



Rhode Island Rainbow Connection



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Grand Worthy Advisor's Message

Howdy!

I hope you all had an amazing Thanksgiving with lots and lots of yummy food!

Congratulations to Grand Faith, Alysa! She and her team made the whole Woody's Carnival event! Great job everyone!

I am very excited to see what our Grand Choir Director, Maddy has in store for our caroling at Ethan Place on December 9! I am so happy to be going back and seeing all of their smiles!

I want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! I hope you all enjoy the good food and company for Christmas and we will hopefully see each other again before 2024!

December 30th is our statewide initiation. I want to accomplish the membership challenge to see Mom Therrien dress up as a Toy Story character at Grand Assembly! Tell all your friends about Rainbow and let's get them in! We have to have a candidate to hold the initiation! Let's make it happen!

This year our assembly project 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 score 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!

We are still collecting toys for Al's Toy Barn at every Grand event - which will be donated to Toys for Tots at the end of the year!

To Infinity and Beyond!

Katy

Grand Worthy Advisor



Supreme Deputy's Message

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

Each assembly should plan donations, at least one donation per term, to local first responders as part of this year's Supreme Service Project which runs August 2023 through July 2024. Please send me a photograph of your members presenting your "Care Package to First Responders" so that I can share it with all of our supporters. Please read more information under "Supreme Service Project" below. There will be a report presented at Supreme Assembly 2024 in Virginia. Let's show the world what Rhode Island Rainbow can do!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered with the children's activities at the Festival of Trees on November 25 and 26. Members were: Madeline, Amber, Alex, Isabella, Alysa, Katie, Audrey, Haley, and Sam. Adults were: Mom Meagan, Mom Brenda, Dad Bill, Mom Jackie, Mom Michaela, Mom Andrea, Mom Missy, Mom and Dad Therrien, Mom Tami, Mom Lisa, Mom Michelle, and Mom Sandy. The Shriners were very impressed with our participation – both in donating a tree and helping with the children's activities. Don't forget to submit those service hours to Mom Sam towards your Supreme bracelet.

I am happy to see assemblies staying active with fun events and fundraisers. Be sure to invite your friends to public events, and hopefully they will want to join our organization. I am hoping that we will have the year-end statewide initiation on December 30. I would love to submit our recaps' reports showing positive membership growth in Rhode Island!

The Pledge Christmas party looks like a fun event which is again open to friends of Pledge Sisters. Remember that girls initiated into Pledge counts towards by Membership Challenge.

I look forward to the Mother Advisors/Grand Deputies' Zoom meeting with a date still to be scheduled at this point. I will review the year end procedures and items needed for recaps to make the process less scary. It will be a great time to ask questions and brainstorm. I will make every effort to keep the meeting to a half hour or less.

My favorite tradition at this time of year is decorating the Christmas tree. As I unwrap each ornament, I remember the person who gave it to me, or the vacation destination during which I bought it, or a special event it symbolizes. I hope that each of you takes the time to establish holiday traditions – making cookies, volunteering at a food pantry, decorating inside or outside – and share that love and joy with your family and friends and those in need. As Grinch says, "Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more." May you discover the true spirit of the holidays!

Forever the rainbow!

Mom Therrien



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 2 11:30 am** East Greenwich Holiday Glass Painting fun event. See flyer below.
8 Deadline to order cookies made by Westerly Assembly. See flyer below.
9 2 pm Grand Choir Christmas caroling at Ethan Place
15 7 pm Pledge Christmas party with gift exchange at Woodridge. More details below.
30 10 am Pawtucket meeting, then rehearsal. **11 am** Statewide initiation, only if there are candidates. JGEC meeting following.

CAROLING AT ETHAN PLACE

It's that time of the year where we break out our Christmas spirit and have the opportunity to sing Carols together. Please join me at Ethan Place, located at 85 Ethan St in Warwick at 1:45 pm to sing songs and Carols at 2pm sharp. The Grand Chapter of Eastern Star will be providing refreshments this year. Please come dressed in Katy's term shirt or your favorite Christmas shirt. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mom Therrien, Katy Harrison or myself.

Thanks,
Maddy Murray
Grand Choir Director

WOODY'S CARNIVAL/GRAND FAITH PROJECT



Hello everyone,

I just want to thank you for attending Woody's Carnival and helping us raise money, \$824, for more fun events! I hope you all got the chance to enjoy some of the games and have a day of fun. A special thank you to all the girls and adults who helped make everything run so smoothly as well as Charity Lodge for allowing us to use their building.

Rainbow love,
Alysa

GRAND CHARITY PROJECT/SAVE THE DATE

The Grand Charity event will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024.
Please save the date and watch for details soon!



East Greenwich Assembly #4

Holiday Glass Painting

December 2 11:30AM

Mount Vernon Masonic Center

1515 Ten Rod Road North Kingstown, RI 02852

Light Refreshments Provided

Please RSVP to Heather Dunford by November 30 at mt.olympus12hp@hotmail.com



LET US DO YOUR HOLIDAY BAKING!!!!



WESTERLY ASSEMBLY IS SELLING
CHOCOLATE CHIP AND PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES
FROZEN DOUGHBALLS TO COOK ON DEMAND

OR

BAKED BY US

\$15 per box

2 dozen chocolate chips

2 dozen peanut butter

1 dozen chocolate chip/1 dozen peanut butter



ORDERS DUE DECEMBER 8

DELIVERY DECEMBER 16

Contact Dawn Mitchell-Winters or Arielle Lucente

GRAND CROSS OF COLOR OFFICERS 2023-2025

Congratulations to these Sisters who were announced at the Grand Cross of Color Luncheon on November 12, 2023.

Master of Ceremonies
Sister of Victory
Sister of Vision
Sister of Truth
Marshal
Chaplain
Keeper of the Door

Anita-Marie Mott (#10)
Sharon Lamprey (#7)
Robin Mott (#8)
Abigail Culhane (#10)
Fallon Cote (#7)
Joyce Meleleu (#13)
Breanna Thompson (#7)

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

Happy December! I hope you all had a fantastic Thanksgiving and time with family and friends. This month, we will be joining Woodridge Assembly for a gift exchange on December 15th at 7 pm. Please bring a wrapped gift (around a \$15 value) if you would like to participate. We will be dressing up in holiday pjs and making ornaments prior to the gift exchange! Please let Mom Kate know if you can come. I hope you all have a great holiday and Happy New Year!

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 or contact Donna Fox or rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com. There is a wide variety of businesses and denominations available throughout the year. You pay face value, and a portion of all sales goes to Rhode Island Grand Assembly. Mom Fox will place orders on the 1st and 15th of every month. Gift cards make wonderful holiday gifts!

The next **restaurant fundraiser** will be held in 2024. Thank you to all who supported the October fundraiser at Gregg's; \$188.60 was raised! Watch for the announcement of how much was raised at the November fundraiser at Chelo's.

SUPREME SERVICE PROJECT



The new service project kicked off on August 1st 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.

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. There were no hours submitted for the year-end statewide initiation, but we can present them at Leadership Conference – so please submit your hours to Mom Sam soon.

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 25th of the previous month.