# **Rainbow Chronicles**

Montana Grand Assembly Newsletter May 2022 ~ Volume 5





#### Hello to all of my Rainbow Friends and Family!

Hello everyone, and welcome to the last newsletter of this Grand year. My Grandmother had told me that this was probably going to be one of the most (stressful, but) quick years I will have the privilege to experience. There have been ups and downs, but I am so grateful to have been chosen to represent Montana as one of Rainbow's leaders.

I know this isn't my official goodbye, but this is the start of my 'last's'. There is so much happening behind the scenes that I don't think

you girls understand. I also have to say, I don't think there is a single adult, in any assembly, that has not helped me in some way or other. Mama Huston has been my savior this year, and we, myself included, would not have the Rainbow we have today in Montana without her. Even if I had to respond to an email every single day for the past year. Having a state title is fun, and I get a lot of the credit, but I do have to say it is mostly the adults, I have had help every step of the way (and no, they're not paying me to say this). There are too many individuals to thank, but I hope to give each and every one of you a thank you.

To Trinity, the incoming GWA, I could not have picked a better partner for the past year. I have not a single doubt for you in this upcoming year, I know you'll do just fabulous, and I'm so excited to see what this next year holds.

My newsletter article usually includes the next event, so that would very obviously be Grand. I am so excited to see you all (and if you ask my family, even more excited to get rid of all of those butterfly decorations in the kitchen). I look forward to sharing even more stories, memories, and maybe even a tear or two. This organization has had more of an impact than anyone will know.

To close out this last newsletter article, I will leave you with my chosen bible verse for this year. 'Do not let anyone treat you as if you are unimportant because you are young. Instead be an example to the believers with your words of action, love, faith and pure life.' Timothy, 4:12.

In Rainbow love and service, (for one of the last times)





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#### A Word from Mama Huston

After two previous, failed attempts, the Grand Officer's retreat finally happened! Thank you everyone for your patience in the planning, cancellations, and replanning. It was the first Grand Officer retreat held in many years and I think it will be a re-established tradition for us.

As I was driving home, I was thinking about the weekend and



how it fell on just the right weekend after all. (Remember Grand Chaplain Kensey's talk at Spring Fling about "God Winks"? I think this was one.) After cancelling twice because of schedule conflicts and bad weather and roads, we finally found a weekend in April that worked. It just happened to be the same weekend that Montana State University had scheduled the "Bobcat Pounce 5K" to benefit the Nancy L. Hopkins Educational Scholarship. This provided a great opportunity for Montana's Rainbow Girls to participate remotely in the "Pounce" and pay tribute to Mrs. Hopkins. Those attending the retreat took a walk down Helena's Last Chance Gulch with intermittent stops at sites pertaining to Mrs. Hopkins. Thank you to all those participating who arranged for their own sponsors for the walk. Some Grand Officers donated to the cause even though they were unable to attend the retreat. Thank you for your generosity. The walk resulted in a very nice donation to the scholarship fund. I know Mrs. Hopkins was smiling down on her Rainbow Girls that day.

After the "Bobcat Pounce" walk we enjoyed a hayride in the Helena Valley. Supper was at the ranch with a hot dog roast and s'mores, then back to the Consistory for a movie, time to hang out, and a slumber party. We tried to send everyone home with a smile on their face by feeding them Mickey Mouse waffles for breakfast.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Grand Assembly in Missoula. We'll have lots of fun and you can "Choose What Makes Your Heart Bloom!"



Mama Huston

#### Congratulations to the Winners of the Rose Lecture & Dad Talk

Jocelyn Vincent Tawny Wells winner of the Rose Lecture winner of the Dad Talk



These ladies will present their lecture after initiation at Grand Assembly

#### Grand Assembly is almost here!



In less than a month we will all be gathering in Missoula for Grand - Assembly. I'm sure you are all as excited as I am. A few things to be aware of in your preparations:

- We will NOT have COVID precautions in place, attendees are welcome to wear masks if they desire but masks will not be required
- Traditional floorwork will be used (including marches)
- Decture competitions are the Service initiation lecture and all three of Chaplain's prayers
- This year the hotel will allow us to do DOOR DECORATIONS, GWA Hailey will provide details in this newsletter
- <sup>(2)</sup>We will have a silent auction benefitting the Watson's Children's Shelter. Bring your Silent auction items to Grand.
- The Memorial Service this year will have special meaning with the loss of Past Supreme Deputies Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Sherick. Please work extra hard on your parts.
- Remember your dress for the "Wreck Your Dress" event. Something you don't want to use again because it will be wrecked!
- Pledges will be able to be initiated Saturday morning so they may want a little bit dressy dress for the event.
- GWA Hailey has asked the girls to wear either silver or white shoes and is not recommending heels.
- The modesty panels for the Grand appointment formals will be available at Grand Assembly. Be sure to get them picked up before Friday afternoon session.
- The hotel is allowing us to do door decorations. They have to be attached in a way that won't damage the doors. No personal information on them (location, name, age etc.) and GWA Hailey requests that they are based on the theme of her term.

I'm excited to see all of you in June at Grand Assembly.

Rainbow Love,

Mama Huston





## MT State Mother Advisor Message



Greetings Rainbow Friends and Family,



In just a few short weeks we will all be together in Missoula at Grand Assembly. I know that we are all so excited to be together once again, making friendships and lasting connections is such a huge part of Rainbow. It is so exciting to see the culmination of the year's work and perseverance come together and I am so proud of each and everyone of

the Girls.

This year's session, "Choose What Makes Your Heart Bloom" reminds me that to blossom like a flower is to thrive in life. Flowers grow and bloom in nature just as Rainbow Girls grow and progress in life. Be the flower in someone's life, bring joy to those around you and serve your community.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Grand Assembly,

Crystal Sampson, SMA





## 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:



 Electronically: either a video or a PowerPoint presentation
Individual presentation- written report must be submitted. *Thank you Kensey for getting your report turned in!*

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. Dee Hallock, Grand Representatives Advisor in Montana <u>hallockrr55@outlook.com</u>

#### A note from MT State Rainbow Dad

Hello Rainbow Girls!

Well its been a fun year. Thank you all for letting me be your State Rainbow Dad! Starting from Montana State Grand in Hamilton, it's been a busy and crazy ride. Helping with the Rainbow Girls Corn Booth at the Western Montana Fair and attending both Fall and

Spring Fling were a blast. It was nice to get to go to Great Falls and see and see a Shrine Circus again and stay in such a historic lodge. Last, getting to attend the Grand Officer retreat in Helena was a real treat. So thanks again! I can't wait to see you all at The Montana State Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly in Missoula this June!

Forever your Rainbow Dad! Mr. Chris



### Jr. Executive Committee 21-22

Hard to believe it's been almost a year since we began this term. I know GWA Hailey is looking forward to Grand Assembly as am I and we are going to have a fun session.

The JEC team has taken on a few tasks this year and are looking forward to their final project at Grand Assembly. We hope you all enjoy it!

See you all next month at Grand Assembly!



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

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Hi Mother Advisors & Advisory Boards,

I'm here to remind you to submit me annually, after your fiscal year closes.

If we don't see each other for 3 years in a row, Uncle Sam automatically ends our relationship and it takes <u>A</u> <u>LOT(!)</u> of work to get us back together when that happens.

Your Pal, 990-N



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.

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 <u>chuston45@aol.com</u>, 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 <u>chuston45@aol.com</u>, or text 406-459-2564

Some of the Grand Officers participated in the "Bobcat Pounce 5K" remotely, walking through downtown Helena on Saturday, April 23. The money raised went to benefit the Nancy L. Hopkins Educational Scholarship at MSU in Bozeman.







Girls stopped along the walk at points of interest in downtown Helena.

Thank you for helping out a worthy cause.







#### Grand Officers' Retreat



GWA Hailey treated her Grandies, then they played a quick game of Apples to Apples







Then girls headed out to the Bar Lazy H Percheron ranch for a hay ride, followed by roasted hot dogs § s'mores for supper. The fire was a good way to warm up after being in the cold wind.

The Percherons are big beautiful horses. Thank you to Mama Huston for providing the goodies!

After returning from the ranch girls enjoyed a movie with snacks before heading to bed.







# HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Hamilton Rainbow has been busy with activities, spring sports and service projects. Our newer members worked on their proficiency and will be ready for Grand Assembly. Thank you to Winter for doing a great job taking lunch orders.



To celebrate Rainbow Sunday, the girls had a birthday party! For a service project, they worked on May Day cards to give to the elder residents of Discovery Care Center.

On April 13, the Shriners held a dinner to honor the s tudent athletes & coach in the Bitterroot Valley who were selected to participate in the East/West Shrine game. Hamilton Rainbow did a great job serving the prime rib dinner to 50 guests! Thank you to Oni, Kaylee & Trinity for their hard work. They had fun.







On Saturday, the 23rd, girls served up food at the Bitterroot Buckle series Horse Show at the Big Sky Equestrian park in Missoula. The organizers really appreciated the concessions stand with sandwiches, beverages & other snacks.



### **GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3**

I would like to start off by saying "Thank You!!!" to all the girls and adults that came from both Helena and Missoula to help clean the stands after each Shrine circus performance!!! They endured the crazy weather to be here to support us and we truly appreciate it! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Also they were very welcoming and kind to my kiddos! They had such a blast getting to hang out with the with the Rainbow girls! Making memories I'm sure they'll never forget! I didn't get many pictures, but here are a few. It may have been a bit chilly, but the sleepover at the Masonic temple was a blast. The



girls enjoyed playing the piano, a pillow fight, and singing the Rainbow song. We also enjoyed a nice breakfast provided by the Rainbow board.

Overall just a great weekend !



Thanks again...

From the future rainbow girls from Great Falls



# BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24

Howdy Friends! It was lovely to have the opportunity to see some of you at Grand Officers' Retreat!



April was a busy, busy month.

First, WA Tawny and her hardworking mama had the honor of attending California's Grand Assembly! They were both in awe at the sheer amount of girls and their flawless performances. Not only were connections with the Californian girls made, but time with other states' girls were as well. These Montana ladies can't wait for next year's California Grand Assembly!







Just after returning from California, Tawny and her mother went to the Grand Officers' Retreat. After being delayed for months, Tawny was over the moon to be able to finally go. She thinks her favorite part was spending time with the girls during the hayride and Narnia movie that night.

We finally were able to do Obligation for our new Sister Grace! That's a total of 3 girls initiated so far in 2022.

To welcome the new month of May, Tawny and Sister Hope Jocelyn participated in Lecture Competitions. The ladies tried with all their might and it showed!

The assembly is hard at work figuring out and organizing fundraisers. We have a Rainbow shoe sale going now (check out the flyer in this newsletter) and then joining 2 massive garage sales in June. We'll have so much fun! Jocelyn was elected in as Billings Jewel's Charity. Congrats Jocie!

Grand Assembly is fast approaching and everyone is buzzing with anticipation, especially the new Sisters. We can't wait to see everyone there! Please be sure to welcome Miss Rosemarie (the California Representative to Montana 2023) as she will be attending our Grand with us!

Rainbow Love,



Billings Jewel #24



## **GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55**



Since the last time we all talked, our Assembly was able to travel to Great Falls for the Shrine Circus and help clean up between shows. We were ecstatic to spend time with some Rainbow Sisters and see the show. We even got to ride the amazing elephants!

The Grand Officers got to take a little trip to Helena for the Grand Officer Retreat. We participated in the Bobcat Pounce walk for Nancy Hopkins while on a scavenger hunt and some other fun activities. For breakfast we found out that

Hello from Garden City Assembly #55.



Momma Huston is a big Disney fan and she treated us to Mickey Waffles. Yum!

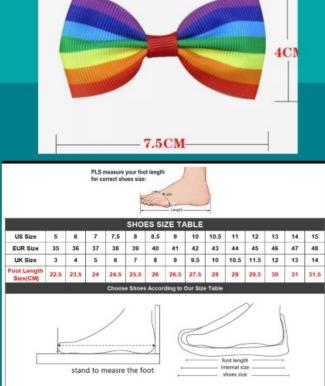
Back in Missoula we were honored to help serve dinner the East West Shrine Game participants and their families. We even got to help make the dessert, raspberry lemon pies.

In preparation for Grand Assembly we filmed our Assembly's Grand Representative report at Greenough Park. I won't ruin the surprise. You can see it at Grand Assembly.

Finally we made and served our last Scottish Rite dinner for the year. We are extremely excited for Grand and can't wait to see everyone in our home town! We wish you all a fabulous and funky day.

-Garden City Assembly #55 :)







Get your IORG shoes! Tennis High Tops Low Tops (no pic) \$50 a pair Add a splash of color with rainbow bows on alligator clips \$2.50 a piece Contact Ivy Wells to order or with questions Delivery at Grand Assembly or as needed Email azwells@hotmail.com Text 6026862290

### 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.)

#### 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, 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.

