

The News Splash

Starfish Corner

Dear Ohio Rainbow Family,

Please check the website for the upcoming dates for the 2012. We have many state functions on the calendar and I hope to see you there. Blue Day is scheduled for March 10 and it will begin at 11:00 at the Northwest Masonic Building in Columbus.

As this year is rapidly coming to an end, I want to thank each of you for your service and dedication to our Ohio Rainbow Girls. It would not be possible for an assembly to survive without the adult leadership that we are so fortunate to have in Ohio. You are a blessing and I deeply appreciate all the endless hours, the tears that are shed and the sleepless nights you experience during the year. When we hear and read of all the ugliness that happens to our young people, we are so fortunate to have adults with outstanding morals working with our girls. Please continue to follow the admonishment to assist in the molding of the character of the girls of your community by your own example, to guide their footsteps, to direct their lives into righteous paths and to never take a step that you would not have them follow. These are a very serious commitment and again, I appreciate your dedication.

I experienced a very special moment the other night and I want to share it with you. Dad Morris wanted me to go with him to a Christmas Party and I just couldn't believe he would ask this with all the things I had to do during this busy time of the year. As I was getting ready, a silent grumble-grumble was



going on. After all that grumble, I must admit that I had a wonderful time renewing old friendships with many of the adults and the best was yet to come. As I was leaving, a Grand Lodge Line Officer approached me and told me he would like to attend a meeting of our Rainbow Girls. He told me how impressed he has been by our Rainbow Girls at the Masonic Receptions. Now, I knew why God wanted me at this event so I could hear these wonderful words about our Rainbow Girls.

I would like to leave you with the following:

“Christmas is the reason

To be joyful, to believe,

A reason to be grateful

For the blessings we receive,

A reason to have faith and trust

In our gracious Lord above.....

Christmas is a reason

*To be filled with hope and
love.”*

*Merry Christmas and a Blessed New
Year,*

Mom Morris

Dolphin Corner

Hi everyone!!

I hope your all have a great year! It has been really nice getting to see all of you at various events. Don't forget to look at the events page on the website so that you don't miss any events, the more events you go to the more fun you will have. It goes along with the saying, "you get out of Rainbow what you put into it".

Be safe during the holiday season, and never forget the reason why we are celebrating.

Keep up the good work and I hope to see you all soon!

Just keep swimming J

-Holly



Attention all College Bound Rainbow Girls!

If you would like more information on how you can join the Sigma Tau Alpha Rainbow Sorority please contact our state director:

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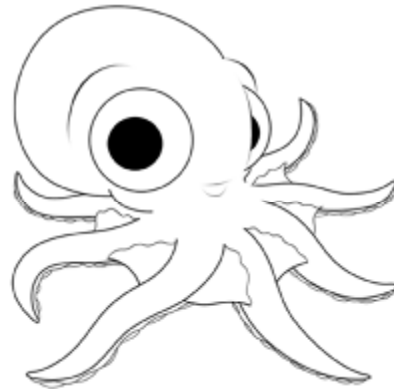
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Assembly News



District #1 News

District 1 does not meet over the summer so I only have news for the past two months. Grand Rapids Assembly participated once again in the Grand Rapids Apple Butter Festival on October 9th. They have a booth on the street and sell hot dogs, hot chicken sandwiches, apple crisp, pop and bottled water. It was a very hot day for October and despite buying more water than last year they ran out! In fact they sold out of almost everything! Grand Rapids was assisted in manning the booth with girls and adults from all of District 1.

The MA's got together in August and it was decided to have a joint ritualistic meeting on

the second Thursday of the month at Maumee. The hope is to have enough to have a normal meeting. So far, so good. Then each assembly will have their own meeting for their second meeting of the month. Confusing? Indeed. If you plan on visiting I recommend contacting the Deputy to see when and where they are meeting.

Grand Rapids and Beatrice U. Owen both had a candidate initiated at the State Initiation on October 22 in Springfield. We were so very pleased to see them initiated by our Grand Officers who did a beautiful job!

We will be having a joint Inspection at Maumee on December 8th. We will need assistance in filling all of the stations so if you are interested please contact Mom Jackson.

W. Farmington Assembly #116 participates in fall projects

W. Farmington Assembly #116 of Burton, Ohio of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is Honoring Our Country's Heroes. Under the leadership of Katie Nevison as Worthy Advisor, the assembly has participated in many social and service activities during her God Bless the U.S.A. themed fall term.

First we came home from Grand Assembly, proud of Katie Nevison serving as Grand Confidential Observer, and Haley Spangler, Tina Murray, and Audrey Drago in the Grand Choir.

The assembly brought home several awards including Class AA Scrapbook 3rd place, and a no suspensions trophy for 2010. Several members participated in the ritual competition and received ribbons. For Senior Division written competition 1st honorable mention -

Katie Nevison, 3rd place - Caraline Nelson; for Junior Division written ritual competition 2nd place - Haley Spangler, and 1st place - Tina Murray; for Oral Ritual Competition Sr. Div: 6th Honorable mention - Katie Nevison. Jr. Division: 7th Honorable mention - Tina Murray and 1st Honorable mention - Haley Spangler. Other individual awards included: Audrey Dragon - 3rd place GWA theme Costume Contest. Haley Spangler carried the District #5 banner.

The girls held their Founder's Day picnic at Willow Lake Campground, donated money to the Veteran's hospital, attended DeMolay Conclave and Village lodge's picnic, participated in the Farmington Festival parade, worked at the Farmington Festival and Geauga County Fair, had a promotional display at the Geauga County Fair, hosted a car wash, and played a game of formal putt-putt. We were honored to have the GWA visit us at our Aug 20th initiation where we welcomed Ashley Samulka as our newest member. The assembly is still planning to hold their annual Halloween party, serve refreshments for Clover #201 OES and Village Lodge installations, have a scrapbook sleepover and go-to-church Sunday, donate canned goods to the needy, have a team at the Diabetes Step Out Walk, attend the DeMolay Holiday dance, ring the bell for the Salvation Army, and host their annual Christmas party. We are looking forward to visiting our many Rainbow sisters this year.

The assembly is planning some special meetings for you to visit.

October 1, 2011 at 10:00am Initiation & Grand Officer Honor Day: Miss Katie Nevison - Grand Recorder, Caraline Nelson, Grand American Flag Tribute, and Haley Spangler, Grand Rep to IN/MA

December 17, 2011 Initiation ceremony 10am & Christmas Party

January 21, 2012 Installation of Miss Haley Spangler, Worthy Advisor, at 2pm

So come up and visit us at our new Burton location on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 10am. We'd love to see you!

Submitted by: Roxanne York – Mother Advisor

Sandstone Assembly #123

Happy Holidays from the members of Sandstone Assembly 123 and Pebbles Pledges 123. This year we have added 6 new members to our Assembly with two of those coming from our Pledge Group. Congratulations to our new Rainbow sisters. We wish to again congratulate our Grand Officers-Alice Clark, Mary Schieferstein and Josie Wilson who are serving for the 2011-2012 Grand Assembly term. As always we hit the ground running with ideas, plans and projects for next Grand Assembly. We won't reveal secrets even if Holly tosses us to sea creatures. As most of our terms for our Assembly go, we are very busy. Josie Wilson is our current WA and will be installed for the next term. Under Josie we have assisted with Masonic meals, been part of the Cleveland Masonic Learning Center walk, made blankets we will be taking to a local nursing home, created Christmas cards to send to military personnel, assisted other assemblies around the state and even traveled to Indiana to see one of our Rainbow families we met a few years ago.

We have two special projects that we are working on at the current time. One project is finding and filling a time capsule that we will share with our David J. Nye DeMolay Chapter. The dining hall floor at our Temple was recently

redone and the members of the Lodges have asked us to create a time capsule to put in the floor. Our other mission that is near to our heart is the support emotionally and through projects to help the Ellis family. The Ellis family have many kids that attend school with many members of our Assembly. The family lost their house in a recent fire, but thank goodness the family are all safe. From Our Rainbow Family to all of you-Happy Holidays and Just Keep Swimming, Just Keep Swimming.

Brecksville Assembly #59, District 7

The girls in Brecksville have been busy! Since Grand Assembly, the industrious group of girls has put their time and talents to good use. In the summer, they put together a series of parent awareness lectures, with a wide variety of topics, including Human Trafficking, Self Defense and Domestic Violence. Once again, the girls were thrilled to help out with the Third Masonic District Learning Center's Walk for Dyslexia. It is one of their favorite events to help out with. They have also helped the Masons and Eastern Stars on various occasions from serving dinners to serving teas. We were proud to prepare a potato bar for the Brecksville Eastern Star as well. This year, the girls participated in the Summit Lodge Chili Cook-off. Their submission won two awards! The girls also wrapped and filled many boxes for our annual donation to, "Operation Christmas Child". The girls love to do this; it is one of their favorite projects through the year.

All work and no play is not the motto of the Brecksville Girls! The girls joined with another assembly for a summer pool party and picnic and had a splashing good time! They have also enjoyed working on their upcoming scrapbook.

One of their favorite annual traditions is our Hay Ride! This is always a hit, and all the girls go home with a hand-picked pumpkin to decorate. Our fall is always busy as we start to travel and see other assemblies as well. Whew! During all of these events, we even found a little time to have a prospect event and will be initiating a new member in December! We are looking forward to our next installation, on January 28th at 2pm. It should prove to be an exciting day!

Greetings from North Olmsted Assembly #132.

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We would like to congratulate our 2011-2012 Grand Officers; Grand Service - Culleen Moser, Grand Page & Grand Representative to Oregon - Nicole McGinty, Grand Representative to Connecticut and New Mexico - Karin Deeken.

We started this term off with a series of Parent Awareness Seminars in District 7. They were arranged and planned by the Grand Officers of the District and were open to the public. Topics covered were Violence in Teen Relationships, Self-Defense and Human Trafficking. They were very interesting; we learned a lot and had fun.

Our girls have gone to the zoo, participated in the Learning Center Walk, participated in the Legion of Honor ceremony for DeMolay, held the annual Rainboo Bash Dance, attended Temple Open Houses and held an Open House of our own to promote Rainbow. We look forward to the start of this years traveling, activities, and service projects.

Logan Assembly LT

Logan Assembly LT in Logan, Ohio has had a busy few months since Grand Assembly! We would first like to thank Momma K and Marie L. Hamilton for all of the love and support they

have shown us. They have included us in EVERYTHING they do and District 9 is now a large group. When we are all together, you don't know which girls go to which Assembly-- they are all just one big happy family! Although school started, August and September were quite busy. We started out with a FOUNDER'S DAY Outing. District 9 met with Mom Blubaugh and her daughter, Kelly at Old Man's Cave for a family picnic, hiking, and swimming. It was probably the hottest day of the year, including thunder and lightning, but it was a great time! Logan LT had a Campfire program with Boy Scout Troop #236. Both groups presented programs, sang songs, and made S'mores around a campfire. Parents, friends, and other masonic groups attended this event. The Logan Girls started to earn money to pay for their trip to Grand Assembly. Their first fund raiser was to sell Tupperware products, earning about 40% profit from their sales. A few of our girls and families went over to assist MLH at their Tecumseh Fund Raiser. After doing their duties, they were invited to watch the drama. We held a Car Wash/Bake sale for one of our members, selected by her teachers, to attend a Leadership Camp in Washington DC. Many of our girls attended the Rock-a-teeterthon sponsored by MLH in Circleville. Rocking, talking, and RAISING LOTS OF MONEY was a great way to spend Labor Day Weekend. Logan girls and Board Members assisted the White Shrine in their booth at the Hocking County Fair. We initiated 3 members in September, Faline, Beretta, and Brittany. District 9 was blessed with 3 Grand Officers, Amber, Nichole, and Abby and they have attended and assisted at most of our functions. We had a special visit from Holly Grand Worthy Advisor and her Grand Aide, Kaitlynn. The girls presented Holly with a Washboard, made in Logan, Ohio, the only Washboard Factory in the United States. They

got to protem an office and were made to feel quite at home. We also held a Prospect Party which included Wii Dancing and a Pizza Party. Logan LT girls were able to share their Rainbow experiences with several interested girls and their families. Not only were the Logan girls preparing for their INSPECTION to become an official Order of Rainbow, but they were busy with many other activities as well. District 9 all met at the Movie Theater in Lancaster to watch Dolphin's Tale...going along with the theme of the Grand Worthy Advisor. Some of the Logan girls signed up to help work in MLH's food booth at the Circleville Pumpkin Show. They assisted the Logan Masons at their Fish Fry, serving fish, cleaning tables, and washing dishes. The girls held another fund raiser for Grand Assembly, Market Day Pies, earning about 30% of the profit from the sale. The girls first welcomed Ashley into membership, and she immediately began as a protem for an office and memorized a part. We held several practice sessions, some with just the Bow Stations, some with just Line Officers, and a couple with Everyone! Mom Blubaugh, Momma K, Grand Officers, MLH girls, and Board Members all assisted in helping the girls learn their parts. Inspection was held November 9th with a roomful of nervous people anticipating District Deputy Tonya Blubaugh's recommendation. Mom Blubaugh was extremely pleased with the girl's performance! The girls initiated 2 more girls, Micaela and Delaney. Logan Assembly's hard work and dedication paid off, for they did an excellent job. A Rainbow FUN DAY was held for the girls and their families. Girls all enjoyed the China Buffet (thanks to Ruthie's discount,) and Roller Skating at our local rink. They were also treated to candy bars courtesy of the Eastern Star for their hard work and dedication to the organization! The girls participated in their 3rd

fundraiser, Market Day Cookie Dough, earning 15% of the profit of their sales. Rainbow Girls were invited to ride the Masonic Float in the Christmas Parade. They were chaperoned by the other adults, and were permitted to pass out candy during the parade. District 9 sponsored a day of Princess Lessons in Circleville for all Rainbow girls in Ohio. The girls and their guests enjoyed a day of proper etiquette on dining, dress, hair, make-up, and manners. The event was followed by the most awesomest EVER sleep-over and Christmas party. Thirty-eight girls spent the night singing, playing games, working on crafts, painting nails, popping balloons, and eating pizza----and as everyone knows....there really isn't very much sleep at a sleepover. Logan Assembly girls served, waiting on tables, and did clean up at a local community organization--Professional Business Woman's Group, and received a donation from their group for the treasury. Worthy Advisor, Mackenzie hosted a Christmas party at her house. The girls enjoyed appetizers and desserts, including a chocolate fountain. They made a couple of ornaments, sang Christmas songs, and had a good time. Their first meeting in December was very special. The Logan Masons hosted a pot luck and Christmas celebration, with the Rainbow Girls and their families as their guests. They all enjoyed food, song, and a spiritual message. The girls felt the love and support of their Sponsoring Organization, and from all those involved in Rainbow.

Respectfully submitted,

Mackenzie Dicken

Worthy Advisor of Logan Assembly LT

Marie L. Hamilton Assembly #170

In July, 15 of our girls traveled to Gambier, Ohio to attend Grand Assembly. The event was tons of fun and included an enchanted-themed party, a variety of competitions called Super Teams and an initiation performed by the Grand Officers. There was also an installation of Grand Officers in which Erin Dauber passed the torch onto our dear friend Holly Lovingshimer. Some girls from Marie L. Hamilton #170 were also installed as Grand Officers! Congrats to Nichloe Hixon (Grand Treasurer), Abby Adams (Grand Page and Grand Representative to Vermont) and Amber Daulton (Grand Representative to Aruba, the Philippines and Guam)! During the week following Grand Assembly, Marie L. Hamilton #170 took part in a fundraiser in order to help the girls pay for next year's Grand Assembly. For this fundraiser, we traveled to Chillicothe and were ushers for the outdoor drama, Tecumseh. As ushers, we sold programs for \$5 and escorted people to their seats. The next major event we participated in was Rock-a-Teeter-a-Thon. This event is held every Labor Day weekend on the corner of Court Street and Main Street in Circleville. During this time, we teeter-totter and rock in rocking chairs for 48 hours straight to raise money for a charity of our choosing. This year, we raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project, which is also one of the state service projects for Holly's term. It was tons of fun, especially since Logan Assembly came to help as well! In the end, we raised over \$2,500! Throughout the past several months, we have been closely connected to our sister assembly in Logan. Since their institution, we have attended prospect parties, an overnight, and a movie fun day as well as helping them with meetings and initiations! The movie fun day was especially exciting because it was a designated District 9 event in which we traveled to the River Valley Mall in Lancaster to watch the movie Dolphin Tale! In October, we

attended two major events. During Pumpkin Show, which took place in Circleville on October 18th-22nd, we set up our Pumpkin Show booth to raise money for our assembly. We sold a variety of items, including pumpkin Joe sandwiches, hot dogs, loaded baked potatoes, regular pumpkin pies and mini (single serving) pumpkin pies. We also sold hot chocolate and hot apple cider! Yumm! That Saturday, Mom Tonya, Nichloe and Abby traveled to statewide initiation. In November, we had the first initiation of Abby's term. We initiated two girls, Arista Minor and Olivia Bower on November 15th. We held a pancake breakfast fundraiser on November 5th to raise money to help girls pay for Grand Assembly. Also in November, we attended Grand Reception to help honor Nichloe, Abby and Amber, as well as all the other Grand Officers in our area. The event was lots of fun, especially the dancing while the musicians were playing their steel drums! The first Saturday in December was a Rainbow Extravaganza! Marie L. Hamilton #170 hosted Princess Lessons and a sleepover with the help of Columbus and Logan Assemblies! First, we had two ladies from Classicutters Beauty Salon come in to do our hair! They took many volunteers and showed us quick and easy ways to pull up our hair for formal events. Then, Past Grand Worthy Advisor Whitney Poma taught us about poise and the proper way to walk and carry ourselves. Finally, we ate! First, we had salad and learned about asking people to pass the dressing and bread. Then we ate pasta and chicken that we ordered from Olive Garden. We learned how to properly eat pasta and how to cut our chicken efficiently. We ate ice cream for dessert, which caused us to learn that leaving enough sprinkles for everyone is probably the most polite way to handle the situation! That night, we had our annual Christmas sleepover. 38 girls attended! We exchanged gifts while

Mom Krista read Twas the Night Before Christmas. We sat in a very very very large and misshapen circle with Mom Krista in the center. Every time she said "the" we passed the gift to the left, and every time she said "and", we passed to the right! The rest of the night was filled with constant chatter, crafts and the amusement of exploring the temple. Our main upcoming event is our installation, which will take place January 21st at 3:00pm. This year's term features two Worthy Advisors (Nichloe and Abby) as well as tons of fun! We will be having a prospect party Valentines tea on February 12th from 2-4. Our regular meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays @ 6:30. Be sure to come and visit us, we would love to have you present at any of our upcoming events! ~~Respectfully submitted, Nichloe Hixon, Grand Treasurer

