

"The Positively Passionate Peacock" Grand Officers' Newsletter

October/November 2011

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- ✍ Messages from a couple of the Peacocks
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Mystic Banquet

It is again time for us to celebrate our Mystic Banquet – a time to renew our vows as Masters of the Grand Cross of Color. Please remember, this honor has been bestowed upon you for your ***unselfish giving of your time and talent to others - given with an assurance you will continue to support our Order the rest of your life*** - without recognition or reward. Be sure you

- ✓ RSVP your attendance through your Assembly (invitations are out and will be read in your assembly's correspondence)
- ✓ participate fully if asked to give a tribute or be a bread server
- ✓ dress appropriately, etc....
- ✓ If you are giving a tribute, tributes should be at least 5-6 sentences, identify the person by name and title that you are giving a tribute to – though you should not say "My tribute is to the GWA, Katherine"... you all can be much more creative! AND, your **tributes must be memorized**. Yes, you need to have submitted your Tribute to the Grand Deputy organizing your geographic event for the script book **by the date he/she asks**. Please ensure an appropriate tribute - and measure of respect - to the one you are recognizing by memorizing your work. Some of the best tributes we hear have a flare of humor and lightheartedness to them -- but they aren't just a joke about someone!!!

This is also a "dress up" occasion – so jean skirts and skimpy tops are not appropriate. The adults attending the Mystic Banquet will most likely have "church" or business attire on. Make a special effort to be part of the "adult" looking group at this function.... in terms of appearance.

Grand Officer Dress Payments, etc.

If you have not finished paying for your 2012 Grand Officer dress, please send me the balance when you get this newsletter; **your final payment was due October 1st**. If you don't remember what you may owe, just ask....

Grand Officer Projects/Fund Raising

Please remember to support your own Assembly's fund raising projects, AS WELL AS those of your sister Grand Officers: GWA pins and donations of time and money to the Alzheimer's Association and Walks scheduled in September in Reno and October in Las Vegas; Grand Charity's double ended pens that go with her raffle tickets are super, as well as donations for the Sweet Shoppe; and Grand Hope's keychain and Christmas ornament with ticket sales are great.

Build a Grandie

Beginning with Leadership 2009, we have been "helping" you build a Grandie by requiring that certain of those last minute stress builders be finished long before Grand Assembly -- finished to the extent they are judged, photographed, packed in your Grand Assembly to-go box.... etc. From an adult perspective, we think our Director of Grand Officers had an absolute brainstorm with this suggestion! So far, visors, business cards, hair bows and trailer sashes -- should be FINISHED and judged.... time-consuming things that, as we all know, get put at the tail end of our ever expanding to-do list.... and may not get the attention and time they deserve.

This is the excerpt from our August/Sept newsletter:

LAST FALL OV -- not yet scheduled....

★ **Personal Page Sash** - we will announce our Personal Pages at this event; be sure to bring her sash -- [they will be judged at the Grandie meeting so you have it in your hands at the time of announcements.](#)

★ **Pin Ons** - pin on are a simple (or elaborate) decoration to be given to Rainbow friends and adults - at Grand Assembly -- they typically say something like "My GWA loves me!!" and are creative, colorful AND inexpensive pin ons. About 100 are given out at Grand Assembly -- [50 must be completed so they can be judged at this Official Visit.](#)

[AND, be prepared in October to be asked by a member of the Adult Leadership Team who are attending the OV weekend with us to recite ALL the flag tributes. As agreed to earlier.](#)

In this process, we will also be listening to MEMORIZED Grand Bow Officer Reports in the spring at one of our Grandie Meetings, as well as Representative Reports -- so, now would be a good time to be drafting your reports and keeping in touch with your counterparts. Those practices will be added to our calendar as we get to the spring.

The Directors' Corner

From the Director of Service Hours, Mrs. Hayes

The Little Raindrop

Once upon a time there lived a family of raindrops. They were a happy bunch sitting about on a fluffy, gray cloud that floated over the big world below. Squirt was one of the youngest. He liked to play games with his fellow raindrops. One day Squirt didn't feel like playing. Instead he sat on the edge of the cloud, head feeling downright glum. "How come you're not playing with your friends?" an old raindrop asked right behind him. Squirt sighed. "I want to make a difference in the world. But I'm just one little raindrop and I'll never amount to anything." The old raindrop thought for a moment, then pointed toward a large brown field and said, "The farmer who is growing that wheat thinks you're important." "He does? Why?" "Well, he knows his wheat won't grow without you." Squirt looked at the old raindrop.

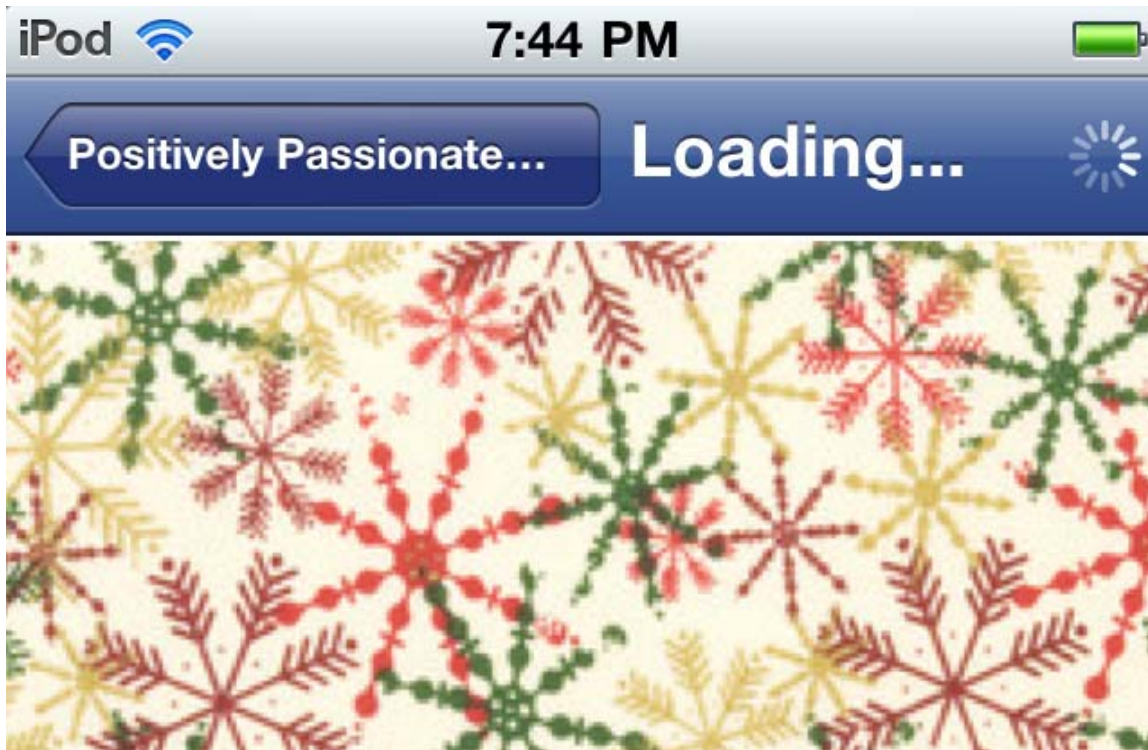
"Without a little drop like me?"

"You know, Squirt, I've been around this earth a few times, and I've learned each of us is only one drop of water, something special happens when we all get in a rainstorm." "What?" Squirt asked. "Well, we make rivers flow. We keep trees green. Occasionally we even put out fires. And we give the wheat water to drink so it grows tall and strong. Someday I will feed thousands of people." Squirt perked up. "Maybe a little raindrop like me can make a difference!" "You will, too," the old raindrop said. Suddenly Squirt sank back down, a worried look on his face. "But when it rains, will it be the end of me?" The old raindrop laughed. "Oh no. That's just the beginning! You'll go back up in the clouds and many more opportunities to shower gifts over the earth. This is a cloud, and I can tell you that giving never gets old." "Cool," said Squirt, noticing other raindrops gathering on the edge of the little cloud. "Hey, it's getting dark around here!" The old raindrop winked. "Time to take my 419th plunge." "And my first!" Squirt exclaimed. "Grab my hand," the old raindrop said. "Jump when you see the lightning." Squirt took the old raindrop's outstretched hand, and, with a flash of light, the drop made a difference for the very first time. And he gave happily ever after.

Let's make a difference this weekend and give happily ever after... just like Squirt!
Mrs. Hayes - Director of Service Hours

Thoughts – just a quick review of what we should all be reminded of....

- Be properly dressed for all occasions...meetings, Mystic Banquet, Official Visits... demonstrate your respect for others by being on time AND dressed!
- Have \$\$ for the coin march at EVERY meeting. If there is no coin march at an assembly meeting, save it for the next one.... Talk with your adults about why there isn't a coin march???
- WORK your Alzheimer's web page...send messages to your friends and family seeking donations and support... its really pretty easy... AND, if you don't ask, no one will just remember this is our project and send money.... you must do your part. **Even when the walks are over**, pledges can still be made to them – for about a month!!!
- If you are among those who will have a Personal Page this year, come prepared with a token gift and your sash for her – which is absolutely NO wider than FOUR inches (none of us have 6 inch shoulders). Measurement starts from one side of any enhancement to the other.... not just 4" of fabric!!!
- Turn in your service hours... if they are for Alzheimer's they must also be turned into me.... if I was not with you when you earned them.
- Make your reservation and commitment to attend the Mystic Banquet in your geographic area if you have your Grand Cross.
- Save your money for our CA Grand Trip and our trip to Washington/Idaho and perhaps Oregon Grand Assemblies next summer **AND Supreme Assembly in July 2012!** Rainbow trips ARE lots of fun and if you are able to go with us.... we promise you a great experience. **IF there is another Grand Assembly you would like to attend**, get as much info as you can and send it to me -- my goal is to visit each jurisdiction during the next 9 years and I would welcome your company!!! (I am trying to squeeze Colorado Grand Assembly into my June schedule this year – probably the first weekend in June which means I will have to be 100% ready for our Grand before that time – you got it – YOU, too, will have to be ready!)
- Please get your traveling fabric now – even if you aren't planning to travel – but especially if you are planning to travel.... And traveling material is NOT limited to Grandies.... It is \$5.60/yard and looks like this:



See
you all

soon.... be good, have fun, do the right things.... always!

With all my *POSITIVELY PASSIONATE PEACOCK* Love, Mrs. Jacka
FROM OUR GRANDIES - TO OUR GRANDIES!

From Grand Charity, Dallas

Hello to all our 2011-2012 Positively Passionate Peacocks. This is Grand Charity! A while ago, I found this poem, and was reminded of just what charity means:

Charity is like an unsung anthem,
 Harmonizing everything we see.
 A gift can be a game of silent witness,
 Remembrance, reverence, unsought forgiveness,
 Intention, labor, time, philanthropy.
 The worth is measured only by redemption,
 Yielding nothing but the grace to be.

- Nicholas Gordon

Whether we are participating in an Alzheimer's walk, or we are simply helping an old lady cross the street, we are helping others. It may not take much, but it definitely can pay off in the long run. WITH all my Charitable Rainbow Love, Dallas

From Grand Hope, Amber

Hey Everyone - Amber Here! I HOPE everyone is doing school, getting on a roll and just wishing everyone good luck through out the year - Take careAmber

From Grand Recorder, Rebekah

We all have a time in our lives when what we know changes. This could be our friends, environment, or even who we are as people. We have two options when this occurs. We can either embrace the change or we can push it away. I would like to share a story for each option and hopefully you can relate.

My first story is about a girl who was starting college. She grew up in a large family and has always been close to all of them. She also made four of the best friends in high school. Her new college was out of state. She would have to leave all she ever knew and loved behind. None of her friends were going to the same college either. She was scared that she had to start all over. When she arrived at her new school she did not know anybody. She was shy and never went out to make new friends. She worked and went to class, but never had any fun. As you can imagine she hated her experience at this new school. All she ever wanted to do was go back home with the people she already knew.

My second story was about another girl in a similar situation. She was starting college out of state. She was going to be away from all of her friends and family. She was also scared to start over, but was excited for a new opportunity. When she arrived at school as frightening as it was, she made new friends. She did not replace her old ones she just added to the list. She went to class and got a job. She did not let her fear of new things stop her from having the time of her life. This girl loved her experience at school.

I'm sure you can see for yourself which girl accepted change and which did not. Change is not always bad. Change can be good. All you have to do is be open to new ideas. As long as you are willing to embrace change you can open new doors for yourself and have the time of your life. *With all my chatty peacock love, Rebekah*

From Grand Drill Leader, Representative of NM and OK, Melissa

Hello! I hope that this year has been going swell for all of you! I am enjoying everything that I have experienced thus far. I loved the OV's that we just had and managed to get to know several of our girls much better. I have also loved beginning my freshman year in college. Starting up school again has allowed me to perfect my balancing act between school, Rainbow, and work. So if anyone has any good tips or advice of how to stay organized, I would love to hear them!

As the stress begins to build, and I know that sometime this year it will, I have found that talking it out is the best way to relieve stress. Talking out the worries and struggles does not have to be with any person, it can be with any inanimate object as well. When you find that there is no one to express your frustrations too, objects are the next best thing. The best reason to talk with inanimate objects is that they do not talk back!!!

Here is a poem written by Shel Silverstein entitled "Shoe Talk" that I thought that you all would enjoy...

There's no one to talk with-
I'll talk with my shoe.
He does have a tongue
And an inner soul, too.
He's awfully well polished,
So straight-laced and neat
(But he talks about nothing
But feet--feet--feet).

All of my Shoelace love, Melissa

Hello everyone! Let's talk about what's been happening with my lovely assembly! Mt. Rose Assembly has been on the move this term and all it took was these three simple words: "Got a buck?" Yes, that sly dog Annie Downing is selling her chocolate with this smooth catch phrase to sell 'World's Finest Chocolate' to raise money for our Assembly. Granted that it's hilarious, it's true. But, this chocolate sells itself. We all have our ways. I was a little shy at first, since I'm not the "be-nice-to people-so-they-buy-stuff-from-you" kind of girl, but this was easy and enjoyable. People love this chocolate. And we all are having a blast selling it. You know why? It's because it's delicious of course! And, at a dollar a bar, who could go wrong? Even we girls sneak bars for ourselves. (Oh, that Wafer Crisp.) Unfortunately, this has become somewhat of a problem. Being attacked at your locker because of hungry high school students that want to buy chocolate from you is a little scary! I am even being attacked at church! (It's those chocolate almond lovers, yikes!) Although this is awesome for our assembly, it's also getting us in touch with other Orders. For instance, we had the pleasure of going to a Shriners event to sell chocolate and wine-tasting tickets and met some really nice men and women. These are people within our Masonic family, and most of them I had never met. We were introduced as the first Rainbow girls they had seen at their event in a *long* time. This event was very fun to sell at. Selling chocolate to my neighbors, friends, and family has also given me a chance to talk about Rainbow. Since everyone wants to buy chocolate and I get to say who it is profiting, I hear the constant "Oh, what's Rainbow Girls" and I get the chance to tell people, who might now know otherwise, about or order. This money is going to hopefully help us all go to Grand Assembly to lighten the load. And maybe, it will help us with other events that we couldn't do otherwise. It's just been a huge success. So...got a buck?

Walk to END Alzheimer's

- SOUTH



Walk to End Alzheimer's

October 29, 2011

Fashion Show Mall

Las Vegas, Nevada

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*** VOLUNTEER***

We need volunteers for the following dates:

- Walk to End Alzheimer's Flower and Garden Assembly Party - Friday, October 14th at 3:00pm. Until done – Alzheimer's Association (5190 S. Valley View Blvd, suite # 101, 89118)
*** There will be a Promise Garden full of flowers whose colors will correspond with each reason Alzheimer's has affected those who signed up for the walk. Orange flowers mean " I support the cause and a vision of world without Alzheimer's". Purple means, "I have lost someone to Alzheimer's". Yellow means, "I am caring for someone with Alzheimer's", And blue flowers mean, " I have Alzheimer's". Each person will be getting a flower that represents them and will be writing a message on them. At this workshop, we will be painting the garden that the flowers will be placed on, placing the flowers in the correct spot on the garden so we don't have to do that at the Walk and also assembling the flowers together. There will be at least 1700 flowers to assemble!**
- Walk to End Alzheimer's Goodie Bag and Flower Assembly Party - Friday, October 21st at 3:00pm. Until done – Alzheimer's Association (5190 S. Valley View Blvd, suite # 101, 89118)
*** At this workshop we will be finishing the flower assembly party. (if not finished) and also at the end of the Walk, there will be goodie bags that will be passed out to the walkers! So we will be putting bags together 😊**
- Walk to End Alzheimer's **set-up** - Friday, October 28th at 8:00pm. Until done (around 9:30pm) - Fashion Show Mall
*** The night before the Walk!!!! We will be setting up tables and putting table cloths on them, laying the goodie bags out, getting registration together, set-up the "Promise Garden" and moving boxes from the loading dock to the mall.**
- Walk to End Alzheimer's **event duties (varied)** - Saturday, October 29th at 6:00am. Until done - Fashion Show Mall
*** ALZHEIMER'S WALK !!!!! We need to be at the Fashion Show Mall at 6:00am to sign in. A map will be emailed to everyone once finished. Once everyone is there, we will all split into groups. There will be cheer groups (cheering the walkers on). Each assembly needs to make 3 cheer signs! A goodie bag group (passing the goodie bags out at the end of the Walk). Also, it has been requested that the older girls take care of the flower pass out and collect duty.**

Please let Brooke Tuerke (btinkerbelle2012@yahoo.com) know who will be at these events so a schedule can be made and that we have enough adult coverage at each of these events!

Note: All volunteers must register for the Walk!

NEVADA RAINBOW GIRLS
OFFICIAL CALENDAR
... the balance of the year.....

OCTOBER 2011

- Sat-22 Official Visit, Winnemucca #10 AND Ben Franklin #21**
Winnemucca Masonic Lodge, Winnemucca
3 pm *Grand Officer Meeting*
4 pm *Dinner, Official Visit to Follow; Service to Rainbow Award-Mrs. Ryan*
Announcement of new Grand Officers
- Sun-23 Official Visit, Mt. Rose Assembly #13**
Elks Lodge, Reno
9 am *Breakfast, Official Visit to Follow*
- Sat-29 Las Vegas Area Alzheimer's Walk**
Fashion Show Mall

NOVEMBER 2011

- Sat-5 Official Visit, Tonopah Assembly #15 AND Las Vegas Assembly #9**
Tonopah Masonic Temple, Tonopah
11 am *Official Visit; Service to Rainbow Award-Mrs. Bangle; LUNCH TO FOLLOW*
Announcement of Personal Pages
- 13-14 Grand Lodge – Elko
GWA and SI only
- Sat 19 First Annual Wine Tasting Fund Raising Event – ADULTS Only**
5:30 pm **Reno Masonic Temple (downtown)**
- Sun-20 Mystic Banquet – North**
Host: Reno Assembly #1
1 pm *Reno Masonic Temple (downtown)*
- Sun-20 Mystic Banquet – South**
Host: Daylite Assembly #22
2 pm *Masonic Memorial Temple*

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

NEED to schedule 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
Host: Mt. Rose Assembly #13
Tba 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
Tba Host: Las Vegas Assembly
Charleston Temple, Las Vegas

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

Tba

*Host: Boulder Assembly #8
Boulder Masonic Temple, Boulder City*

Sun-6
9 am

Grand Officer Reception – Katherine Kirk, GWA
*Reception; LUNCH TO FOLLOW
Host: Boulder Assembly #8
Boulder Masonic Temple, Boulder City*

JUNE 2012

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

Sun-17 thru Tues-19

Grand Assembly 2012
Peppermill Hotel, Reno