

Rainbow Chronicles

Montana Grand Assembly Newsletter
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Hey Girls!!

I hope everyone had a happy Halloween and got lots of candy! This Halloween I spent time helping out at the haunted house scaring people. Every year the Masons do an amazing job of decorating the lodge into a spooky maze! One of the best things about Halloween is seeing all of the creative costumes and how unique each and every one is. And of course the CANDY!!

I also want to wish everyone a very early happy Thanksgiving. This is a good time to reach out to others and help those who are less fortunate. Find some way to be of service to people in your community. Like donating food, stacking wood, shoveling snow, etc.

I hope everyone is joyful and spreading joy around to others this holiday season. May your hearts be stuffed more than the turkey's :)

Happy holidays,

In Rainbow Love & Service,

GWA Trinity



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A Word from Mama Huston

At this time of year, we often reflect on our lives and what we have to be thankful for. I have always been thankful for our organization and the blessings it brings us. This gratitude I feel was reinforced recently at our Centennial celebration. It was so wonderful to see our guests interact, sharing memories and catching up with old friends. This life-long bond between Rainbow sisters is one of the treasures of membership in Rainbow or association with it.



I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and happy holiday season. Remember to watch for the little blessings in your life, and to BE a little blessing to someone else.

Mama Huston



Supreme Membership & Service Incentive Program 2022-2024

Membership and service will be a primary focus during the 2022-2024 session of “Walking Through Life with Rainbow.” As an incentive for service and membership, SWA Kay Letterman has chosen the charm bracelet shown below.

The red charm signifying Love, and in particular your love of our Order. This charm will be awarded to first-line signers on an application for membership or for signing as a second line signer on two applications.

Additional charms will be awarded, in order, based on 20 hours of community service. Service hours can be accumulated with your Assembly or individually.



Adults wishing to participate in this program may also submit their service hours. Adults will earn the red charm with their first 20 hours of service. Adults will be asked to pay a one-time fee of \$9.50 for the bracelet.

Start keeping track of your service hours. Your Mother Advisors will have information on how to submit them.

Montana Rainbow Centennial Celebration

It was a cool, fall day with light snowfall in Marysville on October 22 but that didn't hinder the celebration of 100 years of Rainbow in Montana. Guests gathered at the Marysville General Store to find a cozy atmosphere, tables adorned with China and linens, and an afternoon of friends and fellowship. Prior to the tea, guests visited the Ottawa Lodge building, opened for the occasion by members of Ottawa Lodge No. 51. The Marysville Historical Society opened their museum for the day so guests could tour the museum and learn some of the rich history of the area. Guests didn't have to be concerned with the weather, as the museum volunteers provided a shuttle service between the museum and the General Store. Guests browsed through Rainbow memorabilia at the Tea and entered their silent auction bids while musical hits of the 1920's played in the background.

The Centennial Celebration began with a welcome to all attending from Montana's Rainbow Supreme Inspector, Carol Huston. Members of the Centennial Celebration Committee were introduced and thanked for their many months of planning and work. Committee members include Mrs. Sarah Allen from Helena, Mrs. Dee Hallock of Hamilton, Mrs. Irene Haynes of Billings, Mrs. Lyda Bowker from Wolf Point and SI Carol Huston from Glendive. Special recognition was given to committee member Lyda Bowker, a charter member of Wolf Point Assembly #53, who was celebrating her birthday the day after the Centennial Celebration. Everyone joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to her. Carol also thanked the set-up crew for their efficient work that morning in preparation for the event. Many hands made light work of the preparations as the Centennial committee was joined by Mr. Don Matlock (State Rainbow Dad), members of the Marysville Historical Society, and Mrs. Diann Gibson from Wolf Point.



Committee Members: (standing) Sarah Allen, Dee Hallock, SI Carol Huston, Irene Haynes, (Sitting) Lyda Bowker



GWA Trinity with WGM Carol Schell

Mama Huston introduced Montana's current Grand Worthy Advisor, Trinity from Hamilton, who then continued with introduction of Masonic dignitaries in attendance. We were honored to have Worthy Grand Matron Carol Schell and Worthy Grand Patron Wayne Butler in attendance. WGM Carol brought congratulations to Rainbow on behalf of Montana Eastern Star and shared a bit of Rainbow history with the group. Carol's daughter, Mica Brewington, began the tradition of the Fall and Spring Flings for Rainbow when she was Grand Worthy Advisor. This tradition continues today. Also attending was David Nielsen, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Montana to the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. Mr. Nielsen also congratulated Rainbow on its celebration and commented on the many era-appropriate wardrobe choices of those attending. GWA Trinity expressed gratitude from Rainbow for the continued support of these organizations and their members. In addition to WGM Carol and WGP Wayne, seven Montana Grand Chapter Officers attended.



GWA Trinity with David Nielson representing the Scottish Rite

After GWA Trinity gave the "Montana Blessing," guests enjoyed a variety of teas, tea sandwiches, scones and cookies. There were 16 different Assemblies represented in the attendance at the tea, 4 Grand Worthy Advisors, 3 former Miss Montana Rainbow Service recipients, all 4 State Mother Advisors, and 3 State Rainbow Dads. The silent auction items generated a generous donation to the Supreme Temple Century campaign on behalf of Montana Rainbow. Raffle winners included Associate Grand Matron Elaine Tucker who won the Memory Quilt.

Guests departed with the current Rainbow Girls going to the Consistory Shrine building in Helena to enjoy their annual Fall Fling. As the last boxes of supplies were loaded into cars, the clean-up crew was treated to the sighting of a moose just behind the venue. A memorable ending to a memorable day!

Thank you to all who attended our celebration and to all of you who have supported Rainbow throughout the years. We truly appreciate you.

Carol Huston

Supreme Inspector in Montana
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls



SMA Crystal Sampson, SI Carol Huston,
GWA Trinity, SRD Don Matlock



Past Miss Montana Rainbow Service

Jillian Bostwick, GWA Trinity, Sarah Huston Allen



Past Grand Worthy Advisors

Hailey C., Trinity M, Meghan Mandeville Aschman, Julie Fowler



Active Rainbow Girls (left to Right)

Kensey, GWA Trinity, PGWA Hailey,
Tawny, Caitlin, Dani, Mikal



Montana OES Grand Officers

Associate Grand Matron Elaine Tucker, Grand Secretary Sheryl McGuire, Grand Marshal Becky Shay, Grand Adah Jillian Bostwick, Worthy Grand Patron Wayne Butler, Associate Grand Patron Dick Lockey, Associate Grand Conductress Janet Holland, (seated) Carol Huston Grand Electa

MT State Mother Advisor Message



Rainbow Greetings,

I had such a wonderful time at the Centennial Tea. The venue and menu were perfect and I was excited to catch up with some old friends. I especially enjoyed the photo booth and am looking forward to all of the pictures. The Centennial Tea Committee deserves a standing ovation for all of their hard work. Such a special day enjoyed by so many, thank you.

We had a successful Fall Fling with fun and games led by Trinity. The decorated hats were so fun! It is always so nice to get together and enjoy each other's company.

With the holidays approaching I know we are all busy but I hope everyone can take a moment and appreciate what we have. Our Montana Rainbow Family is so very special. This is an ideal time to help connect a friend, daughter, granddaughter or any prospective members with an assembly, as many are planning holiday get-togethers that would be perfect for them to join and learn more about Rainbow.

I am thankful for all of you this Holiday Season. Thankful for the experiences, friendships and memories that Rainbow has brought me. I am thankful to have a chance to watch my own daughter grow and love Rainbow. I am thankful to watch Rainbow foster and grow strong female leaders that serve in their communities.

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Crystal Sampson, SM

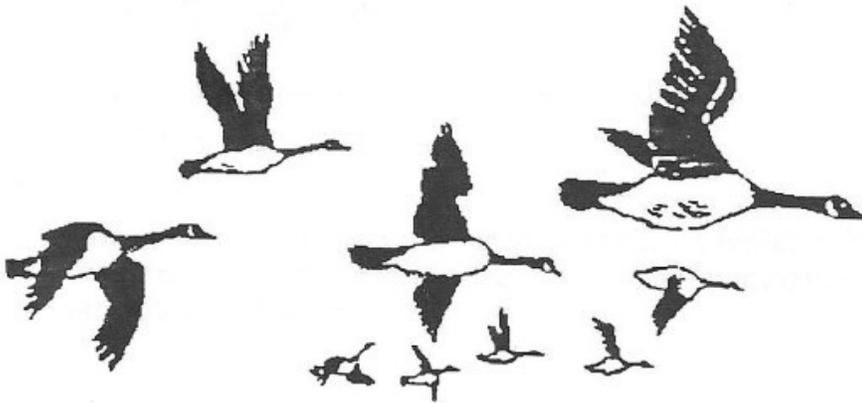
MT State Rainbow Dad

Greeting to All in the world of Rainbow - by the time you read this Halloween will have come and gone (I hope everyone ate just the right amount of candy and maybe one piece more), Thanksgiving is upon us and Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year are just around the corner. In fact, there are over 30 major holidays, world-wide, between the end of October and the end of February. Winter is a time to be with family and friends and to celebrate (party!). Speaking of gathering, we had a great time at the 100th Anniversary Tea for Rainbow. It was celebrated while snow was falling outside. Fortunately it was not sticking so we all were able to get off the mountain. Much fun ensued at Fall Fling. I can't wait to show off my new State Rainbow Dad hat. Thank you to all who had a hand in making it. We had a good discussion about what is fun for you. Remember my challenge to you that at Spring Fling I will be asking what you and your Assembly did for fun and was shared with your friends to encourage more membership in Rainbow. Hope to see you all soon. I wish everyone a peaceful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Daddy Don – your State Rainbow Dad



Lessons from the Geese



As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds immediately in front.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will join in formations with those who are headed where we want to go.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership- with people, as with geese, interdependent with one another.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging- not something less helpful.

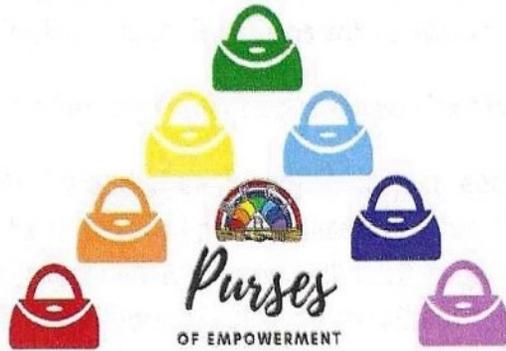
When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member down to help and provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until he or she either is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation, or to catch up with their own flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as the geese, we'll stand by one another like they do.

SERVICE PROJECTS

2022 - 2024

There will be two service projects during the next two years that will help our individual Grand Jurisdictions as well as the International Jurisdictions. Each service project will last for one year.



The first project will be "*Purses of Empowerment*," which will be donated to domestic violence shelters and centers in our individual communities. This first project will begin August 4, 2022 and through July 31, 2023.

Over the course of a year gently used purses will be collected by each assembly along with personal hygiene products (See list below for suggested items).

Sometime towards the end of the year, either at your Grand Session or a statewide event, please have a "Purse Packing Party" to place items collected over the year in each purse. These purses with all of these different items will go to women in need, as most women who leave domestic violence situations leave with hardly anything. You can assign a specific item for each assembly to collect throughout the year, but any donation will be used.

Start saving items now !

We will assemble purses at Spring Fling

Here's a list of suggested items:

Toothbrushes/paste

Deodorant

Feminine hygiene items

Small notepad & pen

Socks

Body wash

Shampoo

Hair ties

Band-Aids/adhesive bandages

ChapStick

Hair brush/comb

Facial wipes

Hand sanitizer

Lotion

Pocket pack tissues

Miniature Bible

Please note that all hygiene products need to be travel size so that everything will fit into the purses – hotel toiletries are perfect! All size purses are acceptable, but the purses **MUST CLOSE**. Many of these items can be ordered in bulk. Check with your lodges, OES Chapters, Amaranth

Rainbow Sweats

Hoodies in both pull over and zip up styles and sweatpants (with pockets!) to show your Rainbow pride. Place your orders by **November 20** for delivery in time for Christmas.

Email orders to chuston45@aol.com or mail to 314 W. Dodge Street, Glendive, MT 59330

Make payment to Montana Grand Assembly

Profits to the GWA Service project and GA travel fund

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Assembly: _____

| Adult sizes | XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL | 3XL | 4XL |
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| Regular/Tall Chest | 32-34 | 35-37 | 38-40 | 41-43 | 44-46 | 47-49 | 50-53 | 54-57 |
| Regular/Tall neck | 14 1/2-15 | 15-15 1/2 | 15 1/2-16 | 16-16 1/2 | 16 1/2-17 | 17-17 1/2 | 17 1/2-18 1/2 | 18-18 1/2 |
| Regular arm length | 30 1/2 | 32 | 34 | 36 | 36 1/2 | 37 1/2 | 38 1/2 | 39 1/2 |
| Waist | 26-28 | 29-31 | 32-34 | 35-37 | 38-40 | 41-43 | 44-47 | 48-51 |
| Youth sizes | | | | | | | | |
| Size | 4 to 5 | 6 to 8 | 10 to 12 | 14 to 16 | 16 to 20 | | | |
| Chest | 22-24 | 25-27 | 29-30 | 30-32 | 32-34 | | | |
| Waist | 22-23 | 24-25 | 26-27 | 27-28 | 31-32 | | | |

| Pullover Hoodie | Zip Up Hoodie | Pants | Color | Size | Price |
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Hooded or zip up sweatshirt available in black or ash grey \$40



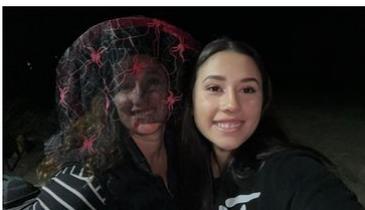
Sweatpants (with pockets) available in black or ash grey \$30

HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Greetings!



At the end of October, Hamilton & Missoula Assemblies went up to the Moon Eagle River Ranch for a work day. Taking down the teepee for the winter took a lot of hands to bring it down. The weather was perfect for taking down the giant teepee, stacking wood, painting sealing coats on memorial bricks, and mucking out stalls.



Hamilton Assembly helped scare people at the annual Ionic Lodge Haunted House. It is a popular Halloween attraction, with over 750 candy packets handed out and 1500 people going through the spooky maze! Mama Dee was one of the witches greeting goblins at the door. Trinity played a living skeleton in the downstairs crypts. Winter went through to see how creepy it was!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3



The Centennial Tea in Marysville was amazing.

Thank you Tea Committee! ❤️



The Ottawa Lodge was very nostalgic. The Mason's were fun to chat with. Wendy went to the museum, if you missed it you should check it out. They opened just for us. Caitlin and I had a great time.



Then onto Fall Fling in Helena.

Loved hearing about everyone's travels this summer.

In Rainbow Love.

GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Hello from Garden City #55.



We've had quite the eventful time since the last newsletter. First we had our first Scottish Rite dinner where we made and served, pan pizza with a little fruit pizza for dessert. Then our Assembly was invited to join in refreshments after Electa #7's Grand visitation.

Next, we had Fall Fling in Helena and Rainbow's Centennial Tea up in Marysville. The tea was extremely fun, we got to see many past Rainbow Girls and some of Montana's current Rainbow Girls. Fall Fling was the same



weekend, we watched some Halloween movies, had treats, decorated hats and slept over at Helena.



We then helped Immanuel #54 serve refreshments at their Grand Visitation. Several of their officers dressed up for Halloween!



We also joined Hamilton and went and helped Moon Eagle River Ranch get ready for winter by taking down their teepee, stacking firewood, sealing



memorial bricks and mucking horse stalls.

Finally, we served our second Scottish Rite dinner, pot roast and poppy seed cake. We are so blessed to have spent so much time with other Masonic groups. We hope you all are doing well and have an amazing holiday season.

Till next time!



BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24

Happy November all! It was a blast to see you all at Fall Fling and Billings Jewel is holding it's breath in anticipation of the next time we'll get to see each other again!

The month of September had two notable events. On September 13th Billings held an Installation. Miss Jocelyn was installed into Charity, Miss June was installed as Chaplain, Miss Grace was installed as Drill Leader. Miss Tawny was reinstalled as Worthy Advisor as there is not currently a girl in the position of Worthy Associate Advisor (hopefully soon though!). During the afternoon of September 24th, the girls were blessed to have the opportunity to help out at the local animal shelter again. One of the primary missions of this volunteer opportunity was to help give the animals some much needed cuddle time, and the young ladies did not need to be asked twice to do so! Seeing as the animal shelter is WA Tawny's service project, the day had an added significance.

October was a very busy month for everyone, both in and outside of Rainbow. Fall Fling and the Tea Centennial Celebration took place and the Billings gals had the time of their lives. The young ladies loved traveling back in time by dressing up, and with the freezing heavy snowfall outside, the warm tea was most welcome!

The assembly is excited to see what November and December bring, and then it'll be a fresh start for a new year! May God bless all our endeavors.

Rainbow Love,
Billings Jewel #24



Communicate with your

Grand Representatives!!

The coming holidays are great opportunities to send a greeting card to your Grand Representative counterpart. Send a Thanksgiving card and a Christmas/Hannukah card with an update on activities in which you have been participating. Send pictures if you have them.



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

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