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GRAND ASSEMBLY OF LOUISIANA, IOB
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FROM YOUR GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR . . .

Greetings all,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Spending time with friends and family is always a great thing.

Well I have certainly been busy since the last newsletter. I started my third year at Louisiana Tech University, and shortly thereafter got my year really going with the Homecoming at El Karubah. I had a blast playing Apples to Apples, eating amazing food, and enjoying a few rousing games of badminton (sans net, very interesting).

A few weeks later, we came to Shreveport again for the Northern School. While we were there, we were able to bask in the most amazing Star Trek decorations in the history of Louisiana Rainbow. Then Ms. Geneva conducted a class on proper etiquette, where we learned invaluable lessons on how to be proper young women. The next day lead us to Rising Star for a most amazing Official Visit. The first weekend in November gave us another excuse to head to Monroe, this time for a service project and the northern area Grand Cross of Color meeting. That morning we went to a replica of the Vietnam

Memorial and passed out key chains to veterans and their families. It was really moving to see these incredible individuals in one place.

Just two weeks later we packed up and headed to Metairie for the southern area Grand Cross of Color and their official visit. The trip down I was able to introduce some of our younger generation (Gracie, Katie, and Taylor) to the wonderful world of Buffy. The Official Visit was great, however I am still questioning some of the answers to that sci-fi quotes challenge.



MISS HANNAH CHERRY
GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ FEB. 19 - MISS LOUI & SOUTHERN SCHOOL IN METAIRIE
- ★ FEB. 20 - SLIDELL OV
- ★ MARCH 19-21 - RAINBOW UNIVERSITY

The first weekend in December brought with it our red, white and blue Christmas party. We were able to enjoy the melodious talents of Gracie Brown and then some amazing food. After we ate, we played some great games of Simon Says, musical chairs and hopscotch.

On the 19th of December, we headed down to help actually start Grayce Mores' Rainbow journey. This was definitely a long time coming, and I'm glad I was a part of it.

These last few months has seen positive things happening in Louisiana Rainbow! Let's keep this awesomeness coming! Remember to keep bringing items for both the Charity and Statewide Service projects.

Live long and prosper people,

Hannah Cherry



FROM YOUR SUPREME DEPUTY . . .

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were wonderful and filled with all of the blessings that Christmas brings!

I was doing a lot of thinking about families over the holidays and came upon a wonderful article that one of my Supreme Deputy sisters had done, so I'm going to use a little of what she said to bring out the best in our wonderful sisterhood of Rainbow.

We always say that Rainbow offers a girl poise, public speaking, organization, leadership, but do we know the effect of our Rainbow sisters on our lives – it is powerful. An anonymous quote "Don't walk in front of me and be my leader, don't walk behind me and be my follower, but walk beside me and be my Sister". Rainbow Girls come in different sizes, from different family and economic backgrounds with different religions. Like biological sisters, we may not have chosen each other, but we are all here as Sisters. Pam Brown says, "Sisters annoy, interfere, criticize, indulge in monumental sulks, in huffs, in side remarks, borrow, break, monopolize the bathroom, are always underfoot, but if catastrophe should strike, sisters are there, right beside you. However we have come to Rainbow, whether we were forced by our parents or curious based on a friends' weekend activities, we all have something the same inside us. "A sister is a gift to the



Louisiana Rainbow was well represented at Supreme Assembly 2010!

heart, a friend to the spirit, a golden thread to the meaning of life." ~Isadora James

"She [a sister] is your mirror, shining back at you with a world of possibilities. She is your witness, who sees you at your worst and best, and loves you anyway. She is your partner in crime, your midnight companion, someone who knows when you are smiling, even in the dark. She is your teacher, your defense attorney, your personal press agent, even your shrink. Some days, she's the reason you wish you were an only child." ~Barbara Alpert. But the shared history of Rainbow activities and travels create who we are at the ripe old age of 20. The phrase "formative teenage years" is valid and the Rainbow experience shapes who you will become, the choices you make and the help you seek. "They're the people you can share your secrets with, cry with, laugh with, and just be yourself



Mom Deb Deb, Beth, and Hannah at Supreme 2010

with. They don't judge you or make you change. They accept you exactly as you are. They look at you and they see a great person, one they love spending time with. You all share something in common and are tied together by memories, tears, laughs & smiles. You're tied together by love for one another. Sisterhood is the greatest thing in the world. I find my time with my sisters the best times of my life. My sisters are my heart, my soul, my fun, my



MRS. DEBBI COCRAN-HOCK
SUPREME DEPUTY

laughter, my tears, my love and my life. It's not really the ritual, the floorwork, the dress, the slumber party or the swaps. It's the people who helped you memorize, sewed your dress, played games with, window shopped with you in a closed town, was your roomie or accepted your swap with a shy smile.

As most of you know, many of my Rainbow sisters are still with me, helping each of you to become sisters and especially helping me to run Louisiana Rainbow. I encourage each of you to love your sisters as your own and be the kind of sister you want to have.

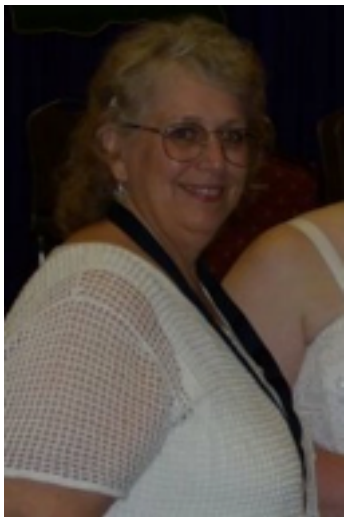
I hope that you are all working on earning your service bars and enjoy receiving them at your installations. I would like to welcome Gracie Mores into Metairie and all of the other new Rainbow Girls that have joined us since Grand Assembly. Even though this is a new year, we are in the middle of Hannah's year so let's all keep striving to reach the stars each and every day and bring many more sisters on the spaceship with us!

In Rainbow Love & Service

Mom Deb Deb

FROM YOUR STATE MOTHER ADVISOR . . .

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. Now that your calendar is full, I hope you have save some time for Rainbow activities!!! I look



MISS SUE RICHARDS
STATE MOTHER ADVISOR

forward to seeing you all at “Miss Loui” as this will be a wonderful time to get to know your Rainbow Sisters in Louisiana and Mississippi. Then our Southern School of Instruction and Slidell’s Official Visit should enable us to have more fun together as our Rainbow family!

Our goal this year has been to increase membership. Lake Area and Rising Star are showing us the way with multiple initiations. Metairie and Temple have also been busy getting petitions and initiating. Slidell has some petitions and is working on having some girls return to

our family. Good work everyone! I’m anxious to see the numbers when we get to Grand Assembly.

Keep your smiles wide and your arms open to the “potential” Rainbow Girls you may meet in your daily life. No other organization offers what Rainbow offers to you girls with leadership, fellowship, fun, food, and sisters all over the world!

Love to you all,

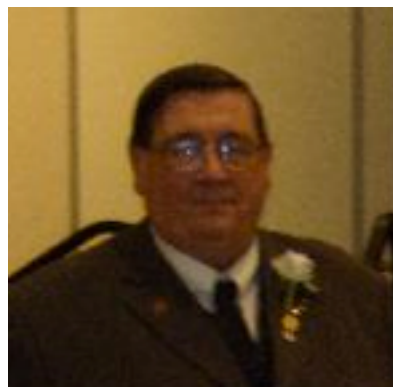
Mrs. Sue
State Mother Advisor



FROM YOUR STATE RAINBOW DAD . . .

Wow, the excitement of Christmas and a New Year has kept Buzz and I hopping! We have been working on our spaceship and storing provisions for our final trips around the state, and then to Grand Assembly! Don’t forget my challenge: whatever you (girls and adults) contribute to my spaceship, I will match and contribute to the Scholarship Fund.

I really hope you all are having fun in Rainbow and



MR. BILL RICHARDS
STATE RAINBOW DAD

are preparing for the challenges of the future. Reach for the Stars and Ride the Rainbow to fulfill your dreams. Buzz and I

will be looking for you at “Miss Loui” and the weekend full of Rainbow fun!

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Mr. Bill
State Rainbow Dad



FROM YOUR GRAND TREASURER . . .

Hi everyone,

I'm April Howard, Grand Treasurer. I was just



MISS APRIL HOWARD
GRAND TREASURER

recently was installed for the 2nd time as Slidell's Worthy Advisor. I am a sophomore at Salmen High School, I have been a member of FBLA for 2 years and DECCA this year. I also dance on the Spartanette Dance Team and won first place in the talent show. I love to dance Hip Hop! Last year, I was Vice President of Student Council and I attend First Baptist Church.



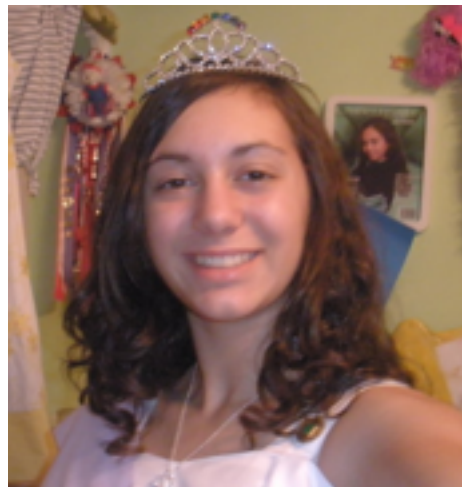
I look forward to seeing everyone riding on the Natchez in February and at Slidell's Official Visit.

In Rainbow Love,
April Howard
Grand Treasurer

FROM YOUR GRAND IMMORTALITY AND JR STATE MISS RAINBOW . . .

Hey!!!!

This is Mickayla or "color girl" as my newly acquired nickname states. Up north, here, it's actually been quite cold. Or it has been to me since I have never stepped foot out of Louisiana during the winter. Make sure you bundle up because if you're like me and enjoy icees in 30 below, you're going to need the extra warmth. I'm sure several of you have been working on science fair, social studies fair, or both. Trust me, I feel your pain. Don't make the mistake I



MISS MICKAYLA BLUE
GRAND IMMORTALITY
JR. STATE MISS RAINBOW

did, by letting little kids within 30 miles of your backboard. But fortunately, I've now officially finished my first midterm experience!!! You can

probably guess how much I'm looking forward to finals, but I'll tell you anyway. It's not much. But on the bright side, I'm starting dance next semester!!! However, with my sense of balance, don't be surprised if I come to Rainbow U in a cast. I can't wait to see everyone again!!!!

Lots of Love from,

Mickayla Blue }{

Grand Immortality and Jr.
State Miss Rainbow

Cloudy Days and Rainstorms

◆ Please pray for our Rainbow Sisters, as well as all of those affected by the flooding in Australia.

◆ Several members of our Masonic Family have passed away. Please keep their family and loved ones in your prayers:

- ◆ Joe Cox, Past SEC member
- ◆ Alvin Roach, Past Grand Patron, OES
- ◆ Dorothy McClure, Past Grand Matron, OES
- ◆ Frederick W. Clark, Most Worthy Grand Patron, OES
- ◆ Drusilla Dean, Past Mother Advisor

Sunshines and Starbursts

* Congratulations and welcome to all of our new Rainbow Sisters! We look forward to many years of fun, friendship and fellowship with all of you!

* Miss Beth Plummer, PGW&A, is the assistant coach for the softball team at Simsboro High School. Way to go!

* Mrs. Sue Richards is now the Past President of Shreveport Assembly #60, Social Order of the Beauceant and passed the reins to Ms. Geneva Dolph

* April Fontenot, PGW&A is getting married March 19th! Congratulations!

Louisiana Rainbow wants to share your sunshines with everyone! Contact Allison P. Nutt before the next newsletter with your good news so we can share it with everyone!!!

FROM SLIDELL ASSEMBLY NO. 4 . . .

Hello Everyone!!!

April Howard was installed as Worthy Advisor in October, her second time. Brittanie Stein will be Charity, and Holley Warren will be Hope. JC Miller, our pledge was also on hand and each girl received bars that they had earned and JC got a pin for her participation as our pledge. Refreshments were served afterwards.



We served at the Mason's open meeting on November 1st and served at their Installation in December.

We had a great time at Metairie's Official Visit and we're so

proud of Mrs. Debbi for winning the space trivia game. The Grand Cross lunch was very good also. We put together our stuff for Hannah's service project for our men and women fighting in Afghanistan.

We have also been busy working on the Grand Charity project collecting toiletries, clothes and necessary items for the Battered Women's Shelter, Safe Harbor, in Slidell. We had an assembly line going filling little bags with sample sizes of shampoo, lotion, deodorant, etc. After our meeting, we celebrated Christmas and enjoyed ice cream, cookies, pop corn and we gave Ms. Nelda and Ms. Cybble presents from us for all they have done for us this past year. Mr. Joe & Mrs. Trudy gave the girls giant chocolate bars, JC gave everyone a holiday bracelet and Ms. Nelda and Ms. Cybble had little bags with all kinds of treats in them, like star earrings and nail polish. Then we loaded up three car loads of clothes and the toiletry items and took them to the



Women's Shelter. It was a great joy to help out the Shelter for our Grand Charity project.

We are looking forward to riding down the Mississippi River with our Mississippi Sisters, the Southern School and our Official Visit and Mardi Gras Parade. See you and Leonard there!

Rainbow Love and Service,

Slidell Assembly #4

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FROM RISING STAR ASSEMBLY NO. 5

Rising Star has 7 new members. Welcome to Jordan Alford, Emily Brewer, Terra Hinton, Katie Worley, LaShay Branch, Deanna Moore, and Lauren Adams. Thanks to Temple Assembly for helping with each of these initiations. Celebrate Red, White, and Blue was a huge success. Kathe Fabio really knows her trivia! The assembly presented Mrs. Marjorie Joyner with a plaque as the Honorary Assembly Grandmother. A wonderful time was had by all. Miss Hannah Cherry, GWA was our honored guest. Michael Gonzales and Jason Milby, both members of the LA National Guard 528th Engineering Battalion were also present. Mrs. Dianne and Mr. Lonnie Woods co-hosted the event. September 25th we initiated Jordan Alford and Emily Brewer. That evening we Celebrated Red, White and Blue. October also included Britney Hill's 2nd installation and as WA ad Mrs. Dianne Rosier as Mother Advisor. October 10, 2010 we initiated Tarra, Katie and LaShay at Burras Lodge in Burras, LA. On October 23rd, at the Barak Gun and Knife show, the girls sold cookies and videos as a fundraiser. November 6th,

the girls and adults participated in the traveling Vietnam Wall and passed out sovereign dog tags to all Veterans in attendance. Rising Star also sponsored a blood drive at the event with 15 blood donations they secured. The Northern Area Grand Cross of Color Mystic Banquet was held at the Scottish Rite Temple. That afternoon, many member of Rising Star attended the funeral of Mr. Ernie Clower, charter Advisory Board Member of Rising Star. December 4th the girls participated in the statewide Christmas Party in Shreveport. Everyone had a wonderful time. December 11th we has a successful cookie sale. Girls pre-sold cookies and cookie platters. That afternoon we had an initiation for Lauren Adams and Deanna Moore. December 18th the girls participated in the Chatham Christmas Parade in Chatham, LA. December 28th, Mrs. Dianne hosted a workshop for Rising Star members with sovereign pins and prizes. January 8th we baked cookies for the Fourth Masonic Lodge meeting. They were delivered by Mr. Danny Hinton Jr. our newly elected Rainbow Dad. January

17th we has a prospect party at Fox's Pizza den. We'd like to thank Curtis Brady for making the LSU and Saints bucket lights. The sales from this fundraiser benefited the Louisiana Rainbow Scholarship Fund. Upcoming events include Rebecca Brady's installation as Worthy Advisor on February 5th at 2 o'clock at the Scottish Rite Temple, preceded by an initiation at 11 o'clock. We have a Gumbo sale to be held in March. The girls will be filling 10,000 plastic Easter Eggs with candy for the LA Purchase Gardens & Zoo Easter Egg Hunt. A picnic will be held afterwards at Restoration Park in West Monroe. Saturday, May 7th we will be having a Mother's Day Program, Tea and Style Show. We have a wonderful group of young ladies who love Rainbow and have the Rainbow Spirit and an equally dedicated group of parents. Hope to see you soon!

Rainbow Love and Service,

Rising Star Assembly #5

FROM LAKE AREA ASSEMBLY NO. 9

Hey Rainbow Sisters!!!

Lake Area would just like to say that none of us can wait until Miss Loui or Rainbow University. We have been very busy over

the holidays, too. Our very own Mrs. Dianna Fruge has been installed as the Worthy Matron for Westlake Eastern Star! We are so excited for her. We also can't wait until Ms. Stacie takes over as our new Mother Advisor. We hope everyone is having a good year so far! To Infinity and Beyond!

Lake Area #9



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FROM METAIRIE ASSEMBLY NO. 70 . . .

Metairie has been very busy! We have TWO new girls to welcome, Gwen Freeze and Grayce Mores. I know they can't wait to become active and visit with everyone at statewide functions. Metairie says how many miles can you walk doing a 5K...well we walked over 6 miles---and had a blast doing it. The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure found us walking and walking and walking and when all was said and done it was the biggest turnout the walk had ever had. Allie was honored by Metairie Lodge #444 at their Honesty and Integrity Night. Congrats Allie! We enjoyed hosting the Southern Area Grand Cross of

Color Mystic Banquet and our Official Visit. What alien said "Na Nu Na Nu?" - Mrs. Debbi's team knew! We have been having a blast with the Shrine working at the circus, selling cotton candy and helping with their annual Patient Christmas Party - we got



Metairie #70 with their newest Old Biddy, Whitney Radosti, PGO

to help Mrs. Santa pass out presents to the siblings. Kaitlin did a wonderful job at the Statewide Christmas party - the best was watching the girls double dutch. We had a scrapbook party and are amazed at all the pictures and fun we have had since Grand Assembly. We can't wait to see what Hannah and her final frontier have to show us in June. Our last meeting in January will be a majority service for Miss Whitney Radosti. We wish her good luck as she moves onward to Old Biddy status!

Rainbow Love and Service,
Metairie #70

FROM TEMPLE ASSEMBLY NO. 87 . . .

Hello Louisiana Rainbow! This is TAG reporting. We have been very busy since our last correspondence, so let me catch you up. We really enjoyed spending time at Lake Area for their School of instruction. It was a very busy weekend, and a very crazy sleepover! We also attended Bossier Honor Night, where we enjoyed great fellowship and even better food. Next was Hannah's Homecoming, where we got to play some awesome games, and watch Hannah open her many gifts. Our



Temple Assembly #87 with their newest member, Ericka!

local White Shrine Chapter invited us to perform a program for them, so we had some of our girls who were able to attend and share with one of our sponsoring orders what Louisiana Rainbow is up to this year.

This year we have been very busy with initiations, not only our own, but helping out our sisters in Monroe and Metairie as well. We've helped in Monroe, where we helped initiate a bunch of girls, and also helped then serve at a dinner theater party, and helped pass out medals at the Memorial Wall, and attended the Northern Grand Cross luncheon. We also helped Metairie in the long awaited initiation of Grayce, which was a lot of fun. We have also initiated 2 new girls of our own, Taylor and our newest sister, Ericka, who we initiated last weekend.

We also hosted our Northern School in Bossier, then enjoyed some time at the Corn Maze, and had Rising Star's official Visit the next day. Then we traveled down to Metairie for Their Official Visit



and the Southern Grand Cross. We helped ourselves out by participating in a couple of fundraisers, the statewide candle sales, and a local Pampered Chef fundraiser. At the start of December, we enjoyed food, friends and fun at our Statewide Christmas Party, which our very own Kaitlin Fabio did a wonderful job planning. For our own assembly, we had a Post-Christmas/Pre-New Year extravaganza, where we roasted weenies, made smores, and enjoyed a friendly game of Dirty Santa at our Worthy Advisor, Mickayla's house.

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays, and are staying warm as this cold weather approaches. We look forward to seeing you all at Lake Area's Official Visit, and can't wait for some friends and fun at Miss Loui and Rainbow University.

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Temple Assembly #87

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

DECEMBER

- 3 Adrianna Addison, Lake Area #9
- 4 Ashley Stone Holt, PGWA
- 5 LeaAnn Hawkins-Crouch, PGWA
- 10 Delanie Nock, Grand Hope
- 12 Kylie Bourgeois, Grand Drill Leader
- 19 Natalie Gause, Lake Area #9
- 21 Frankie Bozeman, Baker #83
- 23 Adela Bailey, Rising Star #5

JANUARY

- 3 Martha "Grandma" Clements
- 7 Julia Radosti, Metairie #70
- 10 John "Grandpa" Clements
- 13 April Howard, Grand Treasurer
Kristin Smart, PGWA
- 14 Cybble Bucerri, Grand Deputy
- 17 Geneva Dolph, SEC, Grand Deputy
- 21 Kaitlin Fabio, Grand Worthy Assoc. Adv.
Siobhan Fabio, Grand Faith
Debbi Cocran-Hock, Supreme Deputy
- 29 Martha Bea Woods, SEC

FEBRUARY

- 9 Anne Marie Savage, PGWA
- 12 Laurel Pittman, Rising Star #5
- 13 Rebecca Brewer, Slidell #4
- 20 Meagan Impastato, PGO
Joy Hollars, Independence #32
- 24 Jamie Gause, PGO

MARCH

- 4 Angela Cocran, PGWA
- 7 Kristina Mores, PGO
- 15 Graci Brown, Temple #87
- 18 Sharon "Mammie" Felder, Past MA
- 20 Katie Scholl, PGO
- 29 Janet Plummer, Grand Rep. Advisor

* If anyone is missing, we apologize! Please contact Ms. Geneva Dolph with updates to the Birthday List so we will be sure not to leave anyone out! Thank you!



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