

The Family Newsletter

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Number 4



Greetings..

Dear Supreme Family: Writing a message in our Family Newsletter is indeed a joy I look forward to each quarter – however, sometimes I am at a loss for a topic with value. This edition was no different so I went first to the back yard – to commune with God and nature – and to rake some pine needles and leaves now uncovered after all our snow. It was a beautiful weekend in Reno – just the right temperature to work in my yard.

While reflecting on the need to have an article, I was also contemplating what I would present at the Dollies' 50 Year Reunion at California Grand Assembly this weekend. Dana was asked to speak but had a timing conflict so she offered me as a replacement speaker. I'm not sure anyone can really replace Dana, but it's an opportunity to share. The "Dollies" were Grand Officers 50 years ago (hence the reunion) – about the same time I was – for a nano-second... before a boyfriend/marriage happened! The topic of discussion is apparently going to be about the differences in Rainbow then and now... well, that's a pretty easy topic: a dress code that includes more than our "school dresses" and our long gowns; many more members; parents who could not attend

because they weren't affiliated – and yet the consistencies are so much more: 7 outstanding bow lessons; the lectures from Faith, Hope, Charity; the admonitions from the Worthy Associate Advisor; and our traditional lecture from the Worthy Advisor; the outstanding advisors who serve our order; the shy 11 year old who transforms into a responsible, dedicated, proficient young woman right before our eyes!

So for me, that leads to the next question.... If we still offer all these great opportunities for our members, is it enough? Our members today are totally integrated into an electronic world; they compete in sports; they apply to and are accepted at outstanding colleges and universities and, as majority members, they have career opportunities most of us reading this newsletter never even dreamed of. SO, are we offering enough to a prospective member? Are we offering enough to retain our members? Are we offering them that "added value" they seem to be looking for in any group/activity? Are we instilling those long-lasting values and sense of commitment so our majority members return as adults to take our places as advisors and leaders? For me, these are difficult questions to couple with the concept that "we've always done it that way."

At the 2018 Installation I stated several times, "this is not our mother's Rainbow anymore" ... and that's true. What is true in larger part is that our members are not who we were at 15 – they are so much more because our world is SO MUCH MORE: communication is instantaneous; knowledge is a google click away; travel is easily within reach even for our youngest

members: women are taking on leadership roles in the work place, in government, in every aspect of today's life. SO, back to the last question: are we offering an organization that is progressive in every aspect: Are we user friendly on our websites? Can a prospective member contact us? Have we given our members the "tools" to sell their organization? Are we THE group young women WANT to be a part of? Are we LISTENING to our members? Are we willing to give a little to gain more for our members?

None of these questions have easy answers. None of these things can change today, nor do we want everything to change. But, I think a critical look inward – and outward – is in order for IORG. Please give these concepts some prayerful consideration. Talk to your members. Ask THEM what they would like their Order to be. This is a GIRLS' organization – they need to have a voice and to know that as their adult leadership, we are listening – and acting!

Joanie



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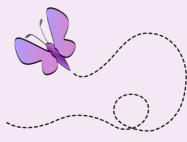
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Supreme Worthy Advisor

Tentative Travel Schedule



April 6-9	Grand Assembly of California
May 23-24	SA Office, McAlester, Oklahoma
May 25-27	Grand Assembly of Oklahoma
May 31-June 2	Grand Assembly of Philippines
June 9	Daughters of the Nile Convention
June 15-18	Grand Assembly of Nevada
June 20-22	Grand Assembly of Texas
June 22-24	Grand Assembly of Missouri
June 25-29	DeMolay International
July 12-14	Grand Assembly of Washington/Idaho
July 18-20	Grand Assembly of Espirito Santo, Brazil
July 25-28	Supreme Seminar, Ontario, California

I would love to have members of the Supreme Family, adults and girls, join me on these trips! Anytime I am at the Temple, you are welcome to join me, as well.

Membership and Service



Dear Supreme Family,

I am reminding everyone to submit their request for the Membership and Service Incentive Program to the Supreme Office so they may send you the jewels and the necklaces but **also** send the Chairman a copy for our records to be reported during this Supreme Session. The girls work hard, not only in their communities but also in bringing in new girls into their assembly. If you have appointed a State Chairman, please give them my contact information to send the form to be tallied as well as send the form to the Office so the jewels can be distributed back to you for the girls. You can mail to me or email, whichever you prefer. *Gena Kelley, Chairman, genak@frontier.net*

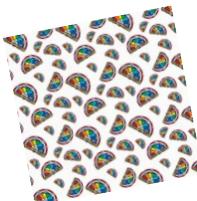
A way to help your State Chairman or your Mother Advisors, is to pull a list of those initiated since August 1, 2018 off the Supreme Website. You could then send this to the Assemblies to at least get the name of the girl who brought in the petition.

Let's get those reports in and reward all the hard work these girls are doing!



Supreme IORG Fabric!

We are excited to announce that Rainbow Emblem FABRIC with backgrounds in each of the 7 colors and the Grand Cross of Color Emblem FABRIC are now available on line through Spoonflower Designs. Order what you want, pay the company on line, and IORG earns 10%!! This is not an item we will carry in our inventory at the office! We are looking forward to seeing all kinds of your creative ideas from dresses to tote bags made from these fabrics!



Spoonflower.com/Supreme IORG

Every Supreme Family Member received a flier! Please forward the flyer to your Mother Advisors and others.



Definite plans are now a reality for the starting of two new Grand Assemblies—both in Brazil: The Grand Assembly of Espirito Santo, Brazil and (*in the Fall*) Grand Assembly of Tocantins and Maranhao. Travel plans are firm and have been sent to the Supreme Family. The SWA encourages you to take advantage of this rare opportunity to travel with Rainbow and experience these extraordinary events.

Watch for additional news on the Supreme Web Site and emails from the Supreme Office and the Supreme Worthy Advisor.



From Joanie: What a great experience it is to visit another jurisdiction's Grand Assembly! Picture this: you arrive in the designated city and usually someone picks up you and your traveling companions and drives you to the hotel (or there is a short Uber ride). You pick up your registration package (which others have labored over). You figure out where to find the Assembly Room, the meals and the gym – and go to your room to change clothes and get ready for a great experience. You don't have to worry about girls being on time/dressed/pressed/ready; you don't have to worry if the session finishes 10 minutes later than anticipated; you don't have to worry about – anything. It's a great time to relax and enjoy those who traveled with you and those great young women and their adults you are about to meet. And the added bonus is you will probably have some one-on-one time with other members of the Supreme Family. I do hope you will stretch your wings a little further this Grand Assembly Season and visit a jurisdiction you have not already visited.

We Are A Family

Judy Fortenberry-Tennessee has been married 52 years to Joey (Joe) and they have twin daughters, Amy and Susan, and one granddaughter, Rachel, who is eight years old and the love of their lives. Rachel is counting the days when she may become a Rainbow Girl. She attends all functions that she may attend. Amy and Susan are Majority Members and Past Grand Officers; therefore, Rachel does ask a lot of questions.

Judy has a business degree and is retired from the school system where she worked as Administrative Secretary to the Director. She is a 45-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Order of the Amaranth. Joe belongs to the Masonic Order and the Scottish Rite. He is a retired welder and now works with a group of men at the church. Judy says, "God first, family second, Rainbow third" and if anytime is left over she likes to read. Of course, Rachel takes up most of her time as Judy volunteers at the school. She is the "Grammy" of the third-grade class!

Gena Kelley is married to E.C., Jr. who was introduced to her at an OES meeting. They have been married 27 years and she is the proud "GiGi" to Elijah Hadden who was born on May 11, 2018. She is employed as the Accounting Manager at a resort association in North Georgia. Active in her OES chapter, she has served at Worthy Matron 3 times, is a Past Grand Representative to New Hampshire and Past Session Appointee serving the WGM.

She has taught herself to crochet via UTube and though not entering items in the local Fair just yet, she is trying to get 75 items completed for the ladies at the State Christmas party!!

Carol Huston- Montana: I have two adult children who live in Montana and two adult step daughters who live in Minnesota. My daughter Sarah, a nurse, has three daughters. Twelve -year-old Mackensey is a 4th generation Rainbow girl, Kennedy (4) is a Pledge, and baby Grace (2 months) is just finding out about Rainbow. My son, Matt is a pharmacist and some of you may have met him when he accompanied me to Supreme Assembly in Baltimore. My step daughters are both teachers. Three granddaughters and one grandson make up the "Minnesota grandkids."

I am a Pharmacist. having worked both in retail and hospital pharmacy. I enjoy crafts and sewing, am active in Eastern Star and as active as I can be in Daughters of the Nile and am a Past Queen. Currently I am a drummer with the Nile Egyptian Oriental Band, no real musical talent required- just a sense of rhythm and a desire to have fun! My passions in life are family, Rainbow and Elvis!

Barbara Brown – PSI: Call me "Maggie-May" or Barbara please. *I don't answer to Barbie!* I arrived on January 15th and lived with my Mother until I turned 7 when I became a "Foster child" and moved around a lot. When I reached 14, I was reunited with family, and a friend asked me to join Rainbow! It is now 2019 and I am still in Rainbow and loving it. I graduated at age 17, got a job at a Psychiatric Hospital, attended the University of Washington, taught swimming and skiing.

At the U. of W. I met a Senior DeMolay and we found a lot in common and were married 60 years ago and are parents to one girl, three boys and two of their friends. It wasn't hard to keep busy with Masonic "Everything" along with football, dances, camping, etc. (*FYI- I like to read and sew and hike too.*)

In Rainbow I was Grand Lecturer, Mother Advisor, Director of Grand Officers, Grand Deputy, Supreme Deputy and Supreme Inspector. Truly, the most difficult decision I have made in Rainbow was to retire as S.I. I stay active as there is always ONE more young woman that needs a friend, mentor, someone to listen TO HER and help.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR OFFICE STAFF !

Karen Askew, Special Projects Director, grew up in McAlester and returned home after a long absence during which she lived in Texas, Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina. In working at Supreme Assembly, she has been excited to utilize her experience in youth protection for the good of Rainbow. Karen and her husband, Richard, were childhood friends who were reunited 15 years ago, and now live on a small hobby farm northwest of McAlester. They are involved in various community activities and enjoy gardening and spending time with their assorted rescued dogs and cats.



Rainbow Girls CARE Project – There's no doubt about it – everything in Rainbow points to **CARING!** We care about faith, country, and family; about each other, the world, and those in need. And yet, we are not immune from the speed at which our culture is changing, and the information overload caused by extraordinary advances in technology, all of which affect our mental and physical wellbeing. The Rainbow Girls **CARE** Project is a four-part series designed to help our girls develop self-awareness and skills for responding to the challenges of contemporary culture. Each of the four sessions – **C**ompassion, **A**wareness, **R**espect, and **E**mpathy – includes tools that can be used in groups or meetings to help girls develop these skills. **Session I is now available at www.gorainbow.org in the Downloadable Documents section.** Stay tuned for future sessions coming soon!

From the Training and Development Team

Thank you for the wonderful Rainbow Girls you have chosen to be a part of the Supreme Seminar! The girls have been connecting regionally through conference calls and also some on group chats. The adults of the committee are working to provide an agenda for Seminar which will give everyone relevant information and new ideas to bring back to your jurisdictions. If anyone is interested in a specific need/topic, or if anyone has someone in their jurisdiction who has a presentation that would benefit all, please let a member of the T & D Committee know. We are striving to make this "worth the trip". Dana Regier, Chair, Dedra Hart, Betty Garwood, Barb Foster, LaDonna Hamilton, Anne Needham

Disaster Relief Committee



We keep watch over disasters around the world and checking in on jurisdictions. It's been a rough few months—recently over 55 tornados and windstorms in the Southern U.S., fires and floods in California; heavy snow in the Northwest, high winds, severe flooding in Nebraska and more. Committee members are checking on their assigned jurisdictions routinely and reporting in when they hear of needs.

To date, per the Supreme Office, no requests have been received but we are expecting some from North Carolina and California.

Joan Smith, Chairman



... From Around the Rainbow World

Louisiana Jurisdiction

Louisiana is happy to report that we recently instituted another assembly, Yvonne Assembly #89 LT and they have started with 9 girls and on their way to adding many more. They will be meeting at the Solomon Lodge #221, Pineville, Louisiana with HC & ME Duncan Chapter #161 OES, sponsoring them. The day started with the institution, initiation and then our annual Auction and Luncheon. We had over 20 baskets and many more items to auction off in a silent auction along with a raffle for 4 I-Pads. This was a very good fundraiser for our girls and helps to offset the cost of the Swap Luncheon at Grand. Initiations have also been recently held for Diamond Assembly #88 and Lake Area Assembly #9.

Louisiana has started their shoe collections and several assemblies are also participating in the M&M challenge.

Grand Assembly information has been sent out for our Grand, June 7-9, 2019, at the New Orleans Airport Hilton. If you would like individual information to join us, please let me know. Debbi Cocran-Hock, Supreme Inspector in Louisiana

Region One has SEVEN Jurisdictions: California, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Puerto Rico and Washington/Idaho. The rosters include seven Supreme Deputies, three Past Supreme Inspectors (one is a Supreme Officer this year) plus one Past Supreme Worthy Advisor, and the presiding Supreme Worthy Advisor.

Membership numbers for one jurisdiction are not listed, however, 1,214 members were reported in the December 2018 annual reports for the remaining six. Three jurisdictions each have over 100 members, and three that are under 100 make travel between jurisdictions exciting and full of fun and activities. There are many miles between these states!

Did you know there are 13 states on the East Coast as opposed to three states on the West Coast?

We close by sending YOU Rainbow Colors of Love n' Hugs!

McAlester Sesquicentennial—*Historic Rainbow Tour*

We are getting ready to launch the Historic Rainbow Tour in April in conjunction with McAlester's Sesquicentennial celebration. New map brochures will guide the way to points of interest related to Rainbow history, including the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple where Rainbow was founded, the Aldridge Hotel where our founder W. Mark Sexson lived in his later years, the former First Christian Church where he preached, and the Rainbow Reflections Memorial Park at Oak Hill Cemetery. This can be a walking tour or visitors can travel by car. The farthest point is a mile away from the Rainbow Temple. Although private residences will not be open for inside tours, visitors can get a sense of the paths walked by our forebearers. The Rainbow Temple, the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple and other sites related to McAlester's history will be featured in special tours on April 6, July 6 and October 5. The city is making special gift bags available on those days. This would be a great year to visit!

The Sesquicentennial will be featuring special ceremonies, celebrations and appearances throughout the year, including an Italian Festival in May, a fireworks spectacular in downtown McAlester in July, Culture Fest in September, the unveiling of a larger-than-life bronze statue of Reba McEntire (who was born in McAlester), and a Vintage Christmas Parade. International Rainbow is honored, as well as pleased, to be part of this significant celebration.



HOW DO YOU MAKE A RAINBOW?



How do you make a Rainbow?

Live for a Life Eternal,

Stand firm in love of country,

Believe in the Lord above.

Walk in truthful ways,

Let service show you right,

Have Faith, Hope, and Charity.

And never forget God's Golden World

You've made a Rainbow then, my girl;

Surround them all with love.

Of beautiful nights and days.

You'll see the Great White Light!
-Suzie Jacques

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT



The Supreme Capital Campaign Committee is happy to report that Oklahoma collected 113 bags of shoes (2825 pairs) and a check will be sent to the Supreme Office soon.

Kits have been sent to Louisiana, Michigan, New Mexico, Montana, Missouri, Virginia, Mississippi and Rhode Island or will be sent shortly and they will be starting their collections. This is to let everyone know that our Supreme Worthy Advisor has signed a general contract for all the collections with the exceptions of Mississippi, North Carolina and Illinois. They have some state rules regarding non-profit and fundraisers and will have to sign individual contracts.

Look forward to emails from your representatives and a webpage with our logo for all of us to link to see more details and monthly emails that Funds2org sends.

If you are ready to start your collection, please send an email with your chairman's contact information to me and we will get you started with a kit and on your way to a shoe collection to benefit our Supreme Temple.

Debbi Cocran-Hock, Chairman

ACCESSORIZE for Supreme



Supreme Popsocket / \$5

Set your phone apart with the go-to accessory as a stand, handle and make your phone easier to hold. Logo'd with our SWA logo and theme.

Rainbow Bling Necklace / \$20

Show off the newest bling accessory that is a must have for your jewelry box. Sure to go with every dress you own, the Rainbow Bling Necklace features all 7 colors of our beloved Rainbow, and is the perfect gift also!



Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Qty. _____ Supreme Popsockets @ \$5 _____

Qty _____ Rainbow Bling Necklace @ \$20 _____

SUB-TOTAL _____

ADD \$4 shipping per order _____

TOTAL _____

Make check payable to Nevada Grand Assembly, 2020, and mail with this form to Mrs. Joanie Jacka, 14660 S. Quiet Meadow, Reno, NV 89511 supreme2020social@gmail.com



It is with deep sorrow that we acknowledge the death of Mrs. Linda Freimann, Past Supreme Worthy Advisor and Past Supreme Inspector in Michigan on March 6th. Linda is survived by her husband, John, son, David, multiple grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The Supreme Family sends sincere condolences to this family and to the family of

Ms. Michelle Behm, Past Interim Executive Director who passed away unexpectedly on January 29th. She is survived by brother Kenneth (Beverly), Sister Leslie (Kevin) Crowe, Niece Lauren Crowe and nephews Patrick Behm and John Crowe. Heartfelt sympathy is also extended to her Illinois Rainbow Family.

Supreme Temple Committee Hard at Work

A crew of 37 fabulous volunteers worked at the Temple on March 2nd from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Danyelle joined us and was a great help. Fourteen came from Arkansas, twelve from Texas, seven from Oklahoma, two from Indiana, two from Nevada including our SWA. Many tasks were accomplished including, but not limited to: power washed front concrete and stairs; fountain inspected and part ordered; all flowers and plants dusted and renewed; all cabinets dusted, decluttered and rearranged; every library book dusted and shelves re-arranged; return air ducts cleaned, all restrooms cleaned and some walls scraped, repaired and repainted; blinds replaced in kitchen windows washed inside and out; back door hinges replaced; all pictures dusted and cleaned; pictures of GWAs were re-arranged after the wall was repainted. And so much more!! All cleaning supplies were donated by this hearty crew. Another workday is planned soon to finish projects and work on other projects. YOU are invited to the next work day!



NEW GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR WALL AT SUPREME TEMPLE



Wherever life plants you, bloom with grace.

The Grand Representatives Committee

reports that each member of the committee is going to research and help develop a particular component of the representatives programming to increase the overall effectiveness of the Grand Representatives program. They are working on developing a downloadable and fillable commission; a program to translate languages; addressing the various size challenges of jurisdictions and defining expectations of the directors—just a few of the ideas that this committee is addressing.



Miss Nebraska Jocelyn, GWA
Morgan, Rainbow Beau Ethan



Gal-entine Party in Ohio



Pledge Girls in Texas



New York Girls Have Fun!



In Maine:
Wreaths Across America