



# Rhode Island Rainbow Connection



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## Grand Worthy Advisor's Message

Howdy!

I hope you all had an amazing time at the reception! Mom Hefler and Mom Fox as well as all the other behind the scenes helpers put on a fantastic day!

Congratulations to all of the newly installed officers but mostly importantly to our 2 new Worthy Advisors- Haley and Maddy! I know you both will do amazing things for your respective assemblies and I can't wait to see what you accomplish this term!

Grand Chapter is Friday, October 13 at 1pm. The Friday session is much like our Grand Assembly opening sessions at which Mom Jennifer Ellis is presiding. On Saturday the installation will take place at 1:30pm and Mom Brenda MacDonald will be installed as Worthy Grand Matron.

I am so excited for our Northeast Exchange! I can't wait to see all of our sisters from all 7 states! We have so many fun things planned! It's going to be a weekend full of fun! No gowns, no crowns, and no ritual! Just fun! It's going to be Saturday, October 21st and Sunday October 22 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The cost will be \$25. We will figure out a carpool situation when we have a finalized number of people going.

This year our assembly contest will be bringing back the scrapbook contest! Each assembly will create a scrapbook documenting all the fun they have had over the course of the year and then the out of state Grand Officers will judge them. They will be scored on originality and creativity. The 1st place assembly will receive a \$50 check or gift card of their choosing. I am so happy to bring this old tradition back this year!

To Infinity and Beyond!  
Katy  
Grand Worthy Advisor



## Supreme Deputy's Message

Dear members of Rhode Island Rainbow, Advisors, and Friends,

Congratulations to the Grand Officers on your August initiation. Welcome, Rosalie, into East Greenwich Assembly! It was great to see you at your assembly's installation, and I hope to see you at more events in the future. Remember that Rainbow is like a cookie jar – the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it!

Congratulations also to the Junior Grand Executive Committees on the Mario Kart special event. This was the first special project that is funded by the Grand Faith event proceeds and other special collections. It was a fun day with several friends in attendance. I think that the ice cream truck was a hit!

A sincere thank you to Mom Hefler, Mom Tami, Mom Fox, and Mom Laura who planned and executed a fun Grand Officers' Reception. Thank you to the drivers and the box attendants for the Scavenger Hunt portion. Thank you to the assemblies who got creative with their food and decoration assignments to represent the Toy Story theme well. Thank you to Dad Pat for the photographs and to Mom Kim for the claw machine. It takes a team working together to make an event such as this successful. I have heard very positive comments from both members and adults alike about how fun the Scavenger Hunt was. Thank you all!

Congratulations to all of the members who were installed into offices in September. I was impressed by the assemblies who held joint installations and worked well together. At Woodridge and Westerly's installation, for example, the Confidential and Outer Observers (3 newer members from 2 Assemblies), bowed to the Installing Marshal in perfect synchronization. I know that the new and continuing Worthy Advisors have lots of events planned for the coming months. Invite your friends to any of the public events, and show them how much fun we have in IORG!

My Membership Challenge is now at 3 Rainbow Girls and 0 Pledge Sisters for the 2023-24 term. There is still lots of time to initiate 13 more! The October 7<sup>th</sup> date is still potentially open, although the candidate is no longer available. And the Statewide Initiation on December 30<sup>th</sup> appears that it will have at least 1 new Rainbow Girl with room for many more!

I would like to recognize the Youth Protection subcommittee that has been meeting at least monthly throughout the year to respond to topics that were raised by members at the anti-bullying workshop. They are addressing such topics as preferred method of communication, inclusiveness, and guiding Rhode Island Rainbow to less emphasis on the Christian religion.

As September comes to a close and October begins, I hope that you each take time to enjoy the beauty and activities that Fall in New England has to offer!

Forever the rainbow!

*Mom Therrien*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 3 7pm** Website subcommittee meeting on Zoom  
**7 7pm** Budget subcommittee meeting on Zoom  
**8 11am** Columbus Day parade in Westerly. Gather at 11 am, parade at 1 pm. Contact Mom Arielle for more information.  
**13 1 pm** Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, Order of the Eastern Star opening Session at Crowne Plaza  
**14 1:30 pm** Installation of new Grand Chapter OES Officers  
**18** Restaurant fundraiser at Chelo's in Warwick. See details below.  
**21-22** The Northeast Exchange. See details below. Registration deadline is Oct. 7.  
**27 6-10pm** Halloween party at Westerly. Games, movies, costume contest.  
**28 3 pm** Installation of Dad James Ogilvie as Grand Commander at the enVision Hotel in Mansfield. It would be great to have a large contingent to show him our support!
- November 4** Woodridge Annual Turkey Dinner  
**12** Grand Cross of Color Luncheon at Chelo's in Warwick. Members should Have received an email or snail mail invitation. If you are a Master of The Grand Cross of Color and did not receive an invitation, please Contact the Supreme Deputy.  
**19** Grand Faith Event – Woody's Carnival. See details below and register using the link to the Google form.  
*Deadline for next submission of hours for the Supreme bracelet*  
**27 7pm** Youth Protection subcommittee on Zoom
- December 9 2 pm** Grand Choir Christmas caroling at Ethan Place  
**30** Statewide initiation at Pawtucket Assembly. More details to come.



Use this link to register before November 12:  
<https://forms.gle/79UB32hUacTNZZAF6>

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# The \$25 2023 Exchange

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**In Portsmouth NH!**

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## FROM EMMA R AND HER CT COUNTERPART ARY

On October 15th at 4 pm Connecticut IORG will be hosting a visitation with initiation. If you attend, please wear a colored gown. The address is 26 Water Street in Torrington. You can park at the Yankee Peddler parking across the street and enter through the alley way. The Main Street entrance will also be open. You will go through Kids Play door and go through the door to the left. It is great to see these two Grand Representatives connecting so well!

## GRAND ASSEMBLY CONTESTS 2024

**Individual:** create a photo of you and your toys. Be creative! Age categories: Pledge, ages 11-16, 17-21, and adult. Prize is a \$25 gift card of your choice per age category.

**Assembly:** create a scrapbook of the 2023-24 term. Prize is a \$50 gift card of your choice or a check.

## PLEDGE NEWS

Hi Everyone,

Happy October! It's my favorite time of the year! Last month, we had a great time at the Grand Officers Reception. This month, we will be painting pumpkins on Friday, October 20th at 7pm (during Woodridge's second meeting). Members are encouraged to wear their Halloween Costumes. Please let Mom Kate know if you can attend so we have enough materials. My email is [kate.thompson2922@gmail.com](mailto:kate.thompson2922@gmail.com).

You've got a friend in me,

Mom Kate

## NEW – TEAM OPTION FOR RITUAL PROFICIENCY

This year Ritual Proficiency will include a TEAM Category. Participate with your friends! And DRESS CODE for Ritual Proficiency will no longer require white gowns, but be the dress code of the day (Grand Representatives Day, May 11th, 2024) OR Teams are encouraged to wear matching outfits to compete, such as decorated t-shirts or matching outfits head to toe. Matching outfits must still meet the dress code but can be casual. We want to see your creativity!

The Ritual for the Team Category and other details will be announced later.

Looking forward to seeing many of you compete!

Your ritual team,

Mom Katie, Mom Kate, and Mom Hannah

## GRAND ASSEMBLY FUNDRAISERS

You can order **gift cards** at the RaiseRight app or [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or contact Donna Fox or [rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com](mailto:rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com). There is a wide variety of businesses and denominations available throughout the year. A portion of all sales goes to Rhode Island Grand Assembly. Mom Fox will place orders on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. It's never too early to start your holiday shopping!

The next **restaurant fundraiser** will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at Chelo's in Warwick (near the airport). The coupon will be distributed as soon as we receive it from the restaurant. Please give this coupon to your server (printed or on your phone), and invite your family and friends to participate too. Valid for dine-in and take-out. Save the date, and watch for the coupon arriving soon!

## SUPREME SERVICE PROJECT



The new service project kicked off on August 1<sup>st</sup> with Care Packages to First Responders. Each assembly is being asked to create and deliver care packages to our first responders as a way to honor, show appreciation for, and remember our first responders who help each of us in so many ways. Be sure to take a photograph and share your thoughtfulness with others. Care bags might include a bottle of water, prepackaged cookies, fruit cups, etc. Use your creativity. Participate as many times as you would like, but please keep track of how many "care packages" are delivered each time. Miss Kay is looking forward to hearing about all of the outstanding service that our Rainbow Girls will be doing to help others!

# SUPREME MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM



Submit your service hours to Mom Sam Riebe at [x\\_kittyfan\\_x@hotmail.com](mailto:x_kittyfan_x@hotmail.com).

Those who are top-line or second-line signers on membership applications will also earn a shoe charm.

Our first charms were presented at the Awards' Banquet at Grand Assembly, and they will be presented next at the Statewide Initiation on December 30. Get your hours to Mom Sam before November 19 to allow time for shipment during this busy time of year.

## RHODE ISLAND RAINBOW HAS FUN!



*The Rainbow Connection comes out on or before the first of each month from October through June. Please submit articles to be included by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.*