

# Rainbow Chronicles

Montana Grand Assembly Newsletter  
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Hello everyone! Hope your day is bright and beautiful. I know that I'm enjoying the frosty goodness in the air. Well since last we spoke (wrote) the days have gotten shorter and beginning to get longer again. Since the first part of November we had an amazing initiation in Helena. We initiated three new girls! YES! It was beautiful and I am so proud of all the work we've done so far and can't wait to see the work everyone continues to do into this new year. Next I got to do

my first official visit "to" Garden City Assembly #55 for their annual Light Parade, Holiday on Higgins. Where we decorated their float, handed out free refreshments, and sang holiday songs,



along with a White Elephant exchange and sleepover. We were also joined by Past Grand Officer from California Hope. I had so much fun taking my cotton candy machine out for its first run in Rainbow. Next thing that followed was my second official visit to Hamilton Assembly #2 where they had a gingerbread cookie decorating party with fun icebreakers and cotton candy snow for the gingerbread cook-

ies. Following this fabulous event I got the pleasure to go to Electa Chapter No. 7's holiday Bingo party and had just the most amazing time! I hope you all had an amazing last two months and can't wait to write to you all again soon!

Signing Off,  
Mikal Chaussee  
GWA in Montana



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And now in honor of the Wicked movie coming out:

“Unlimited. Together, we're unlimited. Together, we'll be the greatest team there's ever been. Glinda, dreams the way we planned 'em, if we work in tandem. There's no fight we cannot win. Just you and I, defying gravity. With you and I defying gravity. They'll never bring us down.”

~Wicked



### A Word from Mama Huston

As we step into a New Year, I'm sure you are wondering what 2025 will hold for you. For many the year will be filled with new adventures and new paths in life. Graduations, changes in schools, perhaps a new job or a first job.....the list goes on and on. Remember, what you will get out of this coming year depends largely on what you bring into it. Rely on what you have learned through your Rainbow experiences to help you. Face new adventures and challenges with confidence. After all, you are a Rainbow Girl and Rainbow gets girls ready for life!

Mama Huston



### **Calling all Rainbow Girls, Adult Advisors, and Sponsors of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls!**

This Valentine's Day, share the love, kindness, and the spirit of our organization with The Heart of Rainbow Ornament. This beautiful keepsake is perfect for gifting or cherishing yourself—symbolizing the joy and connection we share as members and supporters of Rainbow.

Special Offer: Order by February 1 and receive an exclusive bonus item with your purchase!

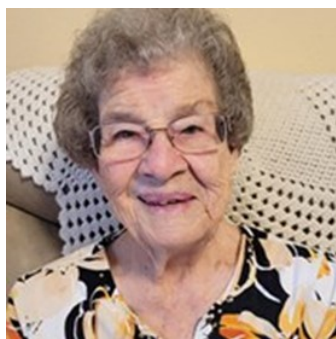


Price: \$8.50 (plus shipping)

Order Now: To secure your ornament, call the Supreme Assembly Office at 918-423-1328.

Don't miss this chance to support Rainbow and make this Valentine's Day even more special.

## In Memory of “Mama L”



Montana Rainbow’s Mama L passed away peacefully on December 28, 2024 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s. Known to the rest of the world as Joyce Lindberg, Mama L was a long-time supporter of Rainbow from the local level to the international level.

Mrs. Lindberg was born on February 4, 1932 in Blackwell, Oklahoma. She graduated from Sweet Grass County High School in Big Timber, Montana. Her family then moved to Billings where Joyce attended Rocky Mountain College. At the time she was a bit of a pioneer, being one of 6 girls attending the college. During her time at Rocky she was involved in campus activities including being a cheerleader. Joyce transferred to Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma where she graduated with a degree in English.

After college, Joyce returned to Billings where she met her future husband, Charles Lindberg, through their mutual attendance at the First Christian Church. They were married on November 29, 1953. Charles traveled much with his job with International Harvester, leaving Joyce in charge of the homelife. Charles’ job kept them moving; 6 times in 15 years, before settling in Sidney, MT for 14 years. Sidney is where Joyce and Charles raised their 5 children. In 1982, Joyce and Charles transferred back to Billings. While there, Joyce started her own business, Calico Cakes. Her delicious cakes for all occasions were in high demand. In 1992, after Charles had retired, they moved to Red Lodge.

It was in Sidney that Joyce first became active with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls when her oldest daughter joined the local Assembly. Joyce worked actively with Sidney Assembly, becoming the Mother Advisor for several years. She went on to serve

Rainbow on the state level, being appointed as Supreme Deputy of Montana in 1994 and later as Supreme Inspector from 2002 until her retirement from the position in 2004. She was elected as a member of the House of Gold in 2004. Joyce was appointed to the office of Supreme Service for the 2014-2016 term of Supreme Assembly. She remained active in Supreme Assembly activities until her retirement from the House of Gold in 2022.

Mama L was one of Montana Rainbow’s most devoted supporters, continuing to attend Rainbow events for years following her retirement as Supreme Inspector. Mama L was always an active participant and a good sport. Perhaps one of the most memorable events was at Grand Assembly 2004 when Supreme Inspector Mama L had challenged the Assemblies to a membership contest. The prize for the winning Assembly was to style Mama L’s hair. Billings Jewel Assembly won the competition and gave Mama L a very modern hairdo of Rainbow-colored Liberty spikes. She kept the hairdo in place, not only for the duration of Grand Assembly, but also through Grand Chapter which immediately followed Grand Assembly.

## In Memory of “Mama L” (continued)

Mrs. Lindberg is survived by her five children; Joy-Lyn McDonald of Sidney, MT, Bruce Lindberg of West St. Paul, MN, Ted Lindberg of Sartell, MN, Keith Lindberg of Sidney, MT, and Irene Haynes of Billings, MT. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations are suggested to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Shriner’s Hospital, the Alzheimer’s Association or a charity of the donor’s choice.

In honor of Mama L., Montana Grand Assembly will donate \$500 to the Shriner’s Hospital in Spokane in her name.



## MT State Mother Advisor Message



Rainbow Greetings,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and warmth. For me, this time of year was a beautiful opportunity to connect with family and celebrate the winter solstice. Our bonfire to welcome the returning light was a moment of reflection and renewal—a reminder that even in the darkest nights, hope shines bright.

Joining Grand Worthy Advisor Mikal on her travels has been a joy. Whether spinning sugar, meeting new friends, or strengthening bonds with our Rainbow Girls, Pledges, and Prospects, these shared moments have been priceless.

As the new year unfolds, it’s time to start planning for Spring Fling in Virginia City on March 22-23. I’m thrilled at the chance to explore the historic Virginia City Lodge No. 1 and gain a deeper connection to our Masonic heritage. These glimpses into the past remind us of the strength and unity we carry forward together.

Looking ahead, Grand Assembly is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars for June 20-22, as the dates are a little later this year. Let’s prepare for another incredible gathering filled with growth, sisterhood, and celebration.

As we step into this season of light and renewal, let us embrace the promise of new beginnings and rededicate ourselves to Service.

**“In the depth of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.”** – Albert Camus

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Ms. Crystal SMA

# MT State Rainbow Dad

Hello Rainbow Girls!

I hope you all had an amazing Holiday season. Mine started the first weekend in December, when I had the honor, to help out our amazing Missoula and Hamilton Rainbow Girls. That time of year had arrived again. It was time for the Parade of Lights in downtown Missoula. The girls decorated the Shriners Midget Two van with lights, and Grand Worthy Advisor Mikal, spun and handed out cotton candy for hours. One of my favorite highlights of the night is when I witnessed the final cookie give away. After picking up the final cookie from the table, 12 rainbow girls erupted in one of the loudest cheers I have ever heard. I am almost certain that Dad felt like he had just won the Super Bowl. That family walked away with the biggest smiles of the night. It was an amazing time and made for a special and magical night.



Then I visited Hamilton along with Missoula Rainbow. Some serious cookie decorating took place that day. Being limited in cookie decorating skills I chose to eat my cookie vs decorate it ;)

Now I can't help but think of what wonderous things await us in the new year. One thing I know for sure about the new year is that soon I will get to hang out with and see all of you again at Spring Fling in March. I am sure it will be a stupendous time.

Signing off for now and remember.

Keep reaching for that Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow.

State Rainbow Dad

Mr. Chris



## Grand Representatives

Wish your counterpart with a Happy New Year!  
Send a note about what your assembly is planning in 2025.  
Don't forget to share pictures of your Rainbow activities!

*If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.*  
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## SA26 - IORG "Be Enthusiastic About Rainbow" B.E.A.R. Program

Over the next two years, (August 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026) every Rainbow girl and adult, will have the opportunity to "Be Enthusiastic About Rainbow" (B.E.A.R.) in a combined ritual, membership, community service, and fundraising; our SA26 focus - International Rainbow Temple & Capital Campaign -Phase 3, incentive program.

First, you will earn your BEAR pin when you have completed either a white heart charm for Membership or a gold heart charm for Ritual. The BEAR pin will be sent with the first heart charm awarded. Then move forward to earn the other three charms.

Our Supreme Worthy Advisor, Mrs. C, is excited to see all Rainbow girls and adults wearing their BEAR pin at all Assembly activities, especially at the "The Heart of Rainbow" SA26, in Tucson, Arizona on July 23, 2026 to July 27, 2026.

Good luck and "Be Enthusiastic About Rainbow." Mrs. Lynn Shoulders, Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Parliamentarian, IORG -Chair



Membership - White heart charm  
(earn 25 points)



Ritual - Gold heart charm 2024 - 2026  
(earn 25 points)



Fundraising: International Rainbow Temple - Blue heart charm  
(earn 25 dollars)



Community Service - Red heart charm  
(earn 100 hours)

To learn more about the BEAR pin and hearts,  
get the details from your Mother Advisor!



## Jr. Executive Committee 24-25

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!

The JEC members are wrapping up the completion of the Montana Rainbow Brochure and hope to have it available soon. Can't wait to share it with all of you. Thank you to all who have made contributions and suggestions!

In Rainbow Love,

Jennifer Chabotte and Jessica Griffith  
Jr. Executive Committee Liaisons



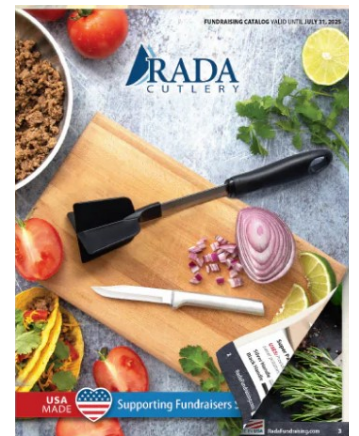
Now is the time to do some shopping & support Montana Rainbow Girls at the same time!

It's easy! Just follow the link & shop!

[Montana Radafundraising Link](#)

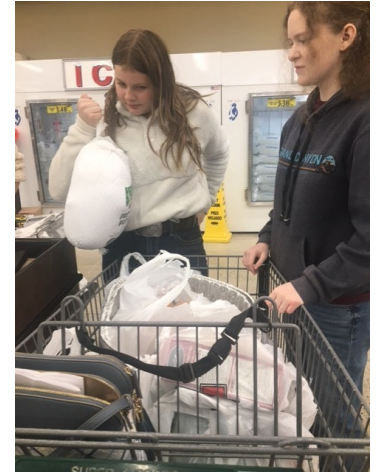
Proceeds go to Grand Assembly  
to help Rainbow Girls attend

the Montana Masonic Youth  
Convention.



# HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Since our last newsletter, Hamilton girls went shopping for family of 5. with careful shopping, and food donations from Star members, the girls spent just below their budget.



We took a quick trip to Helena to help Assembly #7 initiation 3 new members. Congratulations to Helena!

December started with the Holiday on Higgins with Garden City Assembly, handing out cookies & cotton candy. After the street festivities, the girls enjoyed dinner, games, gift exchange & sleep over. On Sunday the girls held a brief joint meeting before heading home.



Hamilton hosted a cookie decorating prospect party. Grand Worthy Advisor Mikal brought her cotton candy machine. Girls enjoyed the cookies, played games before heading home. Some of the prospects were interested in participating in more



Rainbow activities.



At the first meeting in January, the girls worked on planning more activities & service projects for the coming months, including another prospect party.

Everyone is looking for success & growth in 2025!



# GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3

Hello Everyone! Happy New Year!

Caitlin and I helped serve at a couple of dinners with the Job's Daughters for the Scottish Rite.

The initiation was wonderful. Congratulations to Helena Assembly.



Caitlin and I did both the Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Dinner plus gifts for 2 families in need. Both were very grateful.



Christmas Shopping with our upcoming initiate and her mom.

# HELENA ASSEMBLY #7

What is a great start to any week, let alone Thanksgiving Week 2024? Yessiree - initiating **THREE** young ladies into Rainbow! Sunday, November 24, 2024, we welcomed Annika, Nikita, and Aubree to Helena Assembly. We quadrupled our membership and we can't thank Montana Rainbow - current and Majority members - enough for helping out.



We had a social get-together in December. We painted bell ornaments and enjoyed treats.

This month we've had our social meeting - played a card game - and continued learning more about Rainbow and progressing to Proficiency.

In February we will be creating gifts for residents at the Masonic Home, and are planning to deliver them on Valentine's Day.

Here's to future projects and fun times!



# BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24

Wow! The last couple months have been busy!

The members of Billings Jewel Assembly have been busy with family, school, and Rainbow activities. We have been working on general floor work, proficiency, Grand Office parts, and Opening parts.

We have changed our meetings from Tuesday to Sunday. Our 1st Sunday meeting was spent working on making activity/goodie bags for the kids coming to the clinic in Kalispell.



We also assisted in Initiation at Helena which was a lot of fun.



Enjoy the snow, and we will hopefully see you soon.



# GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Greetings from Garden City Assembly #55!

Since the last newsletter Garden City we've done quite a lot! Mikal, Dani, and Shylee spent a day down in Helena to help initiate three girls into Helena Assembly. We had a great time seeing all the other girls and welcoming our new sisters into Rainbow!



The next day our girls went shopping for a family for Thanksgiving. Our girls and pledges had a great time shopping for our family at Winco and after our shopping spree we made a quick trip over to Starbucks for some hot coco. Garden City adopts a family every year and it is always one of our favorite traditions of the holiday season.

Another coveted tradition in Garden City is our holiday party where all our girls and pledges go to Holiday on Higgins in Missoula and hand out cookies, glow sticks, and Grand Worthy Advisor Mikal even brought out her cotton candy machine for the occasion.

After all of the cookies were gone we went up to the temple for our sleepover. We started off the night with spaghetti for dinner then we did our annual white elephant gift exchange. It was such a fun night of karaoke, drawing, and watching the movie Elf as we went to bed.



The next morning Garden City had a joint meeting with Hamilton! The holiday party is one of the most fun events Garden City does and it is such a great way to get into the Christmas spirit even with no snow. As the holiday season comes to an end we are getting ready to plan all of the amazing events Garden City has planned for 2025!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and we can't wait for all the amazing adventures planned for us in 2025!