



# Rhode Island Rainbow Connection



January 2024

427<sup>th</sup> Edition

Kathryn Harrison  
66 Benedict Road  
Warwick, RI 02888  
401-368-7105

[Kharrison10102@gmail.com](mailto:Kharrison10102@gmail.com)

## Grand Worthy Advisor's Message

Howdy!

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season! I am looking forward to what the New Year has in store for all of us! Although we didn't have a candidate to hold an initiation, I hope we will have multiple at our Grand Officers Day in March. Remember Mom Therrien's contest- If we can get more than 16 Rainbow and Pledges initiated, she will dress as a Toy Story Character for our Friday night Grand Assembly session.

Although we don't have many events in January, we have a lot of things planned for February. Installations, GLYC bowling tournament, Leadership Conference, and more Installations. Our Leadership Conference this year will be February 10-11, 2024 at Woodridge! For our apparel this year we are having Jogger sweatpants made! Your Mother Advisor will be asking for your size at the first meeting in January. Also happening at Leadership is the collection of the Grand Family Applications for the 2024-2025 year! Please remember to fill them out accordingly with all of the necessary information and get them to Mom Therrien no later than February 11!

The Grand Lodge Youth Committee will be hosting a bowling tournament on February 3, 2024. Please save the date and I hope you can all join us for a day of bowling.

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- 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,

Congratulations to Warwick Assembly #15 for being the first assembly to donate to their first responders! I am hoping that this kicks off a "flurry of activity" (winter pun intended) as each assembly participates in this year's Supreme Service Project. 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, and don't forget to keep track of the number of items delivered. This is an excellent way of living out our lesson of Service.

Mother Advisors, Grand Deputies, and Advisory Board Chairpersons should plan on attending the Recaps meeting and luncheon on January 7 at 1 pm at Doric/Woodridge. In addition to completing the annual recaps' report and forms, it will be a time of friendship and networking. Watch for the February edition of The Rainbow Connection that will have a summary of those reports – and hopefully a membership gain for 2023.

I was disappointed that the statewide initiation on December 30 had to be cancelled because there was not a candidate. We already have a confirmed candidate for Grand Officers' Day on March 23<sup>rd</sup>! Continue to invite your friends and family to IORG public events, then encourage them to join our organization. It would be amazing to have a large class of new candidates in March!

Lastly, I am saddened to let all of you know that Mom Hefler's husband, John, passed away on December 18. She recognizes that she has been absent from most RI Rainbow events over the past several months and hadn't shared the details. She thanks us for respecting her privacy during this very difficult time as well as for our caring and concern. The service will be private, at the convenience of the family. IORG is a wonderful sisterhood, and it would be a wonderful show of support to send sympathy cards to Mom Hefler at P.O. Box 1643, Charlestown, RI 02813.

As we end one year and embark on a new one, take the time to reflect on each of our lessons – Love, Religion (Caring), Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism, and Service. Live out these lessons by thanking our first responders, sending a sympathy card, appreciating the first snowfall of 2024. "Bring love wherever you go. Shine light wherever it's dark. Leave blessings wherever you've been. Be kind wherever you are." (Mary Davis)

I wish you a joyful and healthy 2024!

Forever the rainbow!

*Mom Therrien*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 6 5-7pm** East Greenwich Assembly #4 will hold a Pasta Dinner at Washington Lodge, 1515 Ten Rod Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Tickets are \$12 and proceeds will go to the Assembly. RSVPs due by **January 3<sup>rd</sup>** to Mom Heather ([Mt.Olympus12hp@hotmail.com](mailto:Mt.Olympus12hp@hotmail.com)) or WA Sarah ([ssneath292@gmail.com](mailto:ssneath292@gmail.com)). They will be collecting pet items for the Exeter Animal Shelter - kitten food (wet and dry), paper towels, laundry detergent, bleach, and old newspapers are highly requested.
- 7 1 pm** Mother Advisors/Grand Deputies' Luncheon and Recaps at Doric/Woodridge. Includes Advisory Board Chairs. Consult the Mother Advisor's Handbook for the list of items to bring. Watch for a sign-up list of food items.
- 20 6 pm** "Turning Red" movie night at East Greenwich. Invite your friends! See flyer below.
- 24 7 pm** Grand Executive Committee – Zoom meeting with our financial advisor for Rhode Island Rainbow Girls' Foundation
- 27 5-6pm** Westerly Assembly #7 Ham & Bean Dinner. Tickets \$15 adults, \$6 ages 3-10, under 3 free. RSVP to Mom Arielle at 401-829-6238 or Mom Dawn at 401-575-0362.
- 29 7 pm** Youth Protection subcommittee meeting on Zoom
- 31 7 pm** Grand Executive Committee meeting at Washington Masonic Center/EG
- Feb. 3 12-3 pm** Bowling tournament with IORG/DeMolay/Masons/Eastern Star at Legion Bowl in Cranston sponsored by the Grand Lodge Youth Committee. Watch for more details soon.
- 10-11** Leadership Conference. See flyer below. All members and adult advisors are strongly encouraged to attend.

## 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF IORG IN RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in our jurisdiction in 2025! Providence Assembly #1 was instituted on September 26, 1925. The celebration to honor the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IORG on April 6, 2023 was memorable. We would like to plan a different, yet equally memorable, event to celebrate Rhode Island IORG's 100<sup>th</sup>. A committee is being formed to plan a celebration. So far, I have one volunteer to serve on this ad hoc committee. If you are interested, please email [rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com](mailto:rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com).

## SUPREME ASSEMBLY 2024

Supreme Assembly 2024 will be held July 17-24, 2024 in Hampton, Virginia. There will be an informational meeting scheduled as soon as details have been received from Supreme Assembly and we will discuss mode of travel, travel dates, etc. If you are interested in attending Supreme Assembly 2024, please email [rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com](mailto:rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com). We would like to start gathering a list of who is "interested". There will be no additional commitment required until more details are available.

**Grand Family Applications!!**

It's that time of year! Applications for Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, and JGEC are here!! I highly encourage anyone who is eligible to apply. I would love to have as many of you as possible be a part of the Grand Family for the 2024-2025 term.

Remember, signed applications are due to Mom Therrien at or before leadership conference, February 10. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions. I can't wait!

-Katie Culhane

Come and join East Greenwich Assembly

Disney · PIXAR

**TURNING RED**

Movie Night

January 20th  
6 PM

1515 Tenrod rd,  
North Kingstown RI

Save the date

April 20th 2024

Grand Charity Hoedown

Place and Time

TBA





**YOU'VE GOT  
A FRIEND IN ME**

Leadership 2024  
Woodridge Assembly  
February 10th-11th

12 PM - Doors open and  
registration

1 PM - Sessions start

9 AM Sunday - Pickup

\$10 for dinner and  
promotional item

1237 Reservoir Ave,  
Cranston, RI

**RSVP DUE  
BY 1/14 TO  
MOM  
THERRIEN**



## Leadership Conference Schedule

### Saturday

12:00 - 1:00 Registration Opens (No Entry Until 12:00)

1:00 - 2:00 Girl and Adult Group Seminar In Assembly Room (Led by Traci Fairchild MSW, Director of Counseling and Wellness at RHCD)

2:00 - 3:00 Girls Only Seminar In Assembly Room, Adults Only Seminar  
Downstairs

3:00 - 3:15 Break

3:15 - 4:00 Girls Only Seminar Downstairs, Adults Only Seminar Assembly Room

**4:00 - Adults Dismissed**

4:05 - 5:00 Team building activity

5:00 - 5:30 Break/ Prep for Dinner

5:30 - 6:30 Dinner

6:30 - 7:30 Scavenger Hunt

7:30 - Games Until Bed

### Sunday

8:00 - Breakfast

9:00 - Pickup

## 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.

## 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. You pay face value, and 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.

The next **restaurant fundraiser** will be held in 2024, watch for details soon. Thank you to all who supported the November fundraiser at Chelo's; \$150.54 was raised!

## SUPREME MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM



Submit your service hours or send questions about this program 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. The next presentation will be at Leadership Conference – so please submit your hours to Mom Sam by January 15th.

## 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!

Congratulations to Warwick Assembly #15 who was the first assembly in Rhode Island to participate! I hope all assemblies will make at least one delivery per term (Sept. '23-Jan. '24 and Feb.-July '24).



*Warwick #15 members delivering Christmas cookie trays to First Responders at Cranston Fire Station #1 to thank them for their service!*



## 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.*