Hello Ohio Rainbow!

Is it really November already? Time really does fly when you’re having fun! I hope this Grand Year has been as much fun for you as it’s been for me.

Since our last publication of the Butterfly Glow, many of our Rainbow Girls have started their academic year. Many of you have asked me – “How do you keep up with both Rainbow and school?” I have begun my sophomore year of college, which definitely comes with its own set of challenges each day. Since I am now taking many major-specific courses, my schoolwork definitely involves a bit more thought than it had previously. This year, for me, has been about balance. My family and education is so important to me, and sometimes has to take priority. However, Rainbow has been so important to me in my own life, especially this year, and I have tried my hardest to keep up with my commitment to each of you.

I want to thank all of you for always brightening my day. I have had many mentally and physically draining weeks these last couple months. However, when I have had the opportunity to be with my Rainbow sisters, all of these weekly struggles get pushed to the back of my mind. The saying “be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud” definitely applies to or members of Ohio Rainbow. The enthusiasm I have seen from our girls has continually renewed my own enthusiasm for our order. I encourage each of you to be the glowing rainbow in the lives of others, in and outside of Rainbow. It is amazing how we can apply our Rainbow lessons to our lives each day. I thank God for the beautiful weather that we still are having, despite it being mid-November. A portion of your time belongs in Nature, and my hope for all of you is that you have the opportunity to spend time outdoors before the cold weather approaches Ohio. Also, amidst the chaos of the world, so many are in need of love at this time. We can apply our Rainbow lesson to act in the ways of love, even to those who are a little difficult to love. I hope that our “Show your Rainbow Glow” theme has encouraged you to continually look to our Rainbow lessons for guidance in your daily life.

Thank you all, again, for the love and support you have shown to Ohio Rainbow this year. I look forward to seeing all of you in my travels.

In Rainbow Love and Wishes,
Haley Spangler, GWA

Happy Fall, Ohio Rainbow! Our lesson of Nature always shines bright this time of year - we are so lucky to live in a state that has such beautiful Fall foliage. November marks the beginning of the Holiday season and with Thanksgiving just 2 short weeks away, I encourage us all to stop and think about what we have to be thankful for. I am personally thankful for my Rainbow family, the meaningful relationships that I have strengthened this year, and the support that you have all shown to me. I am also thankful to all of our Rainbow girls and advisors who are living our Rainbow values both in service to our order and causes, and in service to our country.

As this year will soon come to a close, be thinking about the friendships you’ve made, or perhaps more importantly, the friendships that have faded this year. It’s a great time of year to reach out to a friend you haven’t seen in awhile and invite them to an upcoming Rainbow event.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Grand Reception and Grand Cross ceremony on the 19th in Middletown.

In Rainbow love,
Mom Whitney
Supreme Deputy
Good Morning, Ohio Rainbow:

To each and every one of you, thank you so much for the memories and your love for our great Ohio Rainbow and the desire to march into your assembly rooms with dignity and be properly dressed at all times.

I have tried to think of a way to say thank you to all our Advisory Boards, Mother Advisors, Grand Deputies, and Executive Committee members, but my mind is just so full of love for all of you and appreciation, there are no words except THANK YOU dearest friends bunches of hugs.

Whitney, I wish you the best and the best years are yet to come. To all of you who thought it would never be the same, well, all you had to do is be at the Statewide Initiation. It was beautiful and the new candidates were very impressed. Just think, 9 new Rainbow Girls from all over the state. You are definitely one the girls will look up to and answer every question with a smile.

Haley, go for it. You walked in there and boy, was it great. You and Whitney are a great pair and I know it will be a wonderful year of seeing Rainbow grow. Keep that smile because you know that is an upside down Rainbow.

The love all you have shown to our family, when we lost our parents was truly heartwarming and I can never thank you enough for your understanding. It was odd when I called Mom Buschhaus and she was out looking for butterflies. Well, let me get back to you……we might have a box of those around here. Yep, in the barn loft there they were.

My Mom always liked this special butterfly, who would visit here at the pool. Well, that little butterfly has visited every year since her passing. How it warms my heart when I see it.

Now I have a challenge for all of you……..We started a lot of things and I hope you will build on them and keep those Jr. Executives working and moving on up.

This is a very exciting time for Ohio Rainbow and I just hope to see it grow to the days when we had 100 girls attending the meetings.

Good luck, Whit.

Love to all and thanks for the memories,

Mom Morris
Glowy’s Grand Adventures!

If you have yet to meet her, our Grand Worthy Advisor’s new traveling companion is Glowy the Butterfly! Glowy has spread her wings and has traveled to most places with our GWA so far. Use the hashtag #glowythebutterfly when she flies across Ohio to your local assembly. Here are some pictures of Haley and Glowy’s travels!
Reflective Remarks from Columbus #172

Columbus Assembly #172 has started off on a Glowing year since Grand Assembly. Since then we have initiated 5 new members, baked and donated over 300 cookies to the Ronald McDonald house at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and went to Lynd’s fruit farm to pick apples and pumpkins. With all of our new members we have 13 active members who regularly attend meetings. We are looking to grow this number to 18 in the coming months. We have been honored that Mom Whitney Poma was chosen as the next Supreme Deputy for Ohio and we hosted a reception for her in October. We are kicking off our annual holiday swag sale and are selling Anthony Thomas candy bars to raise money for the Assembly. On December 29th we will be hosting a District #6 sleepover at our temple. We are looking forward to games, decorating Christmas cookies and watching a holiday movie.

With Butterfly Love,
Krista S.,
Worthy Advisor
Kim Carter,
Mother Advisor
Crissy Willeke,
Grand Deputy of District #6

Mirror Moments with Sandstone #123

District #11
Sandstone Assembly #123 began our Grand Year with Abi H. serving as a Grand Officer this year. Abi was appointed as Grand Prompter and Grand Representative to Vermont.

Our Summer/Fall term was led by Amber M. as Worthy Advisor. We designated our time without formal meetings in August as “A Month of Fun-days.” We had many “Fun-day” activities like going to Cedar Point, as a gift from our local Masonic lodge for helping serve several events, attending a very wet picnic at Olivia T.’s grandmother’s house, and watching the local baseball team, the Lake Erie Crushers, win in the ninth inning. We also had several photo opportunities when we traveled to Miller’s Nature Preserve to visit the butterfly garden.

We continued to be busy throughout the fall, with our prospect trip to Columbia Reservation, our journey to Grand Reception, and of course welcoming Mom Whitney Poma as our Supreme Deputy. We welcomed our newest sister, Ellie V., at Statewide Initiation and loved seeing all of the “glowing” smiles on the initiates.

We are looking forward to a Halloween party, and a visit to Hillcrest Orchard. There is still fun ahead for the remainder of the term too!

As always, Rainbow keeps us busy and connected to other girls both around the state and close to home. The months from now until Grand Assembly will be full, and we’ll be ready for the Glowy gathering!

In Rainbow Love,
Sandstone #123
Hello and happy fall to our Rainbow Sisters from up north, Painesville Assembly #14. Painesville has had a great start to the fall term with a fun beach theme. Congratulations to Samantha K. and her core of officers.

A fantastic time was had by all at Grand Assembly this year. 8 Rainbow Girls and 2 Advisors rocked to the tye dye theme. We won some awards which is always exciting. Everyone had a great time building our bus and decorating the dorms. And the Painesville Raindrops, our pledge group, also made a bus which traveled to Grand Assembly with the Rainbow Girls.

Two of our Raindrops were initiated into Rainbow at Grand Assembly. We are so proud and excited. Congratulations to Painesville’s Grand officers for the 2016-2017 year. Rhiannon J., Grand Confidential Observer. Erin B., Grand Representative to Alaska, Illinois, and Oklahoma. Christina K., Grand Representative to Arizona, Iowa, and Minnesota. Casey V., Grand Junior Executive committee. We are looking forward to traveling to several state events.

The Raindrops invited us on a trip to Cleveland Zoo on October 1st. We arrived as the zoo opened and closed it in the evening. A total of 17 of us went. We all packed a lunch and had a picnic. Of course the girls had to feed the birds. And we also celebrated our Rainbow sister, Katie P.’s birthday with delicious cupcakes. One of our favorite parts was the elephant exhibit with a scale to compare your weights with an elephants. The girls decided that if we all got on the scale together we may weigh as much as a baby elephant but we were coming up short until Mom Merchant drove her power cart onto the scale with us. A good time was held by all.

Our second meeting in September was pajama night. We were treated to many interesting outfits including our Worthy Advisor in cow pj’s. The second meeting in October was our Halloween party. There was a wide variety of special guests including a Fairy Godmother, a cowgirl, Elsa, Anna, Minnie, a kitty, and many more.

The Raindrops also had a Halloween party with fun guests too. They had a great party with spooky snacks, fun games, and candy. That night we received 2 new petitions for Raindrops.

We would like to congratulate our own Rhiannon J., Grand Confidential Observer, for a fantastic job at Statewide.

Painesville Rainbows and Raindrops plan on attending the upcoming Grand Reception and having an overnight at a hotel. Thanksgiving dinner will be celebrated by us all on Sunday November 20th.

We are all looking forward to the holidays! Wishing all Ohio Rainbow a safe and happy holiday season. Hoping to see you all in our travels.

In Rainbow Love and Service,
Painesville Rainbow and Raindrops.
Watch us Glow at Lima Assembly

Lima Assembly had 10 girls attend Grand Assembly 2016. It was an exciting time. We brought home certificates and ribbons for ritualistic competition, Grand Representative reports and flags and Superteams. It was awesome to congratulate our new Grand Officers: Alex – Grand Christian Flag escort and Representative to Washington/Idaho, Meaghan – Grand Page and Rep to New Hampshire and Mercediez – Grand Page and Rep to New Mexico.

After we returned from Grand Assembly District 8 held inspection and helped our Findlay sisters initiate a new Rainbow sister. We were pleased that Katelynn-Grand Charity and Shelby – Grand Chaplain could come to help us. We then had a mini Summer break and came back later in August to an Overnight (our excuse to watching movies, playing games, eating snacks and getting VERY little sleep) at Mom L’s. We also “tied” a blanket for our sister Heather. It has been our tradition that we all join in to make a Rainbow blanket for a new sister to keep. We also have prepared a dessert for our sponsor Trinity OES September meeting to show our appreciation. It was fun making containers for the Masonic Hall to hold pop tab donations for the Shriners Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati.

In November we are planning a Thanksgiving Carry – In meal. We have invited the Rainbow Board to join us. In December we will be helping the Veterans Food Pantry and collecting Hats and Mittens for the White Shrine project. We also look forward to initiation of two new candidates.

We wish to all Happy Holidays.

“tied” ten blankets and gave them to Children’s Services to be given to children in foster care.

Since school started we have served two dinners for the Masonic Brothers and
Congratulations to the members of Beta Pi Chapter #64 of Sigma Tau Alpha, the official Rainbow Sorority, on initiating two new members into their chapter. Welcome to our new sisters, Samandra H. & Rebecca M. The newly elected President, Miss Katelynn T., and her corps of officers will be continuing “Service to All” this semester on the campuses of University of Akron/Kent State University/Baldwin Wallace University. If you are a college bound Rainbow Girl and would like more information on how you can pledge a chapter of the sorority please contact our State Director:
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Bloom Where You are Planted

On behalf of the Membership committee, please be sure to give a big “Welcome” to Ohio Rainbow’s Newest Members from Grand Assembly.

Let’s continue to Grow Ohio Rainbow!

**Brecksville #59:**
- Karley S.

**Xenia #60:**
- Alexis A.

**Middletown #68:**
- Faith A.
- Morgan A.
- Billie M.

**Columbus #172:**
- Mackenzie A.
- Gina C.
- Kimberly W.

**Lima #173**
- Ashley H.

**Amelia #190:**
- Paige D.
- Rebecca D.

**Waverly/Ohio Valley #209:**
- Kalix C.
- Destiny K.
- Hannah R.
Show your GLOW at these events!

- Nov. 19, 2016 Districts 9, 12, 20, & 27 Grand Reception, Grand Cross and Ritual Competition Middletown
- Feb. 18, 2017 Red Day at NW Temple in Columbus. 10:00 registration.

Shining Trophies, Glowing Sisters!

Congratulations to the following Assemblies on winning our traveling trophies at the following events:

Grand Assembly
1. Marie L. Hamilton
2. Logan
3. Lima

Sept. 17th Grand Reception Districts 5, 7, 11, 26 and 31
1. Mason
2. Marie L. Hamilton
3. Findlay

Oct. 8th Mom Whitney’s Reception
1. Logan
2. Marie L. Hamilton
3. Columbus

Oct. 22nd Statewide initiation
1. Beth Scott Memorial
2. Mason
3. Middletown
For Ohio Rainbow’s service project this year, we will be collecting pop tabs, wish list items, and monetary donations to give to the Shriner’s Hospital for Children in Cincinnati. The Shriner’s Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 non-profit hospitals that are world-renowned for pediatric specialty care. They treat children with cleft palates and lips, spinal cord injuries, severe burns, and a variety of orthopedic injuries, regardless of the family’s ability to pay. To raise money to support this cause, the Grand Worthy Advisor will be selling T-shirts, color changing plastic cups, and Daffin’s heart shaped chocolate suckers. Members of Ohio Rainbow can support the Cincinnati Shriner’s Hospital by writing words of beauty to the patients and by participating in our “Glow Run”.

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