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Sister Kathryn Webster is the New Grand Worthy Advisor

Hujambo or Hello Pennsylvania Rainbow!

My name is Kathryn Webster, and I am a member of Morrisville Assembly No.107. It is exciting to be writing to you for the first time as Grand Worthy Advisor.

I am 20 and this November marks my 8th year in Rainbow. As a senior at Chadron State College in Nebraska, I'm pursuing a major in business administration with an emphasis on information systems. In other words, I work with computers a lot.

Our theme for this year is *Spring into Service*. I believe that service should be part of everyone's life and it should spring from us naturally to help others.

My motto is, "If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life."

We will be traveling to Africa this year, visiting Pride Rock with my mascot, *Simba*. The Lion King was my favorite movie as a kid because I always loved the story of a young lion cub, full of life who can't wait to be king, to

realize that life has responsibilities but that doesn't change who you truly are. My flower is the *Bird of Paradise* because it is colorful and unique just like every Rainbow Girl.

My symbols are the *rising sun* and *paw prints*. My song is "I Won't Let Go," by Rascal Flatts. I believe each of us should be there for each other during both good and bad times.

My colors are *crimson red* and *royal purple*. They represent both the beginning and end of our Rainbow as well as the colors of the rising and setting sun.

My bible verse is 1st Peter Chapter 4 Verse 10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

My charity this year is *4 Paws For Ability*, which trains and places service dogs with children who have different disabilities. These children can be affected by anything from

seizures and autism to diabetes and hearing impairments. I chose this charity because I believe being there for someone is the most important job anyone can perform, whether it is a human or a service dog.

I have several goals for this year. One is for all the Rainbow Girls of PA to earn all the service beads for the Supreme Assembly incentive. That translates to 100 hours of service for each girl. This may seem like a lot, but the hours go by fast. I know each of us can achieve this goal by July 2014. Another goal is that I would like for us to set a record in number of service hours PA Rainbow achieves in one year.

I am asking each assembly and girl to keep track of their community service hours so we can see our grand total at Grand Assembly next year.



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Upcoming Events

- Job's Daughter Flag Football, September 14
- Autumn Day at Elizabethtown, September 21
- Leadership and Sport Weekend, October 11-13
- HODEGOS Deadline, October 15

Autumn Day is Just Around the Corner!

September 21, 2013 is Autumn Day. What is Autumn Day and how are we part of the festivities?

The Masonic Village at Elizabethtown sets aside one Saturday in the fall as a time to showcase the Village to the town and to highlight all the good works of Masons around the state.

Each year there is food, music, informational booths, games, flea market, farm market and much more, all for free. The Masons also have a blood drive.

Many fraternal groups have informational booths as do each Masonic Youth group. In addition to Rainbow

brochures and information, we also help youngsters make tiaras and crowns. Last year we made over 150 and it was fun watching so many kids (and adults) wearing the tiaras/crowns knowing that they stopped by our Rainbow booth. As a service project the Masonic youth also help the residents in the Health Care Center enjoy the day of festivities. Every Rainbow who attends the event is asked to work with the residents in the Nursing Health Care Center. It has been a rewarding experience for all.

We are looking for as many Rainbow Girls as can be there to help out! The festivities are from 9 a.m. to around 4:00 p.m. Setup is at 8:00

a.m. Those who are there at the end can help with taking down all the booths.

Those living more than 2 hours from Elizabethtown can request Friday night housing on Patton Campus through Mrs. Snedden. If you live close please plan to help (service hours count!) You can even decide on the day of the event to attend. We would love to see as many Rainbow Girls and adults be part of Autumn Day. Dress code for Autumn Day is khakis with either the PA Rainbow polo or your assembly polo and comfortable shoes. The event goes on rain or shine, hot or cold, so come prepared.

Secretary's Corner — by Mrs. Pfister

Hi everyone, I hope you have all had a great summer and are looking forward to an exciting new school year. Here are a few points to ponder:

- Assemblies—I am still looking for a few 990 forms for 2012. You should be able to complete them and send a receipt from the IRS to me, if you have questions about this, please ask.
- Don't forget to sign up to attend

the October Sports and Leadership Weekend.

- Are you turning in your service hours?
- We received 100% response back from the Grand Officers for the email check this year—thank you!
- Assemblies should be turning in dates and ideas for official visits. Remember that Mrs. Snedden would like some assem-

blies to do some meetings this year for their official visit.

- Please nominate someone for the Hodegos Award—nominations are due by October 15th.



Congratulations to all scholarship and competition winners at Grand Assembly 2013

Kathryn's Article, continued

I have created a special group on Facebook called the Rainbow Paw Prints Club. It is open for all girls, adults, and Assemblies to join. This will allow us to post ideas and events about service and share our experiences and hours with girls all over the state.

Lastly, I would like to raise \$7,500 for my charity, *4 Paws For Ability*.

Forever Springing into Service,

Kathryn Webster
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How Does Someone Receive a Grand Cross?

The Grand Cross of Color is the highest honor that can be awarded in Rainbow. Have you ever wondered about the process?

Each Assembly is entitled to nominate one Rainbow Girl and one Adult Volunteer for every three girls initiated in a calendar year. This is done when the Annual Reports are prepared. In December, the Mother Advisor makes the nominating decision based on overall service performed. Her nominations may be approved by the Advisory Board but it is not necessary. Mrs. Snedden has the final approval or rejection for all nominations.

The approved nominations for PA Rainbow are then submitted by Mrs. Snedden to Supreme Assembly. After March 1, letters from Supreme Assembly are mailed to the newly elected Masters of the Grand Cross of Color. Investitures are held in Altoona at Grand Assembly and in November at different locations around the state. All Masters of the Grand Cross of Color are encouraged to attend one investiture a year to renew their vows to Rainbow.

The Grand Cross of Color medallion hangs on a navy blue ribbon. If you have seen a similar medallion on a

lavender ribbon it is a Service to Rainbow award. This award is given in the same manner as the Grand Cross, but it is given to a non-affiliated adult volunteer.

All Masters of the Grand Cross of Color are invited to attend a November Investiture. Check our website, www.parainbowgirls.org, for locations, times and contact person to make your reservation.



My Stuff Bags Project - by Katie Lasswell, Grand Charity

So who likes M&Ms? I know I do, and that's why all of Pennsylvania Rainbow is about to get tubes of miniature M&Ms to raise money for the My Stuff Bags Foundation. I will be distributing these tubes everywhere I go and then collecting them once they are full of quarters - \$14 is what it takes to fill them up!



Please make sure that you fill out the label with your name and your Assembly so I can keep score on the leader board and know which girls will be eligible for the Grand Assembly prize.

The teams are:

Team Simba – Morrisville No. 107, Franklin No. 19, Harrisburg No. 85,

Pitcairn No. 90, Beaver Valley No. 187, Moshanon Valley No. 131, Lehigh Valley No. 190, Johnstown No. 35, Martha B Mathers No. 28, and Vandergrift No. 105

Team Timon – Reading No. 33, Irwin No. 42, Easton No. 38, Wilkes-Barre No. 45, Butler No. 25, Ohio Valley No. 157, New Castle No. 1, Scranton No. 86, Erie No. 8, Sunshine No. 4

Team Pumba – Aurora No. 189, Altoona No. 188, Martha No. 11, Northern Star No. 122, Faith No. 150, Penn Valley No. 153, Hope No. 186, Philadelphia No. 47, Kitzaning No. 39, Carlisle No. 171

The Grand Assembly prize is different this year. Girls on the winning team who have turned in M&M tubes will have a chance to dunk our Grand Officers. For every \$100 raised for My Stuff Bags, another Grand Officer will be added to the dunking line up.

Finally, please keep bringing your soda pop tabs and loose change to Patton weekends. We will still be

collecting tabs, and I will have collection jars for any change that you would like to add to your team's total. I will have the leader board with these jars showing the Assemblies on each team, which team is currently in the lead, and how many Grand Officers we are going to dunk.

As much fun as all this dunking is going to be, the big question is how many children we are going to help with this fundraiser? The My Stuff Bags Foundation provides big blue duffel bags to children in the foster care system. These bags are filled with personal hygiene items, as well as age and gender appropriate toys, books, and other things that the children keep with them as they go between foster homes so that they will have belongings of their own.



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**Congrats to our
9 newest sisters
initiated at
Grand Assembly
this year!**

