

Rainbow Chronicles

Montana Grand Assembly Newsletter



Hello ladies!

Can you believe it's already March? This means that it's time for Spring Fling! Are you excited? I am! It'll be awesome seeing you again! I'm thrilled to reveal my dress, I hope you will all like it.

Grand Assembly is fast approaching, I wish everyone luck on their preparations and I can't wait to see what this year brings! Please continue to work hard!

I'll see you all this weekend!

In Rainbow Love and Service,

GWA Tawny



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A Word from Mama Huston



“Spring is a time of plans and projects.” This quote by Leo Tolstoy holds a lot of truth for our Rainbow Girls. Plans are well underway for our Spring Fling. Garden City Assembly has a fun weekend planned. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again so we can catch up on what we’ve been doing and make plans for the busy spring ahead.

Soon we will be on our way to Grand Assembly in Billings. I’m sure you are all aware Grand Assembly takes lots of planning and preparation so we need to get started now. Review your parts, practice, practice, practice! Get your flag tributes written, design your flip flops for the flip flop parade, learn the lecture for the lecture competitions, sell those program ads, and fill out your Grand appointment applications. Let’s be ready to “Make Waves with Rainbow” June 7-9 in Billings.

This is also a Supreme year. Supreme Assembly will be in Hampton Virginia on July 17-24. Rainbow Girls from all over the world will gather to join in the “Walking Through Life with Rainbow” session. Supreme is such an awesome Rainbow experience and I would encourage all of you to consider going. Your Mother Advisor has details and more information if you are interested.

In between these major events we will also have a vender table at both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter this year. Montana Rainbow will need girls and adults to help man the tables and represent Rainbow. Details are in the works and your Mother Advisor will be talking to you about those events. This will be your chance to represent Rainbow to our Masonic family.

There will be many opportunities for Rainbow involvement this Spring and summer. I hope to see you all participate.

See you soon at Spring Fling!

Rainbow hugs,

Mama Huston



It's Here!
Our Rainbow
history book has
arrived.

\$55

(plus postage if
mailed)

Copies available by con-
tacting SI Carol Huston

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Spring Fling!

RSVP by Monday 3/11

Attire

Tawny's Shirt and Festive gear appropriate for the weather.

Registration - \$12pp

Assemblies please bring some snacks and fruit for breakfast

Will need a couple of Adult volunteers to walk the parade, fast pace 1.5 miles and a couple of people to pick people up at the end of the parade

Saturday 3/16

11am - arrive and prepare for parade (pack a sack lunch

12pm - parade

eat sack lunch

1:30- any wishing not to participate in the parade arrive and registration

2pm - Ice breakers

2:30 - Youth Protection

3:30- Games and activities

5pm - Dinner- Taco Bar

6-7pm - Choc Chances

7 - Grand Prep and Dress reveal

Movie, snacks and bed

Sunday 3/17

8am - Wake up

8:30- Breakfast - Green pancakes, scrambled eggs, fruit and milk

9-9:30- Load cars

9:30- Devotional

9:45- Clean up

10:30- Depart

**Dinner- Taco Bar
Breakfast- Green
pancakes, eggs
and fruit**



MT State Mother Advisor Message

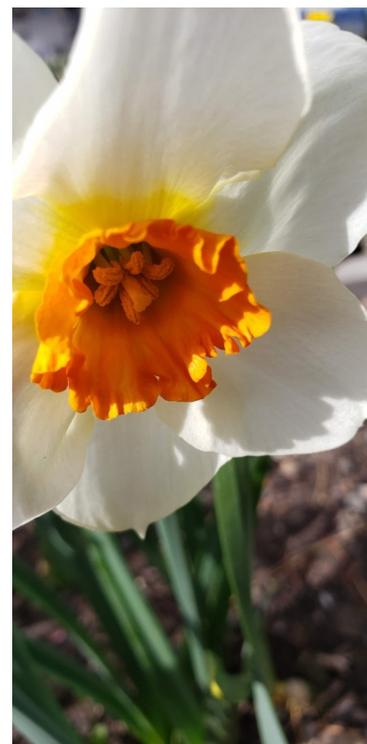
Rainbow Greetings,

I am always glad for the changing of seasons into spring. With spring I find in myself renewed energy, optimism and determination. The dreary, dull monochrome landscape blooms and becomes vibrant with color. I see this with our Rainbow Girls as well. A sudden burst of growth and inspiration from now until Grand Assembly. Spring can be stressful too. School trips, competitions and finals all loom. Help each other by providing reminders and encouragement.

Spring Fling is right around the corner March 16-17 in Missoula. Come cheer the girls on, in Missoula's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday. Don't forget to collect your pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses. Pop tabs can be dropped off at your local assemblies or contact me and I will help arrange a pick up.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has" ~ Margaret Mead

In Rainbow Love and Service,
Ms. Crystal Sampson
SMA Montana I.ORG



Jr. Executive Committee 23-24

Happy almost Spring! Looking forward to warmer weather. Thank you all for the responses on discussions we've had over the past couple of months. Further information will be coming on the feedback received. Please remember to reach out to your JEC delegates with any ideas you may have about your Grand Assembly. That's why we are here, to help!

Looking forward to everyone at Spring Fling!

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

Grand Representatives

Spring is here!

Start thinking about putting together your presentation
for Grand Assembly!

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

Dee Hallock, Grand Representatives Advisor in Montana

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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.

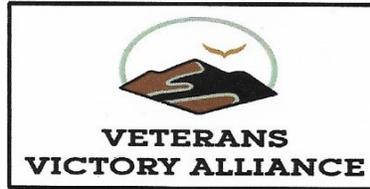
Assemblies are asked to give special recognition to public servants such as Firemen, Law Enforcement, EMT's, and first responders. Send Thank you notes, take them treats, anything you can think of to show our appreciation for what they do. I'm looking forward to the ideas our members come up with for 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

Rainbow Service Projects do make a difference in our communities!



Dear Friends of Veterans Victory Alliance,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Veterans Victory Alliance (VVA), we wish to thank you for your generous support over this past year. We are grateful for your faith in us and as we complete our second year of operation, we wanted to share some brief highlights with you.

2023 found us working to make our grounds and facilities accessible to all. The critical wheelchair accessible shower and restroom was completed in time for our annual muster thanks to your many generous donations and the volunteer labor and materials contributed.

We are especially grateful for a grant provided by Home Depot including veteran volunteers and all the tools and materiel needed to complete roofing, the bathroom, and erect a gazebo beside our Operations facility now serving as a welcome information area for our visitors.

Our 2nd Annual MOUNTAIN MUSTER, brought volunteers and attendees from near and far. Once again, the Rainbow Girls, The "Bitterrodders" and Corvallis American Legion Post 91 brought their hands and hearts to help us set-up, honor, and celebrate. Our Ravalli County Sheriff shared the Honors Ceremony to recognize several on his team for their exceptional service. It was the perfect venue to highlight those who serve this great county. The day concluded with live entertainment, games, a silent auction and barbecue cookout. Thanks to many hours and the expertise donated by Kerry Brown, we had wifi for staff and guests alike!

The service event highlight of the year was the Missoula Veterans Center Women's Retreat held in October. Participants, including two VA counselors and our amazing community volunteer nurse, spent a beautiful Fall weekend hiking, fishing, sharing around the campfire and signature "TiPi yoga" while decompressing in Montana's beauty at Moon Eagle River Ranch.

Local ROTC Cadet Landon Conner's "Operation 22"- Ruck March brought community awareness to the issue of Veteran suicides while raising over \$2,500 to support Veteran outdoor recreation experiences. The Rainbow Girls, led by Trinity McLane also raised over \$2,300 with all funds from both going directly to Veteran and First Responder activities support. These young leaders inspired us by working tirelessly at the ranch helping raise the TiPi, clearing areas to improve wildfire safety, and supporting the mountain muster honors ceremony.

VVA also hosted the Montana Bowhunters Association Youth Camp which taught safety and skills. The innumerable donations of time, outdoor gear and ranch resources are humbling.

Over the course of this year, it became clear our greatest need going forward is a commercial kitchen for meal preparation, thus the focus of our 2024 fundraising. Thanks to the Haupt Family Foundation's tremendous contribution, we have seed money to begin this work. As part of this focus, we are launching a new level-of-giving initiative that will be posted on our website soon as we prepare for at least 3 scheduled retreats soon to be announced this coming year!

As 2023 closes, we thank you for your generosity, sacrifice, love and outreach as VVA grows in service scope and capacity. We wish you a healthy and happy New Year and have great aspirations for our mission serving Veterans and First Responders in 2024. Come see us, we would love to see you in Montana!

- The Board of Directors and Advisors, Veterans Victory Alliance, January 2024

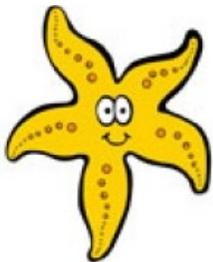


Save Your Pop Tabs

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

GRAND ASSEMBLY LECTURE COMPETITIONS

Which competition are you entering?



The Rose lecture

The Dad lecture

Fidelity

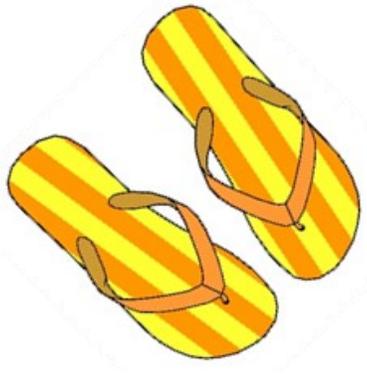
Hope initiation lecture



Sign up at Spring Fling to participate

Competition will be held at Grand Assembly

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

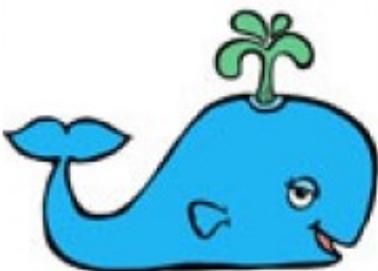


Flip-Flop Competition

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



HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Hamilton girls continue to be active and making plans for the future. Winter's first meeting after installation welcomed Masons visiting from the Missoula Lodge. The girls were gifted with 23 pounds of pop tabs for the Grand Service project.



In February, we traveled to Missoula for a joint meeting with Garden City Assembly #55. It is great to have a formal meeting with all of the girls together. Missoula girls were also gifted with 23 pounds of pop tabs for the Grand Service project. After the meeting, the girls helped make Valentine decorations for families at the Ronald McDonald House in Missoula.



March started with a service project to recognize our community first responders. The girls put together candy bags with a thank you card attached. The 150 bags will be delivered to members of the Sheriff's Department, the Hamilton Police department and the Volunteer Fire department.

We look forward to seeing everyone this week-end in Missoula!



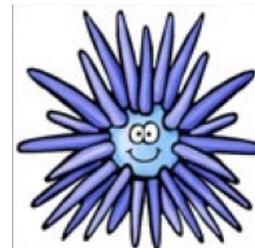
GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3

Hello, all!

The Color Buds had a fun meeting in February making crowns.

We are anxious to see everyone at Spring Fling!

Happy Spring!!



BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24



Happy March to everyone!

We are so excited to see everyone at Spring Fling.

We have been braving our crazy Montana weather and busy schedules to get to meetings, and volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House. Our last visit was to deliver dinner, the main course was a big pot of cheeseburger soup,

accompanied by rolls and salad.

At our last meeting our State Rainbow Dad shared tips on how to make our presentation for our lectures more engaging for the audience. We are working on communicating with our counterparts in other States and learning more about Rainbow in other states. Also swimming right along on plans for this summer.

We will see you soon Rainbow friends



GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Greetings from Garden City Assembly #55



We have had a lot of fun the last few months. We attended Winters installation in Hamilton on January 14. It was a beautiful event and we can't wait to see what she does with her term. We know she will do a wonderful job.

In January and March we served dinner prior to the Scottish Rite meetings in Missoula. We will serve one more dinner in May for

them before they go dark. It has been fun to get to know our Masonic family.

On February 20th we Presented the Patriotism lecture for Missoula lodge #13. Dani gave the lecture, Mikal was the flag bearer and Shylee was the Masters of Ceremonies. It was Hawaiian shirt night for the lodge and the Girls were invited to have dinner with the Masons.

At our first meeting in February, Hamilton assembly came to Missoula to join us. We had many sideliners and we were gifted with a multitude of pop tops for Tawny's project.

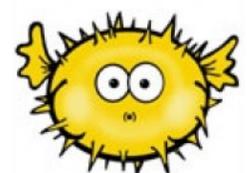
We had a Valentines Day party and made Valentines for the families at the Ronald McDonald house in Missoula.

The Girls decided to film a video to send to our fellow state representatives It was fun to plan and we can't wait to see what kind of responses we get.



We are looking forward to hosting everyone in Missoula next weekend for Fall Fling. Please wear Tawny's grand T shirt if you have it or something great for the parade! It will be great to reconnect with everyone before Grand Assembly that will be here before we know it.

In Rainbow love and Service Love your sisters from Garden City Assembly.



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DEMOLAY
MONTANA

Sweet Retreat

YELLOWSTONE ALLIANCE ADVENTURES
13707 COTTONWOOD CANYON RD.
BOZEMAN, MONTANA 59718

APRIL 6-7, 2024

COST: \$125.00
SEMI-FORMAL DRESS, INCLUDES HOUSING, 3 MEALS,
DANCE, ENTRANCE TO BOZEMAN HOT SPRINGS.

REGISTRATION DUE: 1 APRIL 2024

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