

New Jersey Rainbow Review

"Courage is the first step to being seen"

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A Message from the Supreme Inspector

Hello Rainbow Family,

Congratulations to our Grand Worthy Advisor and all the 2022-2023 Grand Officers. Thank you for working hard to keep New Jersey Rainbow growing and active. We had some very fun and exciting events this past year and I am looking forward to the Announcement of the 2023-2024 Grand Officers and the discovering the fun and exciting events they will plan.

Thank you to all the members of New Jersey Rainbow for fighting through two years of Covid and not being able to have in person meetings, and now coming back to meeting in person, planning special events and activities and continuing to spread the word about all Rainbow has to offer girls and their family, Thank you for staying strong.

Our New Jersey Masonic family continues to work together to help each other grow. Remember to be kind and support each other. Thank you to all the appendant bodies for the continued support they give to Rainbow. It is greatly appreciated. New Jersey Rainbow is there to help you whenever you need us.

Rainbow has many valuable lessons for girls and to help them grow into strong determined young woman. Let us keep our Rainbow shining bright. Let kindness always shine in your life.



In Rainbow love and friendship,
Miss Kathleen Nase
Supreme Inspector/Supreme Love

Message from the Grand Worthy Advisor

Hello New Jersey Rainbow and friends,

The end of our year is quickly approaching and I am so grateful to have served as Grand Worthy Advisor for this year. I have made so many memories with so many different people, and it is because of all of you and your commitment to Rainbow that allowed me to have an amazing year. I hope you all have enjoyed this year as much as I have, and I hope you have made new memories with new people.

Our last grand event was our Grand Officers Day/Homecoming which took place on June 19th in Clifton lodge. Iris assembly initiated 4 more girls! All the grand officers did an amazing job, and to my Mistletoe family thank you for putting it all together.

As we know, my theme for this term was to love yourself. Along with loving yourself comes kindness; for you cannot truly love yourself if you are unkind. I have witnessed and experienced so much kindness from so many people during my term it just warms my heart. My mascot for the year was Merida from the movie Brave. Merida always knew who she was, she didn't let other people try to make her be something she wasn't. You may not realize it, but by always staying true to who you are aids you on your journey to loving yourself. Once you know who you are as a person, you learn to embrace it, and love it.

In closing, please remember to be kind. Your kindness is what makes you beautiful, never forget that.

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

Grand Editor's Message

Firstly, thank you everyone who submitted articles to the Rainbow Review without your hard work and time given to send in articles the Rainbow Review would not be around. Second, I want to thank Ms. Nase for allowing me to become Grand Editor this year. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to see what goes into making the Rainbow Review and a chance to do something that I have never done before. I would also like to thank My mother advisor, Mrs. Storie, for telling me about this opportunity because without her I wouldn't know this position was open. And lastly, I want to thank Mrs. Brennen for making me feel welcome in this whole experience. She puts her hard work, time, energy and dedication into making the Rainbow Review what it is and I greatly appreciate her for always answering my questions and making being the Grand Editor a whole lot easier. Thank you everyone for an amazing year!

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

Grand Assembly News



Supreme Inspector miss Nase and Grand Charity Isabella S. at the Charity Ball

Time Warp Charity Ball

By Isabella S., Grand Charity

On April 22, 2023, New Jersey Grand Assembly hosted our annual Charity Ball in Westampton NJ. This year, I chose a science fiction/ time travel theme for all the alien

enthusiasts out there. We had an out-of-this-world time partying on the dance floor and enjoying each other's company. Audrey helped us to make a science fiction inspired playlist for us to sing along to and Ariana created a lovely astronaut to sit beside the DJ's stand. We had delicious Mac and Cheese and decorated alien antennas. It was so refreshing to see so many Rainbow Girls, Majority Girls, Advisors and DeMolay boys present and having fun. All of the proceeds from this Charity Ball will be donated directly to our Grand Worthy Advisor's Charity project, the Shriner's Children's Hospital. Thank you to Mrs. Vander Horn, Trenton Assembly, and to everyone who helped to make this day possible



Rainbow and DeMolay at the 7x7 Degree

7x7 Degree

By Valerie C., Grand Patriotism

This event was an excellent opportunity to show our masonic family our ritual skills and to share ideas. Great work from all of our Grand officers really shined! All presentations were very informative and interesting. Shoutout to Mrs. Norma Hines for a great slideshow about Eastern Star. The Shriners Clowns and A Capella group were a bunch of fun!

Memorial Day Parade

By Tina C., Trenton Assembly

On May 27th Rainbow Girls from Trenton, Iris, and Delaware Valley assemblies participated in the Morris Plains Memorial Day parade, hosted by Miss Visscher. The parade was fun yet very tiresome, so when we finished walking, everyone was hungry. We headed

Memorial Day Parade con't.



back to the Visscher's house to set the tables and eat some yummy food. The food was served in three categories: appetizers, lunch and desert. It was all very delicious and filling. Thank you, Miss Visscher, for hosting such a wonderful day that was truly spectacular!

Homecoming

By Alexandra R, Grand Hope

Our second Grand Officers Day was held on Saturday, June 17, 2023. It was hosted by Mistletoe Assembly No. 20. The dining room was decorated in the Grand Worthy Advisor's colors of navy blue, forest green and lilac.

There were huge posters of her mascot "Princess Merida" on the walls. It was amazing that one of their Advisors dressed as Princess Merida and walked around the room talking with everyone. Mistletoe's opening and closing Officers did an awesome job and so did the Grand Officers. They had the Supreme



Inspector, the Deputy Grand Master the Most Worthy Grand Matron and many other dignitaries in attendance.

The Grand Worthy Advisor should be very proud of her assembly on how they honored her and her Grand Officers.



Iris Assembly preparing to pack purses of empowerment

Purses of Empowerment

The Supreme Worthy Advisor, Mrs. Judy Fortenberry, has asked all Rainbow Girls across the world to create Purses of Empowerment for women in need as a Supreme service project. It is not uncommon for women in domestic violence situations to leave with little or nothing.



Trenton Assembly packing their purses.

Packing purses with items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, brush or comb, lotion, hand sanitizer and tissues, among other needed items, could offer these women some necessities at their lowest time.



Mistletoe Assembly and the purses they filled

Purses of Empowerment con't.

Our Supreme Inspector Miss Nase asked each assembly in New Jersey to collect gently used purses and travel sized personal hygiene products between January and July. The assemblies were encouraged to reach out to the other Masonic appendant bodies in their area for donations, especially of the purses. The next step was to hold packing parties to fill the purses and then deliver them to a woman's shelter or similar facility in their local communities.



Purses contributed by Temple Assembly Pledge Group

Grand Rep Travels



NJ Grand Rep to Nevada Sam K enjoyed some social time with new and old friends.

Nevada

By Samantha K., Grand Drill Leader & Grand Representative to Nevada



Have you ever traveled over the rainbow? I got the opportunity to travel to Nevada's Grand Assembly June 15-18. Some of you may not know but I started my rainbow career

there so it was extra special. It began with a dance and ended in a pool party. In between we celebrated the 2022-2023 grand officers. We initiated seven girls into this awesome organization, honored the Grand Cross recipients, and initiated the 2023-2024 new grand officers. It was a weekend filled with sisterhood, old and new friends and now my summer calendar is full with grand assembly invites. If you ever get the chance to travel to another jurisdiction, I highly recommend it, you will learn new things meet new people and make friends that will last a life time.

Virginia

By Abbey W., JrPGWA, Grand Fidelity & Grand Representative to Virginia and Nebraska

I attended Virginia Rainbow's "Hello Rainbow! Friendship and Fun" Hello Kitty themed Grand Assembly sessions June 22nd to 25th! I was giving the opportunity to help set up the Grand Assembly room and be a line leader alongside of my counterpart Kaitlyn R. in the cavalcade of flags! I made many new friends while connecting with old ones and many lasting memories. I met the newly announced Grand Representative to New Jersey Ella P. I wish the new Grand Worthy Advisor Alyssa and her Grand Officers all the best of luck as they start "Navigating Life's Journey" this year!



Did You Know?

Trenton #9

- 🌈 Trenton Assembly won the traveling gavel at homecoming with 10 members present?
- 🌈 Grand Editor Maya B will be attending Gettysburg College in the Fall studying Environmental Science?

Mistletoe #20

- 🌈 Briann O. graduated from Montclair State University in May?
- 🌈 Jasmine F. graduated from High School and will be attending NYU in the Fall?
- 🌈 Lyla P graduated Middle School and will be starting High School in September?
- 🌈 GWA Amaya N. finished her freshman year at Rutgers University?
- 🌈 Cadence H. is taking a nursing program while still in High School?
- 🌈 Sofia P, Mikayla P, and Valerie F. like sitting in the Worthy Advisor seat before and after meetings?
- 🌈 Alyssa H. is the big sister to our new members?
- 🌈 Emily W. always joins our meetings via Zoom from college?
- 🌈 Regina V. is doing a summer internship for college in Texas?
- 🌈 Reanna V. is doing a summer internship for college in upstate New York?
- 🌈 Erika L. went to the Philippians for her cousin's wedding?

Iris #31

- 🌈 In May, PGWAA Natalie G graduated from Ramapo with a BS in Biology?
- 🌈 Iris Assembly welcomed 4 new members at Homecoming and won the attendance banner with 110% of members present?



- 🌈 Five members of Iris are twins: Dahlia & Meadow, Madison & Grace, and Alexandra, who's twin is Richard?

Delaware Valley #65

- 🌈 PGWA Amy Wilkie graduated with a BA in education from the University of Delaware?
- 🌈 Jadyn T is first trumpet in the Pennsauken High School marching band?



Why I Rainbow

Olivia A.

"I Rainbow because I love helping and giving back to people. The organization has taught me valuable life lessons and has created everlasting bonds and friendships"

Roxy B.

"I Rainbow because it's very fun. You get to do different activities. You get to try new things! Especially when you're new, or when you don't know anyone that well, it's a great bonding experience and you get to make more friends"

Jade C.

"I Rainbow because I wanted to follow in my step-father's footsteps in Freemasonry and I love bonding with the other girls!"

Valerie C.

"I Rainbow because it makes me feel proud of myself and my assembly for how we help our community grow!"

Olivia F.

"I Rainbow because I have a lot of friends like Maya and the other Olivia and there are lots of fun things to do! And also the food- yum!"

Alex H.

"I Rainbow because my mom was a part of it and I like seeing my friends."

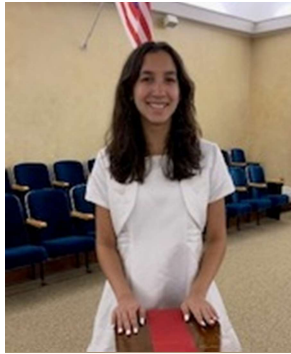
Lily S.

"I Rainbow because the people there are really fun and I love doing all of our activities with them!"

Delaney Z.

"I Rainbow because of the people in need."

Have We Met Yet?



Antonella G

Born May 16, 2008, Antonella joined Iris Assembly at the January 2023 Grand Officer's Day. She hails from Marlboro Township and loves to play softball. When asked why she

became a Rainbow Girl, Antonella said it was because she wanted to: "...join this wonderful community in which we are able to help people". So far, her favorite part is: "...being able to have assemblies and being with the girls."

Emily M

A former member of Iris Pledge, Emily is a Past Pledge Sister and Pledge Representative. She joined Iris Assembly at the January Grand Officer's Day. This East Windsor native will turn 11 years old on August 16. She likes cheerleading and hanging out with friends. Emily said: "Why I wanted to join Rainbow is because it seems like a fun and very important thing to do." She added: "My favorite part of Rainbow is seeing everybody."



Dahlia P



Eleven-year-old Dahlia celebrated her birthday on May 3 along with her twin sister Meadow. She likes soccer, the color green, Taco Bell and pandas. She joined Iris Assembly at the January Grand Officer's Day because her friend Emily

was doing it and got her interested. When asked what she liked best so far Dahlia responded: "(I like) the meetings when I get to be Immortality."



Meadow P

Born on May 3, 2012, Meadow and her twin sister Dahlia live in East Windsor. Meadow likes mixed martial arts and softball. She was one of five new members that joined Iris Assembly at the Grand Officer's Day in January. She wanted to join because she likes to help the community with charity. So far her favorite part was..."getting my color".



Sarah S

Sarah was born on January 26, 2012 and is 11 years old. She lives in East Windsor and is a member of Iris Assembly, having joined at the January Grand Officer's Day. She wants to be a park ranger and Iris majority member Natalie G has offered to help her. When asked what brought her to Rainbow, she replied: "I wanted to join since my friends were joining and because of the charity work." Meetings and charity work are her favorite things about Rainbow.



Majority Class of 2022-23

Jenna Barron

Born February 17, 2000, Jenna was supposed to receive her Majority at convention in 2022 but due to the unforeseen circumstances that made our Grand Session a one-day event, the Majority ceremony was cancelled. Jenna will participate in the ceremony during the 2023 session. She was initiated into Temple Assembly on November 9, 2012 and served as Worthy Advisor many times between 2015 and 2022. She served as a Grand Representative and Grand Officer several times. Her highest office was Grand Hope during 2016-17.



Jenna said her favorite Rainbow memory is "...doing charity work all across the state of New Jersey and locally, but also creating life long lasting friendships and memories with Eva and Heldreth and several other girls among the assemblies. They all truly made me the person I am today."

Today, Jenna serves as Temple Pledge Group's Assistant Pledge Mother.



Amber Brockner

Amber was born October 6, 2001 and initiated into Temple Assembly on October 25, 2013. She served her assembly as Worthy Advisor and the Grand Assembly as a Grand Officer and Grand Representative. During the 2018-19 Grand year

she was appointed Grand Worthy Associate Advisor.

Recently Amber reflected: "My favorite Rainbow memory must be being named Rainbow Girl of the Year by The Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 2016, along with all the karaoke car rides throughout the years with the girls from my assembly."



Gaby Gucciardo

Gabrielle Gucciardo was born on July 27, 2002 and is now 21 years old. She was initiated into Clifton Assembly #16 on June 1, 2015. Gaby served Clifton as Worthy Advisor in 2018.

Her favorite Rainbow memory is being Worthy Advisor of Clifton. Being Worthy Advisor gave her the platform to hold Charity projects that are important to her such as the *Trevor Project*, *Stop Asian Hate* and the *Holt Adoption Agency*. Gabrielle also loved becoming a member of Mistletoe Assembly and driving Miss Hiller crazy.

Julia May Lopez

Julia was born on October 26, 2001 and is now 22 years old. She was initiated into Mistletoe Assembly #20 on November 2, 2013 and served Mistletoe as Worthy Advisor in 2018.

Julia May's favorite Rainbow memory is her Initiation in 2013 with Reanna, Regina and Rosella.





Mary Moor

Born January 19, 2002 Mary was initiated into Trenton Assembly on March 23, 2015. She is a Past Worthy Advisor and served the Grand Assembly as Grand Representative to New Mexico during the 2016-17 Grand Year and to Louisiana and Missouri for 2017-18.



Her favorite Rainbow memories include lock-ins and conventions.

Alexandra Reyes



Alexandra was born on January 9, 2001 and is now 22 years old. She was initiated into Mistletoe Assembly #20 on June 3, 2012, and served Mistletoe as Worthy Advisor in 2018. Alexandra's highest Grand Office was Grand Hope.

Her favorite Rainbow memory is her Initiation on June 3, 2012. Five girls were initiated into Mistletoe that day. While they waited to enter the Assembly Room, they played with the candy centerpieces and the candy went flying. They never tried that again.

Reanna Valencia

Reanna Valencia was born on December 5, 2001 and is now 21 years old. She was initiated into Mistletoe Assembly #20 on November 2, 2013 and served her assembly as Worthy Advisor in 2019. Reanna's highest Grand Office was Grand Choir Director and Soloist.



Her favorite Rainbow memory is setting up for the meetings and catching up with her Rainbow sisters.

Regina Valencia

Twenty-one-year-old Regina Valencia was born on December 5, 2001. She was initiated into Mistletoe Assembly #20 on November 2, 2013 and served as Worthy Advisor in 2019. Her highest Grand Office was Grand Confidential Observer.



Regina's favorite Rainbow memory is Mistletoe's holiday festivities when they played the Cotton Ball game, the White Elephant Gift Exchange and enjoyed the food.



Rosella Valencia

Rosella Valencia was born on December 5, 2001 and was initiated into Mistletoe Assembly on November 2, 2013. Rosella served as Worthy Advisor in 2019. Her highest Grand Office was Grand Charity.



Thinking back, Rosella considers being installed as Grand Charity and making lifelong friends with the members of her Assembly and around the state to be her greatest Rainbow memories.

Abbey Wilkie

Abbey Rose Wilkie was born August 19, 2001 and is 21 years old. She was initiated into Delaware Valley Assembly #65 on March 22, 2014. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of Delaware



Valley and served several years as a Grand Representative and Grand Officer. During the 2021-22 Grand Year she served New Jersey as Grand Worthy Advisor.

When asked her favorite Rainbow memory she responded: "Supreme Assembly 2022 Light the World with Hope

and Peace Sessions, having the opportunity to serve as acting supreme faith and making memories with my forever friends from Michigan, Virginia, North Carolina and Canada."



Heldreth Yu

Heldreth B. Yu was born on March 23, 2003 and is now 20 years old. She was initiated into Delaware Valley Assembly #65 on February 27, 2016. Heldreth is a Past Worthy Advisor of Delaware Valley, a Past Grand Representative, and Past Grand Officer. At Grand Assembly 2019, Heldreth was appointed Grand Worthy Advisor. Then Covid struck and everything was put on hold. Heldreth and many of her officers agreed to continue for a second year.



Heldreth reflected on her Rainbow career and concluded that her favorite Rainbow memory is performing in the ritual competition with the same girls who inspired her to start her journey in competing.

Assembly News

Trenton #9

Easter Egg Hunt

By Lily S.

The Easter egg hunt is a very fun and exciting event. It is a good way to communicate and learn about other groups. The Trenton Assembly Rainbow Girls put out arts and crafts. There is also an Easter egg hunt for ages 2-11, there is a golden egg for each age group. .

Mother's Day Tea Party/Purses of Empowerment

By Olivia Ames

The Saturday before Mother's Day, May 13th, Trenton #9 had a Mother's Day Tea Party. The invitation was sent out to our entire assembly as well as the local community. It ended up just being our high school/college girls and Stephanie, as well as our mothers. It turned out to be a 2-in-1.



Trenton Tea Party con't.



After chatting and enjoying hors d'oeuvres, we created an assembly line to package our Purses of Empowerment. In total we created over 100 bags filled with personal hygiene and self-care items, which were donated to women in need. Overall, our Mother's Day Tea Party was a nice way to spend the afternoon!



May Installation

By Laura E.

On May 21, 2023, I was installed into the top 5 for the first time as Faith. When I went up to get my jewel, I could not get rid of my big smile. I am so glad that I am now one of the top 5 because it comes with a lot more responsibilities.

100th Birthday Trivia Night

By Valerie C.

Trivia was a lot of fun! DeMolay and Rainbow played in teams for the winning spot along with our adult supporters. The categories were based on pop culture, DeMolay, Rainbow, and Eastern Star Trivia. The Refreshments were great and it was followed by an excellent presentation about mental health and how we can cope or help loved ones to cope.



Hamilton Memorial Day Parade

By Delaney Z.

The Hamilton Parade was a fun event for all the Rainbow Girls. We got to walk in the parade, wave to those watching, and express our rainbow pride. Some girls handed out fliers to the little ladies watching the parade in hope that maybe one day they will be part of our rainbow family. Our worthy advisor Valerie had a lemonade stand at the lodge where people could get lemonade for one dollar. All the money went to charity. It was a fun and eventful day for the girls of Trenton 9.



Last Night in White

By Mary M.

On Monday, June 12, 2023, Trenton Assembly #9 held a memorable Last Night in White, marking my final evening in my home assembly as a Rainbow Girl. This significant event brought together the girls and advisors who have impacted my life, shaping me into the person I am today. The night started with refreshments and showcased posters with precious pictures from my journey through the Rainbow years. It was a bittersweet experience, filled with excitement, joy, and a tinge of sadness as I reminisce over these cherished

Last Night in White con't.

memories. The Last Night in White ceremony will forever remain in my heart, symbolizing the invaluable lessons and virtues that Rainbow has instilled in me. I will always know, once a Rainbow Girl, always a Rainbow Girl!

Mistletoe #20

Boosters

By Rosella V.

Mistletoe Assembly was invited to attend the Junior Grand Warden's reception on April 23, 2023 at the Venetian wedding venue as their guests. It was our pleasure to join the 650 people in attendance in honoring RW Omar Morris. They also allowed us to collect boosters. It was a great experience for us!!!



May Installation

Mistletoe Assembly held their Installation on May 20th. There were about 40 people in attendance. Our Supreme Inspector Miss Nase, our Grand Deputy Mrs. Vander Horn and the Grand Worthy Advisor Amaya joined us.

Jasmine F. was Installed as Worthy Advisor for the first time along with 14 other officers. The Installing Team did an excellent job. Our Grand Deputy announced that the following would be receiving the Grand Cross Degree: Amaya N., Alexandra R., Rosella V., and advisor Priscilla F.

The Worthy Advisor's theme is "Hello Kitty and Friends." Her motto was "Do more of what makes you smile." Her flowers are lilies; the colors are pink and white; Hello Kitty is the mascot; and "You Got a Friend in Me" is the song. The March of Dimes is the charity.



It was an awesome afternoon!

Iris #31



Iris Goes to Charity Ball

By Alex H.

Iris Assembly had an amazing time at Charity Ball! We all met at Miss Ariana's house before the ball and got all fancy together! We did our hair and makeup, got our dresses on, and used face masks that burned our faces but made us smell and look good! Sarah and I did a rain dance, and boy did it work! About 45 minutes later it started to pour, and I mean POUR! Just as we were ready to leave it was raining so hard that we had to take turns going to the car! We finally arrived at Charity Ball and immediately hit the dance floor! This was all of our first time as Rainbow Girls at the Charity Ball! Some of our favorite parts were the Alien Headbands, Piñata, and just dancing the night away! We had so much fun and can't wait to come again next year! Thank you, Bella for setting up such a wonderful dance!

Cinco De Mayo Taco Night

By Alex H.

For our charity project Iris Assembly choose *Howling Woods Wolf Sanctuary*. We decided that since we all love tacos we should have a Taco Dinner on Cinco de Mayo to raise money for the wolves. Before the taco night we discussed at our meetings what each girl would like to bring. The night finally came and we had fun decorating the lodge and waiting for our guests to arrive. We enjoyed eating with



Cinco De Mayo Taco Night con't.

our guests and passing out desserts. Thank you to all the girls and families for their donations. We can't wait to go drop off our donation at the wolf sanctuary sometime this summer.



Iris members past and present attended Taco Night

Grad Night

By Sarah S.

On June 21, 2023, Iris Assembly #31 celebrated our 5th grade graduates, Emily, Dahlia, Meadow, Sammy, and Sarah and our college graduate, Natalie. Natalie graduated from Ramapo College with a BS in biology. Sammy graduated from PS 32 in Staten Island. Emily, Dahlia, Meadow and Sarah all graduated from Perry L. Drew Elementary School in East Windsor.



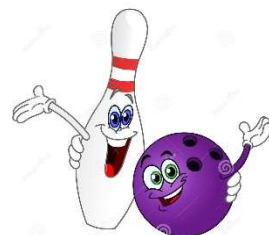
Iris Assembly's Mother Advisor read us the Doctor Seuss book "Oh the Places You'll Go" after the meeting. Mrs. G even gave us graduation hats that we threw up in the air. After our Mother Advisor, Mrs. G, read the book we all went downstairs and had a mini party with cupcakes and other food; we enjoyed ourselves. As soon as we finished eating, we played around and talked. Shortly after we said our goodbyes and left.

Temple Assembly #32



Spring Happenings

Temple Girls enjoy hanging out with Grand Deputy Mrs. Meisten and Mother Advisor Mrs. Barron while waiting for the Pledges to finish their meeting. They also enjoyed bowling together with their Pledge Group after their meetings. Temple Pledge #19 & Temple Assembly #32 girls bowling together after their meetings! Sister of Charity Sophia R, represented the assembly at the May 9th Temple Pledge #19 Installation of Officers. Temple Assembly and Temple Pledge do a lot of things together!



Delaware Valley Assembly #65

Installation

By Jady T.



Delaware Valley Assembly #65 had a wonderful installation with Heldreth Y. going in as Worthy Advisor. Her theme is "When Life Gives You Lemons."





Bowling Fun

By Jady T.

Delaware Valley Assembly #65 went bowling at Medford Lanes following our June meeting. We enjoyed pizza for lunch and having fun bowling with new friends, too!



Trenton Pledge Group #1



My Installation

By Maddy S.

I am the new Pledge Sister at Trenton #1. This happened on May 8. My big sister Lily and her friend Hailey installed me. They are in Rainbow. Hailey was the last Pledge Sister. My family came to see me. My Godmother came all the way from Louisiana to see me. Some of the Rainbow Girls came early to see us.

My colors are blue and violet. We put ribbons on the gavel, My symbol is the butterfly and daisy. All of the Pledges carried daisies and butterflies that night. This term we will have a birthday party, a pool party and convention.

Holly Pledge Group #6



Ceremonies, Ceremonies!

By Skylar P.

We have had a busy spring term. Holly Pledge did a welcome ceremony for Robin S. We are so glad she decided to join us. On May 20th we performed a ribbon ceremony for Gia M., the new Worthy Advisor from Holly Assembly. And on May 26th we had the honor of performing another ribbon ceremony for Gloria Chapter's Matron Dale Van Houten. We were so excited because Mrs. Van Houten is always coming out to our events and meetings and we got to do something for her.

Clifton Pledge Group #18



Wow: What a Year Clifton Pledge Has Had!

By all the Clifton Pledges

Clifton Pledge #18 has been very busy since last Grand Assembly. During our September to January 2022 term, we had our Halloween party, collected pet supplies for the local animal shelter, and held a Thanksgiving food drive for a church in Clifton for Aubree's

Clifton Pledge Wow con't.

charity and service projects. The Grand Worthy Advisor, Amaya came in her Christmas PJs to read "Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus" to us while we passed around our grab bag gifts. That night we had Chinese food, it was yummy! We enjoyed breakfast with Santa at the Salaam Shine, and gave them a donation for their transportation fund.



The January to May 2023 term was just as busy and fun. We collected food for Elyse's school food pantry, made slime at our Valentine party, tie dyed backpacks at our St. Patrick's celebration, and we even had a Mardi Gras party. We dyed Easter Eggs, played lots of board games, blindfolded twister is our favorite. We colored paper ties and auctioned them off at our Annual Ugly Tie Auction, to our dads and other lodge members, that was a lot of fun, the men even wore their ties to a lodge meeting.

Our Pledge group watched movies together, took part in State Pledge Day, sold boosters and really like being together. All our meetings are always so much fun Come see for yourself. We love visitors.

A Warm Christmas

By Aubree B.

I had my installation on May 15, 2023. This is my third time being Pledge Sister. My theme is a warm Christmas, my colors are green and red. Santa is my mascot. We have a lot of fun things planned this term! So far we had game night in our Christmas PJs. Some other fun stuff we're doing is decorating cupcakes, a car wash, and scrapbooking during the summer. We will be going to the Turtle Back Zoo and having an ugly Christmas sweater party.

Come join the fun at Clifton Pledge Group #18!

Temple Pledge Group #19

Temple Pledge News

Temple Pledge had a fantastic Spring term and have started the Summer term off with a bang. We planted a tree in cooperation with the Westwood Shade Tree Committee in front of Temple Lodge in honor of Arbor Day at the April 25th meeting. On May 13th we helped at the 11th Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale. Majority Member Kathaleen Kasper and her mother Eveann Kasper donated two flats of begonias to



honor Mrs. Meisten's 60 years of membership in Rainbow. The girls planted them in pots on the front steps of our Lodge!

On May 20th Pledges and their families visited the Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium for a fun day out.



To support the Supreme Assembly Purses of Empowerment service project, Temple collected donations from our families, the

Temple Pledge News con't.

community at large, and members of the local Eastern Star chapters of District 31. We held a packing party on June 13th and were able to pack 72 purses. They were donated to the Center for Hope & Safety in Rochelle Park.



Yarn Bomb Squad

Westwood, the town where our lodge is located, started a street art project for community beautification called Yarn Bomb. The idea is to beautify forgotten or unused outdoor spaces to spark joy. At the May 23rd meeting we made yarn pom poms and tassels plus collected other yarn crafts to donate to the Westwood Yarn Bomb Squad for their summer installation. On June 20th some of the girls gathered to help put the finishing touches on the project installation.

Rainbow Memories

NJ Rainbow: The Early Years

By Mrs. Linda Brennen, AGEC

The planning for New Jersey Rainbow began in 1922, almost immediately after the order was founded in McAlester, Oklahoma. New Jersey's first assembly, Newark #1 was instituted on February 13, 1923. The first class of initiates included 175 girls from all over the state. Within the next few months, new assemblies were opened including Kearny #2, Roseville #3, Orange #4 and Mystic #5, which met in Camden, with members from the original initiates and more. Trenton Assembly #9 is the New Jersey assembly that has remained open the longest. Their charter notes they were also formed in 1923.

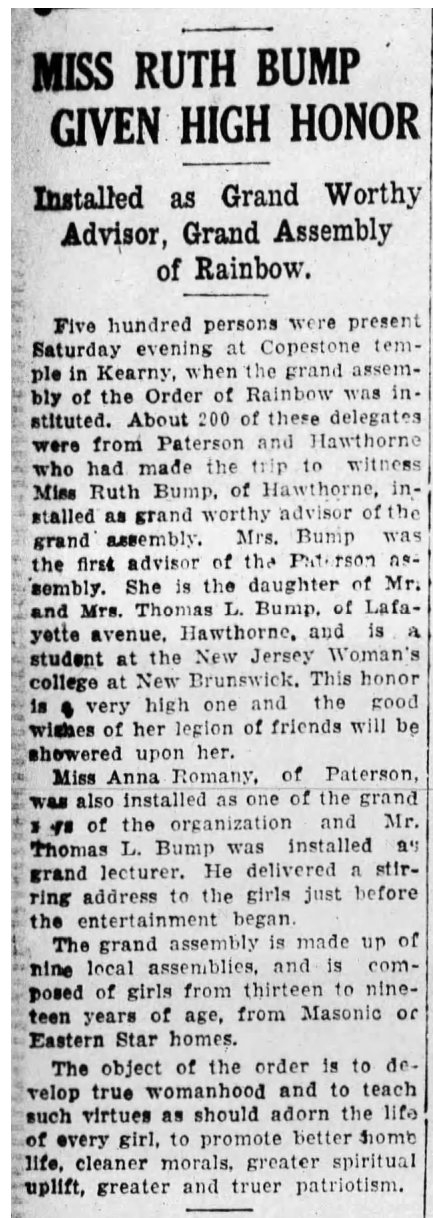
NJ Grand Assembly Formed

By Mrs. Linda Brennen, AGEC

According to the article below, printed in the *Paterson Morning Call* newspaper on December 2, 1924, the New Jersey Grand Assembly was instituted at Copestone Temple in Kearny on Saturday, November 29, 1924 with about 500 people in attendance. Miss Ruth E. Bump, the first Worthy Advisor of Paterson Assembly #7, was installed as Grand Worthy Advisor.

Another article, printed on November 30, 1925 in the same newspaper, noted that the second Grand Assembly session was held in Paterson on Saturday, November 28, with Grand Worthy Advisor Ruth Bump presiding.

Times have changed, fashions are different, even the ceremonies have been modified over the years, but the basic ideals of our organization remain the same: Charity and Service!



News clipping from Paterson Morning Call, Dec. 2, 1924



Photos from Rainbow Milestone Years



In our 25th year of Rainbow in New Jersey, Passaic Assembly #14 held their installation of officers as reported in the Passaic Herald News on January 23, 1948.



In 1973, our 50th year, the officers of Betsy Schuyler Assembly #48 posed after their September Installation.



The NJ delegation to the 1998 Supreme sessions celebrated Rainbow's 75th anniversary. Pictured are (standing) Miss Roberta Russell, AGECE Chairperson, Jamie Masco, PWA of Iris Assembly, Stacy Egan (now Holst) GWA 1997-98, Kyla Meisten (now Daher) GWA 1996-97 and Elizabeth Taschler (now Amodeo) GWA 1998-99, Seated are Miss Kathleen Nase, State Mother Advisor (now Supreme Inspector) and Mrs. Florence R. Hughes, Supreme Deputy/Inspector from December 1981 until December 1999.



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