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A Message from Our Grand Worthy Advisor

Hey New Jersey Rainbow!

I'm so excited for this Grand year! I cannot put into words how great of an opportunity it is to work alongside everyone this year. I hope everyone is able to understand the true meaning of their offices this year. To not only recite the words of the stations, but to live by them.

Whether it's your first, last, second, or third year as a Grand Officer, may you be able to make the most of this year, not only on the Grand level, but in your local assemblies as well. With our many fun events planned this term, I can't wait for us to make lasting memories together and create bonds that last a lifetime.

In your daily lives, there are acts of service you are performing. Whether you hold open the door for the person behind you, or lend a jacket to someone who's cold, you are living a life of active service. There is a certain beauty of service, it takes no criteria to give an act of service. A deed of service no matter how big or small can be done by anyone. Young, old, big, or small, you can perform some sort of service. Every time you answer your call of service, either individually or as a whole, know that you are changing the world by bringing together a group of remarkable people.

That being said, inspired by the words of Captain America, "New Jersey, Assemble!"

In Rainbow Love & Service, Heldreth B. Yu Grand Worthy Advisor 2019 - 2020

Our Supreme Inspector

A Message from

Rainbow Family and Friends,

New Jersey Rainbow has many fun and exciting things planned for 2019-2020 Grand Year. Let's all get excited about growing our membership. I challenge each Assembly to bring in at least 10 new members this year. I know that you can do it. Invite your friends to attend some of your assembly's fun events: Get the word out about Rainbow!

Thank you to all the members of our Masonic Family for your continued support. Thank you for serving on our Advisory Boards.

This is a Supreme Year and I hope everyone is excited about attending the Supreme Assembly Session in Reno, Nevada this July.

Congratulations to our New Jersey Pledge Groups who are growing by leaps and bounds. I am looking forward to our Annual Pledge Day in March. I know your Rainbow Sisters are also very excited to see the Pledge Girls exemplify their Pledge Ceremonies.

We have our OES/Rainbow Unity Day coming up and our Annual Workshop. We have also been invited to attend DeMolay Winterfest this year. You should have all received information about Winterfest so please make sure if you are planning on attending you respond by the deadlines.

I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Blessed New Year filled with much success and happiness.

Let's remember to make MEMBERSHIP our number one priority and reach the top of the Pot of Gold on the Supreme Website.

In Rainbow love and friendship Miss Nase, Supreme Inspector

A Message from the **Grand Editor**

Hello all!

First and foremost, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to this edition of the Rainbow Review. It means so much to have the collective support from our assemblies. As I've hope you've noticed, there are a few new sections in the review. I'd like to take a second to explain each one.

The first is called "Have We Met?" The goal of this section is to introduce our new members to the state so that we can all make an effort to be more inclusive towards them. Submissions should include a photo of the new sister, her name, what attracted her to Rainbow, what her favorite part about Rainbow is, and something she is interested in for a conversation starter.

The second section is called "My Favorite Station". This section gives our members the opportunity to talk about their favorite station and what it means to them. I personally find this interesting because it allows us to look at each station in a way that we might not have before and gain a new appreciation for each station.

The next section is called "Rookie of the Term". I unfortunately did not receive any submissions for this but I am hopeful for the next edition! This section will recognize a few girls that have joined within the past year and have really taken charge in their assembly. Whether it be for learning a part to the very best of her ability, encouraging her sisters to increase their involvement, or maybe perfect attendance, these girls are excited about Rainbow and aren't afraid to be involved. I'd like to have submissions from advisors and seasoned members only.

The last section, and my personal favorite, is called "My Rainbow Hero" "My Rainbow Hero" recognizes someone that you've come across in your Rainbow career (sisters, advisors, pledges, a recipient of charity/service work, etc.) that pushes you to be a better Rainbow Girl every chance you have. This section is intended to work off submissions from girls only.

Again, I thank you all for your cooperation and I am so excited for the next edition! Please email all articles and submissions to both nlg2799@gmail.com Webmaster@NJRainbow.org by February 16th.

> In Rainbow Love and Service, Natalie Gunderson Grand Editor and Grand Representative to Nebraska

Grand Assembly News

2019-2020 Term Information

Theme: New Jersey, Assemble!

Motto: Changing the world by bringing together a

remarkable group of people.

Colors: Righteous Red, Brave Blue, Gamma Ray

Green, Super Silver, & Glory Gold

Mascot: The Avengers

Symbols: Thor's Hammer & Lightning Bolts

Flower: Baby's Breath

Song: "Get Back up" by: Toby Mac

Charity: Shriners Hospital

Bible Verse: "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves." Roman 15:1

Back to School Dance

By Abbey W.

September 21st was the Back to School Dance, hosted by New Jersey DeMolay. The dance was held at Burlington Lodge and had mini games/activities throughout the night. They had a paper airplane contest and other Minute-to-Win-it games. The decorations were super cute; especially the pool noodle pencils, and the desserts were wafer cookie pencils. Overall, everyone had a great time and I can't wait to see what's in store for the next dance!

Order of the Eastern Star Luncheon

By Alex S.

On October 5th at noon the OES held a superhero themed luncheon at Harmony Lodge. All Grand Representatives of the IORG were invited, with many of them attending. Upon arriving, we all took our respective seats and began socializing. While socializing we excitingly started coloring Marvel themed coloring pages with miniature coloring pencils. (con't on page 3)

OES Luncheon Con't.

Once social hour was over it was time to feast! On the menu were KFC boxes filled with fried chicken, mashed potatoes, a biscuit, and much more. Yum! After eating, all the Grand Reps were called over to introduce themselves and their costumes. Lilyana Lopez was a paint themed superhero, while Abbey Wilkie chose to dress up in relation to her grand office. When introductions were done and all of the amazing costumes were shown, it was time to bash open a piñata! Bags were handed out as we grabbed handfuls of candy. When all the candy was gone, we started games. Fun! We first played a game were we had to make each other laugh: It was very interesting! Then we had to chose a card from a hat and do the action on the card while our fellow players guessed what we doing. Lots of laughter filled the room for sure! Overall this was a wonderful luncheon and we all had so much fun!



Halloween Hike

By: Emma D.

On October 26th, there was a Halloween Hike for Dyslexia at the Masonic Village in Burlington. Everyone came dressed up in unique costumes and we went trick-or-treating at different decorated door frames around the village. Everyone received a t shirt, candy bag, and a little medal for signing up for the walk. Afterwards

we all ate hot dogs, apples and candy for lunch. Overall it was a really fun day and I'm really excited for next year's event!



Announcements

Welcome New Advisors

As of January 2020, Mrs. Stacy Holst is the new Grand Deputy to Holly and Iris assemblies and Ms. Tiffany Cole is the new Clifton Assembly Mother Advisor. Ms. Lauran Palmer is stepping up to the role of Pledge Mother at Trenton Pledge, Ms. Katlyn Zimmerman will be installed as Holly's Pledge Mother, with Mrs. Holst as her Assistant Pledge Mother. New Jersey Rainbow congratulates these women and thanks them most sincerely for taking on these roles.

Next Rainbow Review Deadline

Please email all articles, photos and feature submissions to Grand Editor Natalie G and Review Advisor Mrs. Brennen by February 16th

NJ Pledge Group Deadlines

Pledge Mothers must submit their 2019 end of year reports to State Pledge Director Mrs. Brennen by the deadline of January 31. Nominations for officers for State Pledge Day and Pledge Representatives should be submitted by February 29th.

Membership Challenge

We are continuing the Membership Challenge again this year. Please note the change in dates as opposed to last year. Any promotional or planned joint events with Pledges or DeMolay from September 1, 2019 to August 1, 2019 do count. Please try to send pictures of these events immediately after the event so I can post them on Facebook and share all the fun and amazing things you are doing in your assembly or Pledge Group to increase membership. If you have any questions, please let me or Mrs. Flannery know.

Also, we are starting a new thing on social media called the Membership Spotlight. We want to feature one Rainbow Girl or Pledge Girl every week that has accomplished something that they are proud of whether it is in or outside of Rainbow. Our main goal is to show that Rainbow Girls are well-rounded and how Rainbow can help girls get ready for life!

Don't forget with both the Membership Challenge and Spotlight girls need photo release forms in order for us to post on social media.

Katlyn Zimmerman Grand Executive Member

Assembly Fall Term News

Wondering when they meet and who to contact? See the Grand Assembly Directory for up to date contact information. Here is the term and contact information for the Fall 2019 terms:

Trenton #9

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Margaret Morris Pledge Mother: Ms. Luann Smolta Grand Deputy: Mrs. Jean Dibaczy

Meeting Information

2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00pm (Pledge at 6:00)

Gothic/Fraternal Lodge

3682 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square, NJ

08690

Term Information

Theme: Fun in the Sun

Motto: "Friends, sun, sand, and sea, that sounds

like summer to me"

Colors: Blue, Yellow, & Aqua Marine

Mascot: Sea Shell

Charity: Friends of Island Beach State Park

Flower: Hibiscus

Bible Verse: Matthew 24:32

Clifton #16

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Kristen Chan Pledge Mother: Ms. Renee Wright Grand Deputy: Mrs. Nadine Cain

Meeting Information

1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm (Pledge at 6:30) Clifton Masonic Canter

1476 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07011

Term Information

Theme - The Office

Motto - "Bears, Beets, Battlestar Galactica." Colors - Dwhite, Beet Purple, Mustard Yellow

Mascot - Rycyclops Fun Symbol - Beets Flower - Sunflower Song - "Forever" by Chris Brown

Charity - International Rescue Committee

Service - Christmas Cards for the Vets

Having Fun with Clifton Pledge

By Elyse C., Pledge Representative

Clifton Pledge has been tons of fun so far. On September 7th we had a bake sale at the Clifton Lodge Picnic. All the pastries were very delicious. I should know, because I had one of everything. We also installed Jocelyn as Pledge Sister. She will be a great Pledge Sister. We welcomed a new member, Bella. We cannot wait to show her what we are all about.

The Halloween party was fun too! We played twister and wrapped each other in toilet paper to look like mummies. We also played Apples to Apples and 5 Second Rule. Olivia was the only one who wore her costume to the party. She was a cheetah. Next year we have to make sure we all dress up.

It is fun hanging with the girls. I feel like they are my sisters. They are so nice, have the best advice, and are the best of friends. We laugh together, do so many creative projects, and get to look forward to do really cool holiday events.

There is so much fun ahead of us. I think we will do lots of interesting stuff for Thanksgiving and the Christmas season. If you get a chance, you should come out to see just how cool we really are!

Mistletoe #20

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Miss Carolyn Hiller Grand Deputy: Mrs. Brenda Vander Horn

Meeting Information

1st and 3rd Saturday at 10:30am Jersey City Masonic Center 85 Hutton Street, Jersey City, NJ 07307 (Con't. on page 5)

Mistletoe Information Con't

Term Information

Theme - Self Confidence

Motto - You deserve your love as much as

anyone else does

Quote - "You don't inspire your teammates by showing them how amazing you are. You show them how amazing they are" - Robyn Benincasa

Symbols - Mirrors Mascot - Butterflies Colors - Purple & Teal Flower - Calla Lily

Song - "Unwritten" - Natasha Bedingfield

Charity - Semi-Colon Project Bible Verse - Timothy 1:12

Summer Fun

By Lyla P.

We celebrated summer on July 20, 2019. It was a day where the temperature was over 100 degrees. We met at the Masonic Temple and enjoyed lots of snacks. We then piled in cars and

went to see the Lion King movie. We all ate popcorn and junk. The movie had only been released the day before. It was a great movie. All 14 of us had a great time and it was cool!!!!

Installation of Officers

By Taylor W.

Mistletoe Assembly held their Installation on Saturday September 21, 2019. We were very happy to install eleven girls. Our new Worthy Advisor is Breann O'Neill. She has a very exciting term planned. Her theme is Self Confidence. Her motto is: You deserve your love as much as anyone else. Her colors are purple and teal. We were lucky to have our Supreme Inspector Miss Nase, our Grand Deputy Mrs. Vander Horn and our Grand Worthy Advisor Miss Heldreth Yu in attendance. We were all invited downstairs for refreshments which were supplied by Breann. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship!!!!!

<u>Iris</u> #31

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Jeanne Gionfriddo Pledge Mother: Miss Chrissie Gionfriddo Grand Deputy: Mrs. Linda Brennen

Meeting Information

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00pm (Pledge at

6:00)

Olive Branch Lodge

2 Dutch Land Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Term Information

Theme: How Far Iris Assembly Can Go

Motto: Sometimes our strengths lie beneath the

surface

Colors: Ocean Blue & Sun Gold

Mascot: Moana & Pua Flower: Hibiscus

Charity: Jersey Shore Rescue Mission

Service Project: Beach Sweep

Song: "How Far I'll Go" From the Moana

Soundtrack

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

Installation of Officers

By Emma D. & Chloe C.

On September 18th, Iris Assembly had their last summer term meeting and Installation of Officers. Erin M. went in as Worthy Advisor, Gabby P. became Worthy Associate Advisor, Emma D. was installed as Hope and Natalie G.

went in as Sisters Faith. Gia and Adrianna were selected fill to the stations of Nature and Patriotism. respectively. Erin

selected Disney the



movie "Moana" as the inspiration for her term. The motto she chose is "Sometimes our strengths lie beneath the surface", a quote direct

Iris Installation Con't

from the movie. Her colors are ocean blue and sun gold. Our term song is 'How Far I'll Go' also from the movie. The mascots for the term are Moana and her sidekick Pua. Her charity project is the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission and her service project is donating a basket of goods to the local food back for Thanksgiving. Overall the night was filled with fun, food, and friends. This term, Iris assembly is challenging ourselves to see how far we can really go.



My Initiation *By Chloe C.*

On October 16th, Iris Assembly initiated a new member- me! Girls from many assemblies came to help fill all the stations. At first when I walked in the room, we walked around the whole room over and over. When everyone was singing the songs, I was trying to sing with them but only knew one song. The lessons I learned from each station were all special separately, but the story they told all together was amazing! I'm so excited to be a member of Iris!

Charity Project By Erin M.

On October 26th, Iris Assembly participated in a 2 mile walk for the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in Asbury Park. This is



the charity project for the term. We met on the boardwalk at the start line and walked to support the homeless. Our entry fees for the walk were donated directly to the mission. Iris Pledge joined us to help support the charity. We started and finished as an assembly. It was a beautiful morning to support a wonderful Charity!

Pumpkin Picking



By Gabby P.

Saturday, Oct. 19th Iris Assembly held our annual pumpkin picking. The day began bright and early at A. Casola

Farms in Holmdel with a quick hayride to the pumpkin patch. Everyone looked very carefully at each and every pumpkin until they found the one that they liked the best. Afterwards, we had a bit of lunch at the food trucks and then made an attempt at the corn maze. Overall it was a beautiful day filled with so much Rainbow fun!



Spaghetti Dinner *By Chloe C.*

On November 2nd, Iris Assembly held a spaghetti dinner. Over the course of 2 hours, the assembly was able to raise \$300 to put towards our expenses. We'd like to give a special thank you to the brothers of Olive Branch Lodge for sponsoring this event. Without their help in the kitchen, it wouldn't have been nearly as successful. Thank you to all who came to support us, we appreciate it sincerely.

Temple #32

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Christiane Barron Pledge Mother: Miss Allison Gordon Grand Deputy: Mrs. Michele Meisten

Meeting Information

2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:30pm (Pledge at 6:30)

Masonic Temple

275 Kinderkamack Road, Westwood, NJ 07675

Term Information

Theme: Don't Lose Your Sparkle

Motto: "Magic can appear when you least expect

it!"

Colors: Tinkerbell Green & Pixie Dust Gold

Symbol: Tinkerbell

Service Project: Volunteering at St. Andrew's

Food Pantry Flower: Daisy

Song: "Who I Am" - Natasha Bedingfield



Staying Warm at the Beach in the Fall By: Ava M, Pledge Sister & Pledge Rep.

This September to January term at Temple Pledge we have a beach theme. Our motto is "Be a Mermaid, make waves." Our service project is to collect cans of tuna fish for our town pantry. This term we have already had a lot of fun with our Rainbow Sisters of Temple Assembly #32.

We had a Halloween Party and volunteered together at the food pantry where we sorted food, stacked the food and put everything on the shelves. We love hanging out with our big sisters! At our informal meetings we have made shell jack-o-lanterns, shell jewelry and we even made rainbow loom bracelets! We always know how to have fun at Temple and eat good food!!

Golden #43

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Martha Conner Pledge Mother: Ms. Dana Mount

Grand Deputy: Mrs. Mary Ellen Garreau

Meeting Information

1st and 3rd Fridays at 7:30pm (Pledge at 6:30) Mt. Zion Lodge 483 Middlesex Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

Term Information

Theme: Making Friends Symbol: Handshake Mascot: Eeyore

Colors: Shades of Blue

Quote: "Friends are the people who make you smile brighter, laugh louder, and live better." Charity Project: St. Jude's Children's Hospital

Car Wash

Holly #56

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Colleen Kidwell Pledge Mother: Mrs. Linda Brennen Grand Deputy: Mrs. Linda Brennen

Meeting Information

2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:15pm (Pledge at 6:30) Harmony Lodge

110 Route 37 West, Toms River, NJ 08755

Holly Information Con't

Term Information

Theme: Love in Action is Service

Motto: I slept and dreamt that life was joy, I awoke and saw that life was service, I acted and

behold, service was joy Mascot: Red Panda Flower: Pink Rose Colors: Pink & Violet Bible Verse: Hebrews 6:10

Song: "Steven Universe - No Matter What" From

Steven Universe the Movie

Charity Project: Cape May County Zoo

Service Project: Homemade dog toys for Popcorn Park

Zoo



Holly Assembly-Pledge Zoo Trip

By Jocelyn P

Holly Assembly and Pledge Group went to Cape May Zoo on Saturday, October 12. At our trip to the zoo we saw lots of animals including the Red Panda, our mascot. We took so many pictures for our scrapbook it is going to be epic!



Some of us got to feed the goats at the entrance which was pretty cool; the goats loved all the people feeding them. We all had a good time not just visiting with the animals but spending time together as well.





Be Brave, Stand Strong and Be Curious with Holly Pledge

By Samantha G., Pledge Sister & Pledge Representative

In Rainbow Pledge we can develop confidence through public speaking, community service projects and working together as a team. As Pledge Sister for the Fall term, I chose the theme <u>Be Brave</u>, <u>Stand</u>



<u>Strong, and Be Curious</u>. My mascot is a fox, and my song is "High Hopes" by Panic at the Disco. A fox is smart, majestic, sly, and curious. The colors for this term are orange, purple, and goldenrod. I chose these colors for creativity, peace, and courage to be you.

My Uncle John inspired me to recognize that many things in life could stop us from feeling independent or take away our high hopes. He was hungry, less mobile, and alone like many other seniors across America, and Meals on Wheels helped in many ways. We are having a pasta dinner, and making placemats for our charity and service projects with the Ocean County Chapter of MEALS ON WHEELS. Our group fundraiser is making a HOLLY-DAY cookbook with recipes from our Masonic families and friends. An Italian themed food basket door prize is our convention fundraiser.

This term we want to have courage like a fox and share the Rainbow Love.

Delaware Valley #56

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Susanne Wells Grand Deputy: Mrs. Mary Guynn

Meeting Information

2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:00am Mt. Holly Lodge 15 Garden Street, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060

Term Information

Theme: Adventure is out there

Motto: "Wherever you go, go with all your heart" Colors: Sunshine Yellow, Sky High Blue, Tropical

Green, & Scarlet

Red

Symbols: Balloon s, Mailboxes, Adventure book,

Ellie & Wilderness badges

Mascot: Russell

& Dua

Charity Project:

Rainforest Alliance

Service Project:

Masonic Nursing

Home

Flower: Orchids Song: "Wherever I go" by Miley

Cyrus

Bible Verse:

Joshua 1:9



A Day at the Beach

By Herschel Y.



Shauna, Herschel, Heldreth, Caitlyn, Karla and Gianna went to Island Beach State Park on Labor Day weekend. Everyone brought their families and food. The girls went into the water and had a fun time in the waves. We also had a Sand Castle building contest and enjoyed a day filled with laughter. Karla got hit with a boogie

board and Herschel almost got carried away by the waves. Sooo Much Fun!!

Game Night and Sleepover



On July 19th, our assembly had a game night and sleepover. We watched movies and ate snacks and enjoyed a comfortable evening with our Rainbow sisters. Advisors and girls played the Mexican Train Game until 5:30 in the



morning. Two hours later we got up to a continental breakfast before we went home.

Have We Met?

Chloe C. From Iris Assembly #31



What attracted you to Rainbow?

I joined Rainbow because I wanted to learn how to speak in front of groups of people without getting nervous.

What's your favorite part about it so far?

I really like how all of my Rainbow sisters support each other, not only in the assembly room, but in day to day life.

What're you interested in?

I really enjoy music. My favorite artist currently is Gabbie Hanna.

Did You Know?

- Did you know that Amy W. of Delaware Valley Assembly is now President of The Midnight Roast, a student organization coffee shop at Wesley College? All profits we make go to a local charity.
- Did you know Grand Charity Abbey W. was Annie in Annie Jr. when she was in sixth grade?
- Did you know that Amber B. from Temple Assembly #32 completed her 4th year of playing varsity field hockey for the same team that Temple Pledge Mother Miss Gordon also played all 4 years as varsity?
- Did you know that Amber B. of Temple Assembly has 4 pet chickens?
- Did you know that Theresa A. of Temple Assembly is going to college for music business?

My Favorite Station

Amy S., Trenton Assembly #9

My favorite station is Service because it was my first station in my assembly, and I think its lesson captures what Rainbow is really about- giving back and helping others!

Karla S., Delaware Valley Assembly #65

My favorite station has always been Faith. Not only does its teaching leave a lasting impact, but with Faith one can get anywhere in life. The station of Faith has pushed me to love Rainbow and its ritual more. It is also the reason I learned I really can walk and talk at the same time, but most importantly it's the reason that I should take risks in life.

You Know You're In Rainbow When....

- When you have different color polo's for each day of the week.
- When you won't buy something unless the colors are in order.
- When you call another adult 'mom' and it's not weird.
- When you look forward to the car ride as much as the event you're going to you.
- When you no longer need the Cracker Barrel map.

My Rainbow Hero

Mrs. Billingham Submitted by Bella S., Trenton Assembly #9

Mrs. Billingham is my Rainbow hero because she is always supportive and advocates for me when I need it. I think she's an amazing person and a great role model for Rainbow girls.

Mom Elaine Parsons Submitted by Heldreth Y., Delaware Valley Assembly #65

As Rainbow Girls, we vow to live a life of active service. In my Rainbow journey, there are several women that are true living examples of this vow. One of my many Rainbow heroes is Mom Elaine Parsons. She is a past Worthy Advisor, Past Mother Advisor, and Past Grand Deputy of Delaware Valley Assembly #65. She never fails to let people know that she too was a Rainbow Girl. She is active in her Eastern Star Chapter, Mount Holly #147. As a member of Delaware Valley's

sponsoring body, Mom Elaine always supports our assembly in all that we do. She even joins us every year for our holiday party following our regular meeting. She never hesitates to share her Rainbow wisdom with her fellow sisters at Delaware Valley. This, as well as many other reasons, is why Mom Elaine Parsons is my Rainbow Hero.

Mrs. G

Submitted by Gabby P., Iris Assembly #31

Pledge since I was eight years old, and the entire time I've been active, so has Mrs. G. Mrs. G has remained dedicated to her Iris girls since she was one herself. She is the type of advisor who keeps in touch with her own Rainbow experience and applies the things she learned to the situations she encounters as Mother Advisor. She guides the girls with her head, but also her heart, keeping in mind that Rainbow is meant to foster big dreams and that at the root of each problem is a simple answer.

Why I Rainbow

Katy B., Holly Assembly #56

Rainbow because it has given me lifelong friends. I love the girls; they're always there for me. It's the family I didn't know I needed and can't live without.

Emma D., Iris Assembly #31

I love everyone I meet. I really enjoy being around people that I know have the same values as me. It really feels like a sisterhood being around so many likeminded people.

Rosella V., Mistletoe Assembly #20

I did Rainbow because at first when my dad encouraged me into joining a Masonic youth group and Rainbow was one of them. I now do Rainbow because I like how close I am with my assembly and I enjoy seeing them twice a month.

Upcoming Dates

Unity Day

Saturday, January 11 at noon Location: Mt. Holly Lodge

Rainbow Workshop

Saturday, January 18 at 11AM Location: Scottish Rite in Bordentown

Advisor Trainings

The mandatory trainings for those due this year will be as follows:

- 1) Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Workshop. Location- Bordentown
- 2) Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the Mother Advisor-Pledge Mothers meeting. Location-Olive Branch Lodge in Freehold

Mother Advisor-Pledge Mother's Meeting

Sunday, February 9 at noon Location: Olive Branch Lodge, Freehold

Grand Officers Day

Saturday, February 29 at noon Hosted By: Trenton Assembly #9

School of Instruction

Saturday, March 1 at noon Location: Olive Branch Lodge, Freehold

State Pledge Day

Saturday, March 28 at noon Pledges only arrive at 11AM for rehearsal Location: Clifton Masonic Center, Clifton

Rainbow Memories

This newspaper article from 1956 celebrated the 8th birthday of Laurel Assembly #41. It was submitted by Supreme Inspector Miss Kathleen Nase who found it in her archives. Laurel Assembly, which met Eatontown, closed at the end of 1999, remaining with the members transferring to Iris Assembly. Interesting fact: The PGWA pictured here, Miss Sarah May Bowater, is the PGO/Majority Grandmother of Member Miss Arianna Murray of Iris Assembly.

Do you have a Rainbow Memory to share? Submit it to the Grand Editor and Review Advisor.



Mrs. Elsie Demarest, center, mother adviser, cuts a cake at the eighth birthday of Laurel Assembly, Order for Rainbow Girls, last night at Crystal Brook inn, Eatontown, when the order celebrated its birthday at a daughter and parent banquet. Others in the photo, left to right, are Misses Nancy Schaudt, past worthy adviser; Sarah May Bowater, past grand worthy adviser of New Jersey; Eileen J. Bennett, worthy adviser and Polly McAuliffe, past worthy adviser.

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