

# **Hues 'N News**

A Newsletter of Tennessee Rainbow – April 2018

Hello Ladies!

I cannot believe that we are almost done with the year. It has flown by in a 'blink of an eye'. I have been very busy since the last article. I started nursing school this semester. It has been very



difficult, but I love every second of it. My puppy that we got for Christmas is already huge. He is 30 pounds and about as big as my 4-year-old dog already. I

also conquered one of my greatest fears, my fear of heights. I hiked up Buffalo Mountain and climbed one of only 4 fire towers left in the Smokey Mountains for one of the most beautiful views I have

ever seen. It may have taken me a while to get up there, to stop freaking out, to enjoy the view; but it was worth every second. It took me way longer to get the nerve to get down.



On top of nursing school, I have also been very busy with Rainbow. I have traveled to Knoxville to serve at both an Initiation and an Installation. Thank you all for always including me and allowing me to be so active in your Area this year. Congrats to Sasha and Mary Kayla on being Installed as Worthy Advisors and luck on your terms. congratulations to the two girls who were Initiated into Dinsmore. I hope you love Rainbow as much as I do. While at Dinsmore, I got to see my Grand Page, Claire! I love you so much and am very blessed to have you this year. You did a beautiful job, and I can't wait to watch you continue to grow in Rainbow.

I also had the awesome opportunity to travel to South Carolina with Sarah Belcher and Chelsea Boone-Belcher and serve as Installing Marshal.

It was a very cool experience. I love traveling and learning how different Grand Jurisdictions perform the ritual. I may have needed a little extra help that day since South Carolina's



Installation is a little different -- the Worthy Advisor wears a crown so there is a Coronation Ceremony. It was very humbling learning how to do new things. It was like I was 11 again learning how to march on the floor, but it is an experience I will never forget.

I have also had the opportunity to bring greetings to the Grand Lodge and the Grand Court of Amaranth. At Grand



Lodge the Most Worshipful Grand Master asked me to bring the Rainbow report before the Grand Lodge which means I am the first ever women to address the Grand Lodge. Then that night at the banquet, I brought greetings on behalf of the International

Order of the Rainbow for Girls. I was so blessed for this opportunity and cannot thank the Masons enough for their support this year and



the opportunities I have been given. I also brought greetings to Amaranth. I had the opportunity at this meeting to meet the Supreme Royal Matron and Supreme Royal Patron and a few of their Supreme Officers.

It was my first ever meeting for Amaranth, but they welcomed me with



Sierra with Cindy Brooks, PSMA and Amaranth Grand Assoc. Conductress

open arms to ensure my time was wonderful, and I cannot thank them enough for this, especially the 5 ladies who saw me in the parking lot who helped me that evening.

Next, I will be bringing greetings to Eastern Star Grand Chapter, and I am so excited. This Grand Chapter is my first as an active Sister and I cannot wait.

My Assembly is also doing a lot. We partnered with the White House police department to put on a Self Defense class for all ages. We took

pictures with Lays chip bags potato who has partnered with Operation Smile and each picture shared raised money for Smile. Operation



We have served at Installations for the Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters. We are serving dinner for the District 7 meeting, and I also will speak about Rainbow that night. We are partnering with Applebee's to do a pancake breakfast on April 21 to raise money for the Shrine Hospital.

Homecoming was wonderful. Thank you to all who helped and made it all I could have dreamed. The decorations were beautiful, the food was delicious, and everyone did a fabulous job on their work. I could not be prouder of the Nashville Area. I want to do a special

shout out to Sarah Knight who served as Drill Leader. You may not be my actual little sister, but you might as well be. You did a beautiful job, so well you made me cry. I am so proud of you and the rest of our Assembly Girls on the fantastic job you did. Thank you to my Assembly for my "treasure chest" and my crystal globe. Thank you to the Nashville Area for my jewelry box and thank you to my Grand Officers for my quilt.

I also want to thank the South Carolina delegation that attended. Mrs. Helen, Tabitha, and Ahna, you all have become very special to me, and I cannot thank you enough for your gifts, but more importantly your friendship. I love you all.

Congratulations to Ahna on being announced as Mom Fortenberry's Supreme Page, and Supreme Grand Cross of Color Chaplain. know vou will do a fantastic job. Mom Fortenberry announced that Ι



would be serving as Acting Supreme Love, and I cannot wait for Supreme! I hope to make Tennessee proud. I hope to see you all at Grand Assembly on June 23-25 in Franklin, Tennessee!

"Remember wherever you go, go with all your heart, and live your life to the fullest."

Rainbow Love, Sierra Todd Grand Worthy Advisor 2017-2018



Hello to Tennessee Rainbow,

It was good to see everyone at Homecoming 2018! What an awesome time we had. Thank you to the Nashville Area for all of the hard work that you put into the event - from the food to the decorations. The girls of the Nashville area did a good job in their ritualistic work and the introductions on Tennessee were very interesting. I learned a few facts that I didn't know. A shout out to my Grand Page, Megan Watson, who served as Worthy Advisor. I was very proud of you. It has been a wonderful year with a wonderful group of young ladies.

I cannot thank you all enough for the beautiful blanket that you presented me with. The pictures are just fantastic. They have captured so many of our times together. I cannot wait to get the pictures developed from the camera used in my skit. The picture from the Nashville area will have a special place on my shelf at work and the jewelry box is wonderful. It will be put to good use. I challenge each of you all to come up with good ideas to help your Assemblies raise money for camp. I think it would be interesting to see what color Mom Fortenberry's hair could be.

To my Knoxville family, I could not ask for a more wonderful group of girls and adults to be with. Your support not only this past year is appreciated...but in everything we do. The girls and adults of Fountain City - thank you all so much for your support and love. The smiles, hugs and energy that you all have is priceless. To Martha and Steve Johnson - thank you so much for driving us all over the state and being encouraged by you all. To my family, for the love and support you have shown me this past year, I couldn't have done it without it.

I look forward to completing our Adventure at Grand Assembly 2018 where I hope to see each and every one of you.

In Rainbow Love, Mom Jannelle SMA 2017-2018

# What's Up with Camp?



While some work is on-going at Camp MontMilner this Spring, we are changing up the plan for Camp Day. Instead of *attending* Camp Day this year, we will collect the money we would have donated and send it in.

The Tennessee Rainbow Area that collects the most money will get to see their Deputy have their hair colored at Grand Assembly!

AND...if we collect our goal of \$6,000, Mom Fortenberry will get a new hair color and some silly string to go along with it. So get to work collecting so that we can see some fashion statements at Grand Assembly!

Donations: checks to *Camp MontMilner*Mail to: *Steve Johnson, Camp President*5917 Atkins Road, Knoxville, TN 37918

My Dear Rainbow Family,

What a wonderful Homecoming. It was great seeing so many of you there to give Sierra a welcome home! I know she had to be pleased with everything. Now it is time to get READY for Grand Assembly in Franklin on June 23-25. We have accomplished a lot this year and traveled many miles to get the work done. It is now time to be together again as a family and give our best.

Savannah, Dad Joe and I missed you at Homecoming and hope your Prom was wonderful. We look forward to working with you at Grand Assembly. We know you will do a great job as our Grand Page.

The year of Official Visits, Leadership, Christmas Gathering, Grand Officers Practice, Homecoming, and bringing Greetings to our Sponsoring Bodies has been completed.. A lot has been accomplished by Sierra, Grand Worthy Advisor, Mom Jannelle, State Mother Advisor, Grand Officers, Grand Deputies, Rainbow Girls and Adults and even by Dad Joe and me this year.

Our project to help the children of the Shrine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, is due and I am hoping that each Assembly and Area will have worked hard to make this a special year for our donation to the children.

I would like to thank each one that helped make this year great for Sierra, Grand Officers, Mom Jannelle, and me as we traveled around the state visiting each area. We have enjoyed being with you and meeting all the new Rainbow Sisters. We appreciate all your hard work and being there and helping to make a lot of memories for each of us. Thank you for all the courtesies shown to me and the presentation of gifts to Dad Joe and me. We thank you for all that you do for us and we love each of you. Thank you Grand Officers for the special gift at Homecoming for my money tree. We will find a great place for my tree and look forward to watching it grow. The signed globe is a beautiful way to remind me of each of you. Dad Joe says thank you for the gift card and he appreciates each one of you and sorry he was not able to be with you on this special day. Thank you Nashville Area for our gifts and signed cards. I appreciate my Iris bag and the picture frame with all the Grand Deputies and myself. It was wonderful to have Mrs. Helen, Ahna, and Tabitha visit us from South Carolina. Thank you all for the gifts and I look forward to seeing you at Supreme.



Ahna, I am very happy that you were chosen to be my Supreme Page.

I hope you are working on membership. If you have not Initiated members this year then please get busy and share your Rainbow Order. I know a lot of Assemblies have new members and we appreciate all your hard work so please keep on sharing. Work on bringing back members that have been out and also keep our Majority Members active. It is great seeing these young ladies working and to know they are here to help us in the work we need to do.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you on June 22, Practice time, in Franklin for Grand Assembly and "Our Rainbow Adventure Awaits" session.

Safe travels to all and God Bless each of you. See you soon! Love, Mom Fortenberry

# **News from the Chattanooga Grand Officers**

Rainbow Sisters and Friends,

Hello everyone!

I am very excited to write my final newsletter of the year. This year has been very eventful for me and I am excited to share it with you. The last few months in Rainbows have been less crazy and eventful than usual for me. We had Assembly Installation in January where I was Installed as Worthy Advisor of Red Bank Assembly #41. I am happy to be able to serve my Assembly in this way again and I hope that I will serve my Assembly well this term. Grand Officer's Practice in March was fun as always. I am so glad I was able to reconnect with my friends before Homecoming. The practice was quickly followed by Homecoming in Nashville. It made me very happy to see all the hard work and effort that was put in to make that night wonderful. I'm sad to see this year end because I know that when this year is over, my Rainbow adventure will be dramatically changed. Many of the friends who I have known since I started Rainbows will receive their Majority after this year, and I know that Rainbows will feel very different when I do not serve with them in the same way. I love every member of my Rainbow family, and I am excited to see all my friends grow and continue their own adventures in different ways.

I would like to thank Mom Fortenberry for giving me the opportunity to serve as Grand Chaplain this year. Holding this office has really changed the way I think regarding our great Organization. Mrs. McAfee, I am so thankful for your support and guidance through all my years in Rainbow. You taught me to present the best version of myself at all times, and I will never be able to express how much that has helped me. Sharon, aka Mama Broadway, you have so many titles and I

really don't know how to thank you for that. You are a mom, and with that comes many different roles that everyone knows; you drive us, feed us, take us to movies, lead us, and, most importantly, you love us. If it were not for you, I would not be in Rainbows. For many years, you have driven me to and from all the important events and meetings. I honestly feel like I have become a part of your family, and that is more important to me than I can describe. Sierra, bed buddy, almost roommate, I am so happy that I was able to share your year as Grand Worthy Advisor with you. Our Rainbow Adventure together started when I was twelve. I can honestly say that your guidance through my years in Rainbow has been one of the greatest gifts anyone has ever given me, thank you for that. Katelyn, I don't know that I have ever thanked you for being my friend. We have spent the last three years traveling to every event together. It took a long time for us to become great friends, but I am so glad that we have each other. We have some great adventures left for us, and we have to make sure Tinkerbell and Tigerlily get new outfits next year. There are so many other people I should be thanking, but I don't want this to be a huge essay. Thank you to everyone who has helped on my journey through Rainbows and I am excited for the years to come.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Grand Assembly this year. Hopefully I will get to spend some more time with Miranda, my Grand Page, and many other girls who have impacted my life during this year. Thank you all for being you.

Rainbow Love, Gabby Hall Grand Chaplain 2017-2018

Hi, guys!

It is so hard to believe that Grand Assembly is only a couple of months away. Big thanks to my Grand Page, Faith. Faith you're literally the best and I can't wait to see you at Grand!

I would like to thank all of the people who have made this year so special. To each of the areas, you all did a wonderful job at each of your Official Visits. Thank you to the adults from each area; you ensured that no one went hungry and that everyone was entertained. While Girls are the heart of our Organization, we would be nothing without our wonderful adults and sponsors! I have had a wonderful year serving as this state's Grand Faith. Mom Fortenberry, thank you for the opportunity you have given me; I am eternally grateful for this year. Thank you again to the girls and adults who have made this year memorable; I cannot wait to see you all at Grand Assembly!

Katelyn Broadway Grand Faith 2017-2018

## West Tennessee Update...

Hello All,

I cannot believe Homecoming has come and past. It was so much fun to see all my Rainbow Sisters and Grand Officers. Shout out to my wonderful Grand Page, Karly. The meal was wonderful, and I am absolutely in love with my picture I received. I am so very grateful for the time and fellowship with my Rainbow friends, and cannot wait to reconvene this summer at Grand Assembly. With Rainbow Love, Kaelee Renee Baker Grand Love 2017-18

Hello Everyone!

What a year, so far we've done great things and I'm sure Sierra is supper proud of everyone! Homecoming was an absolute blast, I loved seeing all my beautiful Rainbow Girls smiles. To the Nashville area girls, y'all did amazing on your Ritual work. Thank you to the Nashville area for my picture, I will make sure it is put up somewhere that everyone can see!

I want to remind everyone to plan a fundraiser to help raise money for Camp MontMilner, even though we won't be having camp day this year we can still support our camp and help make it too notch (and who wouldn't want to see their deputies hair dyed!)

I cannot wait to see everyone again at Grand Assembly and listen to the beautiful singing of the choir, witness the helping hands of the pages, hear the beautiful and interesting reports from the representatives, and serve with the Grand Officers! Rainbow Love and Service,

Brianna Hawkins

Grand Worthy Associate Advisor 2017-2018

### News from the Nashville Area...

I can't believe it's already April! It was so good to see everyone, especially after such a long break. Even though there was a break, my schedule never slows down. Between my insane Winter Guard schedule and Rainbow, I have had a very busy few months.

Since the Grand Officer Christmas party, I made a ginger bread house and favors for the nursing home in Hendersonville with my Assembly. I helped at the Al Menah Shrine Christmas party which is one of my favorite activities in December. In February, we had the Sweetheart's Ball where we had a blast. I then attended TDU and showed my support for DeMolay at the beginning of March. I then had the pleasure of working at the Potentates Ball and Grand Lodge, as well as, help at the OES Installation in Hendersonville.

To wrap up March, the Grand Officers came to Nashville to have our yearly Grand Officer Practice. This past weekend, we had the Nashville Area Homecoming, and I was asked to give the welcome at the banquet! I was so happy to see everyone after such a long time. I would like to give my Grand Page, Jade, a shout-out. She has been such a peach, and I hope to see her at Grand Assembly!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Grand Assembly!

Carrigan Brummett, Grand Religion

#### Hello from Hendersonville #3!

We started January with an Installation of Officers and Kaitlyn Mayo was installed as Worthy Advisor. Her theme is "Have Courage and Be Kind with Rainbow" and her colors are Princess pink, Cinderella blue, Belle gold, and Tinker Bell green. Lizzie Kauffman was pledged that day, and then in February, we initiated Jalise Gleaves! We are so excited to have both of you as a part of our group.



March was a busy month as we helped served food at the Grand Lodge Banquet where we were able to see Sierra bring



Greetings to those in attendance at the banquet. We also helped serve food at the banquet for the Potentate's Ball. Both events were amazing.

We are currently collecting wiffle balls and baby link toys for the kangaroos at the Nashville Zoo! These were items on their wish list, and we have enjoyed collecting them. We plan to visit the zoo soon

to deliver them and, of course, to visit with the animals! We enjoyed seeing everyone at Homecoming and we can't wait to meet everybody again at Grand Assembly!

#### Hello All,

This year in Rainbow has been quite eventful. From Assembly service projects to OV's and everything in between, there has been a lot of Rainbow fun this year. In between all of these activities, I have been learning more about my counterparts in other states. My counterpart in Louisiana also serves as Grand Charity and was a PGWA. I have not heard from Alaska, but Juneau #3 occasionally sends postcards of what their assembly is up to.

I only really know about Louisiana Rainbow, but the information is limited there as well. Louisiana's GWA this year is Grayce Mores and her theme is "Wishes and Dreams Come True". Her service project for this year is The Amaranth Diabetes Foundation "Wishing for a Cure". I am thankful for this appointment as learning about Rainbow in other states is quite interesting as many states do things differently than what we are used to and it is interesting to learn how we are similar and how we differ. Both years of my Grand Representative appointments have been thoroughly enjoyable and I thank Mom Fortenberry for the appointments I have received thus far.

In Rainbow Love and Service, Zealan Hoffman Grand Representative to Alaska and Louisiana Hello from Claiborne Assembly #8,

We began the year with an Area Initiation and our Installation of Officers. We initiated 2 new Sisters and are so excited to have them in our Assembly!

Our Girls have been working on their Service hours and looking forward to making good reports at Grand Assembly. During this term, we made lunches for homeless individuals who participate in the *Room in the* 

*Inn* program. We have served at the Shrine Potentate's Ball and at the Grand Lodge banquet.

All our Girls attended
Homecoming. It was a great
dinner and meeting, and we
enjoyed being with our Rainbow
friends from across the state. In
May, we will have another Area
Initiation and also honor our Grand
Officers. Before we know it, we
will be seeing everyone at Grand
Assembly!









Hello Rainbow Friends.

I want to start off by saying hello to Siera, my Grand Page. I hope I get to see you at Grand Assembly! Since the last article, things have slowed down a little. After my Christmas parties, I didn't travel anywhere until March. In March, I traveled to Nashville for Grand Officer's Practice. We had a long day with a wonderful lunch break provided. A few weeks later, we traveled back to Nashville for Homecoming. I had a blast seeing all of my friends. The meeting was beautiful and the food was truly amazing!

In my Assembly, we have been staying busy planning and getting ready for Grand Assembly. We recently collected items, donations, and took a gift card to the Teen Challenge for Women in Livingston for the new dorm that was just built. We chose this place because we don't have a homeless shelter (which was focused in the GWA projects) and this is an awesome ministry dedicated to women.

I am winding down to my last few weeks of high school. I am happy that's it is over but I am stressed about the future. I am on the Road to Rocky Top, as I am hoping to become a TN VOL and continue my education at UT!

I can't wait for Grand Assembly! I hope to see everyone there!!

With Love, Kelsey Linder Grand Hope

### And from the Knoxville Area...

# Hello Everyone!

I hope you are having a fantastic school year and are ready for summer.

I want to say thank you to every single person that had any part in the preparation for Homecoming. The food was amazing, the decorations were absolutely stunning, and the meeting was beautiful. Every girl did wonderful in their ritualistic part and I had a blast! Thank you to Mom Fortenberry for this amazing opportunity to be a Grand Officer and I am so sad to say that this year has flown by so quickly.

With Rainbow Love, Noah Porter 2017-2018 Grand Confidential Observer



# Hello everyone!

I hope everyone's year has been a blessed one! Now that senior year is wrapping up, I'm becoming a little more stressed, but I'm still making it. Also, graduation is almost here!!!

Thank you to all the Nashville area adults and girls for hosting us at Homecoming. It was a great Homecoming with amazing food and beautiful decorations!! I hope everyone had as good of a time as I did. Also, thank you for our presents. They were very pretty and will help me remember this year in Rainbow!

Thank you to my Grand Page, Stephanie Hartman, for being there for me! You are an amazing girl that I have enjoyed getting to know. A big thank you to Mom Martha for always helping me and making sure I'm straightened out. Mom Fortenberry, thank you so much for this opportunity this year! I have grown as a person and will be forever thankful for this!

With lots of Rainbow Love, Courtney Chambers Grand Service



Dinsmore hosted the Grand Officers Tea and Church Service where Mom Jannelle got special attention!

#### Hello Rainbow Family!!

I hope all of you are doing well! It is quite shocking to know that in a few weeks, I will be finishing up my sophomore year of COLLEGE!! God is so merciful, His grace has brought me this far and I can't wait to see where He brings me next!

Rainbow Homecoming was just last Saturday and it was a blast, I can't wait for Grand Assembly where everyone will show off how hard they have worked his past year! As I always say, anytime with Rainbow is a time well spent!! I look forward to seeing everyone there!

God bless,

Hayley S. Jeffers Grand Recorder 2017-2018

### Hello Everyone!

I hope y'all are enjoying this spring time! Even though the weather in Tennessee can be kind of crazy.

Since last we spoke a lot has happened! My Assembly in Memphis participated in a Majority Service and we also enjoyed the annual church service by going to a local church together. We have also had Homecoming where I was excited to see everyone and catch up. The questions about how college is going never gets old. I was so happy to see everyone and get some extra time with my Knoxville family. We stayed up pretty late coloring pictures and finally getting some time to be together. I'm so thankful for all the adults that support me in Memphis and Knoxville and the girls that I have become friends with.

Do not forget to raise your money for Camp!!!! I cannot wait to see you all at Grand Assembly!

With Rainbow Live, Julianna Justice, Grand Charity

Happy Spring to everyone from Fountain City #56.

It was good to see everyone at Homecoming this year. We have had a busy spring. The first of the year we held a joint Installation with Farragut #89 where Sasha Hill was Installed as their Worthy Advisor. Miss Sierra Todd was able to come and help and it was interesting to learn that both Worthy Advisors Sasha Hill, Farragut #89, and Mary Kayla Harb, Fountain City #56, had been our Grand Worthy Advisor's Grand Pages.

We also had the honor of serving at a Masonic Dinner at our Lodge where the Most Worshipful Grand Master came to observe a degree. And just a month later, we served at Scottish Rite, honoring

the new MWGM, Mr. McKinney.



After one of our service events we had a fun night at Breakout Knoxville where we broke out of the Museum. We had a prospect come join us and will be Initiating her May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to seeing everyone at Grand Assembly in June. Sincerely the Girls of Fountain City

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