



# RAINBOW NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2007

*International Order of the Rainbow for Girls*

### MASSACHUSETTS ON THE MOVE

The past months have been busy ones in Massachusetts. Leading up to Grand Assembly in June, Rainbow and DeMolay held a Year End Celebration at Rainbow Camp. Everyone had a great time with the activities – volleyball, basketball, Frisbee, soccer, tennis, croquet, and a kickball game, starring the Grand Officers vs. the State Suite. We did great, and those cheering, as well as the players, worked up a good appetite for the barbecue.

Grand Assembly was held once again in Plymouth with visitors attending from several states – California, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, and also Canada! We were happy to learn about Rainbow in the jurisdictions of our guests!

Grand Worthy Advisor, Michelle Ricci, presided with dignity over her “Reach for the Stars with Massachusetts Rainbow” Session. The work of the Grand Officers was done beautifully, and this year we had thirty-five girls singing in the Grand Choir! They were tops!

When Certificate Awards and Visitation Bars were presented to seventeen girls who had attended and participated in twenty or more meetings of Massachusetts Assemblies in addition to their own during the year, Heather Hamblin was recognized for receiving her sixth certificate and bar. Tessa Brainard and Sarah Schultz had each attended over forty meetings!

The Membership Cup was awarded to Brockton Assembly for increasing their membership by 150%! How proud we are of all our girls who have been working hard on membership and spreading the word of Rainbow!

Autumn Oster was installed as Grand Worthy Advisor for 2007-2008 along with her Officers and twenty-five Grand Representatives. Her theme for the year is “Extreme Makeover: Massachusetts Rainbow Edition”. Habitat for Humanity will be her service project, as well as “Ducky Days” to benefit Rainbow Camp. As we strive to increase membership, we will often hear “Can We Build It? Yes, We Can!!”

Founder’s Day saw a large group at Rainbow Camp. The weather was perfect, and the pool was the favorite gathering spot! This is always a fun day with the adults relaxing and the girls catching up on the latest news. Sports activities kept everyone busy and we ate well, too!

We’d like very much to have girls attending college in Massachusetts take part in our activities:

Receptions – Various dates throughout the year; Grand Cross of Color Banquets – November 15<sup>th</sup>; Rainbow Scholarship Ball – November 16<sup>th</sup>; Grand Officers’ Nights - February and May; Youth Protection Programs – March 8<sup>th</sup>; Rainbow Sunday – April 6<sup>th</sup>; Grand Assembly – June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

For further information on the above and information on individual assemblies, please contact me: [supinspect@verizon.net](mailto:supinspect@verizon.net)

**RAINBOW IS GOING TO GROW! CAN WE BUILD IT? YES, WE CAN!!**

Sandra Marshall  
Supreme Nature & Supreme Inspector



**Grand Assembly of Montana** - Our Grand Assembly, presided over by Beth Rolfe, was held last June in Helena, the Capital City of Montana. Beth and her officers did an outstanding job and I was extremely proud of them when they exemplified the degrees while initiating four new girls in front of all the Masonic dignitaries. A special event was held Sunday afternoon as we attended a Native American worship service before a beautiful boat ride on the Missouri River at the Gates of the Mountains. The Gates were named by Lewis and Clark who described the unique cliff-like structure of the canyon walls that gave the appearance of closed gates that opened at they proceeded up the river.

Ashley Brester from Garden City Assembly in Missoula is our new Grand Worthy Advisor. She has chosen monkeys and frogs for her mascots and kids holding hands as her symbol. Her colors are pink and purple. Her Honor Stations are Faith, Hope, and Love and her flowers are daisies. Ashley has chosen "Eleanore's Project" as her service project. The mission of this project is to improve the lives of children with disabilities and their families through education and innovative projects that have potential to produce lasting change. Their emphasis at this time is underdeveloped countries and they are currently targeting Jordan and Peru where specially adapted wheelchairs are being provided to the children.

Our Assemblies are diligently working on Membership. We have several young initiates and we are taking advantage of our Majority Ambassadors to help out.

Fall Fling, our informal State meeting was held in Billings, October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Flings have been very popular and a fun experience for everyone. Prospects are encouraged, and a service project is always included.

Grand Assembly 2008 will be held in Missoula, June 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to come to Big Sky Country and enjoy our hospitality.

Diane Sherick  
Supreme Deputy

# FOLLOW YOUR RAINBOW TO SUPREME ASSEMBLY 2008!!

*July 26-30  
Chicago, Illinois*



MRS. MARIE RENDA  
SUPREME WORTHY ADVISOR

**Grand Assembly of Louisiana** - The Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana has been very busy as we began a new 'Grand' year. Miss Mallory Nicole Clark is our Grand Worthy Advisor, and yes, she is my daughter! Mallory has chosen the Multiple Sclerosis Society and our Temple Fund as her projects. The month of September was dedicated to raising money for MS. Each assembly was given the assignment of doing a Rock-A-Thon to raise money. Many of the assemblies were able to rock at their local Cracker Barrel Restaurants. We are very excited about the preliminary reports on the girls' efforts. For our Temple Fund drive, each assembly has been seeking donations and using the Masonic Family pins for those donating \$5 or more as well as holding fundraisers to boost our donation to our Temple. This year, Mallory wants each assembly to focus on local assembly activities and service. The official Grand Assembly calendar was consolidated to allow for less statewide travel so the assemblies can work on membership recruitment and retention as well as service.

Our newest assembly, Rising Star No. 5, has been working very hard to both increase membership and to "Serve with a Smile." Their current active membership is 30 Rainbow girls, and I do mean ACTIVE! One of the unique things about this assembly has been their service projects. Not only have they given service to our Masonic Family, but they have been very visible and active in their community of Monroe, Louisiana. Each term, Sister of Charity has to present her idea for a Charity (Service) project to the advisory board. This Rainbow sister is in charge of planning, organizing and making everything happen...of course with the assistance of the Mother Advisor and Advisory Board. Some of the projects have been: collecting care package items for our US soldiers in Iraq; working for Habitat for



Humanity by not only raising money to donate to this worthwhile cause, but actually being able to pick up hammers and tools and help build a part of a home; collecting items and money for the local Humane Society; working the phone bank at the local Cerebral Palsy Telethon where the girls collected over \$3,000 during their allotted time; and participating in a Memorial Day Ceremony where gubernatorial candidate Bobby Jindal spoke. One of their more interesting Charity projects was the 'Adopt a Whale' program. Research was done by the young lady who was going to be installed as Sister of Charity to find this unique project and the girls pre sold car wash tickets for \$5 each. They donated a percentage of the sales from this fundraiser and were able to 'adopt' four whales in the New England Whale Conservatory.

Being visible in the community also helped the assembly members be able to explain to the public what Rainbow is all about. They

also were able to gain at least three new Rainbow sisters from this exposure. They attribute much of their success to how they schedule their events. On a given weekend, they may schedule one service project where members, adult leaders and prospects can participate, have lunch together or go for a treat, then have a scrapbook party at the Mother Advisors home where prospects can also attend. Sometimes Saturday events lead to a sleep over, ritual workshop and Sunday church attendance as a group.

This assembly has a very enthusiastic group of girls who range in age from 11 to 20 years as well as a very supportive Lodge and Chapter, Advisory Board, and parents. I am very proud of all of their accomplishments.

It has been two years since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the southern portions of Louisiana from east to west. We had a difficult time rebuilding in some areas, but I am very proud to say our New Orleans Area assemblies did not fail. This February, Metairie Assembly No. 70 was finally able to meet once again in Metairie Lodge that was destroyed by Katrina. They have a small group of girls remaining but they are active and are rebuilding their assembly. We are still very thankful to our Rainbow family and Supreme Assembly who assisted the Rainbow girls in need through the Disaster fund.

With Rainbow love and service,  
Cindy Clark  
Supreme Deputy in Louisiana



**GREETINGS FROM TEXAS**  
**Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy**

**“May All Your Dreams Come True”** is the Grand Worthy Advisor’s theme for Texas Grand Assembly in 2007-2008. Shelley Ashcraft, Grand Worthy Advisor, is leading the activities and projects with great enthusiasm and Texas is blessed with increased participation and many initiations.

This year started with our Grand Floor Officers Retreat, the **Sensational Super Stars Spectacular Symposium** followed by the All Girls’ Leadership Conference – five days of intense team building and leadership development. This was quite a success as our assemblies sent representatives to these conferences to help spread the positive programs of Rainbow to other girls in their assemblies and communities.



**WOW** news! **Rose Assembly LT # 382** was Instituted on September 22<sup>nd</sup> with 14 excited and enthusiastic girls! Over 125 people attended this day-long celebration and the Grand Floor Officers performed the Initiation Ceremony for the new girls. Following the Instituting, Initiation and lunch, the Installation of Officers followed. It was a great Rainbow Day in Glen Rose, Texas!

One hundred-plus girls were present at Eastern Star Grand Chapter and presented a drill to honor the newly Installed Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Shelley, as Grand Worthy Advisor, with our traditional ceremony, presented Rainbow Bibles to these two active supporters of Rainbow. During this Grand Chapter year a special pin is being sold with the profit to be donated to Texas Rainbow. We certainly appreciate the increased support of Eastern Star Grand Chapter.

The Masons of Texas in 2007 have been extremely supportive. The Grand Master issued a proclamation that all Masons should attend a Rainbow meeting in August or September. This has been a tremendous boost to the local assemblies. Attendance has increased significantly and the Masons

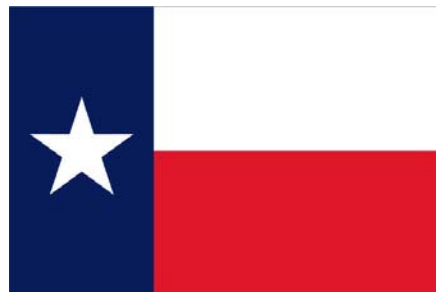
have had honor programs for the girls and the assemblies have also planned honor meetings for the Masons. This has been a “win-win” program. Rainbow is so very appreciative of the efforts of Grand Master Donny W. Broughton and his wife, Susie, for their youth programs. To date over \$50,000 has been raised by Texas Masons in 007 for college scholarships for Masonic Youth. These scholarships will be presented at Grand Lodge in December.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas invited Grand Worthy Advisor Shelley, Mrs. D. and all Rainbow Girls to their Grand Sessions in October. Shelley brought Greetings on behalf of Texas Grand Assembly. Once again, the Masons of Texas are honoring our girls and our assemblies and Grand Assembly.

We are blessed to have this Fraternal Support. We are blessed to have active and enthusiastic assemblies who are spreading the “Rainbow Word” to our Sisters and to our communities.

Please visit our website, [www.txior.org](http://www.txior.org) to see all of our many and varied activities and to find Assembly locations to visit, if you travel to Texas. You are always welcome. You are cordially invited to our 85<sup>th</sup> Grand Assembly Session that will be held in Waco June (25) 26 – 29, 2008. Please join us as we enjoy our great annual session. Registration packets and information will be available in January. E-mail Carolyn Schulze at [Hschu62459@aol.com](mailto:Hschu62459@aol.com) for a packet. Welcome! Come visit us!

We encourage you to **Dream Big for Rainbow** this year and Texas’ wish for you is ... **“May All Your Dreams Come True.”**



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

### On behalf of Committee:

Marlene Dibrell, Chairman  
Debbie Marks  
Diane Sherick

The Grand Representative Committee would appreciate your ideas on ways to encourage active correspondence among our great Grand Representatives to other Grand Jurisdictions.

Having correspondents in other states is one way to increase friendships and to share ideas and projects with others. We all learn from each other and our girls benefit from the emails and letters received between them. This committee would like to pass along your ideas and successes.

Do you have prizes, awards, honors of some kind that we can pass along to help others encourage this Sisterly exchange? With Supreme Assembly coming up in 2008, our girls will have the opportunity to meet each other so this is another reason to develop better communication.

If you have ideas on ways to encourage active correspondence among our girls, we are always open for suggestions for this and any other ideas and suggestions that you have. We appreciate the privilege of being named to this committee and are here to serve you.

**Marlene Dibrell**

Marlene Dibrell, Chairman  
Debbie Marks  
Diane Sherick

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