Here, There and Everywhere!

By: Sis. Ashley Loeb, GWA

From Europe, to Florida, and back and forth across the state, I have traveled many different places in my life, but none have been quite as memorable as the travels I have gone on this past year. This year I have refined my traveling skills, including putting my hair up and my makeup on while in the backseat of a car, and changing into a gown in a car while remaining Rainbow appropriate! Although those are great lessons to learn I’ve also learned a lot more valuable lessons. I have traveled to meetings and fun events, fundraisers and service projects. I met new people and enjoyed time with old friends.

Traveling across the state, many, many times this year, has shown me three things. First, there is nothing better than spending a few hours in a car with someone dear to you. A car is basically uninterrupted time spent. The driver can’t use their phone and therefore the technology that usually separates us disappears. Whether you are making memories by talking or jamming out to your favorite song or just enjoying the silence together, it is a great opportunity to catch up and make memories with another person. Next, sleeping in a car can be vital to one’s survival if traveling from event to event! I personally do not do well trying to sleep in a car, but throughout this year I have mastered the ability to find a comfortable spot, enabling me to at least rest my eyes for the drive. Just a short amount of time with my eyes closed during a drive helped ensure that I was awake and ready for the next adventure. The third thing traveling this year has shown me is that some events may initially seem to be boring, but there is always a way to have fun!

Spending time at Rainbow events is always so much fun and this year I utilized the car ride to get myself excited for whatever not so interesting event I was going to. I would wonder about who would speak and who would be representing the other youth groups, what their charity is, what the title of their leader is and so many other things that really helped me get excited for events that I didn’t have any Rainbow friends attending. Traveling has been a great experience this year! I’ve learned so many things and made so many new wonderful memories from all across the state. Leave where you started from and travel to another Assembly and you may just be able to find a home with them as well!

So far, Ashley has traveled to the following Assemblies for official visits:

- Kittanning
- Hope
- Reading
- Ohio Valley
- Butler
- New Castle
- Franklin
- Carlisle
- Faith

When is your Assembly’s official visit?
What to Expect—Grand Assembly 2015

“Everybody Starts Somewhere” Grand Assembly Session is July 8-12, 2015.

Listed below is general information for Grand Assembly. The website (PArainbowgirls.org) has more detailed information about the competitions and much more. Mother Advisors will receive a memo in June which will include instructions on signing up girls to get initiated at Grand Assembly and those who want to be a part of the Majority Ceremony.

Tuesday, July 7 – Grand Officer Rehearsal 1:00 p.m. Dress Code: Short White dress.

Wednesday, July 8 – Informal Opening 6:45 p.m. Grand Worthy Advisor Reception (Pizza, Dance Party) 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 9 – 1) Formal Opening 9:00 a.m. 2) Softball Competition 1:30 p.m. 3) DelGrosso Park for a fun afternoon and BBQ dinner 5:00 p.m.

Friday, July 10 – 1) Initiation 8:15 a.m. 2) Majority Service and Formal Closing 9:30 a.m. 3) Grand Cross Investiture and Mystic Banquet 12:00 p.m. 4) Installation of 2015-2016 Grand Officers 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, July 11 – 1) Bowling Competition 9:30 a.m. 2) Choir and Drill Competitions 1:30 p.m. 3) Grand Banquet 6:15 p.m. 4) Coronation and Talent Show 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 12 – Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Looking forward to seeing you at Jaffa Shrine Center in Altoona!

Were You There?

Secretary's Corner

Assemblies who are due to complete the 990 after May 31st, please do so by June 30th.

Grand Officer Applications are due by May 22nd.

Don’t forget to turn in service hours for your bracelets!

If you are receiving Majority at Grand Assembly, please let Mrs. Pfister know.

If you would like to participate in the talent show at Grand Assembly, let Mrs. Pfister know.
The Ukuleleations

The Ukuleleations are excited to announce that they will be appearing at Grand Assembly this year! Haven’t heard of the Ukuleleations? Girls from all over the state have gathered together at every Patton Campus weekend and have learned, practiced, and refined their ukulele skills, and have been practicing at every Patton weekend to be prepared for their performance at Grand Assembly. They are being led by Ms. Krystalynn Anderson, who taught herself to play and has taught the other members of the Ukuleleations about the ukulele and how to play songs that are recognizable and fun. In all, eleven girls from over seven assemblies are going to be performing; nine ukulele players and two singers who are going to dazzle us with their performance! Some of these Hawaiian style instruments have been graciously donated to the girls. There are many different shapes and sizes of instruments and all the girls are excited to show their true talent. As a girl who is going to be recording their performance at Grand Assembly, I am very excited to see what these girls have in store for us. For more information about this group, please see Miss Krystalynn. If you like what you see after Grand Assembly and think you would like to join the group, new members will be accepted after Grand Assembly. See you this summer, and we hope you enjoy the show!

Drill Team Competition

This past March we had our annual Drill Weekend at Patton Campus! It was filled with fun, fellowship, and, of course, drill! We learned about marching, maneuvering and flag work. If you enjoy these fun activities and want to showcase your awesome skills, why not show everyone at Grand Assembly with a drill team? The drill show competition is held on the Saturday of Grand Assembly and is always a fun way to end the week. Although nothing is wrong with a little friendly competition, the best part of the drill show is how much fun it is.

Not only is it fun to perform at Grand Assembly, but the process of putting your own drill show together with your Assembly is just as exciting! Each Assembly can have a drill team and it is great way to spend time with your Rainbow sisters and make fantastic memories that will last a lifetime. The drill show is something everyone looks forward to seeing, because it truly displays the hard work that Assemblies do to make a drill team successful. Good luck to all of you and see you at the show!

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Krystalynn’s Craft Corner

By: Krystalynn Anderson, Rainbow Ambassador

Materials:
- Magazines or Newspapers
- Paper Clips
- Scissors
- Glue
- String

Ladies, we are making necklaces! You will need the string to make your necklace, and we will make beads out of recycled magazines or newspapers. Cut paper into long isosceles triangles measuring about a half inch wide and 6 inches long. The longer the paper, the thicker the bead! Apply a coat of glue to each side of the paper, perhaps using a small dish. Open up your paper clip and wrap the longer end of your paper around it. Continue to wrap tightly until complete. Allow it to set before taking off the paper clip and stringing. Twist the bead while drying so it does not stick to the paper clip. Happy Crafting!

PA Rainbow Website

By: Angela Lennox, Editor

When was the last time you checked out the PA Rainbow website? The website is a great place to find any information that you may need. The website includes a link to an “about” section, where you could send prospective members to check out what our organization is about. In addition to the “about” section, the website also features a calendar and a link to a list of the people who make everything happen, which includes the Grand Officer list and adult leaders.

An awesome aspect of the website is the link dedicated to any resources that you and your Assembly could need. Featured now are links such as the Grand Worthy Advisor application, Grand Officer expectations and application, and all necessary information about competitions that you and your Assembly may be interested in entering. Is your Installation coming up? Everything you could need to get started planning your term is listed right there on the website.

On the bottom of every page, there are some very important links that you should consider checking out! There are links that will direct you to other organizations that you may be interested in, including PA DeMolay, PA Job’s Daughters, Grand Lodge of PA, and also the IORG website. In addition to links to other sites, there are also links under “Quick Picks”, that will direct you to an online version of the Penn Rainbow and the Grand Worthy Advisor’s blog.

If you haven’t checked out the website yet, do it! You can head to the website at www.parainbowgirls.org. Go take a look!

Upcoming Dates

- May 16—OES Honor Day
- May 31-GWA Testimonial
- June 5-7—Softball Weekend
- June 25—Penn Rainbow Articles Due
- July 8-12—Grand Assembly
- August 21-23—Pledge and Prospect Weekend