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Traveling Near and Far

Sis. Erin Polnar, Grand Worthy Advisor

Over the past several months, I have traveled to many places around Pennsylvania and have participated in many fun and exciting events. Volunteering time at the Masonic Village in Sewickley, visiting assemblies at their official visits, dancing the night away at youth dances, and spending fun weekends at Patton Campus are all my favorite activities. One event, in particular, recently happened at our Grand Officer Weekend O' Fun at Patton Campus in Elizabethtown. The Grand Officers initiated 2 new girls into Pennsylvania Rainbow. Not only am I overjoyed that Rainbow is growing, but I know that the initiation really impacted those new sisters immensely. Thinking back on my initiation, I remember having a huge smile on my face as I ventured onto the floor not knowing where my Rainbow career would take me. As I watched these young girls throughout their initiation, I saw that same spark, excitement, and ambition in them. Everyone starts somewhere, and I am honored that I was able to be a part of the beginning of their special journeys. I enjoy spending time getting to know each and every one of you. So many memories have been made, and there are still so many more to come. I am looking forward to my future travels with those of you whom I have not been able to see yet. Whether it is close to home, or on the opposite side of the state, I am always excited to visit with my Rainbow Sisters. Thank you all for continuing to Be the Difference.



Supreme Assembly Service Incentives

Mrs. Helen Snedden, Supreme Inspector

The Supreme Worthy Advisor, Mrs. Sue Rennege, has selected a Pandora-style necklace to be earned by Rainbow Girls around the world. Mrs. Rennege's symbols are stars and a pineapple. The necklace is only for a pineapple and two service stars. The pineapple is a membership bead earned by signing petitions. The two stars are earned by 50 hours each of community volunteer hours. After you have earned all seven of the PA Hearts for Helping service hour beads, your service hours will go toward the Supreme stars. (The Hearts for Helping form can be found at parainbowgirls.org). Mrs. Snedden keeps a spreadsheet of the petition signers and will order the pineapple bead when the incentive is reached. The necklace is given with the first reward.



All-Call Weekend

Mrs. Grace Medley, All-Call Coordinator

Have you ever wondered what the proper way to peel a banana is? Do you want to learn the latest craft or make cool keepsakes? How about spending quality time with your Rainbow Sisters from across the state? Then All-Call weekend is the weekend for you! If you have never been to All-Call before, it is a great opportunity to learn new skills, play fun games, and spend time getting to know each other. The day is broken into nine time slots with eight different activities to choose from. Last year, we learned how to make plastic bag kites, played kickball, and learned how to swing dance. We also made friendship bracelets, painted flowerpots, and learned many important life lessons with Mrs. O'Neill. There is even the ever-popular swimming session! Have I whetted your appetite? Are you wondering what we will learn this year? There is only one way to find out! This year, Sister Erin and the Grand Officers have a great weekend planned for you, including life skills, teamwork, and some cool activities. All-Call weekend is open to all Rainbow Girls and will be held at Patton Campus from April 21-23. Dress code is Rainbow casual, including a dress or skirt for dinner and a swimsuit for swimming. All-Call Weekend is fun and is always a full-house, so be sure to let your Mother Advisor know if you are interested so she can contact Mrs. Snedden with your assembly's reservation. See you in April!

Penn Valley Month of Service

Sis. Ashley Swogger

Over the course of the month of February, Penn Valley Assembly #153 has had the opportunity to do many acts of service. Through this service, we have been able to help numerous people along the way. The first of many acts of service took place on February 4th, when three of us got together to make door decorations for a local nursing home. These decorations were for Valentine's Day in the hope of brightening up someone's day. The following weekend, on February 11th, we traveled to Philadelphia to the Shriner's Hospital. There, we were able to help our local Daughter's of the Nile Temple host a Pirates and Princesses party for some of the children and families. We dressed as the princesses, which was a fun plus, but it was great to see the smiles on the children's faces as they participated in the different activities at the party. Penn Valley also participated in a clothing drive for a local thrift store, which donates money to Big Brothers Big Sisters. Our final act of service this month was collecting canned goods for a local food pantry. We gained many new experiences over the course of the past month and we can't wait to do even more service in the future.



2017 HODEGOS Recipients

Joseph Pullin, PMYF Communications Coordinator

The word HODEGOS is a Greek word that translates to mean “the driver,” but in context can be translated as “the mentor”, “the leader”, or “the teacher.” All of these words describe what is looked for when determining the recipient of the HODEGOS Award, an award presented by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to adult leaders who have worked with the Masonic Youth Groups for a minimum of seven years. The award is given to no more than two people per Masonic Youth Group, per year. An application is submitted to the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation with character references from both adult leaders and active members explaining why the applicant is qualified to be considered. Pennsylvania Rainbow has two recipients this year:

-Dr. Deanna Quay, Reading Assembly #33 & Lehigh Valley Assembly #190

-Mrs. Thelma Antis, Irwin Assembly #42



The award will be presented at Grand Assembly on July 12th, 2017. Congratulations to this year’s recipients of the HODEGOS Award.

Grand Assembly Schedule

Mrs. Helen Snedden, Supreme Inspector

Grand Assembly 2017 is our 75th Grand Assembly! It’s time to start making your attendance plans. Because the 75th Grand Assembly Committee has many special events planned, a change in the schedule will be in place for this year. The overall schedule is listed here. Specific times and details will be posted closer to Grand Assembly.

Tuesday, July 11	Grand Officer’s Rehearsal & Dinner and the Volunteer Dinner (no change)
Wednesday, July 12	Informal Opening, GWA Reception and Dance (no change)
Thursday, July 13	Formal Opening, Initiation, Formal Closing, Reports, Book of Time, DelGrosso Park
Friday, July 14	Grand Cross of Color, Alumni Reception, Majority Ceremony, Installation
Saturday, July 15	Bowling, Drill, Hand Bell Choir, Grand Banquet, Coronation, Special Entertainment
Sunday, July 16	Worship Service

Some additional notes:

- ◆ Our Softball Competition will be held at Patton Campus, June 3.
- ◆ The Friday afternoon Alumni Reception will be a time to “Walk Through the Decades” of PA Rainbow.
- ◆ The Majority Service will be before Installation.
- ◆ A Special Entertainment will be in place of the talent show portion of Coronation this year.



Were You There?



Upcoming Events

Drill Weekend

March 10th-12th, 2017

Patton Campus

All-Call Weekend

April 21st-23rd, 2017

Patton Campus

Reminders

- Be sure to RSVP early to all events
- Many Masonic scholarship deadlines are quickly approaching
- Grand Officer Applications are due May 25th, 2017
- Articles for the next issue of the Penn Rainbow are due April 15th

