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Through Love I Live It by Kathryn Webster, GWA

Grand Assembly is fast approaching, which means that my term and my time in Rainbow are soon coming to a close. This year has been a roller coaster ride and I really appreciate the support that I have received from each of you. I would not be standing in the position I am today without all of your efforts. Serving as Grand Worthy Advisor has been amazing and it truly has been an honor to represent our wonderful organization. Traveling the state, I have had many opportunities to reflect about my years in Rainbow and the impact it has had on my life. Rainbow has given me a chance to work towards so

many different goals – from raising money for charities, to designing and performing community service projects, to learning how to do impromptu speaking and introductions, to working on projects such as Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army and a duct tape fashion show. Because of Rainbow, I've become more outgoing and a better public speaker. Over the past nine years, there have been so many opportunities to learn, to serve, and to show others what I am capable of. Yet the most important thing that Rain-

bow has taught me is that anyone can be a friend and that when you join the Masonic family, you truly become a part of something greater. Rainbow has given me the opportunity to be a "big sister" to all the girls in my home assembly, Morrisville No. 107. (cont'd on page 3)



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Tally Those Hours by Mrs. Snedden

I am confident that all PA Rainbow Girls perform acts of kindness every day. There are also bigger acts of service in the form of projects for the Masonic family and/or our local communities. July 2012 at Supreme Assembly, Miss Mary Adeline Bradford, Supreme Worthy Advisor, started the Pandora-style bracelet incentive program. Girls and adults have been earning beautiful beads to wear on their bracelet. This program ends June 15,

2014! All forms must be submitted to Mrs. Helen Snedden to be added to the final bead orders. Think about all the hours you have helped others; add up the hours and for every 20 hours you earn another bead. From August 2012 to July 2013 it was reported that PA Rainbow Girls performed 3,500 hours of service with 175 service beads being awarded. How many hours will be report-

ed July 1, 2014? At Grand Assembly the Grand Total will be announced. Will your hours be figured in this total? Remember, the girl with the most reported hours of service has the added bonus of getting to sit in the Purple Service Chair during part of Grand Assembly! Tally away!



Upcoming Events

- Grand Assembly, July 9-13, 2014
- Supreme Assembly, July 27-30, 2014
- Grand Officer Training/Pledge/Prospect Weekend, August 15-17, 2014
- Autumn Day, September 20, 2014
- Patton Weekend, October 10-12, 2014

Secretary's Corner by Heather Pfister

As Grand Assembly approaches, please be on the lookout for emails regarding reminders and notes as there are always too many to put in the Penn Rainbow, but here are a few important items:

- You will be receiving your Adult Worker Profile Cards soon. Please distribute to all of your approved adults.
- Please send in your talent show acts. If you would like to try out for Mistress of Ceremonies, please let me know ASAP.
- An interview schedule will come out for the Wednesday interviews at Grand Assembly. Please let me

know if there are any conflicts with the time assigned to your girls.

- Please note the cost of Grand Officer jewels this year will be \$18.00.
- Please send a list of those receiving their Majority at Grand Assembly to me. Remember to include their birthdate.
- Please note a change in cost of Wednesday night session for those attending part time—the cost is \$10 as it includes the reception. There will be no box lunch on Thursday again this year. You are on your own for this meal.
- I can't stress enough the importance of completing your 990

form. Please see the article below regarding this important task.

- Girls - don't forget to continue turning in your service hours.
- Grand Officers - remember to turn in your mileage reports when you arrive at Grand Assembly.
- Don't forget to send in your list of Tylers for Grand Assembly. We need adults as well.



Prospect Weekend by Gerilee Davison, Marketing Director

Hi Pennsylvania Rainbow and Pledges! Are you looking for something to do August 15-17? Do you have friends that are interested in joining Rainbow? Would you like to show them Patton Campus and introduce them to some of your Rainbow sisters from across the state? If you have said yes to these questions then "Prospect and Pledge Weekend" is for you! This event is held in conjunction with the annual Grand Officer Train-

ing, and is meant for Pledges and Prospects to be able to see what Rainbow is all about. Since the weekend was started, there have been more and more girls, prospects, and pledges that have participated. Last year, we were even able to do a Pledge Initiation for a brand new Pledge Group! There will be crafts, games (both indoor and outdoor), time to get to know the new Grand Officers, tie-dying, a service project and of course swim-

ming! The cost for the weekend is free for Pledges and Prospects. The cost for Rainbow girls is a donation of \$15.00. Everyone (Pledges & Prospects included) will need to bring their medical forms if they do not have one for 2014 already on file. Grand Officers and Rainbow Girls should also bring shirts for tie-dying as shirts will be provided for Pledges and Prospects. I hope to see lots of prospects and pledges!

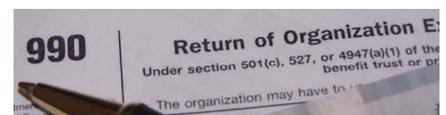
Are you finishing up your banners, scrapbooks, posters, drill shows, etc.?

990 Time by Heather Pfister, PA Rainbow Secretary

Each assembly is required to file a 990 form with the IRS yearly. Some of you did this at the beginning of the year, but many are due in June. I would like to have everyone who is due now complete them by June 15th. We will be required to submit this information to Supreme Assembly

so that they can help ensure that we do not lose our 501C3 status. Mrs. Snedden and I have spent much time trying to track down information and get everyone on track, and we now have everyone's information in a spreadsheet to know when you are due. It is imperative that this information be completed. As many

of you have learned, it only takes a few minutes to complete. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We will work to find the answers together!



Grand Assembly Schedule—All Times are Tentative

Wednesday, July 9th

9 a—4p—Rehearsals, Interviews, Registration

6:15 p—Prelude

6:45 p—Informal Opening

Drills

Presentations

HODEGOS

Introductions

GWA Reception following meeting

12:00p—Grand Cross of Color Investiture

1:00 p—Grand Cross Luncheon

2:30 p—Installation Rehearsal

7:00 p—Prelude

7:15 p—Evening Session Begins

Drills

Installation

Thursday, July 10th

8:30 a—Prelude

9:00 a—Formal Opening

Memorial Service

Reports

Balloting

Grand Officer Appointments announced

1:30 p—Softball Competition—Bellwood Field

3:00 p—DelGrosso Park

4:00 p—Mother Advisor Meeting in Pavillion

5:00 p—Dinner at DelGrosso Park

Saturday, July 12th

9:30 a—Bowling Competition—Pleasant Valley

11:30a—Italian Buffet

12:45p—Handbell rehearsal

1:30 p—Choir Competition

2:00 p—Drill Competition

3:30 p—Coronation Rehearsal

6:15 p—Grand Assembly Banquet

8:15 p—Coronation and Talent Show

Awards

Sunday, July 13th

8:00 a—Prelude

8:30 a—Church Service

Friday, July 11th

7:45 a—Organ Prelude

8:15 a—Sessions begin

Initiation

Majority

Book of Time

Safe Travels Home!

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Being a role model has always been important to me and I've found that even the smallest acts of kindness have an influence on other people. I can make a difference in the lives of others as long as I am true to myself and to them. As my journey in Rainbow and as Grand Worthy Advisor comes to an end, I will always cherish the friends and the memories I have made and the lessons I have learned. My favorite Rainbow cere-

mony, "God's Rainbow," says it best. "Rainbow has instilled in me valuable lessons. I have Faith to dream. I have Hope to make those dreams a reality. I have Charity to share my dreams with others. My life will always be a reflection of what I have learned. Through my Rainbow teachings, I will be a better woman, wife, mother and friend. The seven rays will remain forever a part of me, because – through Faith

I believed it, through Hope I received it, and through Love I live it." I hope each and every one of you continues to love Rainbow as much as I do and live by its valuable lessons. I look forward to seeing all of you at Grand Assembly.

In Rainbow Love,
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**We have
initiated 22
new sisters this
year.**



The “M” Word by Diana Jolly, PGWA, JGE Chairperson

As July approaches, Rainbow girls who are twenty or twenty-one years old always try to avoid hearing the dreaded “m-word” – “majority.”

We tend to associate majority with tears, tissues, and hugs – after all, it is an ending. But receiving majority, like graduating high school or college, does not mean your Rainbow life is over. It simply means it is moving to a new chapter.

There’s a reason we hold initiation and majority on the same day at Grand Assembly – as majority girls move on and become advisors, we welcome new sisters to take their place.

These new sisters don’t know yet what they are in for – the late nights and early mornings; the exhilaration of nailing a speech during initiation; the delight of trying on their first Grand Officer

gown; the taste of Patton Campus’ chocolate milk; the excitement of performing with a drill team; the sing-a-longs and movies during long road trips; the hours spent with casual acquaintances who will grow to become their best friends.

But these are all things majority girls know well, and as we transition into becoming advisors we can help make these memories for our new sisters.

Two years ago, I had the very great honor of serving as your Grand Worthy Advisor. Although you may not have seen me as much since then, not a day has gone by that I have not felt blessed to know the wonderful family that is Pennsylvania Rainbow. You are the family that taught me that it’s okay to make mistakes. You taught me how to believe in my dreams and make

them happen. But most of all you have taught me how to be a friend, because you have been friends to me.

Whatever the future may hold, I know Rainbow will always be part of it. As my good friend Winnie the Pooh once said, “If there ever comes a time when we can’t be together, keep Rainbow in your heart – it’ll stay there forever.”

