



Rhode Island Rainbow Connection



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Grand Worthy Advisor's Message

Howdy!

March is a very busy month for us all! It kicks off our traveling season and the end of the month is our Grand Officers Day! We have 1 candidate already so let's see if we can get any more! Don't forget about Mom Therrien's challenge from Grand Assembly! If we initiate 16 new Rainbow girls or pledge girls, Mom Therrien will dress as a character from Toy Story! March 23 is our Grand Officers' Day in South Kingstown at 1pm. Grand Officers and substitutes have rehearsal on March 17 at 2:30pm at Woodridge. Everyone needs to be there! If you cannot make it make sure to tell Mom Therrien and I.

I would congratulate the installing teams on a job very well done and wish the newly installed officers luck in their upcoming term.

I am so very excited to travel and be with our other sisters! If you would like to travel please let us know as soon as possible. I am planning to attend Connecticut, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

I would love to see all of our girls participate in the Ritual Proficiency on May 11, 2024. There is a new category this year that is Super Seven. You and 1-6 friends (max of 7 girls) can participate! There are individual categories as well! See the attached sheet for more information! I highly encourage you all to participate you are only competing against yourself!

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,

If you attended one of the February installation of officers, you heard me congratulate the installing suites and the incoming officers with their ritual and floorwork. It was obvious that time had been spent memorizing the ritual and holding a rehearsal. The elected and appointed officers turned in unison before the installation prayer and bowed in unison to the Installing Marshals. The newly installed Chaplains and Drill Leaders performed their new duties with poise and precision, even though they had been installed within the hour. If you missed the installations, join us for Grand Officers' Day on March 23 where you will witness at least one new candidate receive our initiatory degree.

Plans for Grand Assembly 2024 are well underway! The registration form is attached to this newsletter. Please note the registration deadline of May 18. Grand Assembly program ads and booster forms were sent out with the February newsletter. They can be returned anytime before April 15th so don't delay. The first Grand Assembly Committee meeting will be held on March 19 at 6:30 pm on Zoom. ALL Rainbow girls are highly encouraged to attend to be part of the planning for your July weekend. Thank you to the adult advisors who have stepped forward to make the events of the weekend run smoothly.

Supreme Assembly will be held from July 21-24 in Hampton, Virginia. If you are interested in attending, please attend the same Zoom meeting as above. Beginning at 7 pm, we will discuss travel dates, transportation, hotel rates, and any other information that might become available. This is your chance to gather information and ask questions, then make a decision if you will be attending. I am looking for a Supreme travel coordinator to assist in collecting forms and payments. If you are interested, please message me. Thank you to Mom Missy who is able to assist with transportation arrangements as a travel professional.

I would encourage all interested Rainbow Girls to apply for Miss Service. I would refer you to the details below as well as to the application form that is attached to this newsletter. Remember to submit your application to me by May 15th. The winner will be announced on July 12th during the evening session.

Thank you to all who participated in the Bowling Tournament on February 3rd. Congratulations to DeMolay who won the tournament! Thank you to Grand Lodge for the bowling shirts and to Grand Chapter Eastern Star for the pizza party. The next Grand Lodge Youth Committee event will be a Progressive dinner on April 13. Check out the save-the-date flyer later in this newsletter.

I leave you with this heartfelt Irish blessing, not only on St. Patrick's Day, but everyday. "Wishing you a rainbow for sunlight after showers, miles and miles of Irish smiles for golden happy hours, shamrocks at your doorway for luck and laughter too, and a host of friends that never ends each day your whole life through!"

Forever the rainbow!

Mom Therrien



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Feb. | 29 | Restaurant fundraiser at BJ's Brewhouse in Warwick. |
| March | 15-17 | Connecticut Grand Assembly for those who registered |
| | 17 2:30pm | Rehearsal for Grand Officers' Day at Woodridge |
| | 19 6:30pm | Grand Assembly Committee meeting on Zoom |
| | 7 pm | Meeting for those interested in attending Supreme Assembly on Zoom |
| | 23 | Grand Officers' Day/2 nd annual Grand Master's Class at South Kingstown.
10 am rehearsal for Grand Officers and EG officers. Bring a lunch
(it is unlikely there will be time to order Grub Hub, etc.)
12 noon rehearsal for Grand Choir. Eat lunch first. White gown.
1 pm initiation and closing followed by collation |
| April | 5-7 | Spring Craft Fair at South Kingstown. See flyer for details. |
| | 6 | New York Grand Assembly for those who registered |
| | 5 pm | "Breakfast for Dinner" dinner by Woodridge. See flyer below. |
| | 13 | Progressive dinner hosted by Grand Lodge Youth Committee |
| | 20 | Grand Charity Hoedown. See flyer below. |
| May | 4 | Mr. RI Rainbow Pageant to benefit members attending Supreme |

FUNDRAISERS



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Pawtucket Assembly is doing their annual fundraiser.

Use participant code: 9137889

https://www.supportmyschool.org/shop-now/?participant_code=9137889&fbclid=IwAR2BEpW3_IRbm-bJ_Sltca3Nygu59Xfp3v9oNiFbdy6YiJp5YOeIJNMb8Xc

GRAND ASSEMBLY BREAKING NEWS!!!

Grand Assembly 2024 will be here before you know it (July 12-14)! Mom Therrien, Mom Missy and Mom Ellen have been working on details and you will want to be part of the planning. We also need volunteers for each of the tables and committees. The first Grand Assembly committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 19th on Zoom and you won't want to miss it. We need you!! The meeting will start at 6:30 PM, be short and followed by a Supreme Assembly informational meeting. If you are considering attending Supreme 2024, please stay on. This summer is going to be exciting!

MISS SERVICE Award for Rhode Island Grand Assembly

Requirements:

1. Must have been in Rainbow for more than two years as of the application deadline.
2. Must have a minimum of twenty-five hours of service within the year prior to application (May 1, 2023-April 30, 2024).
3. Must provide the names and contact information of non-parental adult supervisor(s).

To apply, you should be able to:

1. Attend all Grand Assembly and Grand Officer functions next year.
2. Chair a hands-on Statewide Service Project related to the Grand Worthy Advisor's term (eg. Charity/Service, theme) with the advice of a Grand Executive Committee member.
3. Be willing to speak about service and the Service project.

Submit these 3 documents to the Supreme Deputy by May 15th:

- Complete the Miss Service application including record of service hours from May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024 which is attached in this email
- Include a letter of recommendation which states your ability to fulfill your obligations of this award.
- Submit one to two paragraphs indicating why you would like to be Miss Service as well as describing a possible service project. If you are selected as Miss Service, you may choose an alternate project.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF IORG IN RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island will celebrate the 100th 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 100th 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 100th. A committee is being formed to plan a celebration. Thank you to Tina Longo, Julie Pickel, and Arielle Lucente who have agreed to serve on this ad hoc committee. A few more would be great, then we can start meeting. If you are interested, please email 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 held on March 19 at 7 pm on Zoom for those who are interested in attending Supreme Assembly 2024. We will discuss travel dates, mode of travel, housing, and more!

PLEDGE NEWS!!!

Happy March!

I was so happy to see that Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow on Groundhog's Day. Hopefully, warmer weather will be here soon! This past month, Westerly had a Valentine's Day Party, which I heard was a lot of fun! There was no meeting in Woodridge due to illness. This month, Westerly will be having a St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17th. Woodridge will be having a meeting on March 16th at 7pm and will be making loom bracelets as well as playing board games. We hope to see you all there! Please let Mom Kate know if you can attend these events. My contact information is kate.thompson2922@gmail.com or 401-864-1652. This way we have enough materials prepared ahead of time. I hope you all stay well and I will see you in my travels!

You've got a friend in me,
Mom Kate

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. 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! With the new officers installed in February, now is the time to plan your first delivery of this term!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**JESSIE'S
COUNTRY**

★ ★ *Hoedown* ★ ★



20 April | 3:00 PM
Masonic Youth Center
116 Long St, Warwick, RI 02886



TICKETS \$20 FOR ADULTS, \$15 FOR
AGES 6-13, UNDER 6 IS FREE

**RSVP to Google Form on Facebook
Event By April 5**

GRAND LODGE YOUTH COMMITTEE

**PROGRESSIVE
DINNER**

APRIL 13, 2024
SAVE THE DATE!



*Mr.
Rhode Island
Rainbow*

A pageant fundraiser to benefit
members attending Supreme Assembly

Save the Date
May 4, 2024

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.

The next **restaurant fundraiser** will be on February 29 at BJ's on Route 2 in Warwick. Print out this flyer and give it to your server. Thank you in advance for your support.



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO **RAISE MONEY!**

Date: **Feb 29, 2024**

Time: **11:30AM to 8:00PM**

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

650 Bald Hill Road, Suite C
Warwick, RI 02886
401-262-4550

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

R.I. Grand Assembly Int'l Order of the Rainbow for Girls

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders. Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



"BLING IT ON SISTERS" CONTEST

This year we want the girls to have input into our next tiara design. If you're artistic or have any ideas that you want to submit, please do. The winner will receive her creation come to life. We are willing to pick more than one winner if we love 2.

Submissions are due September 30th, 2024.

The winner(s) will be announced at the end of November 2024.

Participants must be under 21 and an active member in good standing.

Assemblies are welcome to submit a group project for an assembly prize.

ALL jurisdictions welcome to participate.

Please make submissions to: Blingitonsisters@gmail.com with the subject line "Rainbow Tiara Contest."



SUPREME MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM



From Supreme Assembly:

Happy 2024,

We have another update on our Membership Program "Get Pumped"

Here's the top 10 jurisdictions as of February 1st.

We want to first recognize Bolivia for their participation. What great numbers they have to share with us. Since August of 2022 Bolivia has reported their girls have earned 302 red shoes.

In looking even closer at this data, 197 girls have earned all 7 colors of shoes for their bracelets.

They also reported over 33,000 hours of service. What a testimony to our organization around the world.

We congratulate these girls for their outstanding achievement.

*Here are our top 10 jurisdictions in the US earning red shoes for **membership**:*

- 1. Oklahoma - 116*
- 2. Ohio - 54*
- 3. California - 36*
- 4. Texas - 35*
- 5. Oregon - 34*
- 6. Virginia - 26, Massachusetts - 26, Arizona - 26*
- 7. South Carolina - 25, Pennsylvania - 25*
- 8. Florida - 24*
- 9. Nevada - 21*
- 10. Missouri - 20*

Let's "Get Pumped" in the next few months and blow these numbers out of the ball park.

Now let's turn our attention to the **service hours** achieved by our girls.

Over the past 18 months our girls served their communities with over 34,000 hours of service. What an accomplishment. Rainbow is truly practicing those lessons taught.

Congratulations to the top 10 jurisdictions for service hours rendered:

1. Pennsylvania – 3860
2. Massachusetts – 2900
3. Texas – 2480
4. Nevada – 2360
5. California – 2320
6. Oklahoma – 1800
7. Florida – 1700
8. Mississippi – 1540
9. New Hampshire – 1520
10. Tennessee – 1420

Melissa and I are looking forward to reporting our final numbers as we get closer to our Supreme Session in July.

*In Rainbow Love and Service,
Melissa Metz Supreme Deputy in Oregon
Nancy Newton Supreme Deputy in Florida
Co- Chairs of the "Get Pumped" Membership and Service Program*

Please help Rhode Island make it to one or both of these lists! Submit your service hours or send questions about this program 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 red shoe charm.

Our first charms were presented at the Awards' Banquet at Grand Assembly. The next presentation will be at Grand Officers' Day. Your last chance to receive your shoe charms and bracelet will be at the Grand Assembly 2024 Banquet.

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

RITUAL PROFICIENCY 2024

Date: Saturday, May 11th, 2024
 Time: 11am (before Grand Representatives' Day)
 Location: Warwick Assembly (Scottish Rite)
 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, RI
 If you have any questions, please contact:
 Mom Katie D. (401) 256 – 8791, djpretek@gmail.com
 Mom Kate T. (401) 864 – 1652, kate.thompson2922@gmail.com
 Mom Hannah L. (401) 556-8334, hmlawson00@gmail.com

Sign up by May 5th with Mom Katie by emailing the following to djpretek@gmail.com:

- Your name (individual), names of all team members (team)
- Category(s) – including bow station choice, if applicable. See chart below

If you do not pre-register, you may compete IF time allows.

1. Proficiency = say ≥97% of the words from the piece of ritual correctly with acceptable presentation (see next page for blank score sheet)
 2. Dress Code: For individual, follow dress code for Grand Representatives Day. For TEAM, teams are encouraged to dress in matching outfits, such as decorated t-shirts or matching outfits head to toe. Matching outfits must still meet the Rainbow dress code but can be casual.
 3. If desired, you can compete in more than one category. This includes participating individually as well as part of team.
 4. At Grand Assembly, each participant will be given their score sheet to assist them in future competitions.
- If an individual achieved "Proficiency" they will receive a pin corresponding to the color of the level!

Individual Categories:

Level	Red	Orange	Yellow	Green	Blue	Indigo	Violet
Category	1 Bow Station	Rainbow Flag	3 Bow Stations	Chaplain	Super 7	Faith, Hope, and Charity	Worthy Advisor
Details	Perform 1 bow station of your choice *Please tell us which bow station you will be performing when you register	Perform the "Rainbow Flag Tribute" ¹	Perform Love and 2 other bow stations of your choice *Please tell us which bow stations you will be performing when you register	Perform all 3 of Chaplain's Prayers: Opening, Initiation, and Closing.	Perform all 7 bow stations	Perform select Faith, Hope, and Charity ritual ²	Perform Obligation ³ and Installation of the Worthy Advisor Answer verbal and/or visual questions

NEW: Team Category - Super 7 Between 2 -7 participants, all bow stations must be performed, but your choice how many parts each person performs. 97% proficiency does not apply to team category.

¹Ritual for Rainbow Flag Tribute can be found at <http://riraingirls.org/girlsresources.html>

²Faith, Hope, and Charity – Perform Faith, Hope, and Charity's responses to the questions asked by Worthy Associate Advisor during opening. Perform Faith's first meeting with candidate (2 lines), Hope's initiation lecture, and Charity's initiation Lecture.

³Obligation is found in the Traditions. If you do not have a copy of the Traditions, please contact Mom Katie D. or your Mother Advisor.

OUT OF STATE GRAND ASSEMBLIES

GWA Katy and others plan to attend the following Grand Assemblies:

Connecticut: March 15-17

New York: April 5-7

Details will be shared on these Grand Assemblies as the information becomes available:

Maine: May 17-19

Massachusetts: June 28-30

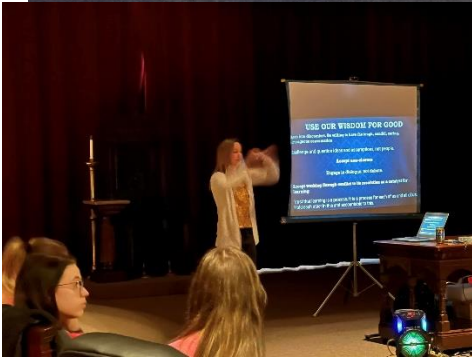
New Hampshire: July 5-7

If you are a Grand Representative to a jurisdiction other than those listed above and want to attend that Grand Assembly, please contact Mom Therrien for that information.

Rhode Island Grand Assembly recently updated its coverage of travel expenses. It will cover lodging, meals, and registration for a Grand Representative to attend her state's Grand Assembly sessions, with the Supreme Deputy's discretion. The Grand Historian will have her lodging, meals, and registration paid for any 5 Grand Assembly sessions that the GWA attends.

Transportation is not included.

RHODE ISLAND RAINBOW HAS BEEN BUSY!



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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.