

Nevada Rainbow Adult Newsletter

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NOTE: *Be sure to highlight/summarize the information in this newsletter and in the Grand Officers' Newsletter and share applicable information with both your assembly members and Advisory Boards. You may always copy this newsletter and the Grandies' Newsletter for distribution to all Board Members. This newsletter is posted to our website under the GREEN tab.*

MYSTIC BANQUET, recap

Just a note or two following up on our Mystic Banquet celebrations. Both the north (Reno Assembly) and the south (Daylite Assembly) hosted wonderful events - and, while the attendance was **again** not great, all those in attendance had a great experience. Please do your part to continue to remind girls and adults how very important this renewal is for each of us -- and that it ALWAYS needs to be on our personal calendars.

Thank you to LeAnn and Julie, Grand Deputies, for leading their respective events.

If you had others from your geographic area attend who may not be on our mailing lists, please send that contact info to me now.

GRAND CHOIR 2012

I would remind you this is a great time to be encouraging your young girls to sign up for Grand Choir - their first practice will be at Rainbow Camp..... so they need to be on board. I will be distributing dress material at Adult Leadership -- so be sure I have your names prior to then..... Grand Choir this year costs \$26 - which includes 4 yards of material to be made into our standard dress and a mascot.....and results in lots of fun and lasting relationships between the Grand Choir Members and their Music Team Grandies/adults. AND, it's always special to cheer on members from your own Assembly as they enter and are introduced at Grand Assembly.

OFFICIAL CALENDAR / TERM CALENDARS

Enclosed in the Grand Officers' Newsletter, you will find the calendar from January 2011 through Grand Assembly 2012. Attached to this newsletter is a much longer calendar Please review those dates that affect your assembly, i.e., installation dates, etc. – and let me know if there are changes or - heaven forbid - errors I may have made. AND, as you have other fairly firm date's **years** in advance, please let me know. While I don't distribute this much calendar to the girls, it is always available to you – and can be amended and updated as needed....but it is always good to have a big picture of dates.

Please remember I would also like to have a copy of each term calendar – in the easiest format available to you.... I always like to know what is going on – and can usually anticipate when you might need a dispensation, etc. Additionally, periodically others ask what kind of meeting your assemblies have scheduled – it's good to know..... **Each Grand Deputy is responsible for ensuring I have a copy of the current calendar.** Thank you in advance.

SERVICE HOUR and MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to report that both service hours (reported) and membership (by the number of initiates I am seeing) are on the rise...though probably not as many new members as last year! GREAT work to each of you and your girls.... Please ensure that you "register" your new members on the Supreme Website as soon as initiation is finished – this ensures I get a copy of the mailing information I need in order to mail her "new member" gift – and it gets you that much closer to having your annual report ready! If you don't enter this information after each initiation, please send me your new members' names and mailing addresses.

Remember to KEEP the "old" fuzzies representing service hours; put the newly earned ones in your jar -- and do it during a meeting where the girls are watching - or helping! Help them celebrate their accomplishments. Take this opportunity to discuss more

assembly-organized service hours, and what the girls are doing individually to earn hours.

AND, thank the adult in your assembly who is tracking and reporting these hours!

ADVISORY BOARD TRAINING -

Jan 28 Installation of Officers, Reno Assembly #1
Tba *Washoe Masonic Temple*

Jan 28 Advisory Board Training – NORTH
2:30 pm Washoe Masonic Temple

Jan 8 Advisory Board Training – South (Charleston Masonic Temple)
1 pm ..Before #9 Installation at 4 pm

Our Annual Advisory Board Training Events have been scheduled. This training is becoming more and more MANDATORY pursuant to the direction of Supreme Assembly. Please be sure this is on your calendar - and that all 2012 Advisory Board members can attend. The “Welcome to the Advisory Board 2012” letters will go out - probably AFTER the Christmas card rush ***maybe even by email*** but your reminder to each person perhaps at your December new/old Board Meeting would be MOST helpful.

ADULT LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Please mark your calendars now for the FIRST weekend in February (3-4-5) and plan to be in Tonopah for a **“GET YOUR DUCKS LINED UP”** Adult Leadership - complete with games and adult interaction. **All** Rainbow adults can attend; Mother Advisors, Assistant Mother Advisors, Grand Deputies, Directors, etc... “must” attend. If you have “extras” attending, please let me know so we have adequate quantities of food and goodies for all. **NO KIDS; NO PETS!** CASUAL is the dress code – bring your good ideas and positive attitudes! **As our newest member of the Adult Leadership Team, America will be responsible for after-dinner fun – thanks for volunteering, America!**

Our agenda will be out before February – but if you have something you want explored, demonstrated, discussed, please let me know as you think of it so I can build the agenda. I encourage you to each make this a Tonopah Weekend – arrive Friday evening, have a good night’s rest..... work hard and play hard on Saturday ... travel home at your “leisure” on Sunday. As always, we will have a Deputy/Director breakfast at 8 am – our meeting will begin at 9 am. Lunch and dinner on Saturday will cost \$10 - payable to Tonopah Assembly #15.

RAINBOW CAMP 2012

Camp registration and information was distributed by email earlier AND is attached to this email – **remember “everyone goes to Camp.....from Pledge to**

grandparents.....” Brothers over about 10 might be encouraged to have a “dad-weekend”.... they are usually bored to tears and, because they are bored, can be more of a distraction to the girls than a participant! (If you have no option but to bring brother, we can live with it!) Likewise, because we have girls and adults with pet allergies, please leave Fido home! Camp fees this year are **\$60/girl or adult. \$10 for each Pledge Member** - Nevada Rainbow pays the balance of fees for Pledge Members. Timaree has established the refund date and will hold to it!

ANNUAL REPORTS

ITS TIME AGAIN, MOTHER ADVISORS, to complete our annual reports - ON LINE - for Supreme Assembly. I remind you it is the responsibility of the 2011 Mother Advisor - regardless of whether she is continuing on as the 2012 MA....to complete this task. IF you were entering membership data all along (as you should be and several MAs have been) and if you were successful in getting your financial matters finished up for the year in December, the report should be a breeze to finish.

SUPREME Statute provides that your reports are to be finished on-line, with two copies mailed to me -- to be received by January 15th.... I still have work to do on them and I still must meet a February 1 deadline. SO, work on them now....ok, the day after Christmas will be perfect! Each report will calculate the amount due to the Supreme Assembly - for new members and continuing members. That check (sent to me) must be payable to Supreme Assembly, signed by two individuals - adults please.

ADDITIONALLY, \$7 per member on December 31st is due to Nevada Grand Assembly - again by an assembly check, with two signatures and mailed to me with your Supreme check and report. AND for each Grand Cross recommendation made by your Advisory Board, a fee of \$15 must be included -- checks payable to Supreme Assembly - I will transmit all to the Supreme Office. **IF you have girls/adults who are deserving of this recognition but you are unable to make the recommendation based on initiate numbers**, feel free to send me a written report with this request - on behalf of the Advisory Board. I have THREE Grand Cross and THREE Service Awards I can recommend on my own - please remember, my prejudice will always be for girls over the adults -- this IS a girls' organization. But, I have three awards to give.....

Financial Reports

We all need to be using Quicken in our assemblies so all financial reports are the same. We purchased Quicken for every assembly that needed it during the past few years, and updated this software last year. We are required to report audited reports -- be sure your records are in excellent condition, are audited by an audit committee of older girls and adults and are sent to me timely. **There really are no exceptions to these requirements!**

Additional forms - please check the Supreme website for forms – more are added all the time!

- [Assembly Order Receipt](#)
- [Treasurer's Receipt](#)
- [Notice of Dues](#)

- Notice of Suspension
- Application of Affiliation
- Demit
- Notice of Election
- Application for Membership
- Age Majority card
- Marriage Majority Card
- Parent Cards
- Dues Cards

These last six can be filled out on line. The cards are to be printed on WHITE business cards and the card stock number is given on the site.

These last six forms need Adobe reader and a link is given to download the software free.

All of these can be found on your admin site and your Mother Advisor's site. Main Menu under downloadable Forms.

Each Assembly will have a \$25.00 fee added to their annual reports for these forms and books yearly.

Please periodically check the website for other documentation – now available ONLY

These include:

- RU: Making a Difference
- Universal Merit System
- Living Ritual
- Book of Ceremonies
- RU: Training Leaders
- RU: Managing Change
- RU: Supporting Membership
- RU: Managing Your Assembly
- Parent Handbook
- Line Officer Handbook
- Worthy Advisor Handbook
- AG: Planning a Membership Recruitment Event
- AG: Implementing Universal Merit Guide
- AG: How To Plan A Presentation
- AG: Interviewing Skills
- AG: Team Building

These are on the Mother Advisor Admin site.

PLEASE remember - the mailing address for Supreme has changed to 315 East Carl Albert Parkway, McAlester, OK 74501

While there is an annual fee for these forms, etc., it is an annual fee, regardless of how many of any forms you need -- and they are available to you at any time of the day/night.... what a help for those of us who do lots of our work after business hours in Oklahoma!!! Additionally, this \$25 fee should be easy to budget!

TIDBITS

Email - Please respond with at least a “got it” when girls or adults send you a message that needs to be acknowledged. You have all received “got it and printed it – will read

later” responses from me....there are times I just can't stop whatever it is I am doing to digest your information and respond fully – but I will. If you don't hear back from me in a few days, feel free to naggentle nagging at me is always OK.

NEWSLETTERS

As a Mother Advisor, Assistant Mother Advisor, Grand Deputy, Director or other Nevada Rainbow Dignitary (including the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Most Worshipful Grand Master, PGWAs, PSRDs), you receive this newsletter packet every two months. You are welcome to copy it in part or in full and distribute it to the appropriate groups: that is, adult information to adults; girl information to girls and adults. I will be adding Advisory Board Member email addresses to our mailings over the course of the next month – so future letters will be emailed to each of your AB members for whom I have an email address!

Other adults who wish keep informed are encouraged to visit our website – green tab under resources. Chris gets our info posted pretty timely!

Elections

Please remember the established procedure for the election of Officers. With the consensus of the girls and a clear explanation of the process each term by the MA prior to elections, WA, WAA, Charity and Hope can be individually elected by acclamation ... no written vote needed. Faith, Recorder and Treasurer must be elected by written ballot, regardless of how many girls may run for any office. When the ballots are read – NO tally is announced by the tally team – OR ANY MEMBER OF THE GROUP – INCLUDING ADULTS. Please do not write anything down, count with your fingers, keep score.... That is the job of those assigned this task – the results will be announced by the WA at the appropriate time. **It is the Mother Advisor's job to explain the acclamation process and the proper etiquette of balloting** - noted above.

Additionally, please fill the offices of your assembly.... **give your youngest members opportunities... many can and are eager to be a flag bearer AND a member of the bow....** Your Grand Officers, particularly those rapidly approaching their majority, can and should be used as the Observers, Choir Director, etc. Please don't leave a younger member sitting on the sidelines or not having a speaking part - because your Grandie wants to perform!!! They are and should always be prepared to fill in - and help out.... they are not center-stage!

Supreme Assembly 2020 Bid update.....

As a recap, many in our jurisdiction have pushed for many years for us to host a Supreme Assembly - I have consistently told them that “it would be too much ... too much demand on our adults ... too much of a financial commitment... too much Many have heard me say that. WELL, it is time for me to change my song - to give in to the “pressure” and help us find a way to make a successful bid for this event in the future!

To that end, we (Ann Buchanan and I) have been making BLING watches – to date, I have sold about 125 watches from Virginia to Washington! Last time I checked, we have about \$3,500 in profits from this endeavor.

Additionally, we held our first ADULTS only Wine Tasting in November in Reno – WHAT a success. A final recap of income/expenses will be available soon – but it would look like our **gross** profit was about \$9,000 with some expenses not yet deducted! (Expenses: printing, rental, distribution to assemblies who sold tickets, % to scholarship fund....)

These two activities give me hope that indeed we will raise sufficient funds to successfully host Supreme Assembly 2020 – and maybe even be able to off-set the expenses for all girls attending!

If you have thoughts about future fund raising, please share -- AND, then do the math -- the girls we are initiating now will be the Grandies of 2020!!! SO, we need to be encouraging our current members to be part of this plan as well.

If we are successful in this bid (which we can't make for several years yet), we have lots of work (and fun) ahead of us. If we are successful, by 2020 it will have been about 24 years since Supreme Assembly was on the WEST coast – it's about time. Please join us!

AS always, call, email, write (who does that anymore), fax....
Thank you, as always for caring for our girls.

Joanie

JANUARY 2012

- Jan 7, 2012 Installation of Officers, Mt. Rose Assembly #13
Jan 8, 2012 ADVISORY BOARD Training – SOUTH
1 pm *Charleston Temple, Las Vegas*
3 pm Installation of Officers, Las Vegas Assembly #9
Charleston Temple, Las Vegas
- Jan 14, 2012 Installation of Officers, Boulder Assembly #8
- Jan 21, 2012 Installation of Officers, Carson Assembly #7
- Jan 28, 2012 Installation of Officers, Reno Assembly #1
Jan 28, 2012 ADVISORY BOARD Training – NORTH (?)

FEBRUARY 2012

Feb 3-5 Adult Leadership, Tonopah - "Lets Get Our Ducks Lined Up"

MARCH 2012

- March 9-11 Rainbow Camp and Rainbow Sunday - Tonopah**
Rainbow Sunday Hosts: Reno #1 AND Boulder #8 - AT CAMP
- Sat-24 Official Visit, Reno Assembly #1 AND Sparks Assembly #3**
3 pm *Grand Officer Meeting*
5 pm *Dinner, Official Visit to follow*
Washoe Masonic Building, Peckham Lane, Reno
- Sun-25 Official Visit, Carson Assembly #7**
9 am *Breakfast, Official Visit to follow*
Carson Masonic Temple, Carson City

APRIL 2012

March 31 -
April 3 California Grand Assembly
Fresno, CA

***Please note:** Times for Receptions and Grand Officer Meetings are subject to change, based on other events during the spring. Updates will be posted to this document and to our website as they become available.*

- Sat-21 Grand Officer Reception - Sabrina Ferrante, Grand Nature**
Host: Carson Assembly #7
Tba Carson Masonic Temple, Carson City
- Sat-21 Grand Officer Reception – Samantha Perez, GWAA**

Tba Host: Mt. Rose Assembly #13
Peckham Masonic Temple, Reno

Sun-22 Grand Officer Reception – Stephanie Hatch, Grand Fidelity

Tba Host: Ben Franklin Assembly #21

Sun-22 Grand Officer Reception – Dallas Marsh, Grand Charity

Tba Host: Sparks Assembly #3

BOTH: Kerak Shrine Temple, Energy Way, Sparks

MAY 2012

Sat-5 Grand Officer Reception – Amber Thacker, Grand Hope

3 pm Host: Las Vegas Assembly

Charleston Temple, Las Vegas-dinner to follow-THEN travel to Boulder

Sat-5 Grand Officer Reception – Samantha Bomgaars, Grand Faith

7pm Host: Boulder Assembly #8

Boulder Masonic Temple, Boulder City – dessert to follow

Sun-6 Grand Officer Reception – Katherine Kirk, GWA

9 am Reception; LUNCH TO FOLLOW

Host: Boulder Assembly #8

Boulder Masonic Temple, Boulder City

JUNE 2012

8-10 Colorado Grand Assembly
Double Tree Hotel, Denver Tech Center

Fri-15 thru Sat-16 (Grand Officers practices, etc.)

Sun-17 thru Tues-19

Grand Assembly 2012

Peppermill Hotel, Reno

JULY 2012

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

July 14, 2012 Installation of Officers, Mt. Rose Assembly #13

Supreme Assembly 2012 - Grand Rapids, Michigan

Co-Hosts: Grand Jurisdictions of Canada and Michigan

July 17-25 Headquarters Hotel - Amway Grand Plaza Hotel; Housing = \$140+tax/night
Sunday=Church, Grand Cross, Memorial; Official Opening – Closing and installation on Wednesday

Sept Nevada Grand Chapter, Peppermill Hotel/Casino, Reno

Sept 22, 2012 Installation of Officers, Reno Assembly #1

2013

Jan 26, 2013 Installation of Officers, Reno Assembly #1

May 25, 2013 Installation of Officers, Reno Assembly #1

Sept 28, 2013 Installation of Officers, Reno Assembly #1

Sept 29-Oct 1 Nevada Grand Chapter, Peppermill Hotel/Casino, Reno

Nov 10-11 Grand Lodge, F&AM

2014

Jan 15, 2014 Installation of Officers, Reno Assembly #1

May 24, 2014 Installation of Officers, Reno Assembly #1

Sept 27, 2014 Installation of Officers, Reno Assembly #1

Times and dates are subject to change; please check your calendars with every publication of the Grand Officers' Newsletter; the balance of the Calendar will be re-produced throughout the year.

NOTES

Service Hour Reports are due to the Director of Service Hours, Mrs. Linda Hayes, by the 10th of EACH month.

Membership Reports are due to the DIRECTORS of Membership, by the 10th of EACH month.

ASSEMBLY DATES such as Installations, Open Meetings, major fund raising events, etc. can easily be added to this calendar which is updated and distributed every two months to all Grand Officers, Mother Advisors, Assistant Mother Advisors, Grand Deputies, Directors, Nevada Rainbow Dignitaries. Please email Mrs. Jacka with your assembly's special dates.

Rainbow Sunday and Mystic Banquet Hosting Responsibilities

(North rotation: 1-3-7-13-21; South rotation: 8-9-22)

2008 - *Mystic Banquet* - North: Carson #7; South: Daylite #22

2009 - *Rainbow Sunday* - Carson #7; South: Boulder #8 - AT CAMP

2009 - *Mystic Banquet* - Mt. Rose #13, South: Boulder #8

2010 - *Rainbow Sunday* - Mt. Rose #13; South: Las Vegas #9 - AT CAMP

2010 - *Mystic Banquet* - Ben Franklin #21, South: Las Vegas #9

2011 - *Rainbow Sunday* - Ben Franklin #21; South: Daylite #22 - AT CAMP

2011 - *Mystic Banquet* - Reno #1, South: Daylite #22

2012 - *Rainbow Sunday* - Reno #1; South: Boulder #8 - AT CAMP

2012 - *Mystic Banquet* - Sparks #3, South: Boulder #8

2013 - *Rainbow Sunday* - North: Sparks #3; South: Las Vegas #9 - AT CAMP

2013 - *Mystic Banquet* - North: Carson #7; South: Las Vegas #9

FOUNDER'S DAY – SOUTH (as requested by Southern adults 8/11)

2012 – Las Vegas Assembly #9

2013 – Daylite Assembly #22

2014 – Boulder Assembly #8.

2014 - *Rainbow Sunday* - North: Sparks #3; South: Las Vegas #9 - AT CAMP