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"Courage is the first step to being seen"

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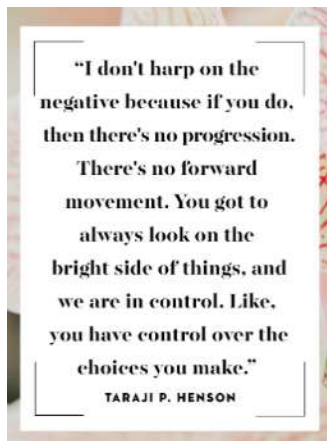
A Message from the Supreme Inspector

Rainbow Family,

The 2022-23 year has been a year of rebuilding. We are back to in-person meetings, adjusting our schedules, and building membership after the confusion that Covid created for all of us. I have been pleased to see several assemblies initiate new members. Since we lowered the age to 10, it has seemed to help some assemblies grow. Our Pledge Groups are still busy and growing too. It is important that we get the word out to our communities about the Order of Rainbow for Girls. Plan to attend community events where you can set up a table to promote your assembly. Bring pictures showing the fun you have, talk to people about your charitable works and have a follow up activity that you can invite interested families to attend.

I continue to be grateful for the advisors, parents and my staff that work tirelessly to support our girls. The Grand Lodge, Order of Easter Star and Order of Amaranth provide so much support to the masonic youth, especially our Rainbow Girls. I'm proud of our Majority Girls still working hard to support our organization. Grand Worthy Advisor Amaya and all her Grand Officers are wonderful and so are each and every active Rainbow Girl! It is because of all these amazing people that we have our Rainbow and I am sure we will grow and prosper for many years to come.

God Bless You All,
Miss Kathleen Nase
Supreme Inspector



Message from the Grand Worthy Advisor

Hello New Jersey Rainbow and friends,

It has been an amazing time serving as Grand Worthy Advisor for this year, I have visited many places and encountered many people. It has been so great to see all the different assemblies, and see them grow in membership. We have had initiations in many assemblies, one of the most recent being at our Grand Officers Day on January 21st which was hosted by Iris assembly!



It is incredible to see Rainbow grow in membership, and to gain so many new sisters! In addition to initiations, many assemblies just had their installation of officers in January. I was able to attend a few, and hope to attend more come the May installation season. Many of our new girls who have recently got initiated were installed in their first office which is very exciting for them.

I encourage you all to travel and attend any events you can. This year has taught me how many new bonds you can make when you go to different assemblies, or different events. It is always fun to interact with new people and will make your rainbow journey so much more special.

I hope you all have been staying safe and healthy, and most importantly I hope you all have been kind to yourself and others.

Remember, beauty stems from the kind of person you are on the inside. So, continue to be kind to people no matter what, your kindness is what makes you beautiful!

In Rainbow Love & Friendship,
Amaya Nieves
Grand Worthy Advisor 2022-2023.

Grand Editor's Message

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who sent articles and pictures to be submitted into the Rainbow Review! Without you, there would be no review and a chance to share the amazing work each girl from each assembly has put into Rainbow. Secondly, I would like to give a thank you to all the girls of the New Jersey Rainbow for doing such a good job in their assemblies. While in this position of grand Editor, I have been able to see all the hard work and passion each girl puts into their assemblies and that is truly special to our organization. Lastly, this is not our only review coming out this year. For those who wish to have articles or fun facts, etc. in the Rainbow Review, there is still plenty of time. The next edition will come out before convention. Without submissions from you, we would not have a review so don't forget to send articles and pictures to Mrs. Brennen and me so we can highlight all the hard work and fun put into each assembly. Thank you to all for your dedication to Rainbow!

In Rainbow Love and Service
Maya Benjamin
Grand Immortality & Grand Editor

Grand Assembly News



Grand Officer's Holiday Party

The 2022-23 Grand Officers held a holiday party on Saturday, December 17 at Harmony Lodge in Toms River. They invited Miss Nase and her staff to join them. The room

was beautifully decorated. The girls made a gingerbread empire, played games including throwing rings at antlers worn by Miss Nase and Grand Worthy Advisor Amaya. They also participated in a fun secret Santa gift swap after enjoying subs and tasty desserts. It was a blast!

Rainbow Workshop held Jan. 7th

By Valerie C, Grand Patriotism

There were stations you could choose from depending on what you felt like suited you more. The stations were coloring, sewing, legal documents, mental health, resume writing, and membership advertising. I personally really enjoyed the sewing class! The blanket patterns and colors were very nice. Shoutout to Mrs. Linda Couso Puccio who hosted the legal documents class. This class was very helpful because she explained the different types of wills and what would happen in certain situations.



Iris Hosts Grand Officer's Day

On January 21, 2023 Iris Assembly hosted the first Grand Officers Day of the year at their lodge in Freehold. During the ceremonies, five girls were initiated. They were all new members of Iris Assembly #31. The Grand Officers were commended for their fine work and Iris Assembly was congratulated for this recent growth.

Remembering the Sandbachs

Warren "Sandy" Sandbach and Marge Sandbach were great supporters of New Jersey Rainbow for many long years. They both were members of the NJIORG Adult Grand Executive Committee.



Sadly, in January of this year Mr. Sandbach passed away not long after a move to Virginia to be closer to family. He was an advisor for Laurel Assembly, Past Master of Navesink Lodge, Past Patron of Molly Pitcher Chapter, and Past Grand Patron of New Jersey Eastern Star. He was 93 years old.

Mrs. Sandbach recently suffered a fall and has fractures in her back. She is in a rehab facility near her home in Virginia. *Thinking of You* cards could be sent to home address, which is in the directory.

Did You Know?

🌈 The entire New Jersey Order of Eastern Star Grand Line is comprised of Majority Rainbow Girls?

Holly #56

🌈 Worthy Advisor Brooke D was once featured on the Supreme Web Site for her charity work as a member of Holly Pledge?

🌈 Micheala S has a little sister, Robin, who joined Holly Pledge in April?

Iris #31

🌈 Antonella G made the softball team at Colts Neck High School?

🌈 Iris Assembly had 5 new members initiated at the January 21st Grand Officers Day that they hosted?

🌈 PGWAA Michelle Gionfriddo became engaged on Christmas Eve to Andy Kuzyszyn?

🌈 It rained so hard that we got soaked handing out water bottles at Run-A-Palooza and had to use the hand dries in the ladies room to try to dry off!?!?!?

Mistletoe #20

🌈 Regina V., who attends Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is studying in Japan this semester?

🌈 Jasmine F has been on a traveling cheerleading team for 13 years?

🌈 Alyssa H has earned over 80 hours for the Supreme Service Project by working with special needs children at her school?

Trenton #9

🌈 Roxy can play the ukulele?

🌈 Jenna is a member of the Circus Squad and can do a backflip?

🌈 Delaney knows 100s of random movie facts?

🌈 Leah, Bella and Lily can dance on pointe shoes?

🌈 Lily dances every night of the week?

🌈 Olivia A, Bella and Audrey love to read books?

🌈 Olivia F. is really good at math and can read things backwards?

🌈 Bella collects rocks?

🌈 Audrey's favorite book series is Throne of Glass?

🌈 Lily, Bridget, Bella, Hailey, Dulce and Leah love to dance?

🌈 Katie Rose loves Cheese-Its so much that she dressed up as the square cracker in 3rd Grade?

🌈 Mary has her private pilot's license?

🌈 Laura has wrestled an alligator?

🌈 Hailey is a really good sketch artist?

🌈 Katrina can be found making random art projects?

🌈 Dulce has received two Honor Roll certificates this year?

🌈 Elizabeth rides horses and was on her High School Equestrian Team?

🌈 Trenton #9 has a history of being interested in sign language and now Laura is learning?

🌈 Trenton had a Worthy Advisor who was a Rainbow Girl in Brazil named Maria?

🌈 Advisor Jenn Elkins lived in Germany for three years with the US Army?

🌈 Mom Storie can recite the Greek alphabet in ten seconds?

Upcoming Dates

Grand Charity Ball
Time Warp sci fi themed
April 22 at 7pm in Westampton

Grand Worthy Advisor's Homecoming
June 17 at noon at Clifton Lodge
hosted by Mistletoe Assembly

Grand Assembly Convention
Aug. 11-13 in Burlington

Assembly News

Trenton #9

Candy Bar Bingo

By Laura E

On October 23, we hosted a candy bar bingo, and not only raised around \$500 but got a girl to join. It was really fun to work and help with the candy bar bingo. I think everyone had a really good time even if they did not win which means we did a good job.



Cases for Smiles

By Delaney Z

The *Cases For Smiles* Project was done during my second term as Worthy Advisor.



Cases for Smiles is run by one of my neighbors. They make colorful and fun pillowcases for kids in the hospital. It was a long but fun day with the girls. We prepared some of the cases to be sewn and the others were

ironed and packaged to be sent out. I am so
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proud to say that the girls and I were able to finish up all the cases given to us. It sure was hard work but worth it for the kids.



St Patrick's Day Parade

By Mrs. Storie

Trenton Assembly joined their sponsoring body on March 18th for the annual St Patrick's Day parade. We set up a membership table and shared the word about our upcoming 100th birthday activities. We were so happy to have visitors from Iris Assembly!



Lock-In

By Olivia A

A few weeks before our initiation, our Assembly held our "World-Famous Trenton Lock-In". Being we have a lot of new girls, none of them had ever been to a sleepover quite like ours. We arrived early in the afternoon, held a craft activity with the pledges, and ate pasta for lunch. We gathered in the Assembly room, and worked on our Ritual. For the new girls, it was difficult having to rehearse and repeat the steps. But after a while, they got it down and we got a well-deserved break. Before bed, the girls played Mafia. If you know Trenton, you know we're "legendary" for

playing this game. After discussing rules and playing one round, we found out we had been playing wrong. After a phone call to Audrey, we got it under control. The lock-in was so much fun and our girls really had a good time.

Mistletoe #20



Pool Party

By Alyssa H

Mistletoe Assembly held their annual Pool Party on July 30th, 2022 at the Laglias, our Mother Advisor's Niece's home. It was a lovely summer day. We enjoyed playing games, the pool and being together. The food was yummy. We had 20 people in attendance-- girls and advisors. We cannot wait till next year!!!!



Initiation

By Roxy B.

My initiation was on December 12th. I had originally found out about Rainbow from my friend and decided I wanted to join. I was honestly a little bit nervous, but the initiation went well. I got to go through the initiation process, learning about each color of the Rainbow and what they stand for. Everyone was very nice and welcoming. I'm still currently learning more and more each meeting and I'm having a lot of fun.



September Installation

By Jasmine F

Mistletoe Assembly held their Installation on Saturday September 10, 2022. We were pleased to have our Grand Deputy Mrs. Vander Horn, our Grand Worthy Advisor Amaya Nieves, Past Grand Master Greg Scott, Past Grand Worthy Advisor Justine Heaton and many other guests present. The Installing team did an awesome job Thirteen girls were Installed into office. It was nice to have the Grand Worthy Advisor perform the Installation as she is one of our members and this was her first official visit

The Worthy Advisor's Theme is: Howl's Moving Castle; Motto is: Believe in your own Power.

Bowtique

By Mrs. Storie

Trenton Assembly held its annual BowTique in March 2023 to raise money for the assembly. We collected gently used items from our homes and donated them to the sale. All items were \$2 and we invited the public to come shop. We made over \$1000 for the assembly and had so much fun. We loved dressing Matilda, our mannequin. We can't wait to do it again!



Colors are: Light Steel Grey and Champagne. Mascot is: Calcifer. Charity: Trevor Project Bible Verse is: Thessalonians 1:5-11. It was an amazing afternoon!!!



November Initiation

By Cadence H.

Mistletoe Assembly held initiation on November 19, 2022 for four girls. Three from our assembly and one from Golden Assembly. It was a pleasure to have girls from Golden and Delaware Valley Assemblies assisting us. We were honored to have the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and our Grand Deputy in attendance.

We had about 45 people in attendance. There were delicious refreshments following the initiation. It was an exciting day for both assemblies.

Holiday Pajama Party

By Lyla P

Mistletoe Assembly held their Holiday Pajama Party on Saturday January 7, 2023 following their Installation. We changed from our white to our PJ'S and the fun began. One of our Advisors read us "T'was Night Before Christmas". We exchanged gifts. We played games. Our Mother Advisor gave all of us a gift. There was plenty of yummy food to enjoy!!!! It was like having Christmas all over again.



January Installation

By Jasmine F

Mistletoe Assembly held their Installation on Saturday, January 7, 2023. Breann O'Neill was Installed as Worthy Advisor along with 14 other girls. Our Supreme Inspector, Grand Deputy, Grand Worthy Advisor, Deputy Grand Master and about 50 Master Masons, Parents and Friends were in attendance. Her theme is: Holiday Magic. Her Motto is: Spread joy for more than a day, even if the gifts go away. Her flower is: Candy Cane Amaryllis. Her. Charity is: St Jude's Hospital. The refreshments were yummy! It was an awesome afternoon!!



Pizza Party

By Mikayla P.

Mistletoe Assembly held a pizza party after their meeting on March 18th thanks to the NJ Rainbow Alumni Association. The Alumni Association held a Paint and Sip party in February and our advisor, MS Musselman won a pizza party for the assembly. It was yummy! THANK YOU, Alumni Association.



Supreme Service Project

By Jasmine F.

Mistletoe Assembly completed the Supreme Service Project of filling purses for women in need at their meeting on March 18. We collected over 300 items during the past few months, including shampoo, conditioners, lotions, combs, socks and so much more. We filled 45 purses for this needy cause. They were delivered to churches and women's shelters in our area. We thank everyone for their generosity in donating items and purses.

Iris #31



January Installation

By Sarah S.

On January 21st, 2023, Iris Assembly hosted Grand Officers Day for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in New Jersey. After the meeting, Iris Assembly had its January-May 2023 Officers Installation Ceremony. The Installed Officers for the January-May 2023 Term are: Hope, Jade C.; Drill Leader, Alex H.; Love, Antonella G.; Nature, Emily M.; Immortality, Dahlia P.; Fidelity, Meadow P.; Service, Sarah S.

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During the installation meeting the current Term Plan for Iris Assembly was read and explained by each girl, highlighting our Theme: Light The Universe with Iris Assembly; our Motto: Working Together, tiny stars light the universe; that's the power of teamwork.

Hence our Symbol: The Stars and the Moons and our Colors: Blue, Purple and Silver;

our Flower: The Hydrangea; our Song: "A Star Full of Stars" by Coldplay, our Service Project: Making Cards for the OES Home & Volunteering at the upcoming 2023 Run-A-Palooza; and last but not least our Charity Project: Raising funds for the local wolf sanctuary, by the way, "Professor Lupin" the wolf, is our Mascot, named after the Harry Potter's werewolf character. The Theme, Motto, Mascot, Symbols, Colors, Flower, Song, Service Project, and Charity Project were selected by the Iris Assembly members.



Holly #56



January Installation

Holly Assembly was excited to welcome Brooke D. to the east on January 28, 2023 as a first time Worthy Advisor. She has many great ideas such as hosting a concert for her Charity, Alport Syndrome Awareness. It was a beautiful Saturday installation and we wish her nothing but success for her term.

Editor's note: for more information on Alport Syndrome visit their web site



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Delaware Valley #56



September Installation

By Heldreth Y

Delaware Valley #65 held their installation of officers on September 24th. Junior PGWA Abbey was installed as Worthy Advisor and her theme for the term is "Let Your Heart SING!" with mascot Buster Moon from the animated children's movie SING. The motto is TEAM - Together, Everyone Achieves, More. Fun fact: the installing team for this installation included three past Grand Worthy Advisors.



Faithanne B., Abbey W., Gianna M., and Michelle E.

DeVal Participates in Trunk or Treat

By Michelle E & Abbey W

Delaware Valley Assembly participated in two trunk or treats this past October. We participated in a trunk or treat at the Burlington Township Police station and the other one was for the Dyslexia center hosted at the Central Valley in Bordentown. We decorated the back

of Mom Tammy's truck with mums, pumpkins and cornstalks. We also had a table with a cauldron full of candy and handed out flyers about Rainbow!"

Veterans Day Luncheon Served

By Faithanne B

On November 5th, we gathered at the Burlington Masonic Lodge to serve a luncheon to the Veterans and Active Military. There were about 100 people for lunch. We served salad, chicken, pasta, and vegetables followed by cake and ice cream. There were many dignitaries there, including the Mayor, who spoke to the Veterans. There was also an empty table set up and they explained the meaning of everything on it. That was very interesting to learn of the different meanings. The following from Delaware Valley Assembly #65 were there to serve: Dagney S., Gianna M., and Faithanne B. with help of advisors and parents. It was an honor to serve this luncheon.



Why I Rainbow

Olivia F, Trenton #9

"What I like about Rainbow is that I learn about kindness and the people are kind there!"

Jenna P, Trenton #9

"When I was helping (at an Iris Assembly Initiation) I made a new friend. This is why I enjoy Rainbow. I meet new people, make new friends, help others, and learn self-confidence."

Pledge News

Pledge Lesson Book Changes

There have been small modifications made to the Pledge Lesson Book and new copies were distributed to the Pledge Mothers on State Pledge Day.

New Jersey State Pledge Day

On March 4, 2023 New Jersey Rainbow held the annual State Pledge Day. It was hosted by Holly Pledge #6 at Harmony Lodge in Toms River. After a wonderful luncheon the Pledges performed their ceremonies to a supportive and appreciative crowd. All six Pledge Groups were represented.



In addition to the regular opening and closing, the Pledges performed the Welcome and Majority ceremonies as well as the Gavel Ribbon Ceremony for Grand Worthy Advisor Amaya Nieves.



Pledge Representative Commissions were awarded and remarks were given by distinguished guests. State Pledge Director Mrs. Linda Brennen thanked Executive Committee Member Mrs. Denise McCarthy for making the new Pledge Representative sashes and commented on the excellent work that the Pledge Mothers do with their girls. She also welcomed the new members, congratulated the Majority Girls and commended the officers on their excellent work.



Trenton Pledge Group #1



Move Up Day

By Barbara Helfrey-Hayes, PM

This year Trenton Pledge #1 held Majority ceremonies for six members who are now members of Trenton Assembly # 9. One of our Majority Girls, Hailey is currently serving as our Pledge Sister, Protem. Hailey was installed as Pledge Sister during a zoom meeting when we were dealing with Covid-19. This term has given her a chance to lead in the East. She also served as Pledge Sister at State Pledge Day this year. We have eight active Pledge Members in our group. We are always looking for more girls to join us.

Holly Pledge Group #6



Summer Service Project

By Kristin Pascale, PM

On August 26th, Holly hosted a candy bar bingo. We raised \$324 to purchase and send packages to American Soldiers overseas. We were able to stuff 5 boxes and send them to 5 different countries with a thank you letter that included who we are and what we do. The girls (and their parents) did a wonderful job with this.

Rainbow Memories

Mrs. Frances C. Black is credited with bringing the Order of Rainbow to New Jersey. After reading a newspaper article about the formation



of Rainbow in Oklahoma, she reached out to Founder and ritual author, Rev. W. Mark Sexson as well as contacting local Masonic and Eastern Star leaders. This occurred in 1922, immediately after the institution of the first Rainbow Assembly in McAlester, Oklahoma. A committee was formed to bring Rainbow to New Jersey and they met with Rev. Sexson. Mrs. Black was named New Jersey's first Supreme Deputy. Rev. Sexson traveled back to New Jersey to assist in the institution of Newark Assembly #1 on February 13, 1923, making New Jersey Rainbow the first jurisdiction east of the Mississippi River. On February 13, 2023 New Jersey Rainbow turned 100 years old.

To Institute Masonic Girls' Order

Newark Assembly No. 1, Order of the Rainbow, an organization for girls from fourteen to eighteen years old, will be instituted February 13 at Krueger Auditorium. The organization is sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star and the advisory council is composed of members of the O. E. S. and the Masons. The council has secured a temporary lodge room at 731 Broad street, where petitions may be obtained and filed Monday and Friday afternoons until the Friday preceding the institution. The order was first started in the West and the local branch is to be the first in the East.

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Do you have a Rainbow Memory to share? Submit it to the Grand Editor & Rainbow Review Advisor.

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