

Rainbow Chronicles

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WELCOME 2024!!!

I pray that it will be a great year for us all! Fun fact, this year is a leap year.

I hope everyone had fantastic holidays leading up to the new year. I thank you ladies for your unwavering hard work year after year, I'm honored that I have the pleasure of knowing you all!

On the 27th of November, I helped my Assembly deliver some much needed cleaning supplies. This was followed by us delivering homemade holiday treats on December 17th. The people running the Billings Ronald McDonald House are very lovely friendly people and they've done a great job making the local House feel just like home! I was immediately enveloped by coziness both times we entered.

Spring Fling is coming up, are you excited? I sure am, I can't wait to see you all again! I also hope you'll consider participating in the Lecture Competitions, I've always enjoyed them. This year we will have the Rose Lecture, Dad Lecture, and the Fidelity and Hope Initiation Lectures. I'll see you all soon (but not soon enough!), have a wonderful Valentine's Day!

In Rainbow Love and Service,

GWA Tawny



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A Word from Mama Huston

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and the New Year is off to a good start for you. Hopefully you are all staying warm during this cold, cold winter that has finally found us.

Recently I had the opportunity to hear a speaker who talked about the gifts we can all give one another. Maybe you don't feel you have a "special gift." Many people don't consider themselves as having anything special to give to others. Now, I'm not talking about material gifts; I mean a gift of yourself. The gift of helping someone else, giving them some of your time, helping with tasks they need done, showing support for them.....the list goes on and on. We all have the capability to do those things and Rainbow teaches us the importance of giving to others in the form of service. Your gift may seem small and insignificant to you, but don't underestimate the value to the recipient. Many times, it is the little acts of kindness that make the biggest impact. Giving to others also comes with the bonus of making you feel happy and fulfilled.

Rainbow provides many opportunities to give of yourself. Take advantage of these and the lessons learned from them. It's part of what Rainbow is all about.

Mama Huston



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 Mother Advisor Message

Rainbow Greetings,

Happy winter everyone. I hope you all had a holiday season filled with happiness, family and friends. We were especially blessed to spend this Christmas in our new home. It's been a long road but we finally made it!

With the arrival of the new year comes lots of planning. I hope that anyone planning on attending Rainbow events at different Assemblies or Jurisdictions will reach out to me with your plans. If we communicate with each other we can possibly join forces and maybe even save a little money.

Spring Fling is right around the corner March 16-17 in Missoula. I am hoping to see most of our Rainbow Girls there. Remember Flings are a great event to bring prospects to. It's a nice casual setting for girls to learn more about Rainbow. Flag Tribute and Ritual Competition sign ups will also be available.

Don't forget that Grand Officer and Grand Representative Applications will be out soon. This is also the perfect time to get selling ads for the Grand Assembly Program. Part of the money for every ad sold comes back to the seller at Grand Assembly. What a great way to earn a little travel or Pot of Gold room money.

"We are all like snowflakes, all different in our own beautiful way"

Ms. Crystal, SMA



Jr. Executive Committee 23-24

We hope everyone is staying warm and safe! Looks like winter has finally hit Montana!

The JEC members have been working on some ideas for Grand Assembly and even Spring Fling and will continue to work for Montana Rainbow Girls to make this Grand Year a success! Please remember to reach out to your JEC members with any questions or ideas you want for this coming year.

Here's a little advice from a penguin:

Dive into Life
Find warmth among friends
Appreciate snow days
Stand together

In Rainbow Love,
Jennifer Chabotte and Jessica Griffith
Jr. Executive Committee Liaisons

MT State Rainbow Dad

Several years ago, while driving around the state I was treated to an absolutely wonderful sight. It was a dark afternoon with heavy black clouds covering most of the sky except for a narrow patch of bright sunlight that seemed to center upon one snow-capped mountain in the midst of an otherwise dark mountain range. The image was dramatic enough by itself but a full double rainbow framing the mountain made it one of the most memorable sights I have ever seen.

Rainbows are like that. They can take on of the most mundane, or one of the most beautiful sights, and make them better. The same holds true with Rainbow Girls (that's you), when you live out the colors of your rainbow: Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism, and Service, you too will be among the most beautiful sights around.

As Mariah Carey said: "In a perfect world, human beings would co-exist harmoniously, like a rainbow. A multitude of colors, each layer vibrant and clear by itself, but in unison, boundless, breathtaking, celestial."

Be the rainbow.

State Rainbow Dad Bob Culbertson



Grand Representatives

Happy New Year!

Send greetings to your counterparts & discover what
2024 has in store for our sister jurisdictions.

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

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Patriotism in Action!

The lesson of Patriotism in Rainbow teaches us that being patriotic extends beyond military service and that there are many ways we can practice patriotism in our lives. Our Contemporary ritual reminds us that being patriotic includes becoming active in our community governments and becoming knowledgeable about current events that affect our world. Montana Rainbow currently has an advisor who exemplifies this lesson of patriotism every day in her new position as mayor.

Ms. Vickie Rauser, Mother Advisor of Helena Assembly #7 and member of the Grand Executive Committee was sworn in as the mayor of Townsend on December 29, 2023. Ms. Rauser has served on the City Council of Townsend for six years prior to her election as mayor. Not only was she a member of the City Council but served as Council president for all six years. Council terms are 4 years, so another person has been appointed to serve the remaining two years of her current term.

As Mayor, she will serve a 4-year term, acting as the chief executive officer for the City. In Townsend, as in most small cities in Montana, the Mayor supervises the city employees either directly or indirectly. Mayor Rauser will have 7 year-round employees and additional summer seasonal employees under her supervision.

Other duties of the Mayor include setting the agenda and running City Council meetings, signing official documents such as leases, letters, grant applications, reports, and employee paychecks, answering phone calls, addressing citizen concerns, attending Council committee meetings, and hiring new employees.

Ms. Rauser's tenure as Mayor has been busy already. She received her first call to duty the morning after she was sworn in. That call involved an animal control issue, one of several citations written for animal control issues that week. In the first week of her mayoral duties, she has received two notifications of employees retiring in the near future, is actively trying to fill the position of Animal Control and Compliance Officer, has had to coordinate with the Public Works Director to ensure adequate water supply for residential use and firefighters responding to a house fire, and arrange for sand to be delivered to the house fire to help control the ice forming in the area. Lots of "behind the scenes" details involved in the operation of a city.

Montana Grand Assembly congratulates Madame Mayor Rauser and is proud to highlight her as an example of Patriotism in Action.



Ms. Rauser being sworn in as Mayor of Townsend, December 29, 2023

HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2



Greetings from Hamilton!

In November, girls set up a free gift wrapping table at the holiday craft show at the Daly Mansion. It was a good opportunity to provide a service and talk to people about Rainbow!

Girls adopted a family for Thanksgiving. They shopped for the dinner and delivered the food to a thankful family of 5.



On December 2nd, Hamilton girls joined Garden City Assembly for the Missoula Parade of Lights. After the parade, girls enjoyed a party & sleepover. Thank you for inviting Hamilton.



To start the New Year, Hamilton installed new officers and the new Rainbow Board. The installation was well attended by local Masons.

Congratulations to Winter who was just installed as Worthy Advisor. Her service project is Service Dogs/Humane society.

Shylee— Faith, Winter –WA, Lucy -Hope, Sophia-Charity.

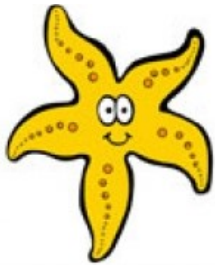


Save Your Pop Tabs

**Everyone can help the
Ronald McDonald
House charities- even if
you don't live where a
house is located.**

GRAND ASSEMBLY LECTURE COM- PETITIONS

Which competition are you entering?



The Rose lecture

The Dad lecture

Fidelity

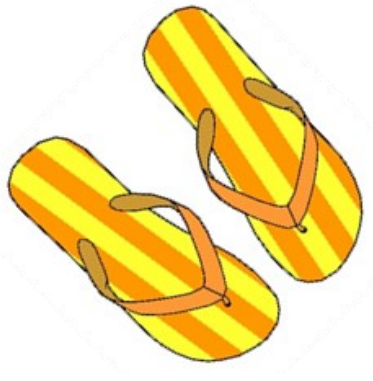
Hope initiation lecture



Sign up at Spring Fling to participate

Competition will be held at Grand Assembly

**Your participation will determine
the continuation of these competitions**

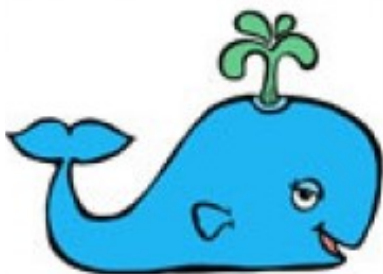


Flip-Flop Competition

Make your plans to enter the flip flop competition.

- ✈ **Decorate a pair of unused flip flops using ideas from Tawny's theme.**
- ✈ **Bring them to Grand Assembly to show off in the Flip Flop Parade on Friday and then display them for the duration of Grand Assembly.**
- ✈ **Entries will be voted on by Grand Assembly attendees; \$1/vote. You can vote as many times as you want.**
- ✈ **Winners will be announced at Sunday's session. All money raised will go to MT Grand Assembly's travel fund.**
- ✈ **Remember this is a Supreme Year and this fund will help with expenses for those attending Supreme)**

Competition managed by Great Falls Faith Assembly #3



GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3

!Hello, everyone!

For our yearly community Service Project, Caitlin, Emmry and Rylee went grocery shopping for our Thanksgiving family. For 6 children and 3 adults. The girls got all the fixin's for this family.



The Jobs Daughters hosted their Christmas Party. We joined them for more games and fun. A few of the prospects were there to enjoy.

Caitlin and MA Wendy shopped for the Christmas family, 2 kids, mom and dad. All the food and gifts for everyone.

Flip Flop Parade

A Fun Challenge issued by Great Falls: Each girl of the Assembly decorates One Pair of (unused) Flip Flops, using Tawny's Theme.

The entries will be revealed in a Flip Flop Parade, Friday afternoon (entries can either be worn or carried) and the results of the judging will be announced at the Sunday Morning session.

The Flip Flops will be on display after the Parade in the Pot of Gold room, to be judged by everyone.

Containers will be placed next to each pair of Flip Flops. Judging is \$1 for each vote. Vote early and vote often! Let's make this a fun event!

ALL money collected will go the Grand Assembly Travel Fund.

BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24

Billings Jewel Assembly had a busy Fall. Two girls attended Fall Fling. We are selling cute angel Christmas Ornaments for a fundraiser, and working on plans for Grand Assembly. We send all of you our Rainbow Love, and wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season.



Billings Jewel Assembly has also been very busy this Holiday Season. We delivered cleaning supplies, and cookies to the Ronald McDonald House in Billings. We made and sold Christmas Ornaments.

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are as excited as we are for 2024.



GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Greetings from

Garden City Assembly #55!



Since the last you heard from us we got the amazing opportunity to go shop and cook for the Missoula Ronald McDonald House. We made soups, pies, and cookies at the Missoula Ronald McDonald house the Sunday before Thanksgiving. It was such an amazing experience for all the girls and we all had so much fun.



Garden City Assembly also held our annual Christmas party! We were joined by Hamilton Assembly and it was wonderful to connect with not just Missoula but our Hamilton sisters as well. We set up a station at the Missoula Holiday Light Parade on Higgins and handed out cookies, hot chocolate, and apple cider. It was so lovely getting to interact with our community and raise money for our local historical museum at Fort Missoula. After we were all cold, out of cookies and drinks we went up to the Temple, had dinner, played games, and had our white elephant gift exchange! It is such a fun tradition for both the older and younger girls that we all get to do together.



Finally we ended the night with the Nightmare Before Christmas. The Christmas party is one of the most fun activities Garden City Assembly looks forward to every year, any time we can get our girls out into our community to share Rainbow it is a great time and worth every second of the cold. Some of our girls attended a Masonic Christmas Party hosted by our local Masonic Lodge where they helped hand out gifts and desserts, it is always amazing getting to interact with other Masonic groups and show them what Rainbow is all about. Finally we met at Old Chicago on New Year's Eve to discuss the upcoming year and all the amazing things we, Garden City Assembly, will do this year.



We hope you all had an amazing holiday season and we can't wait for everything Rainbow will be doing in 2024! Garden City Assembly #55 signing off