

The POSITIVELY PASSIONATE Grand Officers' Newsletter
FEBRUARY/MARCH
emailed January 27, 2012

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- ✓ Rainbow Camp - GO meeting - Sunday BEFORE breakfast!!
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GWA's Newsletter

BACK on TRACK - With our Spring Installations just about finished, school back in session, and our lives returning to our “normal” routine, its time to be back on track in our own assemblies. HOW? Help our Worthy Advisors and Pledge Sisters and the other members of your Assemblies have successful events, accomplish lots of service hours - AND report them, bring in new members AND nurture them - and have a great time. Remember, that unless you are the presiding officer, you are there to HELP – not to take over or give instructions (aka demands)... [Set a positive example](#) by following the directions of your adults and responding with proper attention and respect to the Worthy Advisor.

Remember all of Nevada Rainbow is looking to you for guidance and support – do your best - in everything you do.

Speaking of new members ... **we can each make a difference - and we each have a responsibility to make a difference** - IF we each renew and strengthen our commitment today to nurture our new members – make them feel like part of the group – like you REALLY care about who they are – like you WANT them to be part of your assembly..... they will want to invite their young friends to join this great group. When we initiate young girls and then ignore **their importance (you know because they are “just 11” or whatever)**, move on with our older friends, and leave them to figure out what Rainbow is about -- they leave – it's just that simple. We can't let that happen. It's the wrong way - and it will be the demise of our Order. Step up and EMBRACE these young girls -- [set the example](#) so those “middle” girls [learn by your example](#) how to love the younger girls. Our membership increase this year was **again** PHENOMENAL – but we want to keep each of these new girls – and her friends who will join because she is having a good time – until each of them take majority!!!

And, when you do those countless **service hours** – though you may not need or want recognition for your continued life of service, your assembly does – it's a big deal - especially to our younger girls - when your assembly takes home that plaque and displays it all year! [Set a great example](#) to our younger members by TURNING YOUR SERVICE HOURS IN AT EVERY MEETING - **and feel free to take a younger girl with you** the next time you have an independent opportunity to help – [show her how to do service](#), by sharing your experience.

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RAINBOW CAMP is always a great time for all our girls and adults – and that is in LARGE part because of your participation, positive attitude, and help during Camp. Come prepared to assist our **GWAA Sami** with the morning program – and keep that Rainbow hat on all day and evening [then help your adults by encouraging a cooperative bed check!](#) **Be sure your assembly members know “everyone goes to Camp!” From little sisters who may be too young for Pledge to grandparents!**

Dallas will host the **Grand Charity Sweet Shoppe** – if you or your assembly have a sweet AND/OR healthy donation for her, please let her know now. The less she has to purchase, the greater her profit!

Amber will also have tickets for the **Grand Hope BOOK CASE**.

Brooke and Mrs. Bunch will have the **Rainbow Trails Ad** and our **CAMP Photo Shop** set up so come prepared to do your ad, have pictures taken, etc.....

Our Pledge Groups usually have some special treats for us.... and you will want to save some of your \$\$ for the collection at church on Sunday morning.

Additionally, we will have Nevada Rainbow Polo **logo wear** to purchase or order, **Katherine's GWA pins**, etc. Come prepared to shop if you need any of these things.

While at Rainbow Camp, our attire is Rainbow-appropriate casual but if you are **participating** in our Church service, be sure to bring your blue OR purple Nevada Rainbow Polo Shirt and a khaki skirt (and appropriate shoes and nylons) for Sunday morning. If you are a participant, our Grand Chaplain should have been in contact with you by now.

And – remember there is an offering at Rainbow Camp to benefit of the GWA's Statewide Service Project....have some serious change with you on Sunday morning.

Our Sunday Service will also be our annual Rainbow Sunday Celebration. Our Adult Leadership has agreed those not participating in the service are welcome to wear Rainbow-appropriate casual wear -- AND your **Lambskin apron**. Your Mother Advisors will be collecting all aprons (be sure to put your name in it) when they collect your travel forms; she will distribute the aprons prior to Church on Sunday, collect them again after Church, and return it to you at your next regular meeting. We are very concerned, not about you as an older member, but about our younger members losing their Lambskin Aprons.... this seems a great way to have them all in one place when we need them, and to ensure their safe return home. [Please set the example](#) of turning yours in... and then retrieving it at your next meeting.

NOTE: Please remember Rainbow Camp is Rainbow-appropriate casual attire – be sure you don't have a bare midriff issue – and when you are playing on the floor that your jeans cover your back side at all times!! (Wearing a t-shirt that is TUCKED in can often save us from those embarrassing moments with our jeans!)

Grand Representative should have their draft reports ready for Mrs. Harms – be sure you bring her a copy and give it to her before she has to hunt you down!!! She is a VERY proficient hunter - she's had lots of practice! AND it can (and should) make her cranky!) when she has to hunt!!

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Our **Proficiency Directors** will also be available to listen to your work so you, too, can complete a new degree before Grand Assembly — because you made that commitment last year at Leadership!!! (Actually your commitment at Leadership was to complete that next degree LONG before now --- and few of you have.) and I KNOW you want to **set a positive example** for your Sisters and adults. As with all of our commitments, be sure you keep this one!

Camp is FUN! Participate FULLY!!

GRAND OFFICER APPLICATIONS: The 2012-13 Application is attached as a separate document. When you get your application, please review the deadlines and what you must accomplish in order to meet them. Please remember the commitment you make to all Nevada Rainbow when you sign “on the bottom line” not just in terms of a financial, time and energy commitment, but also your commitment to uphold the standards of a Rainbow Girl.

When completing your application package, please remember to fill it out completely.... cell numbers (if you want them published on our mailing list), email address, school address if you know what that will be, etc. Please remember your ZIP code and AREA code are parts of those numbers.... and PLEASE write legibly! Your letter to me should be more than a sentence or two and less than a novel – it should talk about your goals and accomplishments in Rainbow, your dreams and aspirations. I expect the use of proper grammar, punctuation, etc. Remember also, you only get one chance to make a first impression - so complete your package with thought and tidiness! (This is a great opportunity to practice your “job application” skills.....) Sometimes when two (or more girls) are equally qualified to do the same tasks, the one with the better application gets the “better” assignment. You are applying for a job --

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A REASONABLY NEW SECTION TO THE APPLICATION – WHICH WILL REQUIRE MORE THAN “TEN MINUTES” TO COMPLETE – YOU WILL NEED TO REVIEW IT TODAY - TO START COMPOSING YOUR THOUGHTS, PLANS AND IDEAS, SO THAT WHEN YOU SIT DOWN TO COMPLETE IT, YOU HAVE YOUR IDEAS AND PLANS CLEARLY IN MIND.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Tiffany Higgins has agreed to again serve as our Scholarship Committee Chairperson this year. She will be enlisting the assistance of several other adults to review applications and make decisions based on the scholarship money that may be available for distribution. Scholarship applications, like Grand Officer Applications, must be complete, legible, and timely. Sadly, each year some applications are not considered because they are incomplete or missed the established deadline. REVISIONS have also been done on this form – hopefully to make it easier for all who apply for scholarships.

Could you use an extra \$1,000 toward your school expenses next year? If this response is positive, and your grades are adequate (2.75 GPA), and you are committed to continuing your Rainbow commitment, please take the time to fill out the application, meet the established deadlines, and submit it. There have been years when we actually had scholarship money to award - and too few girls applied to use it all. It is the Board of Director's intention to always give \$1,000 scholarships, and to give as many as we can fund. **The Scholarship Application will be posted to our website;** I will let you know when it's there...



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DIRECTORS' CORNER

From the Director of Grand Officers, Sakey

Thank goodness the holidays are over! Don't get me wrong, I thoroughly enjoyed the holidays – time with family and friends, the beautiful decorations, and of course the bountiful food (I'll be in the gym every day until next Christmas trying to work it off!). I am, however, so excited that the holidays are over and our Grand calendar is resuming. I have missed all of you so much!!! We have Rainbow Camp, Official Visits, California Grand Assembly, Receptions, march-in practice, and best of all - Grand Assembly! That does mean we are all going to be busy, busy, busy-getting all of our reports turned in and approved (and memorized) and fine tuning our ritual work, as well as making costumes and pantaloons and all of the other Grand Officer essentials.

Please start looking ahead at what is on your calendar in the coming months (and your families' calendars), and make a plan for how you will get it all done – and done well and on time. Remember, if you miss a deadline, that may put someone else behind in their work, and let's be honest, I don't have a dress for Grand Assembly until all of you have met your deadlines ...eek!!! Seriously, if you are having difficulty getting something done or are worried about a deadline, let us know. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU, and we may know exactly how to get you on track and, if need be, have some flexibility with deadlines.

Ready for a confession? I missed a deadline. Yep, that's right. I'm not perfect. I do believe Mrs. Jacka sent an email about two weeks ago reminding the adults to send her their messages. Today, at work, I received a personal email and a "today" deadline. I should have just written the message when she asked for it, because now I feel the shame of missing a deadline and the guilt of setting her behind schedule. (Ok, the shame and the guilt are slight, but.....) See you all at Camp!!! Sakey

From the Director of Grand Representatives, Mrs. Harms

See you at Camp – prepared to share – and recite your Grand Representative Report – email me now if you are having trouble with either the content or the format. Please remember, Mrs. Jacka will be asking for a prioritized listing of girls who are meeting these kinds of deadlines before she assigns parts at Camp for Majority.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF PLEDGE, Mrs. Buchanan

I hope all of you had a great holiday, a productive break from school, and got those rough drafts of your reports done!! BUT most importantly, I would like to remind each of you that if you have changed more than one dress size (plus or minus) or have gotten taller -- you need to let me know NOW!!!! Your dress will not fit correctly if you are changing shape. My little crystal ball still only sees you the way you were when you were first measured! Can't wait to see you all dancing out at camp!" Mrs. Buchanan

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHP, NORTH, Mrs. Doughty

All right Girls - Our Mid-Grand year numbers are indrum-roll please: Nevada IORG has welcomed 28 new members into our Order since the last Grand Assembly. **Awesome job**, Girls! Now, we need to do it again! Last grand year we initiated 52 girls; Let's do 2 more this Grand year!

Rainbow in Nevada is growing, Right Now, with just over 200 girls, strong! And our goal is grow MORE every year. This year's Goal is to reach *****225 Members*****

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SO, let's get our Membership MOJO going. Talk about what you love about Rainbow. If you are enthusiastic about what you are doing in your assembly, guess what? It's **Contagious!** Girls will want to have that same feeling. Remember, prospective members are welcome @ Rainbow Camp, so talk about what fun it is. YOU are the BEST Ambassadors of Nevada Rainbow!
Thank you, ;-D Mrs. Doughty

SI TIDBITS

I continue to encourage you to always use moderation in web site pages and social network sites. Your future employers **will** Google your name - we want them only to find positive information.... Once something is on the web -- it won't "just go away" even when you delete the entry/page.

I get to this point in the year - every year - and it is always hard to believe my own deadlines are rapidly approaching – last week I was working furiously to finish our Annual Reports for Supreme Assembly and the details for our Adult Leadership Weekend and next week I have an "after report" to get out; working on inputting the reports and information you provide for the Grand Assembly script; I will be reviewing Grand Officer Application packages - after the GWA's reception, ordering new mascots and t-shirts, preparing my share of the things the Grand Assembly Committee needs, and - working on the 2013 Grand Assembly Committee ... and, while I am great at establishing deadlines and goals for each of you, I, too, struggle with meeting the ones established for me....and I have just about the same "excuses" you have – too much to do – too little time! Family to contend with.... sleep.... Need some fun.... BUT, in the end, all must get done; deadlines must be met; goals must be reached – its LIFE!

Spend a little time when you get this newsletter to review your own schedule: does it include some personal time where you can relax, read, think, be QUIET? Does it include some exercise time - regular exercise and more strenuous than walking to the microwave to make popcorn? Does it include some time for worship? Study? Rainbow? Service to others? Family? When I put all these things in my own schedule, I am up again about 5 in the morning ... and heaven only knows when I get to bed a night....and I am pretty much in "fast forward" mode all day. But, when I have provided for that personal time, worship, community service, Rainbow time, QUIET – the other parts fall into place much better....its balance for me!

This, too, seems to be a good time for a "dad update." My dad continues to reside at a residential care center; I see my dad nearly every day at lunch time when I help serve my dad - my other new 40 girlfriends and 90 year old boyfriends - each with their own disabilities or dementia... and sadly, no other company! I thank our Heavenly Father every day that my sister and I have still have our dad (he was 90 in November), that our children and grand children have had the opportunity to know their grandparents / great grandparents.... It makes my tasks easier.

For those of you who pay attention, you know that I don't re-write or even re-type newsletters each time – over the course of time, I have pretty much narrowed down the kind of information I need to be sharing, reminding and nagging-about for each one. As I refreshed this one, I was amazed at the number of times I said, in one form or another: [Please set the example](#) – I was so impressed, that I colored them for you. INDEED, this is one of your biggest responsibilities in Nevada Rainbow – and in life. We each need to be A CONTINUOUS example of motivation

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... inspiration ... responsibility ... fun... caring ... high moral standards ... punctuality ...
reliability ... *pleases continue to fill in the adjectives*

GRAND ASSEMBLY will be here before most of us realize – please work with us and together so we can make it a great experience. Do the things you need to do in your assembly and for THIS appointment with zeal and excitement; share the fun you have at Rainbow with others and give them an Application for Membership to join you in that fun. Do you still have an Application for Membership in your Rainbow bag, backpack, wherever it is you carry what you need? If not, see me or your Mother Advisor/Grand Deputy. Applications for Membership are on-line now so are very easy to access (and cost the Assembly nothing).

*RAINBOW HAS A REAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS SO WE ASK EVERYONE TO REMEMBER RAINBOW IS INTENDED TO BE THE TIE THAT BINDS US TOGETHER - WITH HANDS OUTSTRETCHED TO TOUCH ANOTHER WITH LOVE, RESPECT, FIDELITY, CONCERN AND TO TEACH **BY EXAMPLE** IN THE WAY WE LIVE EACH DAY!*

With my POSITIVE love, Mrs. J

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Messages from the The POSITIVELY PASSIONATE PEACOCK Grandies

From GWAA, Sami

Hello my lovely little peacock Grandies! First off, you are reading this sentence, right? Well if you are reading this sentence you might as well read this whole thing. Hahaha (All of this is important to read)! Just wanted to make sure everyone gets the word out about Rainbow Camp. It's one of the best times of the year. Not only is it an opportunity to make new friends but also a great chance to make new and lasting memories. The theme for camp this year is "Dance Dance Rainbowlution." I have a lot of fun games planned for the morning and mid afternoon. Talk Rainbow Camp up to all the girls in your Assembly especially those have never been to Rainbow Camp. At Rainbow Camp, girls not only have the chance to bond with the girls in their Assembly, but with new girls from across the state. Hopefully by the end of the weekend everyone will have made a new best friend!

On a different topic I just want to say **good job** to all of you girls for working so hard at your offices and responsibility. The year is half way over already. Remember that we have committed ourselves and our time to serve Nevada Rainbow as GRAND OFFICERS. You can't get any cooler than that. Don't forget what it means to be a Grand Officer. Be responsible in all things (your own Assembly and Grand Assembly responsibilities.) Be proficient! Nothing is more impressive than a girl who knows her work and delivers it well. (If you are a jeweled officer/Rep always be working on the things you should be memorizing! It makes those last two weeks before Grand a lot less stressful.

Be excited! Girls won't be enthusiastic about becoming a Grand Officer if you aren't. And lastly, be happy because you are part of a very loving family. We cannot get this year back so make it the best one yet. It doesn't matter if it is your first, second, third, last or whatever office, it deserves just as much hard work as any other office. Make it so that any girl would *just die* to get her hands on your appointment.

Be the inspiration, so that one day a girl can say "remember when so and so was that office! She did an amazing job at it. It makes me want to be that office too." We are half way through the year, if you feel you aren't doing the job you should be, you have the opportunity to turn all that around and get on the ball.

Remember that there are a bunch of girls who have held that office before you! If you need help, don't be afraid to reach out to the other Grandies for help or ideas. I'm going to say this again to make sure you all remember, DON'T BE AFRAID TO GET HELP! :D I am so proud to be among such fine Grand Officers. I love all of you so much!

Your Nest Mother, Sami

(775-342-5906 Just in case you need any kind of help you have my cell number :)

From Grand Hope, Amber

Happy Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day everyone!! Be sure to wear your pink and green so you don't get pinched by leprechauns who feel rambunctious (oh wait that's Rainbow Girls in general). Good luck on the new semester - remember that is a time for you to start over and do even better this semester!

Good luck to all of those starting new terms this term in Rainbowland and make sure to try your hardest in everything you do

Grand Hoopla! nah Grand Hope, Amber

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From Grand Recorder, Rebekah

Hello ladies! I hope everyone is adjusting going back to school well!
For the start of the New Year I would like to encourage everyone to make a New Year resolution. It can be anything you want it to be. It can be something simple or difficult. The only requirement is that it should not benefit yourself. It is our obligation as Rainbow Girls to help someone every day. It can be as little as complimenting someone or just picking up trash. Just think how much better this world could be if we did this every day. We could even change somebody's life. Who knows? Your complement can be the only one that person gets all week. Just think about this challenge and maybe encourage others to do it with you! We can do this. I hope you all are doing well and I will see you all soon!

With all my chatty peacock love, Rebekah

From Grand Chaplain, Leah

Hello Everyone,

I hope everybody is having a good time and are super stoked about RAINBOW CAMP coming up!! As the Grand Representative of California, I invited my counterpart and some of her fellow California Sisters to come. I sure hope they do. I don't know for sure if they are coming yet, but I am sure that they will be welcomed by us all.

I have been working furiously on the Rainbow Sunday service and I hope you all will enjoy it this year. With Sami's awesome theme, it should be a blast. I hope school is coming along quite nicely also.

Mrs. Butler told me recently that she has not received anything about California Grand yet, but I hope we can get a huge group of girls to join us. The actual CA Grand dates are March 31st-April 2nd. I have never been to California Grand, and I hope girls and adults can experience this new experience with me. Megan Crowley, the GWA in California, picked a camping theme for their Grand. I would love all of us Grand Officers to encourage the younger girls to go as well. If they travel with us, then when they become the older girls, we will still have a large group of traveling girls.

I miss you all and I will see you soon, Leah

From Grand Representative, Taylor

I'd like to make a commendation to two women who have been very influential not only in the planning of the events of my term, but to Nevada Rainbow as a whole. These women are Pam Valladingham and Kristin Cox. I am not sure if everyone is aware of the immense contribution that Mrs. Vallendingham and Mrs. Cox have made to us, but I surely could not have planned anything that I have or had such a beautiful installation without their help. These women, like all our adults, work behind the scenes, making everything go smoothly, so that just when I thought my hair would come flying out, I was surprised to know that they had had everything planned to guide me along my way.

Their helpfulness not only extend to my term, but to the future of the Supreme Assembly for which they planned a wine tasting to bring to Supreme Assembly to Reno in the term that Mrs. Jacka will preside as Supreme Worthy Advisor. This was a stunning success and none of it would be possible without their organization skills and willing hearts. I watched these women happily and joyfully work for hours sending out donation letters, selling tickets, and always finding a way for us girls to help.

But they have been humble about it, so I'm bragging for them. These women are amazing and they should be commended ten-fold for the work they do. I would not have the possibilities I have without them. I am happy to say that Mrs. Cox is now the Mother Advisor of our Assembly and I am so excited! With my love, Taylor

THE BALANCE OF OUR 2012 CALENDAR

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**
 Host: Ben Franklin Assembly #21
Tba
- 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**

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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 **Grand Assembly 2012**
Tues-19 Peppermill Hotel, Reno

21-23 Oregon Grand Assembly
Pendleton, Oregon

JULY 2012

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

July 7 Installation of Officers, Mt. Rose Assembly #13

July 13-15 WA/Idaho Grand Assembly
Yakima, Washington

Supreme Assembly 2012 - Grand Rapids, Michigan
Co-Hosts: Grand Jurisdictions of Canada and Michigan

July 21-25 Headquarters Hotel - Amway Grand Plaza Hotel; Housing = \$140+tax/night
Sunday=Church, Grand Cross, Memorial; Official Opening – Closing and installation on Wednesday
NOTE: SUPREME Officer travels approximately on July 17; extended trip will be for 3-4 days AFTER sessions which end on 7-25

Sept 22 **Walk for the Cure – Northern Alzheimer's Walk**

Oct 7 Nevada Grand Chapter, Peppermill Hotel/Casino, Reno

Nevada Proficiency Program 2003-2012

First Degree PROFICIENT

- Correctly answering 95 percent of a random selection of questions from the Ritual.
- Correctly write or recite the Rainbow Prayer and Rainbow Dreams
- Correctly recite two flag tributes, other than the Americans Creed (one prompt per tribute is acceptable)

Second Degree PROFICIENT

- Successful completion of First Degree Proficiency.
- Correctly reciting two bow lectures (two prompts per lecture are acceptable)

Third Degree PROFICIENT

- Successful completion of First and Second Degree Proficiency.
- Correctly recite all parts of Opening and Closing, except the prayers (two prompts during opening and two during closing are acceptable)
- Correctly recite the Initiation Prayer (one prompt is acceptable)

Fourth Degree PROFICIENT (revised by Grand Officers 8/03)

- Successful completion of First, Second, and Third Degree Proficiency
- Correctly recite all Line Officer Initiation Lectures (one prompt per office is acceptable)
 - Faith's walking parts
 - Hope's Lecture to the new sister
 - Charity's Pot of Gold Lecturer
 - WAA Lecture to the new sister
 - WA's Lecture to the candidate, **including** the Obligation ("On the altar before you...", "You have now taken the seven ... be of good courage and return.")

Fifth Degree PROFICIENT

- Successful completion of First, Second, Third, and Fourth Degree Proficiency
- Correctly recite Installation Presiding Officer; two prompts acceptable.

Girls may complete, in order, one, two, three, four, or all five degrees of Proficiency in one year. Once a girl has successfully completed one step, it does not need to be repeated in subsequent years.

All proficiency testing, other than at Rainbow Camp, will be administered by Ms. Shannon Bunch Jensen in the North, and Ms. Shannon Lawton in the South. The written test for First Degree Proficiency will be done during Rainbow Camp, or can be completed locally through May 1st, in agreement with the Directors of Proficiency.

Testing during Rainbow Camp will be administered by designated adults who will score the written test and will listen to all ritualistic work. Prompting, only as established above, will be permitted. Those testing will be permitted to review the Ritual for 15 minutes before taking the tests. In the event the test is not passed, Proficiency will be offered again the following year, or in agreement with the Directors of Proficiency.

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Camp Discount
RAINBOW TRAILS ADVERTISEMENT FORM
Grand Assembly of Nevada, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Thank you for your support.

Name of Purchaser: _____

Address: _____

Ad sold by: _____

1. Select the size of your advertisement:

Full page (4.7" x 7.5")	\$156.00
Half page (4.7" x 3.7")	\$104.00
Quarter vertical page (2.5" x 3.7")	\$58.00
Quarter horizontal page (4.7" x 1.7")	\$58.00
Eighth page (2.5" x 1.7")	\$29.00

2. Design your ad: Email, burn to CD or attach your advertisement or COMPLETE your message/artwork in the space below.

3. Attach complete artwork (the Grand Editor will not do artwork for you!)

4. Attach your check payable to Nevada Grand Assembly, and mail this package to our Grand Editor's Adult Advisor,

Mrs. Bonnie Bunch, Director of Publications
17840 Fantail Circle
Reno, NV 89506

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GRAND OFFICER APPOINTMENTS are truly the most difficult decisions made by the Supreme Inspector and those who adults who provide input in this task. EVERY appointment is equally important - no Grand appointment is "better" than another. Team work is the foundation of Nevada Rainbow. Each Grand Officer has unique talents to bring to the appointment given. She will then have unique responsibilities as she carries out the duties of her office. While only one appointment can be made each year as the Grand Worthy Advisor - or Grand Faith - or Grand Representative of some special state, each member of our Grand Family plays an important role. The honor is in receiving an appointment and managing those responsibilities with integrity and enthusiasm, not the specific appointment received.

Rainbow is a girls' organization. As such, girls are the primary work force in Nevada Rainbow. Take this honor and responsibility seriously . . . and others will be happy to help.

Many factors are taken into consideration by the Supreme Inspector when making Grand Officer appointments. Listed below are but a few:

- ✓ Continued active support of your local Assembly and all of its projects reflected in your Service Hour reports.
- ✓ Continued effort to promote our Order and to bring in new members.
- ✓ Your ability to exemplify Rainbow teachings through dignity, gentleness, honesty, humility, kindness, poise and service.
- ✓ Continued demonstration of ritualistic proficiency.
- ✓ Continued positive interactions with and respect for adults.
- ✓ Support of the Grand Worthy Advisor's service project.
- ✓ Attendance at mandatory events such as Rainbow Sunday, Rainbow Camp, Founder's Day, Official Visits and Grand Officer/Grand Representative meetings.
- ✓ Attendance at other official functions, i.e., receptions for Grand Officers, etc.
- ✓ **Ability to meet deadlines** in a pleasant and positive manner, including Grand Officer financial obligations.
- ✓ Continued interest in your educational and/or career goals.

It is important for returning and new Grand Officers to understand the criterion on which appointments are made. Noted below are those factors.

Eligibility:

- ✓ For Assemblies with two terms per year, must have completed (or nearly) her term as Worthy Advisor prior to Grand Assembly;
- ✓ For Assemblies with three terms per year, must have completed her term as Worthy Advisor prior to Grand Assembly. (Therefore, the first-time Worthy Advisor installed in May or June will, under normal circumstances, not be considered for recommendation by her Advisory Board until the fall.)
- ✓ Must not have reached her 20th birthday prior to or on to June 15th.
- ✓ A Rainbow Member who will not have an opportunity to serve as Worthy Advisor may be appointed as a Grand Representative, Grand Flag Bearer or specialty officer such as Lecturer, Historian, or Editor upon recommendation by her Advisory Board and at the discretion of the appointing officer.

Recommendation Procedure:

- ✓ Application Forms are included in each current Grand Officers' Newsletter in **February**. The Mother Advisor will provide **other** eligible Rainbow Members with a "Grand Appointment Request/Recommendation Form" in **February**. Completed forms, including the applicant's

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confidential, sealed letter to the Supreme Inspector, must be returned to the Mother Advisor no later than **March 15th**.

- ✓ The Mother Advisor will complete her portion of the "Form" prior to the April Advisory Board Meeting. Mother Advisors are asked to write a unique letter for EACH girl recommended, not to group them into a single document.
- ✓ In **April**, the Advisory Board and Grand Deputy will review the information contained on each "Request Form" and will complete the Advisory Board Recommendation portion.
- ✓ The Mother Advisor will attach her letter to the Supreme Inspector reflecting the Advisory Board recommendation and her personal perceptions, recommendations, experiences with this Assembly Member.
- ✓ The "Form" and the Mother Advisor's letter will be forwarded to the Grand Deputy by **April 15th**.
- ✓ The Grand Deputy will add her letter to the Supreme Inspector reflecting her personal perceptions, recommendations and experiences with this Assembly Member. **Grand Deputies are asked to write a unique letter for EACH girl recommended, not to group them into a single document.**
- ✓ This "package" will be submitted to the Supreme Inspector, by **May 1st**.
- ✓ The Supreme Inspector will consider this "package," her personal experiences with this individual, and those of the Directors of the Member is currently a Grand Officer, and any other input available when making appointments.

Advisory Board Members are directed to "vote" on each recommendation **on its own merit**. If the Advisory Board's recommendation varies significantly from that of the Grand Deputy, the Grand Deputy will advise the Board at the time of their consideration. Final decisions regarding Grand Officer appointments lie with the Supreme Inspector.

Advisory Board Members who are related in any way to Members being considered will be excused from that portion of the Board Meeting wherein their relative is considered. If a Member's relative serves as the Mother Advisor, the Chairman of the Board will write her letter of recommendation. If a Member's relative serves as the Grand Deputy, he/she will not provide a recommendation regarding this girl; another member of the Board should supply the second letter.

Discussion regarding Advisory Board recommendations by Advisory Board Members or Rainbow Members may cause the forfeiture of the girl's appointment and WILL be grounds for removal from the Advisory Board.

GIRLS WHO MISS THE DEADLINES ESTABLISHED IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRAND APPOINTMENT IN JUNE - UNLESS SOME UNCONTROLLED, LIFE-THREATENING TRAGEDY OR CRISIS CAUSED THE DEADLINE TO BE MISSED. If this is the case, call the Supreme Inspector immediately to advise that a problem exists.

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See also "Last Year Covenant"

INSTRUCTIONS for Past Worthy Advisors and current, eligible Grand Officers:

1. COMPLETE this page. Review it with your parents and obtain their signature at the bottom.
2. RITE A CONFIDENTIAL letter to the Supreme Officer, reflecting your experiences in Rainbow, the value of the lessons you have learned, etc. Indicate also what your dreams and aspirations are for the next three (3) years in terms of Grand Officer appointments **WITH a detailed plan of your goals would during the Grand Year, i.e. a Grand Bow Project, a Line Officer Project, following the outline below.** The information in your letter to the Supreme Officer is meant for her reading only. **(Pages 4 and 5 of this application include more details/guidelines. Your Confidential Letter and this new document are to be in your sealed envelope.)**
3. SIGN your letter. Place it (not the "Grand Appointment Request/Recommendation Form) in an envelope; seal it; sign your name across the back of the sealed envelope - to ensure confidentiality.
4. RETURN this form (PAGE 3) **and** your sealed letter to your Mother Advisor by **MARCH 15th.** This form (only) will be reviewed by the Advisory Board at their APRIL meeting, prior to their consideration of Grand Officer recommendations. **This form must be complete FULLY and legibly; incomplete applications may not be processed!**

(name)

(address)

(telephone **and** cell #) (AGE **and** date of birth) (place of birth)

(email address) (date initiated) (term and year as W. A.)

(Yr Grand Cross Recv'd) (Previous Grand Officer Appointments)

(Grade in School **and** GPA) (Plans following high school graduation)

(Extra curricular school activities, church activities, etc.)

Indicate below the lessons you have learned through your Rainbow experience

(Applicant's Signature) (date)

WE have reviewed this information with our daughter. We understand Grand Officers are expected to attend Official Visits and Receptions across our State which requires a commitment of time and money. We understand our daughter will be required to purchase her Grand Officer dress, meet other financial obligations, and attend Grand Assembly next June (in Las Vegas) if appointed.

(Parent Signature(s)) (date)

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NEW: Each Rainbow Member applying for a 2012-13 Grand Officer appointment must complete the following, **regardless of what specific office(s) she is dreaming of THIS year.** Do not prepare a plan for a Grand office you have held or currently are holding. **Each section should include sufficient information that, for example, the Supreme Inspector has a concept of what you would do if appointed Grand _____.**

It is my hope that by utilizing, expanding and enhancing this process over the course of a couple years that projects are well thought out and developed BEFORE appointments are made. Please take the extra time to complete these extra pages carefully. Please also note, that a "natural" progression of appointments is always my goal, but it is sometimes not something that I can provide each applicant – there is always the potential for a girl to serve more than one year in the Bow, for example, or to not have an opportunity to serve as an Observer, on the Music Team or as a Flag Bearer, based upon her age, etc.

Please also remember that our experience in the last few years is that Grand Bow Projects are not necessarily (or sometimes easily) tied to the nature of the office. For example, Grand Immortality is not destined to clean cemeteries; she might be much more interested, and therefore successful, in working with a homeless shelter to generate the requisite 50 hours. Likewise, because a girl may be focused on new members or the retention of members does not ensure her appointment as either Grand Faith or GWAA. In our Grand Family, there are always opportunities to "bloom where we are planted...."

This process does not imply girls will *always* get the offices they are dreaming about but it may well give me more data upon which to make more equitable decisions. It is my goal that during each girl's tenure as a Grand Officer that at least one of her dream offices is realized!

Please utilize a separate piece(s) of paper to respond to these informational pieces, along with any other information you feel relevant and important. This is an excellent opportunity to "practice" applying for a job; please use your best grammatical form, complete sentences, proper sentence structure, i.e., capital letters and periods, etc. **Please complete information for EACH of these groupings, unless you are currently Grand Chaplain or Grand Drill Leader, or have served as an Observer, Flag Bearer or member of the Music Team.**

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If appointed a Grand Flag Bearer,

- my goal to bring fun, enthusiasm and excitement to Rainbow Camp would be....
- my goals to enhance the assembly entertainment section of Grand Assembly would be....

If appointed a Grand Observer,

- I would like to....

If appointed to the Music Team / Talent Team,

- my goal to increase and maintain happy Grand Choir members would be....
- My goal to enhance the Talent portions of Grand Assembly would be....

If appointed a Grand Bow Officer,

- my goal for a 50-hour assembly service project would be to
- I believe this is an important project because
- I would hopefully (once approved by my Advisory Board, the Director of Grand Officers, etc.) schedule this project for
- We would complete this project by (date) and (organized plan)

If appointed Grand Drill Leader,

- I would(*bring this kind of interest / experience to designing marching formations for Grand Assembly*)

If appointed Grand Chaplain,

- I would for Rainbow Sunday
- I wouldfor Grand Assembly's Vespers Service

If appointed to the Grand Line,

- I would establish a goal of (*remembering that each Grand Line Officer has a goal to either raise funds or increase membership and/or retain current members - a new goal which will be in the GO Handbook for the GWAA*)
- I would accomplish this goal by
- I would enlist the support and assistance of assemblies statewide by

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 INSTRUCTIONS for the Mother Advisor, Advisory Board, and Grand Deputy:

1. The Mother Advisor will collect this form from every eligible Member **by March 15**.
2. The Mother Advisor will complete Page 4 for each eligible Rainbow member prior to the **APRIL Advisory Board Meeting**.
3. Advisory Board Members eligible to vote will review Pages 3 and 4 of each form and may briefly discuss each Member prior to evaluating her based on the attached schedule.
4. Secret, written evaluations on the attached form will be made by each eligible Advisory Board Member.
5. The Grand Deputy and another Advisory Board Member will tally, average and report to the Board the results on THIS form. The Grand Deputy will personally destroy individual evaluation forms.
6. Each voting Advisory Board Member will sign his/her concurrence and support of this recommendation below.

_____ # Service Hours **since last Grand Assembly**
 _____ # Petitions submitted **since initiated**
 _____ # of EXTRA Service Bars earned **since last Grand Assembly** - IDENTIFY CRITERIA FOR BAR

Attendance - Since last Grand Assembly, this member has attended (circle one in each category):

Assembly Meetings	All	Nearly All	Some
Assembly Projects and Activities	All	Nearly All	Some
Assembly Practices	All	Nearly All	Some
Other Assemblies' Meetings	All	Nearly All	Some
Other Assemblies' Installations	All	Nearly All	Some
Rainbow Camp/Sunday	All	Nearly All	Some
Founder's Day Activities (last year)	All	Nearly All	Some
Grand Assembly	All	Nearly All	Some
Grand Assembly Sessions in other Jurisdictions	_____ (specify when/where)		

_____ Ritualistic _____ Floor Work _____ Cooperation _____ [Dependability] _____ [Attitude]
 (Mother Advisors/Grand Deputies Only)

Based on our knowledge/experience with this Officer, we recommend an appointment as a:
 ___ Grand Representative ___ Grand Flag Bearer ___ Specialty Officer (lecturer, editor, etc.)
 ___ Grand Floor Officer ___ Grand Line Officer

**If the Advisory Board would support an appointment of this member as Grand Worthy Advisor, attach a separate letter indicating a commitment of time, energy and funds, on behalf of the Assembly and the Advisory Board.

We concur and support this recommendation, acknowledging that discussions regarding Grand Officer recommendations are confidential and may not be discussed outside today's meeting. Any infraction in this area may result in forfeiture of the Rainbow Member's appointment and will result in the Advisory Board Member's removal from that body.

Pages 3 and 4 of this form and the following attachments must be submitted to the Supreme Officer by **MAY 1ST**. Member's CONFIDENTIAL, SEALED Letter to the Supreme Officer; Recommendation Letters from the Mother Advisor and the Grand Deputy.

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NOTE: A copy of this form is to be distributed to each voting Board Member for each eligible Officer. The Grand Deputy and another Board Member will tally and average the ratings. The Grand Deputy will write the averaged ratings on the appropriate Recommendation form prior to the voting Board Members signing their endorsement. The Grand Deputy will destroy the ballots at the conclusion of the Board Meeting.

____ RITUALISTIC PERFORMANCE: A rating of "5" reflects letter perfect ritualistic performance by this officer given reasonable notice to fill an office. As members progress through the Line, it is expected they will memorize their work and present it in a near-perfect manner. Reality reminds us, however, that not everyone has a photographic memory.

____ FLOOR WORK: A rating of "5" reflects an Officer who has obviously attended practices and paid attention, even when other officers were performing. She is now able to accomplish any officer's floor work with ease and comfort.

____ COOPERATION: A rating of "5" reflects an Officer who makes herself available to assist equally with "important" and menial tasks. A "5" indicates this Officer assists by filling vacancies - and - washing dishes!

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____ DEPENDABILITY: A rating of "5" reflects an Officer who signs up for an activity and then shows up, on time, at the appointed place, without several reminders. It also reflects an Officer who says "I'll get back to you...." and DOES.

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____ ATTITUDE: A rating of "5" reflects an Officer who cheerfully and graciously cooperates and demonstrates dependability. A high rating here indicates this Officer always has her "Rainbow Smile" on and projects encouragement, humility, kindness and consideration to all others.

“Last Year Covenant”

Understanding that some of our Grand Officers are eager to pursue their college education and/or work-life while supporting Nevada Rainbow Girls without diminishing their commitment, we are exploring “Optional Last Year” opportunities.

This program allows girls approaching their **19th birthday** (rather than their 20th birthday) to proclaim that “this will be my “last” Grand Office” and would like to be considered among those taking such appointments with THIS year. It does not affect the date of their Majority, nor does it limit their ability to take another appointment, understanding THIS is the title they will bear.

Girls wishing to take advantage of the OPTIONAL LAST YEAR need to understand and commit to the following covenants.

-  I am approaching my 19th birthday; I will be 19 on _____.
-  I want to be considered with others in the class of Grand Officers who would traditionally receive their final office at Grand Assembly this year, that is, those who are approaching their 20th birthday.
-  I understand the appointment I receive at Grand Assembly 2012 will be the title I will later be known by, and that I will be introduced in the future by the GWA who is appointed in June 2012.
-  I understand I may take another office at Grand Assembly 2013 (when approaching my 20th birthday) but that appointment will be made to fill a need - it will not be my “final” title and will not be a “dream” office and will not be associated with another reception.
-  I understand there is no possibility I will receive a “higher” office if I change my mind and take another appointment, after I sign this agreement.
-  I understand that, upon a positive vote by my assembly, my reception will be planned in the spring of 2013 and no additional reception will be scheduled - if I choose to take another office next year.
-  I understand that, even if I take an Optional Last Year appointment, I am expected to maintain the same high moral standards of a Nevada Rainbow Girl in the following year.
-  I understand I am expected to remain active with my Assembly and with Nevada Rainbow until I receive my Majority Degree at Grand Assembly in June 2013.

Signature

Date

In a separate document, please provide the Supreme Officer with a letter explaining how you reached this decision, i.e., school out of state, need to work and attend school full time, etc. This letter is meant to be confidential between the Supreme Officer and the applicant and, therefore, should be included in your Confidential and Sealed envelop. **A Last Year Covenant will NOT be considered unless accompanied by the letter of explanation.**