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A message from our grand worthy Advisor

Hello New Jersey Rainbow,

I am so excited to serve this Grand year as your Grand Worthy Advisor. Congratulations to Jr Past Grand Worthy Advisor Heldreth and the 2019-2021 Grand Officers on a great two years. We all were faced with many challenges and a lot of change, but we all adapted as gracefully as possible.

This year we will "Get Tangled in New Jersey Rainbow" with our Mascot Pascal from the Disney movie Tangled!

We had a fantastic Grand Officers Day on October 23rd, where we Initiated 11 new Rainbow Sisters! It was amazing to see the room so full of people and to feel so much excitement during the day. It was astounding to see every Assembly represented and surrounded by each other for one of our first times this year.

I strongly encourage every one of you to "Step into Adventure" and travel! Attend other Assemblies meetings and events. Build connections with your Rainbow sisters all over the State and "Paint your Dreams" together. As a Team, we can take our organization to the next level and build a robust and better future. "Get Tangled in New Jersey Rainbow" and live life of Love and Service.

As we embark on this new year let us "Step into Adventure, Paint your Dreams, and Let your Light Shine the Way!"

In Rainbow Love & Friendship,
Abbey Wilkie

Grand Worthy Advisor
2021-2022



A message from our supreme inspector

Dear Rainbow Family,

September saw all our Rainbow assemblies return to meeting in person. With masks on, the girls and advisors started to have fun and rebuild.

On October 23rd we were happy to formally initiate 11 new members who were obligated via Zoom meetings during the Pandemic. This beautiful Grand Officers Day was hosted by Iris and Delaware Valley assemblies in Freehold.

In November we were finally able to hold our Annual Grand Cross of Color Degree hosted by Delaware Valley Assembly at Burlington Lodge. The Degree Team did an exceptional job. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert Monacelli, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master David Tucker, Most Worthy Grand Patron Bruce Zielinski, Past Grand Matron Norma Hines, Past Grand Patron Danny Cooper, Rainbow Advisor Gregory Guynn, Grand Worthy Advisor Abbey Wilkie, Past Grand Worthy Advisor Heldreth Yu, Isabella Storie, Gabrielle Gucciardo, Alexandra Sardis, and Amy Seitz, were invested with Rainbow's highest honor the Grand Cross of Color.

December 4th was our Annual State Pledge Day hosted by Clifton Pledge Group. The Candyland Theme was outstanding. We had a delicious luncheon and then went into to the meeting room where Pledge Girls from around the State exemplified their ceremonies. I could not have been prouder of each Pledge Girl that took part. I thank the Pledge Mothers and Assistant Pledge Mothers for all the time and dedication they give our Pledges, and Mrs. Brennen, State Pledge Director, for all she does to make our Pledge Program the success that it is.

The Grand Officers are working hard to come up with different events for the next year and hopefully, we will be able to have our Grand Charity Ball (Dinner??) this year.

Thank you to the Mother Advisors and Advisory Boards for being there for our girls. I thank all the members of our Masonic Family for the support and dedication you give to New Jersey Rainbow, it is greatly appreciated. Rainbow is moving onward and upward, building membership as we go along.

In Love and Friendship

Kathleen Nase,
Supreme Patriotism, Supreme Inspector

grand Editor's message

New Jersey Rainbow, Sisters, Family, and Friends,

It is the start of a new school year and the start of a new Grand year; I hope both have been treating you all well! I am happy to serve as your Grand Editor (as well as Grand Confidential Observer and Grand Representative to Texas and Massachusetts) for the 2021-2022 year. Learning the ins and outs of what it actually means to be Grand Editor has been a bit of an interesting ride so far, but I would not change it for the world. Please always send in articles, "Did You Know?" facts, and "Have We Met?" mini-interviews. I am sure everyone in NJ Rainbow is excited to hear what has been going on and about all the sisters who continue to make Rainbow as amazing as it is.

As I have mentioned before, it is also the start of the school year. Whether you are in middle school, high school, or university, I wish you the best of luck in your studies! I am currently a sophomore at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts, and if there is one thing I have learned from college, it is that mental health is extremely important. Take a break when you are stressed about studying: make a cup of tea or hot cocoa, put on a face mask, anything that is relaxing to you. Remember that you are loved, you are important, and that you matter to everyone in Rainbow and beyond.

From your new Grand Editor, I wish you the best Grand year and an early Happy Holidays! See you in the next issue!

In Rainbow Love and Friendship,
Regina Valencia

Grand Editor & Grand Confidential Observer
Grand Representative to Texas and
Massachusetts
2021-2022



upcoming dates

- 🌈 December 19th- Grand Officer Holiday Party
- 🌈 January 15th- Rainbow Workshop and Advisor Training, 11am at Salaam Shrine
- 🌈 April 2nd Rainbow Bow-tique

grand Assembly news

OES Grand Representatives Luncheon

By Faithanne B.

On October 2, 2021, the OES Grand Representatives Association of New Jersey invited the Rainbow girls to their luncheon. They served roast beef, turkey, and ham & cheese sandwiches. We also had chips, cole slaw, pickles, and water. We presented a slide show of the Rainbow Grand Representatives to Eastern Star.

There were seven Rainbow girls in attendance. Three Rainbow girls dressed up as the states they represented. The Grand Worthy Advisor, Abbey W., was dressed as a basketball player from the Wildcats in Disney's High School Musical. Alexandra S. was a Ben and Jerry's ice cream box, and Emma D. was a violet flower. The three girls that dressed up to represent their state each received a generous monetary gift from the OES Grand Representatives Association. All the Rainbow girls received a gift bag with candy in it, and we all received a monetary gift. It was a great afternoon spending time with the Eastern Star and the other Rainbow girls.



Clifton #16

Mini Golf Fun!

By Gabrielle G.

On Saturday, July 10, 2021, Clifton Assembly went out to Willowbrook Mini Golf to soak up some sun and friendship! They were accompanied by 2019-21 Grand Worthy Advisor, Heldreth Yu, and her awesome sister, Herschel Yu, as well as Mrs. Cain's adorable grandsons! After going down the Tiger Course (eek!), the group headed out to Applegate Farm Ice Cream Shop for a quick summer treat! Everyone had a blast playing some putt-putt and of course, indulging in some ice cream.



Trip to Wayne Farmer's Market

By Gabrielle G.

On Saturday, July 24, 2021, Clifton Assembly headed out to the Wayne Farmer's Market to pick up some delicious goodies! The group was once again accompanied by Mrs. Cain's grandsons. They had such a great time talking to different vendors about their local restaurants/products. While not a lot of fresh produce was bought on this day, a lot of scrumptious treats definitely were!



Mistletoe #20

Pool Party

By Lyla Porras

Mistletoe Assembly held their first ever Pool Party on Saturday, July 24, at the home of our Mother Advisor's niece. It was a beautiful sunny day. There were girls, advisors, parents, and our Grand Deputy, Mrs. VanderHorn, in attendance. We even had a prospective member join us. We had a total of twenty-one people. The pool was big and very inviting. We had lots of food and snacks. Everyone had a great time, and we started to head home by 7pm.

September Installation

By Emily Warhartig

Installation began at 2pm on September 18, 2021 with our Mother Advisor welcoming everyone as well as explaining how it would work since we had college girls visiting via Zoom.

The Installing Team was introduced and accorded proper honors. They were: Heldreth Yu as Installing Officer, Breann O'Neill as Marshal, Gabby Gucciardo as Chaplain, Erika Leonida as Recorder, Reanna Valencia as Soloist and Priscilla Fowlkes who was assisting. The Chaplain attended the altar. The Officers elected and appointed were escorted into the room carrying mini handmade bouquets. Our Grand Deputy was received and accorded proper honors. The District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District was received and accorded proper honors.

The Officers names were read, and the Chaplain invoked the blessing. Rosella was installed as Worthy Advisor along with twelve other officers.

Her theme is: *Fall In Love With the Fall Season*; her motto is: "Change is inevitable but good"; her colors are: yellow, dusty rose and light purple; her symbols are: autumn leaf & pumpkin spice latte; her mascot is: the red fox; her charity is: Direct Relief.

We heard pleasing remarks from our Grand Deputy and District Deputy Grand Master. Everyone was invited downstairs for an Ice Cream Social. It was a very awesome Installation!!!!!!

Delaware Valley #56

Del Val Awarded the Travelling Gavel

By Angelica S.

Since I was installed in December of 2019 during the pandemic, I never got to do the typical in-person Rainbow events. But on August 14th, I finally got to attend my first Grand Assembly. When I walked through the doors of the Scottish Rite, I felt like I was included, and I went with my sisters from our home assembly, so I felt comfortable knowing what was going to happen. I was a part of the decoration crew, and it was so much fun setting up; there were a lot of laughs too! Delaware Valley Assembly #65 was awarded the traveling gavel for having the most girls in attendance. I will definitely be going back next year!



September Installation

By Heldreth Y.

On Saturday, September 25th, Delaware Valley Assembly #65 held their first in-person installation of officers after the pandemic lockdown. Our Supreme Inspector, Grand Worthy Advisor, and Rainbow sisters came to see the members get installed into their new stations as well as Heldreth Y. put into Worthy Advisor for her second time. Her theme is "Life is a Highway" and is based on the Disney movie cars. Del-Val DeVas cannot wait to race into the next term remembering that "the greatest part of any road trip isn't the destination, it's the memories made along the journey."

note: check the supreme website for new items featuring the Rainbow centennial logo
<https://www.gorainbow.org/shopping>

Pledge news

Holly Pledge #6

September Installation

By Alexandra H., Pledge Sister

Holly Pledge held their installation of officers on Friday, September 24, 2021. I was installed as Pledge Sister. Grace C. was installed as Kindness, Ansley F. Chaplain, Ameelia C. Drill Leader, Skylar P. Guardian, and Kate C. Flag Bearer. My term is as follows: Theme: *Let Your Spirit Shine*; Motto: "May you always discover within you, the freedom to be who you are, the courage to believe in your dreams, and the faith to follow your heart."; Colors: Purple & Turquoise; Symbol: Horse; Mascot: Spirit; Flower: Purple Tulip; Song: "Riding Free" by Maisey Stella; Charity & Service Project: Liv Like a Unicorn. I chose my charity because Liv was a classmate of mine who passed away in 2019 from DIPG. She will forever be 8 years old. She started the foundation before she passed away to support other kids going through the same thing she did. I am looking forward to having an Ice Cream Social to raise money for our pledge group. We will be selling Rainbow Loom Bracelets for my Charity and also collecting toys for my service project. I am very excited to be Pledge Sister of Holly Pledge Group #6.

State Pledge Day

By Mrs. Brennen, State Pledge Director

New Jersey Rainbow held State Pledge Day on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021. It was hosted by Clifton Pledge Group with a Candyland theme and the decorations were outstanding. Twenty Pledges were appointed to offices with Alexandra H. of Holly Pledge serving as Pledge Sister. Six Pledges who joined during COVID received their formal Welcome Ceremony and 4 of our older girls received their Majority. A ribbon ceremony was performed for Grand Worthy Advisor Abbey Wilke and the new Pledge Representatives received their commissions. It was a wonderful day!

