

Rainbow Chronicles

Montana Grand Assembly Newsletter
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Hello and Happy November! I loved seeing all of you awesome ladies at Fall Fling! I hope you all had a great time.

Did everyone have a hoowooowling good time this Halloween? I sure did! Night time spooky movie viewing is always fun.

Veteran's Day will be this Friday- let's remember to be thankful for our freedoms and thank those in our lives who are veterans!

October blessed us with Fall Fling, and the Masonic Youth Conference was occurring at the same time, so we had the honor of joining them! Fall Fling was kicked off with the Youth Leadership Seminar with the Job's Daughters and DeMolay Boys joining the Rainbow Girls. I learned a lot from the seminar and I hope you all did as well. Afterward the Montana Rainbow Girls had the honor of meeting with the Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, who expanded on the seminar with his own helpful information.

Mama Huston, Don Matlock and I were guests at the Masonic Youth Convention banquet, and before dining I was invited to be part of a greeting lineup to welcome people as they came into the dining room. It was amazing being invited to something so great!

I gave remarks during their open session, and was soon joined by many of you lovely ladies to witness the rest of it! Mama Huston also announced our Assembly Awards, highlighting service projects, and helped spread the word about our wonderful organization. After sessions, we all danced the night away with the Jobbies and DeMolay Boys. It was so much fun!

Sunday morning, we named the Traveling Mascots, wrote letters to our Grand Representatives and Mama Huston presented a PowerPoint about this year's Grand Service Project: the Ronald McDonald House. After cleaning and locking up the building, it was time again to say our goodbyes to each other. I miss you ladies and I can't wait to see you again!

The next newsletter will be in 2024, can you believe it? Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, winter holiday, and fantastic New Year!

In Rainbow Love and Service, *GWA Tawny*

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A Word from Mama Huston

I have a challenge for Montana Rainbow girls and adults. I would like to see Montana Rainbow have more of a social media presence. Can you help us figure out how to do this? Perhaps a social media team with people focusing on our website, Facebook, Instagram.....

Girls, you tell me what reaches young ladies your age who might be interested in Rainbow. Would you be interested in helping to develop and working on this team? Please let me know. Mrs.

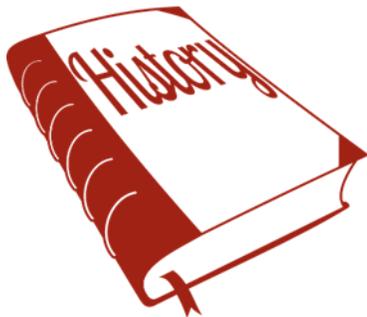
Dee Hallock has offered to take over the management of our website but we need people to contribute information to post. What about our Facebook pages or Instagram? Who can help keep those updated and running? Make your ideas and suggestions known to your JEC member so we can put something together and get the news about Rainbow out.

I look forward to your suggestions and input.

Mama Huston



Cast Your Vote !



Suggestions for the title of our Rainbow history book have been submitted and it's time to vote. Email your vote to chuston45@aol.com or text to 406-459-2564

Voting deadline is November 25th

Suggested titles:

1. Rainbows Across Montana- 100 Years of Montana Rainbow for Girls
2. Rainbows in the Big Sky- 100 Years of Montana Rainbow for Girls
3. Searching for the Pot of Gold-100 Years of Montana Rainbow for Girls
4. Behind the Rainbow- Montana IORG history
5. Rainbow Girls Across Montana-
100 Years of Montana International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
6. Rainbow in Big Sky Country- 100 Years
of The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Montana

Masonic Youth Convention/Fall Fling



Montana Rainbow joined with Jobs Daughters and DeMolay in Great Falls for the Masonic Youth Convention this past October. Rainbow organized a leadership seminar held on Saturday afternoon for all youth and interested adults. Miss Nicole Lambert from California's Leadership team presented a very interesting seminar regarding communication styles between generations. The seminar was attended by about 30 youth and 15 adults including several Grand Lodge officers and the Grand Master. Following the seminar, the Grand Master met with the Rainbow Girls for an informal discussion. Grand Worthy Advisor Tawny welcomed him and presented him with a Montana Rainbow pin.



Caitlin gave a report on her trip to New Hampshire Grand Assembly last summer and Mikal and Dani reported on the Disneyland Takeover sponsored by California they were able to participate in.



Following dinner, the

Rainbow group went to the hotel convention headquarters for the awards ceremony.

Rainbow presented the plaques for the Rose lecture and Dad lecture competitions held at Grand Assembly and the bars earned from the Supreme Inspector Awards. The awards presentation was followed by DeMolay Installation of state officers, the Miss Montana Jobs Daughters pageant and a formal dance.

During Fling we also wrote cards to our Grand

Representative jurisdictions to introduce ourselves to them. State Mother Advisor Ms. Crystal has agreed to accept the position of Travel Coordinator for Montana Grand Assembly. Anyone planning to travel to another jurisdiction should notify her of their plans so she can help coordinate with others interested in making the same trip.





MT State Mother Advisor Message

Greetings Friends and Rainbow Family,

I'm so sorry that I missed you all at Fall Fling. I was really looking forward to seeing you but unfortunately that just wasn't possible. I was so happy to see all of the updates, photos and videos and how much fun you girls all had over the weekend. You Ladies sure can dance.

It's been a very busy couple of months and I had the honor and opportunity to travel to California for their Disneyland Takeover event. What a fun filled weekend of leadership and sisterhood. Then I traveled with Past Grand Worthy Advisor Hailey and Grand Worthy Associate Advisor Mikal to Oregon's Glitter, Sparkle and Shine Grand Assembly session.

As we head into the holidays there are so many opportunities to do service. Remember to include pledges and prospects in your service projects. Service is a great way to learn about Rainbow while helping your communities. A few ideas may be to "adopt a family" for the holidays, purchase and send some items to the Ronald McDonald houses from their wish list or send holiday cards to shut-ins and assisted living facilities.



I look forward to seeing you all at Spring Fling in Missoula in March.

Happy Holidays, Ms. Crystal SMA

Supreme Service Project Part II

As we enter the second year of the Supreme term, we begin a new Supreme Service project. This year (July 2023-July 2024) the emphasis of the Supreme Service project will be on recognizing public servants and volunteers.

Assemblies are asked to give special recognition to public servants such as Firemen, Law Enforcement, EMT's, and first responders. Send Thank you notes, take them treats, anything you can think of to show our appreciation for what they do. I'm looking forward to the ideas our members come up with for this project. Remember to keep track of your service hours and report them to your Mother Advisors for submission towards the High Heel bracelet. Signers on petitions earn a red high heel. All other colors require 20 hours of community service.



Mama Huston

MT State Rainbow Dad

Recently while going over the Bible readings for Rainbow Girls, Eastern Star, and Masons I came across a curious difference in translation common to all three that I hadn't been aware of before: "Faith, Hope, and Charity." When I received my first Bible in 3rd grade (a long time ago), and all the other Bibles I have read or acquired since, plus Sunday School and church, the phrase was translated "Faith, Hope, and Love" - Why the difference?

The short answer is that in English word meanings change over time. Years ago (older than me), in the King James version where "Thee's and Thou's", and "doest, maketh, and saith" and other "th" words are found, "Charity" was the preferred translation. In those earlier times "Charity" was primarily defined as benevolent goodwill toward or love of humanity, which fit perfectly in its day. Today "charity" is more associated with the pursuit of money, presumably for those in need, hence Faith, Hope, and the "pursuit of money" is no longer the most appropriate translation for the intended meaning. "Love" is meant to be an active word and "charity", working in love for the benefit of those in need, is a vital component of it, whether we are talking about family, friends we know, or friends we haven't met yet. This is the "service" that Rainbow Girls and all other Masonic-related organizations are dedicated to – Now you know.

PS: It is also possible to love pizza, tacos, and hamburgers, but that is another use of the word "love" not intended to for "Faith, Hope, and Love." If you have read this far treat yourself to one of these other "loves" and have a great Thanksgiving/Christmas season.

SRD Bob Culbertson



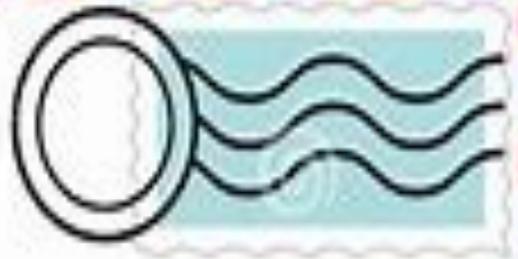
Jr. Executive Committee 23-24

Since November is upon us, Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! We hope everyone is looking forward to spending time with family and enjoying time with each other.

The JEC members have several items in their hands and will be gathering information from their assemblies so please seek out these girls and work together on these topics. Topics include ritual competitions, flag tributes, and Traveling Mascots to name a few. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas!

Why was the turkey asked to join a band? He could bring his own drumsticks?
In Rainbow Love,

Jennifer Chabotte and Jessica Griffith – Jr. Executive Committee Liaisons



Grand Representatives

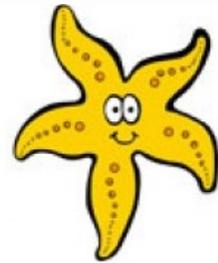
Send Holiday Greetings to your counterpart!

Thanksgiving is the beginning of busy Holiday activities. Please take time to send a card with a note. Share with your Grand Representative what service you & your assembly are doing to help others.

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

Dee Hallock, Grand Representatives Advisor in Montana

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HELENA ASSEMBLY #7

Helena Assembly has been at rest for the last two quarters. We've not given up yet and ask for your prayers that we're able to rebuild our Assembly.

WA Clara reaches Age Majority in December. Please send a Congratulatory thought in her direction.



HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Hamilton Assembly has been busy the last 2 months.



On September 24, an Installation of Officers were held. This was attended by several sideliners from Ionic Lodge and Leona Chapter, as well as family & friends.

During Bitterroot Apple Days, October 7, Rainbow girls helped the member of Ionic Lodge #38 with their Open house. Girls gave tours of the lodge and talked about Rainbow girls and service projects.

The next day, Missoula Rainbow came to Hamilton for a joint meeting. After the meeting the girls help make fall door decorations to give to the residents of Discovery Care.

Hamilton Rainbow Girls enjoyed the MMY Conference & Fall Fling in Great Falls. There was good information learned in the leadership workshop. The dance with the Jobies & DeMolay boys was fun!



To close out October, girls helped with the annual Masonic Haunted House. Some helped dress/decorate dolls for the graveyard scene, others donned costumes to scare the participants. 900 people came through the doors. Over \$300 was collected to benefit S.A.F.E. house.



November 9th, Rainbow girls helped serve dinner to the Masons and their guests, the Grand Master & other Grand Lodge Officers. At our November 12th meeting, girls

planned a Thanksgiving shopping trip and made Thanksgiving cards for the elderly residents of Discovery Care.



GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3

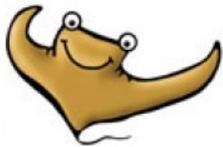


Oct 14th was our Rainbow, Job's and DeMolay (no DeMolay were there) Game Night. Lots of prospects for both organization's. A lot of laughs and food were had.

The Fall Fling/MMYC weekend was filled with learning to have relationships between the generations. Trusting others and listening.



A fun filled learning experience.



Our most exciting news! Welcome the Color Buds Pledge Group. They had their first meeting yesterday and did a wonderful job. Jordan Geranios, Emmily Buck helped with the instructions. It was a lot of fun!

GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Greetings from Garden City Assembly #55,

So many great and fun things have happened over the last couple of months. First Worthy Advisor Dani and Grand Worthy Associate Advisor Mikal got the honor to go to California for their Disneyland Takeover and leadership seminar.

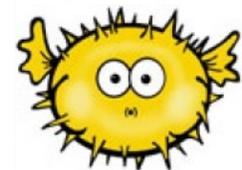
Then Garden City assembly #55 and Hamilton Assembly #2 had a joint meeting in Hamilton followed by a fun fall activity and snacks. It's always fun to spend time with other Assemblies. After that Mikal



took off to see Grand Worthy Advisor Cady Eby at Oregon's Grand Assembly and met up with Mount Scott Assembly, Montana's Jurisdictional Representative.



Then we served spooky and festive snacks to the Missoula Mason's Lodge #13; witches brew, eyeballs and spiderweb brownies.



Finally came Fall Fling where Rainbow hosted a Leadership seminar for all of the Masonic Youth Groups, had a sleepover along with our GWA, Tawny and Supreme Inspector, Mamma Huston, attending the Masonic Youth Convention Banquet and all of us Rainbow Girls attending the award ceremony and dance.

To end off our month we served the Scottish Rite dinner; smoked pork, mashed potatoes, cooked veggies and apple pie.

Signing off in a mermaid fashion, with a splash, Garden City #55