



Rainbow Chronicle

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Hey Y'all!

I hope everyone survived the holiday craziness and are ready to tackle Grand craziness! It may not seem like it yet, but Grand is going to be here before we know it. In the next few months, I'm excited to see all of you at your official visits and to check in on your goals over Facetime.

Also, keep competing in our Grand competitions. On January 26th, I will be holding a Winter Wonderland fundraiser in

Hardin MT. There will be carnival games, crafts, and even a petting zoo! Check out our Facebook MTiorg to learn more and to stay up to date with everything happening in Montana Rainbow.



Maddie

Hi girls,

Happy new year! Hope everyone had a safe and memory filled start to their 2020. I was really looking forward to writing this article because it is about something very dear to me and the Hardin community right now. I wanted to give a quick spill on just how important it is to know your red flags and to keep yourself in a safe situation. Right now in Hardin there is a 16 year old girl who is in my class, junior, who has been missing since the first of this month. She had gone out the night before and was just trying to get a ride home but sadly still hasn't made it. Every year we review our red flags and how to catch and handle them but sometimes I feel it is seen more as a joke than a truly serious thing. Please always have a way to communicate with someone. Let them know where you are and where you plan to be going. For me this person is my mom and my dad but your person can be anyone of importance who wants to make sure you're okay. Know where you are going and make sure to always second guess if where you are planning to go and what you are planning to do is truly that safe and doesn't put you in an unsafe situation. I know this may not be a very fun article to be reading but I really felt the need to get this out to everyone. I also don't want for anyone to twist this either. Go out and have fun make memories but always have your red flag knowledge going in the back of your head. So with that being said, I hope 2020 brings everyone happiness and safety.

Rainbow Love, MMRS Macie



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A Word from Mama Huston

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." -- Edith Lovejoy Pierce



As we begin another year; write another chapter in our life's story, let us put some thought into the many opportunities that lie before us. There will be opportunities for new friendships, opportunities to strengthen existing friendships, opportunities to travel and visit new places, enjoy new experiences. Each of you will write a story that is yours alone. Each story will be different, but there will be a common thread in the stories. As Rainbow Girls you have learned lessons that have helped prepare you for life and will continue to help you in the years to come.

We will be having initiation at Spring Fling. Grand Officers, please be ready with your parts from the Contemporary Ritual. We will use this Ritual at Spring Fling and at Grand Assembly. At Grand Assembly we will then take a vote from our members to decide which Ritual (Traditional or Contemporary) Montana will use going forward. Your presentation of the Ritualistic work will be the first time many will see and hear this version of the Rainbow teachings. You have a responsibility to deliver a presentation that will allow our members to make an informed decision. Hopefully your Assemblies have discussed the differences and similarities of the two Rituals. Each girl will have a vote and it is not necessary that all members of an Assembly vote in the same manner.

Remember our Secret Sister program. Have you sent greetings to your Secret Sister? This is your opportunity to learn more about one of your Rainbow sisters and create a new special bond between the two of you. Valentine's Day is coming up and it would be a perfect opportunity to send a secret greeting. Imagine how excited she will be to be remembered and how curious she will be to find out who remembered her. I believe part of the plan was to bring a small gift to Spring Fling for your secret sister. You'll be revealed to each other at Grand Assembly.

This will be a busy year. Soon we will be asking for applications for Grand Offices. Think about whether you would like to hold a Grand Office or be a Grand Representative. This is a Supreme Assembly year. Supreme Assembly will offer the opportunity to meet many of your counterparts at Supreme Assembly. Speaking of Supreme Assembly, hopefully many of you are planning to attend. Supreme is an awesome experience for any Rainbow Girl. It provides an atmosphere of enthusiasm, hope and Rainbow love. My wish for this New Year is to see every Montana Rainbow Girl have the opportunity to attend Supreme Assembly. Grand Assembly will offer some financial help from the funds generated by our fundraisers. (Have you been selling your raffle tickets ☺) Hopefully your Assemblies are conducting fundraisers for this endeavor as well.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Spring Fling !

Mama Huston

STATE M.A. MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Each year we have a new beginning, a time to start fresh, set new goals and hope for a better year. Some even make resolutions. I take a hard look in my mirror to see how I can be a better person and to see if I crossed the finish line that I worked towards this year. Finish lines we can refer to as goals and challenges in our lives that keep us moving forward. If you don't have projects and challenges or goals there would be little to accomplish. Rainbow gives many of us a purpose; it points us in a direction to work towards. Our direction has a different path for each of us, but pulls a world of "girls" together in friendship. This direction teaches us new life skills that we take forward into our careers or education. This direction shows us a different perspective of managing life and exposes us to life's diversity. Keep reaching towards those finish lines or goals.



Jr. Executive Committee 19-20

Greetings from the JEC,

I hope that everyone had a fantastic winter break. I know that we sure did. I do have a few reminders from the JEC for everyone.

PLEASE make sure that you are sending a note, a card or letter to your sister each month. This will only be successful if everyone is participating. It's been fun seeing all of the reactions of the girls getting their correspondence. Don't forget to bring a little something for your sister to Spring Fling! If you have forgotten who you have or you need an address please reach out to your JEC representative or myself.

With Spring Fling almost here, I hope all of the new Montana IORG logo art is coming along nicely. We will be making the final decision at Spring Fling so that there will be time to have some swag with the new logo available at Grand Assembly.

Has your assembly picked a mascot for Grand? We are excited to see what everyone comes up with.

Make sure to be communicating with your JEC representative they are your voice to Grand Assembly. Please feel free to share any ideas and questions with them so that they may bring it to the Grand Executive Committee.

"Don't just follow your dreams—chase them down, grab hold, and don't let go." Kellie Elmore

Crystal Sampson - Jr. Executive Committee Liaison



I want to personally give a shout out to a couple of wonderful Rainbow adults. Zane and Anna Sampson were in Helena for the Shrine Installation on January 4, attending in their roles for Shrine. Helena Rainbow Assembly has been asked to help with serving the Installation banquet, and due to a variety of circumstances, Vickie Rauser, myself, Mackensity A. and Kennedy A. were the only members able to be present for this event. While we were discussing how to best go about serving this large group, Zane and Anna appeared and asked to be put to work! Zane paired off with Mackensity, carrying trays and allowing Mackensity to help serve the Shriners and their guests, and Kennedy floated between the rest of us to complete serving the dinner. Zane and Anna finally went and enjoyed their meals after all of the other Shrine guests had been served. They even went further to help the girls with cleaning up dishes and clearing tables. I am so grateful for all of their help with this event! Zane and Anna truly demonstrated the true values of service we teach in Rainbow, and that Rainbow is truly a family no matter what! Thank you again for all of your help!

In Rainbow service,

Sarah Allen, Helena Assembly Board member



MONTANA RAINBOW GIRLS
INVITE YOU TO A

WINTER WONDERLAND

JANUARY 26 | STARTS AT 11AM
HARDIN HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

Do you want to build a snowman?
Throw a snowball or two?
Come join us for winter fun, food and
carnival games!

Check out our Facebook page
MTIorg to find out more

Prepare for Supreme 2020

Supreme 2020 will be here before we know it and hopefully many of you are planning to attend. Those attending as part of the Montana delegation will be asked to dress uniformly for sessions. The required dress code will be the blue Montana Rainbow Polo shirt with either a denim or khaki skirt (skirt length is to be below the knee). If you do not have a polo shirt you can order one for delivery at Grand Assembly. I do have two shirts on hand now, a size small and a size XXL. These are available immediately to anyone wanting those sizes. Adults and girls attending are all asked to abide by this dress code. There is an order form included with this newsletter if you would like to pre-order your shirt now.



Montana Rainbow Polo Shirt

Size Small-XL \$18

XXL \$19

Name	Size	Qty	Price



Orders should be sent to:

Carol Huston, SD

314 W. Dodge St.

Glendive, MT 59330

Or chuston45@aol.com

Total _____

There will be an additional charge
for postage if shirts need to be
mailed.

Supreme Capital Campaign Shoe Drive

We did it !

When Mama Huston delivered a load of shoes on Christmas Eve we reached our 2500 pair goal. We are now on the home stretch of our shoe collection project. Final donations will be taken at Fall Fling in Missoula, March 28-29. The truck will pick up our donations in April. Let's make one last big push to make our project as successful as possible. If you have been waiting to clean out your closet and make your donation- do it now!



No donations will be accepted after March 29 in order to allow time to prepare for the truck.

Spring Fling Initiation



Attention all Grand Officers!!

There will be an initiation at Spring Fling on March 28 in Missoula. Be prepared to do your parts from memory using the Contemporary Ritual.

If you cannot attend Spring Fling, you must let SMA Ann Steward know so that she can find a substitute for you.



Montana Scenic Pictures Wanted



Geese in Paradise Valley, MT



Hardin, MT



Flathead Lake, MT



Bison near Browning, MT

Supreme Luncheon Slide Show

Dee Hallock is compiling scenic pictures for a slide show to be presented at the Supreme luncheon Montana is hosting in July 2020.

Please send her any pictures you may have from your backyard or travels around the state. Be sure to include where the picture was taken.

Grand Assembly Travel Fund Raffle

Have you been selling your raffle tickets??
Girls, check with your Mother Advisor for tickets if you need more to sell.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Proceeds benefit the travel fund which will help Montana Rainbow attend Supreme 2020 in Reno, NV.



This year's fundraiser for our Travel fund is a mini-vacation package. We are raffling off a two night stay in the beautiful Flathead Valley at a 2 bedroom, one bath guest house. This accommodation sleeps 5 adults so bring the family and friends for a getaway. The guesthouse is only 30 minutes from Big Mountain ski resort and 90 minutes from the Logan Pass visitor center in Glacier Park. Also included is a \$50 gift certificate to the Buffalo Café & Nightly Grill in Whitefish. Dates of the stay are determined by the winner.

The winning ticket will be drawn at Grand Assembly 2020.



Dinner in Whitefish





IT'S NEW,
IT'S EXCITING,
IT'S 7 COLOR RAINBOW
JEWELRY!

RAINBOW RING



BANGLE BRACELET

EARRINGS

HEART PIN



Visit our shopping site at www.gorainbow.org to see our new 7 Color Rainbow Jewelry. You can find them in the "New Items" category. We have a limited supply, so order yours now, they won't last long!



**“Friendships Bloom Where Rainbow Is Planted”
Membership and Service Incentive Program**

I hope you are all keeping track of your service hours and are recruiting new members. Turn your hours in to your Mother Advisor so we can get the necklaces ordered. Be sure to start a new tracking sheet so you can earn more jewels.

Mama Huston



Ritual Competition Reminder!

Grand Assembly Ritual competitions are:

- ⇒ Rose Lecture
- ⇒ Dad lecture,
- ⇒ Confidential Observer opening and closing including floor work, and
- ⇒ Hope opening and closing, including opening & closing the Bible and floor work.

Get ready & Let’s have lots of entries this year!



Zippered jewelry/make-up bags are still available. The single bags with the MT Rainbow patch is available in all colors of the Rainbow.

If you would like a personalized bags with 2 zippered pockets, \$15 each, get your order in & it will be ready by Spring Fling! Just fill out the order form below &

email: hallockrr55@outlook.com or send to :

Dee Hallock
767 Alvista Loop
Hamilton, MT 59840

Bag type	Color	Quantity	Unit price	Total
Bag with MT patch			\$10	
Personalized bag:			\$15	
Name on bag:				
			Total order	



A good time to write that letter to your
Grand Representative!

Find out what activities &
service projects she is doing in her
Rainbow Assembly



Grand Representative Appointments

Olivia - CA

Clara - WA/ID

Holly - NV

Mackensy - ND

Grand Representative Regions!

The **Red** Region is assigned to **Billings Jewel #24** for the coming year. The jurisdictions are Alaska, Nebraska, Australia, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Maryland.

The **Orange** Region is assigned to **Garden City Assembly #55**. The jurisdictions are Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Arkansas, Bolivia

The **Yellow** Region is assigned to **Hamilton Assembly #2**. The jurisdictions are Canada, Michigan, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, Colorado, Texas, Arizona.

The **Green** Region is assigned to **Hardin Assembly #33**. The Jurisdictions are Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Louisiana, New Mexico.

The **Blue** Region is assigned to **Great Falls Assembly #3**. The jurisdictions are New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Aruba, West Virginia.

The **Indigo** Region is assigned to **Helena Assembly #7**. The jurisdictions are Rhode Island, Nevada, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Brazil.

The **Violet** Region is assigned to **Bozeman Assembly #21**. The jurisdictions are Tennessee, Philippines, Mississippi, Pennsylvania and Oregon.



Another new item--we set up an email account for
Grand Representatives inquiries from other
jurisdictions. mtrainbowreps@gmail.com



HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Hamilton Rainbow Girls hosted an open meeting, inviting Masons and Eastern Star members to find out more about our assembly. The Master of Ionic Lodge and Worthy Matron of Leona Chapter along with other members attended. Refreshments were served & girls visited with guests and answered questions.

Hamilton Rainbow girls adopted a family from Darby for Thanksgiving. Girls enjoyed shopping for the dinner & delivering it to them. The family appreciated it.



In December, Worthy Matron Betty Lund invited Rainbow Girls to a meeting

honoring Rainbow and introducing the new Hamilton Rainbow Board. Girls were introduced and each gave a lecture. Trinity was also presented with an award as a winner of the Masonic Youth Essay contest. The award was presented by Worshipful Brother Kim M. Bowman, Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge of MT.



Also in December, Hamilton Assembly helped Garden City Assembly #55 initiate 5 new sisters into Rainbow. Way to go Missoula!

Coming soon...
Hamilton will be initiating a new member on January 26!
If you would like to help contact us, we can always use the help!





GREAT FALLS ASSEMBLY #3

Dec 15th Caitlin and one of our Raindrops, Janessa, shopped for our Christmas family. We gave presents of new clothes to the 6 kids. Caitlin and I delivered the gift wrapped boxes to the family.

A rousing game of Balloon volleyball!
Waiting for our cookies to cool off before decorating them.

Hope everyone had a Happy New Year Day!

January 12th is our next Raindrop meeting.



HELENA ASSEMBLY #7



Happy New Year, Everyone!

We had a successful cookie/fudge sale and distribution last month and are so appreciative of our sweet-tooth supporters.

The stocking we donated to the Intermountain Festival of Trees silent auction was well-received; it's a fun project and we've discussed what we can do to make it even better for the next time.

We held elections and WA-elect Clara will be installed at our January 24 meeting; we're looking forward to hearing her term plans for us.

We helped serve the installation banquet for Algeria Shrine on Saturday, January 4. There were a lot of people there and we're especially thankful that Mr. & Mrs. Sampson stepped in to help us out. Thank You!!! We've been asked to help with Algeria's Valentine dinner in February.

BOZEMAN ASSEMBLY #21

Hello again! It's Bozeman Assembly #21 coming back to you with our plans this month! So lately, we have been meeting up to still try to do our Big sister and Big brother program with our Bozeman DeMoly brothers. We talked to them and we should probably get started around the end of January and the beginning of February! Our drive for collecting the pop tabs is doing well! We have filled the can and half a small bag full! We are thinking about an awesome design for the can too!



We have been sending out some letters to our Reps and so far it's good! We got a few responses so far!



We went to a Christmas potluck and it was a blast! We all ate, talked around, and had Santa visit us! He knew when to come in because the rainbow girls lead the gathering of people to sing with us and on our last song, jingle bells, he popped into the room and surprise the kids! We got them all gathered around to listen to a story before we started to sing the songs for them! It was lovely!

Thanks again for listening in! Talk to you all again soon!

Love, the Bozeman girls!



BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24



The ladies of Billings Jewel Assembly have kept busy over the holiday season. The day after Thanksgiving, we joined DeMolay and Jobs Daughters to ride the Masonic Youth float in the annual Holiday Parade. It was a very cold night but everyone had fun.

In December they met at the Masonic Center to make cookies for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.



HARDIN ASSEMBLY #33

Happy New Year! The Hardin girls were busy ending 2019 out in the community and will be continuing so much more in 2020!!



They made their annual trip to Heritage Acres to decorate the Christmas tree and reminisce about past members with each ornament as they put it on the tree. It's always a special time to share Rainbow memories with the residence! Then, it was on to Farwest Gift Shop to make stuffed Buddies to donate to Child Protect Services for them to give needy kids. They all turned out so cute and I know they all will be loved by a special little kiddo because they were made with Rainbow love!



The town of Hardin is expanding their Christmas Stroll night and the Rainbow girls were asked to help out and take part in it. They lit up a pickup with lots of lights and gingerbread men in the parade after the tree lighting ceremony, but the best part was being Santa's helpers trying to keep the kids to stay in line, helping the kids sit with Santa and helping the parents get some good pictures!! There were only a few tears but lots of laughs!!



The girls decided that they wanted to continue what they started last year and they made a trip to Primary School to read Christmas stories to the students. The kids get so excited when they see the girls in their beautiful dresses and they get mesmerized by them when they start to read to them! It was a great time and I think will become an annual visit!!



After all that hard work, what better way to end 2019 then with gnomes and a party!! Food, fun, games, and girl-time is the cherry on top of being a Rainbow girl!!!



Can't wait to see what the new roaring '20s will bring and wishing the best to everyone!!!!



GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55



Garden City Assembly had a great end to 2019.

For Thanksgiving the girls sponsored a family of six for Thanksgiving. After a meeting everyone went to Albertsons to shop for dinner supplies. This was a new project for the girls and one they enjoyed it very much. It's important to reflect on what we can do for others and remember that a Thanksgiving feast doesn't always come easy.



We all enjoyed our Thanksgivings with our families little more this year.

Our pledge girls wrote letters to veterans in November reflecting on what their service means to all of us.

December was full of joy for our Assembly. We attended the Parade of lights and set up a table of coffee, hot cocoa and cookies near the temple. We asked for donations from the community to continue to help fund our many service projects. Decked out in fun blink lights and bells we cheered on the light parade.



GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55



This was followed by a fun sleep over at the temple to prepare for initiation the next day. We ate pizza, watched ELF and prepared to initiate five new members. Hamilton Assembly #2 came the next day to help put on a great initiation. Its so much fun to keep growing and making friends. This is the second time we have done an initiation after a sleep over and it seems to be becoming a fun successful tradition.

The assembly room gets all set up and we can work on practice in a relaxed way that each girl can help other sisters with her strengths and get support from her sisters and advisors for any weaknesses she might be feeling. Each time we get a little more confident in our skills and talents and we always strive to lift each other up!

Our last event was gift wrapping at Barnes and Nobles book store, The store provided us with wrapping paper and supplies and allowed us to accept donations for our organization. We worked from 10 to 8 and split the shifts up throughout the day. It was a simple service project and easy to do for our adults and girls and a fun way to get our name out. We met adults who used to be Rainbow girls when they were young and they were happy to see we are still around!

Happy New Year everyone We are looking forward to a great 2020!

