunity, and I look forward to meeting my counterpart! So many good things have happened this weekend, and I want to thank every single one of you that are able to be a part of it. Hope to see you all soon!

In Rainbow love and Service,

GWA Haley

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A Word from Mama Huston

Thank you everyone for such a fun and productive Spring Fling. We had lots of fun and accomplished a lot while we were at it. I appreciate everyone attending giving their input on the discussion items we covered. I want Montana Rainbow and its Grand Assembly to reflect what our members want and in order to accomplish that I need your input.



Our tour to the Masonic Museum certainly helped me realize what a wonderful Masonic heritage we have in Montana. Masons were involved in many aspects of Montana history.

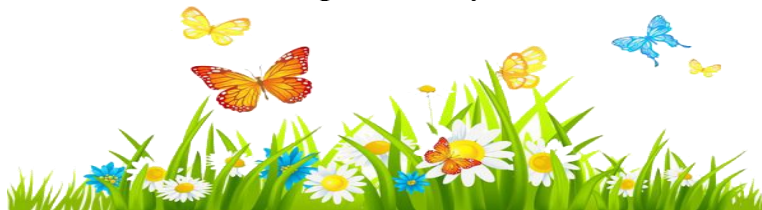
As Rainbow girls you have a chance to participate in Rainbow history. Plan to attend our celebration in October and be a part of that historic celebration. Encourage your friends to join and become a Rainbow Girl or Pledge during this special year. We will have a Pledge initiation at Grand Assembly thanks to the efforts of your Junior Executive Committee.

Enjoy our Spring weather and all of the wonderful changes that come with the season. See you soon at Grand Assembly.

Mama Huston

Spring, a lovely reminder of how beautiful

Change can truly be.



Jr. Executive Committee 21-22

Happy Almost Spring! I don't know about you but I am ready for Spring. It was so wonderful to see everyone at Spring Fling in Helena. I think it's safe to say that fun was had by all.

If you remember from Fall Fling, the topic of a Game Exchange was brought up where each Assembly can have a game night or party, then pass the game onto the next Assembly for their own game night or party. The games were passed out along with the process of how this will work to the JEC members who in turn gave them to the Mother Advisors at Spring Fling. Please see your JEC members or your Mother Advisors at your next meeting to get more details.

See you all in a couple of months at Grand Assembly!

In Rainbow Love,
Jennifer Chabotte, Jr. Executive Committee Liaison



MT State Mother Advisor Message



Greetings Rainbow Friends and Family,



Spring Fling is just around the corner and with that comes spring weather. I get so anxious to see the world turn from its dull winter browns and greys to the bright vibrant colors of the Rainbow. It's a great time to be back together with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

I was honored to attend Hamilton Assembly #2's Initiation on February 27th. Hamilton, with a little help from Grand Worthy Advisor Hailey and Garden City #55 did a beautiful job welcoming new sister Winter into their Rainbow family. Congratulations!

Grand Assembly is quickly approaching and registration has been sent out. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Grand Assembly is the perfect time for the Girls to make lasting friendships and the Parents and Masonic Bodies to show their support for the Montana Rainbow Girls. I hope to see many of you there. Along with registration, program ad sheets were sent. This is a great way for Girls and Assemblies to earn money towards Grand Assembly costs. If you would like to place an ad, please contact your nearest assembly.

"May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's always blue. And may happiness fill your heart each day your whole life through." ~ Irish Blessing.

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Ms. Crystal, SMS



Communicate with your **Grand Representatives!!**

Get ready to share any correspondence you had with your representative.

Grand Representative Reports Presentation format

Deadline for submitting your report is MAY 15, 2022! Options for your report:

1. Electronically: either a video or a PowerPoint presentation
2. Individual presentation- written report must be submitted.

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

Dee Hallock, Grand Representatives Advisor in Montana

hallockrr55@outlook.com



A note from MT State Rainbow Dad

Hello Rainbow Girls! Time is flying by this year. I can't believe it's March already. I am having so much fun this year. It was a blast and an honor to be able to be involved in Hamilton Assembly's Initiation. A big welcome to Winter! You Rainbow Girls are always inspiring and the initiation was amazing. Thank you for letting me give the Apron Lecture. It was nice to be able to share a little bit of Masonic Tradition. I can't wait to see you all again at Spring Fling in Helena, it should be a lot of fun, and at Grand in Missoula June 10th, 11th and 12th.



A little reminder, the Evelin B Johnson Memorial Scholarship applications are due by **March 18th**, for Rainbow Girls going from high school to college. (The website says April 30th, this is incorrect) and the Bonnie E Fleishman Scholarship is due by May 15th, for Rainbow Girls going from Freshman year to Sophomore year in college.



I can't wait to see you all again soon,

"When your life seems to move at a lightning pace and seems to never slow down. Don't forget to stand back and admire all the beautiful colors of the rainbow in all its wonder and beauty. "

State Rainbow Dad, Mr. Chris



Save the date!

Montana Rainbow Centennial Celebration

October 22, 2022

Join the celebration at our

Centennial Tea

Montana Rainbow will celebrate with a traditional tea held at the Historic Marysville General Store.

Come dressed as you would in 1922 and enjoy a traditional tea menu, local history, Montana Rainbow history, friends and Rainbow memories.



Ticket sales for our Centennial Tea are now available on line. The link to the page is :

<https://events.eventgroove.com/event/Montana-Rainbow-Centennial-Tea-59087>

MONTANA RAINBOW

2022 marks 100 years of Rainbow in Montana.

There will be a special event to celebrate our wonderful organization in October 2022.

As a part of the celebration, Grand Assembly is holding a raffle and tickets are available now.

Four great prizes to win:

- ❖ **Queen size Memory Quilt**
- ❖ **\$100 Cash**
- ❖ **7 Piece Rada Cutlery Starter set**
- ❖ **Original Oil painting**

Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5

Need not be present to win

To purchase tickets contact your local Rainbow Assembly, email chuston45@aol.com, or text 406-459-2564

SUPPORT MONTANA RAINBOW

TRAVEL FUND

Scenic Montana Cards

6 blank cards for \$5.00

20 different sets to choose from

To purchase card sets contact your local Rainbow Assembly, email chuston45@aol.com, or text 406-459-2564



SPRING FLING FUN!

Hosted by Helena #7 & Garden City #55



Girls enjoyed several ice breaker activities



Great Falls #3 brought a car load of goodies to donate to the Watson's Children's Shelter.

GWA Hailey was the MC for the Rainbow Jeopardy game!



Rainbows Girls enjoyed a walk to the Masonic Museum in Helena



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Hosted by Helena #7 & Garden City #55



On the walk back from the Museum, Mama Huston treated the girls to either ice cream or candy in downtown Helena. Thank You!



Sunday morning devotional was led by Kensey. Thank you for the inspiring message



Before saying goodbye, girls & adults stood still for a second or two for pictures.



HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Hamilton girls ended the month of January with Valentine card making. They added a Hershey's kiss or hug to the cards, which were delivered to Discovery Care Center in Hamilton.



February 27,

Hamilton Assembly was excited to welcome Winter, our newest member! A big thank you to GWA Hailey and Garden City Assembly for helping with the initiation ceremony.

Trinity gave the Rose Lecture, Mikal gave the Dad Talk, and our State Rainbow Dad, Chris Chaussee, gave the Masonic Apron Lecture. We were also excited about the many sideliners who were there to support our girls.



GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3

Great Falls assembly delivered a car load of office/school supplies for the Watson's Children's Shelter.



The candy at the Parrot in Helena was the best!



HELENA ASSEMBLY #7

Hello!

We hope everyone had a great time at Spring Fling! We had a great time helping host with Missoula Assembly, and it was wonderful to be able to see everyone in person!

Helena has been focusing on membership over the last few months, and in February hosted a game afternoon. One of our members, Clara was able to join us, and it was great to see her and everyone had a good visit!



Next month we plan on learning more about Rainbow in other parts of the country and the world as we work on getting prepared for Grand Assembly!



BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24

Hey there Rainbow Family! It was amazing to be able to see everybody at Spring Fling. We missed you so much!

Spring Fling was fun and packed full of activities! GWA Hailey's mascots finally have names; we decorated raffle bowls and filled Easter eggs with candy and coins for GWA Hailey's service project. On Sunday, Grand Chaplain gave us a moving Devotional (thank you again Kensey for sharing!). Before we said our goodbyes, we took some pictures of everybody on the staircase, laughing uproariously as we did so.

Billings Jewel has been quieter, but we have exciting news! We held Obligation for two girls, Jenna and Eriqua. Jenna has been waiting a long time so it was great to finally initiate her. Eriqua came to Spring Fling so everyone got to meet her and she had a blast!

We're looking forward to volunteering at Help for Homeless Pets again at the end of the month, and WA Tawny is busy making plans for California Grand Assembly in April as she is the Grand Representative to California. She is also excited about the rescheduled Grand Officer Retreat toward the end of April!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Rainbow Love,

Billings Jewel #24



GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Hello from Garden Assembly #55!



So many exciting and fun activities have happened since the last newsletter. In January and March we were asked to make and serve the Scottish Rite dinner before their meetings.



We served pot roast, vegetables with brownies and lasagna, roasted veggies with caramel cheese cake. In January we had an informative suicide prevention presentation given to us by Katie Levine from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

In February we had a Valentine treat potluck. We enjoyed our treats while making Valentine boxes for the Watson's Children's Shelter and stuffed them with candy and gift cards.



On February 27th we helped Hamilton with an initiation. Congratulations Winter!

We have had an absolute blast.

Peace, Love and Rainbow Wishes,

Garden City Assembly #55

Children's Watson Shelter:

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.)

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.

List of suggested items to donate

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,



Grand Assembly Program Ads

It's time to start selling Grand Assembly Program ads again! This year we are again offering **COLORED** ads. The prices will be as follows:

Full page ad (5"x8")	\$40
Half page ad (5" x 4")	\$25
Quarter page (2 ½" x 4")	\$15

There will be an additional \$5 charge per ad for printing in color

Colored ads are an option; black and white ads are still available

Remember, full page ads must be in "portrait" format to appear right side up in the book; "landscape" format will appear sideways

The seller will be credited with half of the price of the ad and the entire color fee will be paid to Grand Assembly to cover the cost of color printing.

Payment should be made to Grand Assembly for the entire cost of the ad and sent with the completed ad form. Ads received after the deadline will be considered a donation.

Send the order forms, payment, and business card or camera ready graphics to :

Carol Huston, SD
314 West Dodge St
Glendive, MT 59330

Digital graphics are preferred: email to chuston45@aol.com

Ads must be received by May 10 for inclusion in this
year's program book



Grand Assembly Program Ads

Ad sizes available:

Full page (5"x8") \$40

Half page (5" x 4") \$25

Quarter page (2 ½" x 4") \$15

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Ad size: _____ Cost _____

Color fee (\$5) _____

Total due: _____

Please make checks payable Montana Grand Assembly

***I purchased my ad from _____

(the bottom of this page serves as the receipt for the purchaser)

Thank you for your support of Montana Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Your ad will appear in our Grand Assembly Program book. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

Amount paid: _____ Date: _____

Type of ad purchased: _____

