

New Jersey Rainbow Review

“Learn from the Past, Live in the Present, and Create Your Own Future”

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A Message from the Supreme Inspector

Rainbow Girls and Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We are starting a New Year and I am sure we are all looking forward to seeing what the future has in store for New Jersey Rainbow. The 2023-2024 Grand Officers and Grand Worthy Advisor Bella have many wonderful events scheduled. Our first event was a Scavenger Hunt at the Trenton Masonic Museum. It was great to see so many Rainbow Girls attend. Be sure to check the upcoming dates for more fun.

New Jersey Rainbow continues to work hard on membership and promoting Rainbow in our communities. We are also working hard to keep our Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters and Order of Amaranth Courts informed of the meetings and activities and inviting them to attend. Our Pledges continue to work hard to build up membership and especially have fun and exciting events and meetings. Keep up the good work.

To the Members of our Masonic Family, if you are interested in working with our Rainbow Girls and would be willing to assist or serve on an Advisory Board at an assembly in your area, please contact me as soon as possible. We could use some willing volunteers in many places. Also contact me if you know of anyone with a daughter or granddaughter between the ages of 5 and 20 that might be interested in Rainbow or Pledge so we can talk to them about joining the fun.

A special thank you to our Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and the Masons in New Jersey. Thank you also to the Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter of New Jersey, the Grand Court of Amaranth and the members of both organizations for the continued support you give to our Grand Assembly and all our Rainbow Assemblies and girls. New Jersey Rainbow is so very proud to be part of our wonderful Masonic Family.

May everyone remember to always keep our Rainbow shining bright and to keep on growing.

In Rainbow Love,
Miss Kathleen Nase
Supreme Love & Supreme Inspector

Message from the Grand Worthy Advisor

Hello everyone, and welcome to the Rainbow Review! My name is Bella Storie and I have the honor of serving as your Grand Worthy Advisor for the 2023-2024 year. I am so proud of the work that our Grand Officers have already done this term, and I hope you will take a moment to read through these articles to hear about the amazing work that New Jersey Rainbow is doing.

Let me tell you a bit about our theme: *Going back in time with New Jersey Rainbow*. Our organization is now over 100 years old- older than my parents, my parents' parents, and even my parents' parents' parents. The world is a much different place than it was a century ago, and Rainbow right along with it. That is why I chose this year to focus on learning more about the history of Rainbow, and what we have learned in the last 10 decades. Our pledge girls chose the name 'Tomorrow' for our Dinosaur mascot, which I think is both adorable and the most aptly suited name for a time traveling triceratops. Our motto is *Learn from the Past, Live in the Present, and Create your own Future*, and our colors are navy blue, silver, and gold. We are supporting the New Jersey State Museum (NJSM) in order that they can continue preserving the history of our state's past, from Dinosaurs, to Indigenous Peoples, to modern and contemporary artwork. If you know me, you know that when I am not in my crown, I am in the field doing archaeology work. I am passionate about historical education, and making knowledge accessible for everyone. In addition to supporting the NJSM, we are starting a Time Capsule fund, proceeds from which will go to the Elizabeth H. Repka Charity Fund to assist girls in need. I am excited for the next few months and look forward to all the amazing things you all do!

In Rainbow Love and Service,
Bella Storie
Grand Worthy Advisor
2023-2024



Grand Editor's Message

First, I would like to say thank you to all the girls who submitted an article for the review. It was such an honor to read what you guys wrote and learn more about what other assemblies are up too. I would also like to thank Ms. Nase for giving me the opportunity to be Grand Editor for the 2023-2024 grand year. Next, I want to thank Mrs. Storie, my Mother Advisor who has helped support me through this new position in Rainbow. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Mrs. Brennen. She took time out of her day to answer my emails, help me through obstacles, and keep the Review on track. I appreciate everything she has done for me and New Jersey Rainbow. I hope you all enjoy this issue of the Rainbow Review.

Delany Z.
Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, Grand Editor, and Grand Rep to Pennsylvania

Upcoming Dates



- March 3 – Ice Skating (1-3:30 PM)
- March 9 – Grand Hope;s Boutique – Burlington Lodge (8 AM - 1 PM)
- March 23 – Grand Master's Reception
- April 6 – State Pledge Day, Clifton Lodge
- April 13 – Grand Officer's Day – hosted by Iris Assembly
- April 20 – Charity Ball – Crescent Shrine
- April 27 – Jr. Grand Warden's Reception
- April 28 – NJ State Museum & Planetarium Visit (Noon-3 PM)
- May 25 – Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade & Visscher Picnic
- May 27 – Freehold Memorial Day Parade
- June 2 – Homecoming of Grand Worthy Advisor
- July 19th-24th – Supreme Session – Hampton, Virginia

In Memoriam

Most Worthy Grand Patron James Hines



Please keep his family and the New Jersey Order of the Eastern Star in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Grand Assembly News

Grand Officer's Holiday Party

By Bella Storie, GWA

On December 17th, Grand Assembly Rainbow met in Mount Holly to celebrate the Holiday season. The event was hosted by our Grand Hope, Valere, and our Grand Worthy Advisor (hello!). We all celebrated together by playing games with our Supreme Inspector Ms. Nase like telephone, musical chairs and reverse hide and seek. We made dinosaur snow globes with glitter and ribbon and ate lots of yummy cookies and snacks. We ended the day playing a very competitive game of White Elephant where we exchanged presents. It was a lovely time and I hope everyone enjoyed the festivities as much as I did.



NJ Masonic Museum Trip

On February 4th NJ Rainbow visited the Trenton Masonic Temple for a chance to learn more about the history and culture of the New Jersey Masonic family. It was wonderful to tour the exhibits and learn more about the past and this historic building in our state's capitol. The day culminated with a scavenger hunt. Thank you to Miss Visscher and her brother Mr. Visscher for leading us on this great day.

Rainbow Workshop

By Jadyn T., Delaware Valley Assembly

This workshop was very insightful and fun. We listened to a very informative talk about public speaking. After a five-minute break, we went to a class about time management. This was a very interesting topic to learn ways to help manage time. Once we were done with that class, we went and did a portrait. With portraits each girl did a little section of a bigger picture: This portrait turned into a photograph of Harry Potter. The last thing we attended was a vision board activity. With this we cut out pictures that we aspire to do, and then glued them onto a white poster. With doing all of this, I had a lovely time with the workshop!

Assembly News

Trenton #9

Convention Wrap-up Meeting

By Roxy B.

On August 28th 2023 we had our first meeting after convention. We just had a fun chill meeting. There was pasta to eat, and we all played Headbands. We all had so much fun and such a good time bonding. We also all talked as a group and gave our convention feedback. At the end of the day, we all had a blast.

Travel to Golden

By Laura E.

On September 15th we went to Golden Assembly. It was nice to see how other lodges do an installation. The girls were really nice and sweet. Lily the Worthy Adviser made all of us scrunchies and made Bella a dinosaur stuffed animal. The lodge was beautiful: It looked like a castle. Overall, it was really enjoyable.

Candy Bar Bingo

By Taylor F.



Candy Bar Bingo was so fun. To get into the event you give a candy bar. Then you play a couple rounds of Bingo. If you win the Bingo you get a bag full of candy. There was a raffle and the prize was a big bag of candy. Can't wait to go again.



My first Installation

by Dominique J.

My first impression was that it would be complicated but it really wasn't. It was actually fun and I got to talk more to everyone. The speeches were so long and I tried not to yawn and be rude, but I was so tired.



Halloween Parade

by Hailey M.

The Rainbow girls met in Bordentown and it was only me, Jenna and Katrina. We walked around Bordentown and ran out of candy quickly. We left at 2pm and we all had a good time!



Breakfast with Santa

by Valentina C. & Jailah A.

On Dec 9th the lodge was packed with people eating and enjoying their time with friends and family. We collected many toys and took many pictures. The girls all dressed like elves and picked out cute elf name tags. The food was really good. We also tried to collect membership. Overall, the event was a blast.

Jailah said: "At the elf event I got to meet Santa and some Rainbow Girls. They were very nice and welcoming. I also did a Santa Craft with them. I had a great time. I will recommend joining this group. This will be fun." Jailah is a new Rainbow Girl!

Bordentown Eastern Star Christmas Tea - December 2, 2023

By Lilliana S.

The Bordentown Eastern Star Tea Party was a good event. We sold lots of boosters. We all enjoyed serving the Eastern Star ladies and their guests. They had tea and sandwiches and desserts. The girls got to hear how some of the Eastern Star started their journey through Rainbow. They all got a chance to pick gifts and we helped hand them out.



My Initiation into Rainbow

By Madeleine S.

When I joined Rainbow on December 11, 2023, I got to learn about the colors from the bow. Olivia A. was in charge of the Assembly. Valentina and my sister, Lily initiated me around the room. I already knew some of the girls from Pledge like Hailey, Jenna, Emily and Olivia F. Some of my sister's friends were there too like Laura, Roxy, Val and Tina. Some people just came to see me like my Mom and Dad, Mom-mom, Gigi, Aunt Mary, Aunt Lynn, Miss Stacy and Mr. B.




Shadybrook Lights and Fire Pit

By Laura E.

It was December 15th and when we got to mom Stories house there was pizza and Cheeto puffs. Mom Storie ate my mom's pizza by accident. It was also Maddy's first event, so everyone made sure she felt comfortable. Soon we left the house to go see the lights, I always love going to see them. When we got back to mom Storie's house we started to make s'mores and saw some deer in the backyard. Then we were just relaxing and watching *Muppets: A Christmas Carol* (mom Storie claims it's the best Christmas movie). Me, Roxy, and Maddy all bonded really fast and now all of us have a handshake, then everyone left but other than that it was one of the best events we did.

Did You Know?

 AGEC member Butch Stevenson was honored as a hero at a January Fair Haven Borough Council meeting for saving the life of a staff member at the school where he is a special law enforcement officer?

Mistletoe #20

Vow Renewal

By Rosella V.



Mistletoe Assembly held their renewal of Grand Cross Vows on Saturday November 18th. It was nice to see a couple of our former members join us. It was exciting for me because I only received my Grand Cross at Grand Assembly in August. Everyone had an enjoyable time.



Booster Time

By Amaya N.

We were invited to collect boosters at Enterprise Lodge on December 1st and at Esperanza Lodge on December 10th. Breann O., Lyla P. and Mikayla P. had fun collecting boosters and meeting with the members of the lodges. These events were a success for us.

On Thursday December 14th we arrived at Peninsula Lodge to collect boosters. We were treated like royalty- they always make Mistletoe Assembly feel special. It was a great night for boosters and we collected almost \$400.

Holiday Party

By Alyssa H.

Mistletoe Assembly held their Holiday Party on December 16th after our regular meeting.



We had played lots of games, exchanged gifts and Ma Hiller gave us all a gift. We had a Pot Luck for refreshments and all the girls brought a dish to share. The food was yummy!!!! We all had a fun time.



Gifts

By Lyla P.

My project for this term, was to make gifts for the Jersey City Senior Center. On Saturday, January 6th following the meeting, we made over 100 of these gifts. We collected toilet paper rolls, filling them with candy and inspirational sayings

and wrapping them in tissue paper. They looked like little firecrackers. We decorated them with stickers. We made so many that they will also be shared with a Women's Shelter. It was a fun project.



January Installation

By Sofia P.

Mistletoe Assembly was able to hold their Installation on Saturday, January 20, 2023 at Clifton Masonic Temple because of boiler problems in their own building. It was an awesome afternoon with over 70 people in attendance including the Most Worshipful Grand Master. A first time Worthy Advisor was installed with 12 officers. We had a Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Worthy Advisors, Grand Executive Members, Past Grand Officers, Past Mother Advisors, Pledge Sisters and many others. We also had 3 girls present that will be joining us very soon.

The Worthy Advisor's term is:

- Theme: Princess and the Frog
- Motto: Work hard to make your dreams come true
- Colors: Light Green and White
- Flower: Lily Pad
- Song: "Almost" from *Princess and the Frog*
- Charity: The Shriners Hospital

Plus there was lots of great food!!!!





Gavel Ceremony

Mistletoe Assembly performed the Gavel Ceremony on Saturday, January 20, 2024 during our Installation. It was a pleasure to do this ceremony for the Grand Master and two members of Enterprise Lodge. We tied the ribbons on their gavels and presented them with a gavel tac, lambskin apron tac and a working together pin. They were amazed by the ceremony and the way the girls performed it.

Iris #31

Iris Halloween Party

By: Jade C.

Iris Assembly #31 of Rainbow Girls threw a Halloween Dance-A-Thon in November of 2023, with Jade C. as the planner for the event. The event started at 7:00 PM, and ended at 10:00 PM. The entry fee for the dance was free, but donations would be accepted. This dance-a-thon would raise money to donate to the JED Foundation, which is a nonprofit organization that helps teens with mental health. The girls raised over \$350, which was all donated to the charity. Jade had planned the decorations, and made a custom Halloween playlist for the event. The other girls brought in homemade food, and helped with the decorations. During the event, music was played and people danced, and there was also a costume contest with different categories. All of the girls dressed up for the event, and took part in the contest. They all

voted for which girl's costume fit which category best, and all the girls' costumes were amazing.



Iris's Howling Service Project:

By: Dahlia P.

For our Iris's service project, we chose to visit the Howling Woods Farm. The Rainbow Girls' Wolf sanctuary trip was exhilarating. We went inside and met many different types of wolves, there were friendly ones and stubborn ones. We loved the wolves, kind or not. They were all cute and fluffy, they had white, gray, or black fur. We had so much fun; at one point they all started howling, it sounded like a symphony. All of Iris donated blankets, towels, and other necessary items for the wolves. There was one wolf some of us thought was peculiar because it had only 3 legs instead of 4, it made us wonder, why does it have 3 legs? What happened? How does it



manage to walk? What if we had lost 1 leg? Then we thought, Wow! That wolf is so strong, it does not let anything bother it.

When we got there we met a razor-black wolf: It loved humans. We went through the building and made our way to the wolves. The wolves were just chilling in the sun unbothered by big humans coming into their home. We went inside the sanctuary and immediately one of the wolves came up to us. We took many photos with the wolves but then it was time to move on. We went to the next pen, took pictures, and left. It went like that on, and on. We had a blast, making jokes, listening to facts, walking in the woods, meeting the amazing wolves, and just being together. We will never forget the time we went to the Howling Woods farm in Jackson. The Howling Woods farm made us appreciate nature and all it does for us. These majestic animals live in the woods, howling at the moon, and running around made us realize we all learned something about nature: Don't waste it, it is a beautiful resource that can be shared if we keep it clean and safe.



Installation Fun at Iris

By: Meadow P.

The installation was so much fun! The colors of the rainbow mixed with the colors of the unicorn theme were popping out! The first thing we did was get in the room and set up. We then got everyone upstairs and in the lines to walk out to be presented. Emily was the Protem Worthy Advisor and she was very thrilled to be what the

real Worthy Advisor Bella was! As soon as we lined up, we went out to walk in. We did a quick opening and closing, which was short, sweet, and to the point. When that was out of the way the real fun began. The installation was about to start and all of the girls were so eager to move up or get another color. We got flowers with unicorn charms on them, and we lined up. Alex was very quiet and if a girl made a noise, then she was the one to make sure they were paying attention.

All the girls got sent out and sat down in the row of chairs. We then had an important talk about why this was so special. As soon as it was over, we got called one by one. Jade was first and was installed as Charity! Next was Alex and she is Chaplain, Ariana is going to be Drill Leader. Lucky! Then came the girls getting their new color. Dahlia: Love, Madison: Religion, Meadow: Nature, Sarah: Immortality, Grace: Fidelity, Sammy: Patriotism, and Sarah: Service. We all stood up and walked to the altar where Bella announced the importance of the colors. After that was over, we got to go to our new stations. Fun! Mrs. G had us read a script about a fun fact about our unicorn theme. We all had interesting topics like the Theme: "Believe in Your Own Magic"; Motto: "Always be yourself, unless you can be a unicorn - then always be a unicorn"; Mascot: Unicorns; Symbols: Rainbows & Sparkles; Colors: Pink, Purple, & Blue; Flowers: Roses & Tulips; Song: "The Unicorn Song" by The Irish Rovers; Service & Charity Project: Liv Like a Unicorn. It was amazing.

We then had people introduce themselves in front of everyone.

That was interesting. At last, it was

time to end and everyone lined up and took a group picture. This was an experience never to forget. We went downstairs and got some snacks and talked and had a good time. The installation was so much fun and everyone is so lucky to be in the rainbow to experience it.



Temple #32

Sisterhood

Temple Assembly # 32 has been setting some time aside for sisterhood for the girls and advisors which we are calling Friendship Hour. We are using this time to come together, relax, to do homework if needed, get some treats and or just share their friendship and catch up with one another.

Honoring Mrs. Meisten

December 12, 2023 was a SPECIAL Night for Temple! Temple Assembly #32 and Temple Pledge #19, the Meisten family and other guests came and joined us to say "HAPPY 60TH RAINBOW BIRTHDAY!" to Mrs. Michele Meisten.

Mrs. Meisten was supposed to be initiated into Temple #32 on November 23, 1963 but the day before was the day President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. Her initiation was postponed to December 14, 1963 as a consequence. In the past 60 years, she has dedicated her life to Rainbow and to Temple #32.

After having pizza, and some salads and snacks, we sang our traditional Rainbow cake cutting song for Mrs. Meisten while cutting a beautiful Rainbow cake!



Pictured here: Our out-of-town visitors Miss Nase, Mrs. Stacy Holst and Iris #31 member Alexandra along with Mrs. Meisten & Mrs. M

Holly #56

Clothing Drive

By Jocelyn P.

On January 6th, 2024 the girls of Holly Assembly #56 gathered together for their assembly fundraiser, a clothing drive. Each girl contributed and brought a minimum of 5 bags to the drive. The clothing drive lasted from 1 to 3 o'clock, and during that time the girls had donuts, pizza, drank hot chocolate, bagged clothes, and enjoyed spending time with their fellow Rainbow sisters. Tons of people stopped by to drop off shoes, pants, shirts, belts, and other accessories. By the end of the two-hour period the Holly girls collected around 110 to 125 bags of clothes! The clothing truck arrived at the lodge, and the girls and adults who were there worked together to load up the truck. Afterwards, everybody finished up their lunch and went home. Everyone from Holly Assembly had a great time! Lots of laughs were shared, and stories were told. The girls and the rest of the Holly family would love to do it again someday!



Installation of New Offices

By: Natalie P

On Saturday, January 27th at 5 PM, Holly Assembly #56 had their installation of new officers for the upcoming January to May term. These offices included Worthy Advisor Jocelyn P., Worthy Associate Advisor Michaela S., Hope Gia M., Drill leader Natalie P., Love Adriana M., and Service Grace C. These officers were installed by the installing team, Gia M. as installing officer, Samantha K. as installing

Marshall, and Jenna P. as installing Chaplin. Also during this ceremony, there was a ribbon ceremony done by some of the girls from Holly Pledge #6. With people attending from Gloria Chapter and Masons attending it was a very great turnout with over 40 people at the lunch and installation and a very great day. All of the Holly girls and everyone in the Holly family are so excited for this upcoming term.

Delaware Valley #65



Delaware Valley Assembly #65 attends NJ IORG 2023 Convention

By Gianna M.

The NJ International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Convention was held August 11-13, 2023. It was my (Gianna's) first convention. People from different states came to visit. There was a big meeting. Michelle E. gave a tribute to the Christian Flag. The Mother Advisors sang a song and put all of the assemblies' names in the song. Faithanne B. was appointed as Grand Faith. All of the assemblies handed out swaps. There was a scavenger hunt to help others get to know people from the different assemblies. There were basket raffles and Faithanne B. won the duck basket. It was overall very fun and I am glad I went!

HAKUNA MATATA

January Installation

By: Faithanne Bland

We had our Lion King themed installation of officers on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Grand Worthy Advisor Bella Storie was in attendance



along with several other grand officers from Trenton Assembly. We had a great time. It was nice to see everyone that attended. We had a great lunch and an even better dessert- a lion king theme cake. I really enjoyed being able to socialize with my rainbow sisters. Hakuna Matata.

Did You Know?

Iris #31

- 🌈 Ariana B, is participating in the Howell Middle School North production of Mean Girls?
- 🌈 Meadow P. has done a great job on the Melvin Krepps Middle School Wrestling Team? Go Cougars!!!!
- 🌈 Grace and Madison C. cheered for The Monmouth Falcons Pop Warner Football Team?
- 🌈 Congratulations go out to Alex H. who earned her Pot of Gold at the January Installation? She is now wearing the same set of merit bars her mom earned when she was an Iris girl!!
- 🌈 Dahlia P. played Alice in the Melvin Kreps Middle School production of Matilda Jr AND she was also named January Student of the Month? Congratulations Dahlia!
- 🌈 Mrs. G. was installed as Mother Advisor for the 18th time?
- 🌈 PGWAA Michelle Gionfriddo had a New Year's Eve wedding? She and her husband Andrij (Andy) Kuzyszyn live in Howell Township.

Did You Know?

Mistletoe #20

- 🌈 Amaya N. from Mistletoe can fix cell phones? Just ask Mrs. McCarthy.
- 🌈 Mistletoe Assembly has 7 girls graduating this year? They are Alyssa H., Cadence H., Rosella V., Regina V., Reanna V., Gaby G., & Emily W.



Trenton #1

Trenton Pledge Installation

By Emma P., Pledge Representative

I'm Emma P, and I'm so excited to start 2024 as Pledge Sister of Trenton #1. Our installation was held on January 8, 2024. Our very special guest, GWA Bella Storie installed the officers and shared the name of her mascot, Tomorrow. It's a great fit for her motto and this *Going Back in Time with NJ Rainbow* year. I think Tomorrow and my mascot, Indigo the Dragon will be great friends. I chose a dragon for our Pledge mascot because I like how brave and powerful they are and I love to read stories about them. I think we are all powerful girls and we're brave because we can do challenging things. We looked fierce in our dragon headbands when we celebrated afterwards.



The theme of the term is Kindness. I believe that kindness will come back to you. As Mother Teresa said, "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." You can tell this is true for our Trenton crew. We all have so much fun and everyone is so kind that I love our Monday nights together. I had such a great night at our installation and it was so special to me to have our Trenton #9 Rainbow Girls, our friends and families there too. I'm so proud to be a Trenton #1 girl!

Holly #6

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

By: Ameelia C., Pledge Representative

On Saturday, November 25th at 8 AM the Rainbow Holly Pledge group hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser. First, we started by greeting our customers at the door. Then, we showed them to their tables where they would enjoy a hot breakfast. We then asked them what they would like to drink and got their drinks. Next, we took their order of how many pancakes and sausages they would like to eat. We then served our guests their breakfast and enjoyed their company. We had many guests and family members come to support our fundraiser. We ended up raising \$235.49 for K9s for Warriors. We are so excited to give this donation to the K9s in honor of Rainbow Holly Pledge #6.



Clifton #18

Christmas Party

By Elyana C., Pledge Representative

Our Christmas party was full of fun and delicious food. Grand Worthy Advisor, Bella Storie, read the *Grinch* as we played pass the present and when the book was done we were able to open our gifts! We ate, we laughed, and we had a great time.

Installation

By Elyana C., Pledge Representative

Addison was installed on January 15, 2024 and her theme was kittens and yarn. Everything looked amazing. Addison, Ana, Josephine, Aubrey, and Elyana were all present and read all their parts well. We ate yummy chicken and rice.

Temple #19

September 2023 - January 2024 Term

Temple Pledge #19 had a great September to January term under the leadership of Pledge Sister Alyana M. They had a Star Wars theme with Yoda as the symbol. Each meeting was a different Star Wars themed activity with Star Wars themed snacks. For a Service Project they decorated tote bags for wheelchair users! They also collected nail polishes to donate to the Eastern Star Home in Bridgewater. Temple Pledge currently has 14 girls and they are having a lot of fun together!

January 2024 Term

Temple Pledge #19 had a wild weather month of January! Originally our Installation was scheduled for January 9th and our activity meeting was scheduled for January 23rd. But then on January 9th we had a terrible storm with flooding so the Installation had to be postponed to January 16th. Then the January 16th Installation had to be postponed to January 30th due to terrible icing conditions. So we ended up having our activity meeting on January 23rd

followed by our Installation on January 30th. A little out of order but it finally all happened!



From January to May, the four Past Pledge Sisters are sharing this "Rainbow Friendship" term: January- Carabella A., February- Saige R., March- Alyana M. and April- Audrey C.

Carabella planned a Cool Cats Game Night for January 23rd where the girls played Pin the Hat on the Cat, Guess the #'s game, a Hershey Kiss Scavenger Hunt in the Lodge room and a cup stacking competition. She had taco salad and chips as refreshments. Then on January 30th she planned a Cool Cats Installation with a cat theme. Ten of the fourteen members were installed into their stations that night- four members were home sick. After Installation, the girls had fun doing a cat face sticker project and they ate cat themed cupcakes that Carabella decorated herself. There were photos of Carabella's cat Napoleon on the tables as centerpieces and every girl got a gift of Kitty string lights, Kitty slap bracelets and Kitty tattoos. There were also two door prizes of *Kitty In Your Pocket*. At the end of the evening while the adults were cleaning up the tables, the girls played a rousing game of "Pass The Kitty" with a stuffed kitty cat. It was a PURR-fect night!

February Pledge Sister Saige has a "Sweet Valentine" theme for her month. She has a Valentine's card making activity planned and a Candy Bag Service Project for the Westwood Food Pantry.

March Pledge Sister Alyana has a "Welcome Spring" theme for her month. She has a Spring craft planned for one meeting and an Easter Egg Hunt for her second meeting.

April Pledge Sister Audrey has a "Nature" theme planned. Her first meeting will be an Earth Day craft and her second meeting will be an Earth Day Service Project planting flowers out front of Lodge!

We will report back on the rest of this term in the next Rainbow Review!

Rainbow Memories

One of the great things about being a Rainbow Girl is making wonderful memories with your sisters and staying friends for life. Many former members stay involved in Rainbow as well. Do you know how many of our current advisors are Majority Rainbow Girls? Most likely each assembly has at least one former Rainbow Girl as an Advisory Board member, Mother Advisor, Pledge Mother or Gand Deputy. These ladies still count among their close friends many other former Rainbow members- just ask them about it sometime!

In December, Temple Assembly's Grand Deputy and Past Grand Worthy Advisor, Mrs. Michele Helm Meisten celebrated the 60th anniversary of her initiation into Rainbow (see article under Temple Assembly).

There are a number of advisors who became members over 50 years ago. Just a few of them include Adult Grand Assembly Executive

Committee Chair Miss Roberta Russell who joined in December 1967 (56 years); Mistletoe Mother Advisor Miss Carolyn Hiller who joined in 1955 (69 years ago!); and Iris Mother Advisor Mrs. Jeanne Jarema Gionfriddo who was initiated on April 19, 1969 (almost 55 years ago).

Next time you are at a meeting, ask your advisors who were members to tell you what they liked most about Rainbow and why they stayed involved. Most likely, you will find that you share some of the same favorite things.



Pictured here are Mrs. Michele Helm Meisten, Grand Deputy of Temple Assembly during her year as Grand Worthy Advisor standing with Mrs. Elizabeth Repka, Supreme Inspector.

****Do you know another advisor who is a 50+ year member, send in her name and initiation date. Do you have a Rainbow Memory to share? Submit it to the Grand Editor & Review Advisor.****

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