



# Rainbow Chronicles

## Montana Grand Assembly Newsletter November 2020, Vol 2



Hey all you cool cats and kittens! GWA Kennidi here! During this holiday time and what is usually gathering of family and friends, I want to remind you that there are people out there that still need service! As Rainbow girls, we need to be reaching out and giving service to those in need, like the elderly in our communities!

I challenge you to reach out to those in your community with Thanksgiving, fall or Christmas cards and decorations. It's a wonderful way to brighten someone's day and the holidays ahead!

We all need to remember to be thankful for what we do have, because what a sweet thing to be able to have anything at all!



Let us be thankful for those we love, the homes that provide us shelter, and the wonderful opportunities that we do have. I love this time of year because it humbles us! We remember those who have less than we do and we try not to take for granted what we do have. I encourage you to do things to serve and connect with others as we get into this holiday season, especially with everything going on now. I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas time, remind you to get out and serve, and stay healthy!

In Rainbow Love & Service *GWA Kennidi*

### Hello Montana Rainbow!

Hey Girls! I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. It is very important that we as Rainbow girls reach out and help our community, especially since many of our elders are isolated and/or in quarantine. Service projects are a wonderful way to improve our community and keep in contact with our Rainbow sisters. I am very thankful for the resources we have in order to maintain that contact. Remember to be thankful and happy for the life we were given. Stay cool!



In Rainbow Love and Service, **MMRS Trinity**

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## A Word from Mama Huston

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Rainbow Hugs,  
Mama Huston





## State M.A. Message

Greetings Rainbow Family,

This is my favorite time of year when my thoughts turn to thankfulness, family and celebrations. I am especially thankful for my Masonic family and the wonderful way that they lift each other up in times of need. I encourage you all to reach out to those around you and make yourself of service whenever possible.

While it was so nice to see several of the Assemblies in person at Fall Fling, the need for social distancing definitely makes for a different kind of gathering than we are used to. Please remember that this is temporary and we need to stay as connected as possible. Get creative while finding ways to keep in touch. This is a convenient time to work on the Proficiency Program.

Looking forward, Grand Officers and Grand Representatives need to get their measurements to Mrs. Dee Hallock as soon as possible. A chart was sent to the Mother Advisors. Please contact Dee or myself if you have any questions.

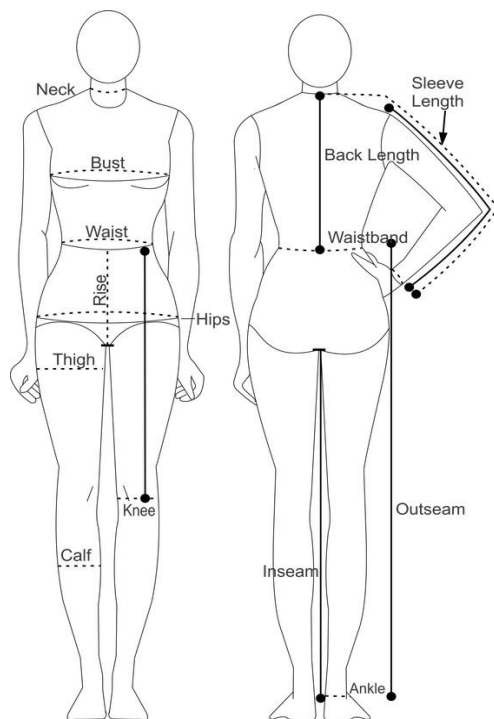
**"Our generation has the ability and the responsibility to make our ever-more connected world a more hopeful, stable and peaceful place."** ~ Natalie Portman

In Rainbow Love and Service,  
Ms. Crystal Sampson, State MA



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STATION: \_\_\_\_\_

### Measurements needed:



Bust:

Waist:

Back Length:

Hips:

Outseam:



Give your measurements to your Mother Advisor or Send them to: Mrs. Dee Hallock [hallockrr55@outlook.com](mailto:hallockrr55@outlook.com)



## Jr. Executive Committee 20-21

I hope you all are doing well and staying safe. Thank you to all the girls and assemblies for your input on the names of our new mascots. I loved seeing all the names you came up with.

As we approach the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let's remember to be kind to each other and give thanks for all that we have. I am certainly thankful from my family and friends and all of you! What are you thankful for? Stay well and be safe!

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Jennifer Chabotte

Jr. Executive Committee Liaison



Here's a way to help  
**Montana Grand Assembly**  
raise money while you shop online!

Just shop at Amazon Smiles and  
select "International Order of  
Rainbow Girls - Glendive"

Amazon will donate a portion of  
your order to MTIORG.

NOTE: There are several listings for "International Order of Rainbow Girls", the one that benefits Grand Assembly has "Glendive" in the name.

## Meet the Mascots

At Fall Fling girls voted (in person & online) for their favorite names.



Meet Owliver the owl &  
Spike the hedgehog.



## Gen2Gen Interviews

Hopefully some of you have started to interview members of another generation for GWA Kennidi's Gen2Gen project. By asking a few simple questions you can open the door to stories based in another time that may have otherwise gone undiscovered. You may be wondering why these stories matter, what is their value? There are several answers to these questions. The stories can help you realize how fortunate you are in your life with all of the modern conveniences you have at your disposal. You may discover the origins of family traditions or gain a better understanding of the person's personality and habits. You may even discover activities, foods, or information from the past that you may want to incorporate into your life today. Once the "interview" is started, you will be amazed at the stories that are shared. Choose a person you would like to know more about. This could be a grandparent, a neighbor or your parent. Telephone or email if you can't visit with them in person. I have listed some suggested questions below to give you some ideas for your visits. Choose a few from the list, choose your person, and let the stories begin! Have fun with this project and in the process brighten someone's life by showing your interest in who they are and listening to their stories.

1. What kind of toys did you play with as a child?
2. What was your first job?
3. What was your favorite job?
4. Did you serve in the military?
5. While you were in the military, what did you and your companions do to entertain yourselves?
6. Have you kept in touch with any of your friends from high school/college/the military?
7. What are some of your childhood memories of your father/mother/family?
8. Have you ever written a story or poem, and if so, do you still have it?
9. Have you ever been really unhappy? How did you get through that time in your life?
10. What is your favorite food?
11. Do you have any special family traditions for holidays?
12. What are some of your favorite memories from childhood birthdays or holidays?
13. What do you admire most about your father/mother?
14. What is something you were surprised to learn when you moved out of your parent's house?
15. Who did you date in high school? What sort of activities did you do for dates?
16. Have you always lived in the same area?
17. Did you go to college and if so, what was your college life like? Did you work while in college?
18. What is one of the bravest things you've ever done, and what was the outcome?
19. What is one of the stupidest things you've ever done? What did you learn from it?
20. What things are most important to you in choosing a home?
21. Tell me about the first time you got a cell phone.

## 2020 Lecture Competitions

Grand Assembly will be holding a Lecture competition the Rose Lecture and the Dad Lecture at Spring Fling! Winners will present these lectures at Grand Assembly. Copies of the lectures are provided here, so start learning them!

### ROSE LECTURE

My sister(s), I extend to you a hearty welcome into our Assembly. Rainbow teaches duty fourfold: duty to God, to country, to parents and to each other. It also teaches harmony and friendship. The Rainbow grasp of friendship goes beyond the doors of the Assembly Room, across the vast lands of the United States and across the expanse of the oceans to other girls in every other part of the world. You are now a link of this great undying chain of friendship. Ever remember, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

And now I would like to share with you a short verse entitled: "My Hand in God's"

Each morning when I wake to say,  
 "I place my hand in God's today.  
 I know He'll walk close by my side,  
 My every wandering step to guide.  
 He leads me with the tenderest care,  
 When paths are dark and I despair.

No need for me to understand,  
 If I but hold fast to His hand.

My hand in His, no greater way,  
 To go in safety though each day.

By His great bounty I am fed,  
 Warmed by His love and comforted.

When at days end I seek my rest,  
 And realize how much I am blessed.  
 My thanks pour out to Him and then,  
 I place my hand in God's again."



Tonight, as you knelt at the White Altar of Holy Promise, you pledged your life to Love and Service. You held the hand of God. So now each morning when you awake and look upon the pages of your open Bible, remember that you once held the hand of God. And then again, place your hand in His, and look forward to a new day with renewed courage and faith.

*(The speaker places a small rose in each new member's hand.)*

## Dad's Talk

Tonight, you have been witness to many lessons, but one of the most important is the love and respect Rainbow girls have for their parents. While as teenagers, Rainbow takes us on a journey of stations to reach the mythical Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow, as parents, your children are the Pot of Gold at the end of their Rainbow.

Just a few minutes ago, we talked about our love and devotion for our mothers, whose prayers and sacrifices made this day possible. We'd now like to talk to our dads.

As Rainbow girls, we'd like you to be proud of us, just as we are proud of you. You may not know much about Rainbow yet but it will be special to you because it is special to us.

Dad's want the best for their daughters. One of the best expressions of this is from the song "I Hope You Dance." It says in part:

*I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,  
 You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,  
 May you never take one single breath for granted.  
 I hope you dance.  
 I hope you still feel small when you stan beside the ocean.  
 Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens.  
 Promise me you'll give faith a fighting chance.  
 I hope you will dance.*

Today I present you with the Rainbow Dad pin. Wear it with pride as a reminder of the seven mileposts in your daughter's journey to the end of the Rainbow and of your commitment to help guide and protect her on her journey. Take some time each day to share with your daughter. Offer to attend Rainbow meetings; it is in these moments that you will have the chance to watch her grow in service and leadership on her path to true womanhood. Attend often, for this journey, like all others, has an end and once travelled may never truly be retraced.



# Fall Fling

Helena, MT

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GWA Kennidi handed out a special mascot gift to her Grand Officers. (Those GOs who were not in attendance will get them delivered. )



Girls filled bags of treats for residents at the Masonic Home while waiting for the Zoom meeting to start





# Fall Fling



Kenzy demonstrated how to make the Thanksgiving craft for the Masonic Home residents.



Mama Huston presented the Bonnie Fleishmann Scholarship award to GWA Kennidi!  
Congratulations!

GWA Kennidi with  
State Rainbow Dad Tom Lund,  
Supreme Deputy Carol Huston &  
State Mother Advisor Crystal Sampson.



Pop tab collection:  
Garden City #55 estimated contribution was 30 pounds .  
Hamilton #2 estimated contribution was 25 pounds.

Thank you to all who contributed to the tab collection to benefit the Ronald McDonal House in Billings!



# Supreme Centennial

## Proficiency/Membership Program

Supreme is implementing a Proficiency/Membership program over the next two years. There are four levels to the program. The completion of each level will earn the participant a ribbon and completing the fourth level will earn a special pin. The levels must be completed in order and one can not continue to the next level until the previous level is completed. There are over 100 proficiency questions to choose from.



☞ The first level requires completion of 10 questions,

☞ The second requires 15 new questions,

☞ The third level requires 20

☞ The fourth level requires 20.

Participation in level 1 begins August 1 and runs until December 1.

Each Mother Advisor will have a copy of the questions so contact her to get started.

### Study Questions

#### Level 1 questions:

1. Who is the Reverend W. Mark Sexson?
2. When were the Degrees first exemplified?
3. What is the response to all prayers at Rainbow functions?
4. How many Officers constitute an Assembly?
5. Where is the Holy Bible found in the Assembly Room?
6. At what Scripture is the Altar Bible opened at Rainbow meetings?
7. Name the contents of the Pot of Gold?
8. To what are all assemblies dedicated?
9. Why are Charity and Hope north and south of the Altar while officers and members ballot?
10. What sign is given before casting your ballot?

When you can answer these from memory to your Mother Advisor or Board member, you will have passed Level 1. Good Luck!

It's time to work on communicating with your  
Grand Representatives!!

2021

This is a great time to send Christmas Cards  
to your counterpart!!

2020-2021 Grand Representative Appointments

Ashlyn G. - Texas

Clara L. - Louisiana

Dani R. - WA/ID

Hailey C. - Bolivia

Kensley A. - North Dakota

Mikal C. - CA

Tawny W. - Arizona

Trinity M. - Nevada



Grand Representative Regions! *(NOTE: This is a corrected list)*

The **Red** Region is assigned to **Bozeman Assembly #21**. The jurisdictions are Alaska, Nebraska, Australia, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Maryland.

The **Orange** Region is assigned to **Billings Jewel #24**. The jurisdictions are Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Arkansas.

The **Yellow** Region is assigned to **Garden City Assembly #55**. The jurisdictions are Canada, Michigan, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, Colorado.

The **Green** Region is assigned to **Hamilton Assembly #2**. The Jurisdictions are Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Ohio, New Mexico, Indiana.

The **Blue** Region is assigned to **Hardin Assembly #33**. The jurisdictions are New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Aruba, West Virginia and Virginia.

The **Indigo** Region is assigned to **Great Falls Faith Assembly #3**. The jurisdictions are Georgia, Rhode Island, Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Brazil.

The **Violet** Region is assigned to **Helena Assembly #7** The jurisdictions are Tennessee, Philippines, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Oregon.



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# HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Hamilton Rainbow girls enjoyed their road trip to Helena for Fall Fling, even though it was just a day trip. It was good to see girls from other assemblies, though we had to give only air hugs.

Halloween plans were cancelled because of a heavy snow fall. Better luck next year!



Hamilton girls had an informal meeting, crafting. Thanksgiving cards were made to give to residents of one of the local elder care residences. Everyone enjoyed the pumpkin pie as well. While making cards girls made a shopping list for an adopted family.



The girls are helping finish lap quilts that were started by Rainbow girls a long time ago. One of the quilts is on its way to Helena for a Star Sister adopted by Leona Chapter. Some of the quilts will be given to elder residents who are in wheelchairs to help keep them warm this winter.



## GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3

Hello All!

The girls and I attempted to go Helena for Fall Fling. We made it as far as Ulm...the roads were horrible. We got to be on virtually. We missed everyone! Have a wonderful day!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Great Falls Faith #3



## BOZEMAN ASSEMBLY #21

Hello from Bozeman Assembly

We had a blast attending Fall Fling by Zoom. The wreathes and turkeys we made were delivered to the Bozeman Senior Center and Gallatin County Rest Home by LaVerene our Eastern Star member.

We sent our Grand Representatives Halloween and Thanksgiving cards with a September Newsletter. Hopefully we will be able to share stories from our sisters the next time we gather.

Thankful for our Rainbow Friendships,

Brooklyn, Emmajo, and Ashlyn.

**Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow. ~ Ann Silvers.**

# HELENA ASSEMBLY #7

We were pleased to host Fall Fling last month and enjoyed seeing everyone, whether in person or on screen. Then winter hit, followed by spring, summer, fall, and winter again. Our best laid plans for a "Paint Your Stress Away" in-person Raindrops and Prospect party this past Sunday, November 8, morphed into a Zoom meeting where we learned how to draw lizards or geckos - depends on the number of toes/fingers - and some facts about them. Worthy Advisor Clara chose the lizard as her fun symbol because of their ability to regrow their tails and to inspire us to regrow our Assembly.

One of our annual service projects, the Intermountain Festival of Trees, is being held virtually this year. In lieu of a physical donation to the silent auction portion of the Festival, we decided to make a cash donation to Intermountain to help fill their Wish List of needed items.

We are busy contacting our Grand Representative counterparts and will soon send letters to the Masonic Home residents for Gen2Gen.

We're hopeful the weather will cooperate for us and we'll meet face-to-face on November 22. Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.



## **BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24**

Hi everybody! I hope everyone has been safe and healthy? I will keep you all in my prayers!

Sadly, due to current circumstances, such as busy schedules and quarantining, Billings Rainbow hasn't done as much as we usually do or would like to do. However, that doesn't stop us from doing we can or having fun! We were able to meet up a couple times in person as well as tune in via Zoom for Fall Fling! We got to help name Kennidi's mascots and make our crafts for beloved elders as part of Kennidi's project.

With the most Rainbow Love, Billings Jewel Assembly #24



# HARDIN ASSEMBLY #33



Please keep our Bighorn County community in your thoughts as it continues to see rises in COVID cases. Because of this and schools transitioning to temporary remote learning for all, the Assembly is striving to keep some normal activities to help them through the uncertainty we are all facing!



Reaching out to the Nursing Home and Retirement Home has always been a highlight in October! Even though we weren't able to deliver pumpkins, the girls decided to paint fall pictures for the residences to enjoy.



The girls had a lot of fun and enjoyed time with each other along with a few of our new prospects! It was bitter sweet to drop off the paintings at the door and to not be able to go in to visit but at the same time knowing the residents enjoyed a little happiness from them!

The Annual Cancer Walk was given the go-ahead, but with a couple little tweaks to keep everyone safe. It was the only walk that I can recall where the weather did not cooperate, but I guess that's just another example of 2020!! There was snow and Mojos was playing Christmas music when the walkers came in to get a hot drink before the walk!! The majority of the participants choose to just pick up their shirt and went back to their warm homes, but the girls were still able to raise another successful donation to our local mammogram unit!!





# GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Hello all, greetings from Garden city assembly #55!

We have been having a lot of fun recently, having socially distanced fun! First, we had Fall Fling in Helena and we were so very happy to see everyone there. We did some arts and crafts, some service projects for our Grand Worthy Advisor Kennidi that will make their way over to the Masonic Home, and some fun games! Overall, I think we are very happy we were able to make it and able to see other Rainbow girls.

This month we focused on what we could do to give back for Thanksgiving and we decided to adopt a family and get their groceries for this holiday. For Kennidi's service project, we decided to do some door decorations for the nursing homes and decorate them for the holiday season. We have also decided to reach out to some seniors in the Masonic Home and send them some greeting cards, just to let them know we are thinking about them.



Overall, Garden City Assembly is having a lot of fun planning and organizing ourselves for this season. I hope all of you are well, and stay healthy during this time. I know this time has been difficult but just know we are all in this together, we have each other and that's all that matters.

Peace and Love,

Hailey Chabotte

