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Dear Rainbow Girls and Friends,

The last few months have been a lot of fun. On February 6, we met in Newport for the Official Visit of the Orange and Yellow Areas. We enjoyed a barbeque chicken lunch in a dining room decorated for a Hawaiian Luau. The courtesy was a very special one about trees and it was such a unique pleasure to learn that 10 trees had been planted by the Arbor Day Foundation in my honor! The officers performed a lovely initiation for three new members.

We enjoyed a Garden Tea Party when we attended the Green Area Official Visit on March 6. The courtesy featured some gardeners who knew a great deal about growing Assemblies, and soon we had a room full of human flowers and butterflies. Four new members were initiated in an impressive initiation by the officers. Afterward, our Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor and I celebrated our birthdays together during a beautiful reception.

Our final Official Visit of the year was to the Indigo Area on April 17. We enjoyed a picnic themed lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. The courtesy was a real challenge as the Grand Worthy Advisor and I had to play, "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" and I am pleased to report that we won checks to be presented to the Grand Worthy Advisor's Charity and Service Projects. The officers initiated four new members in a beautiful ceremony. Afterward, we participated in our annual Scholarship Bowl-a-Thon...always a highlight of our Grand Year.

The Grand Officers rehearsed on the morning of May 15, and I think that they enjoyed the breakout sessions where different groups rehearsed special parts of the work. Later that day, the Ritual Team had try-outs for places on the Memorial Team; then they rehearsed for competition at Supreme Assembly Session. The evening ended with a Hawaiian Garden Party, where we all enjoyed sub sandwiches, dancing and fun. It was especially nice that the South Carolina Association of Majority Members voted to pay for the expenses so that ALL of the money collected would benefit the Shiners' Hospital for Crippled Children in Greenville.

Your Grand Worthy Advisor has been very busy representing you during the last few months. She has attended the Grand Court of Amaranth, the Grand York Rite, and the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and she has represented you well. I hope that you will take the opportunity to let her know how much you appreciate her enthusiasm and dedication.

I know that you are preparing for our Grand Assembly Session in Columbia in June. It will be exciting to see our Grand Officers perform the ritualistic work, and to see the sashes and reports that our Grand Representatives have prepared. I am sure that our Ritual Team will perform a very moving Memorial Service and our Grand Choir will add their music to our meetings. The Grand Pages will do beautiful escort work and our Junior Executives will honor worthy recipients of the Grand Cross of Color and Service to Rainbow. I am looking forward to the fun we will have during Competitions and our Fun Activity. This "Fly in God's Garden of Dreams" Session is sure to be a wonderful time of fraternal fellowship.

As you make your preparations, remember what our Order is all about. What you do should reflect the beautiful lessons of our bow. It is important to include all the members of your Assembly in your preparations because everyone will do better when everyone feels that they are a part of what is happening. It is also important that you and your sisters do most of the work...your adults should supervise and not do the work. In addition, show appreciation to your adults for what they do for you...especially at this time of year when they give extra time and effort to help you accomplish your goals for our Grand Session. Rainbow is an order for girls, but we cannot do what we do without them!

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Dedra A. Hart

Supreme Inspector in South Carolina

In the Garden

It is hard to believe that I am writing my final article for Rainbow Spirit. Time flies by very quickly. The Official Visits are complete. The Grand Officers are practicing for Grand Assembly and my Advisory Board is working to pull together all of the details for our Session.

I am sorry that I had to miss the Orange and Yellow Area Official Visit on February 6 because of work. That was not a good day for me. Sister Virginia King filled me in on the day's events. Thank you for the donations and the tree. I want to especially thank you for the beautiful butterfly picture. You will see it at Grand Assembly. I was happy to welcome everyone to the Green Area Official Visit on March 6. It has been a while since we met at Sinclair Lodge for an Official Visit. I want to thank each of you for the gift of items for Children's Garden. The daycare sincerely appreciated the donations. They were very happy to see us when we delivered a second car full of items from their wish list. The Indigo Area Official Visit on April 17 was a wonderful way to conclude our Official Visits. We enjoyed a picnic lunch and a wonderful meeting. I was so happy to see new members being initiated at our last Official Visit of the Grand Year. The Official Visit was followed by our Bowl-a-Thon for the Scholarship Fund. Thank you for participating in this event. I had a wonderful time and hope you did. West Columbia Assembly hosted the Hawaiian Garden Party following the Grand Officers' Rehearsal on May 15. I would like to thank Mr. Kenneth Rawls and Marrett Rawls for providing the music for our party. I had a great time. It was nice to relax after a day of rehearsals.

I have attended some other special functions since our last newsletter, too. I had the honor of representing South Carolina Rainbow at the Grand Court of the Order of the Amaranth, the Grand York Rite Banquet, and at the Grand Master's Banquet during Grand Lodge.

I am looking forward to our "Fly in God's Garden of Dreams" Session of Grand Assembly. I hope to have a chance to spend some time with each of you during the Session. In closing, I appreciate all of the love, support, the gifts, everything each of you did this year. You made this "Fly in God's Garden of Dreams" Grand Year so special. I can truly say we are Beautiful Carolina Butterflies. Thank you, South Carolina Rainbow, for making my dreams come true. It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Worthy Advisor. South Carolina Rainbow, you will always have a special place in my heart. I love each of you. Now, remember to do more than dream so that your dreams can come true and to always fly with the butterflies.

In Rainbow Love and Service,
Jenna Leigh Cascio
Grand Worthy Advisor in South Carolina



SUPREME NOTES

Our 2010 Supreme Assembly Session will be held on August 1-4 in Omaha, Nebraska. Attendees are asked not to arrive any earlier than Friday, July 30. Session activities are listed below:

- Sunday, August 1 – Church Service, Memorial Service, Grand Cross of Color, Supreme Banquet
- Monday, August 2 – Formal Opening
- Tuesday, August 3 – Supreme Session
- Wednesday, August 4 – Supreme Session, Supreme Installation

The Supreme Session will be held in the Civic Auditorium with housing at the Hilton Omaha and Hampton Inn & Suites. Tours will take place on Saturday, Monday before Formal Opening, Wednesday after Installation, and Thursday. Be sure to make your arrangements through our South Carolina Supreme Assembly Session coordinator, Mrs. Marilyn Lipscomb. Your Mother Advisor has the registration forms and Mrs. Lipscomb's deadlines. Don't miss this opportunity...Supreme Sessions are spectacular experiences.

Jurisdictional attire for the Supreme Assembly Session will be a tan skirt/slacks with our jurisdictional shirt. The shirt is a royal blue polo with the SCIORG palmetto and crescent Rainbow Emblem. Prices are \$17.28 for regular sizes and \$18.36 for any extra large sizes. To order, contact Mrs. Hart.

The Supreme Assembly Rainbow Service Awards are a way that we can exemplify our lesson of Service. Everyday there is someone who needs your assistance. It may be someone in your family, your church, your school or your community. Girls are asked to support their organization by doing unselfish acts of service for others. The criterion for earning points is one (1) point for every hour of service. The hours of service are divided into seven (7)

categories...each represented by our lessons of our Bow. For 10 hours of service in each category, girls receive a butterfly charm in the color of the rainbow responding to that category. I suggest that girls start with the violet charm representing Service. With that charm girls receive the bracelet as well. Then work through the colors in order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and indigo. All the information is on forms that you may obtain from Mrs. Hart or your Mother Advisor. Get them filled out and sent to Mrs. Hart as soon as possible.

Our Supreme Temple in McAlester, Oklahoma, houses our offices and many Rainbow artifacts; our business is conducted and our history is preserved within its walls. Rainbow Girls built it for Rainbow Girls and its maintenance is important. Currently, it is in need of several thousands of dollars to replace the heating and air-conditioning units. Please remember our Supreme Temple Fund when you make your Assembly donations or when you consider a gift in Mrs. Hart's honor.

The Supreme Disaster Relief Fund is a way that we can help our Rainbow Sisters in time of need. It must always have enough money so that when disaster strikes, we can be of immediate assistance. Please remember this fund when you make your Assembly donations to our projects. This is the Supreme committee on which Mrs. Hart serves this year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 24-27 - Grand Assembly Session
July 8 - Founder's Day (Local Observance)
August 1-4 - Supreme Assembly Session

FOR SALE

Grand Worthy Advisor Pins - \$3.00
Rainbow Milestones Books - \$5.00
SCIORG Decals - \$2.00
SCIORG T-shirts - \$10.00

LOST AND FOUND

Found: a purple and black, large check, hooded jacket left at Dentsville Masonic Lodge on April 17 and a makeup case left at the Scottish Rite Center on May 15. Please contact Mrs. Susan Broom at SUSANBROOM@aol.com to claim these items if they belong to you.

Academic and Extra Curricular Achievement

On April 16, **Halei Fiedor** received her Junior black belt for Taekwondo. She will be able to test for her black belt level 1 in August. She was also promoted from Private First Class in ROTC to Corporal and has been invited to Leadership Camp in June and to work at the ROTC office during the summer. Congratulations, Halei! You make your Rainbow Family very proud of you and your achievements!

Christa Fiedor was promoted from red belt level 1 in Taekwondo to red level 2 on April 16. She will be able to test for senior red belt in June. Congratulations, Christa! Your Rainbow Family knows you will succeed and do very well in Taekwondo.

Katy Brennan has been selected as "Most Improved" in violin. She is on the A/B Honor Roll. She will be participating in Bike 4 Hike in June. Please see the web site bike4hike.tripod.com to learn more, be a fan, show support, and follow along with the progress. Congratulations, Katy! Keep up the good work!

Jordan Brennan is on the A/B Honor Roll and will also participate in Bike 4 Hike in June. Jordan has been selected to attend Blue Lake this summer. Blue Lake is a fine arts camp for gifted students, that draws from all over the United States and from at least seven different countries (Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, France, England, and Luxemburg). When Jordan auditioned for the camp, she was also rewarded with a woodwind scholarship that paid for half of her tuition. Jordan's brother, Chandler, was also awarded the same scholarship and will attend the camp next year. The programs are all taught by professors, most of whom have their Doctorate in Music, and they, too, come from all over the world. At the end of the two week camp, Jordan will have the opportunity to audition for a place in the International Orchestra. It meets once every two years and will travel through Europe in August of 2011. Visit www.bluelake.org for more information. Jordan, we are so proud of your achievements! We wish you the best of luck with your adventures this summer!

Christina Pressley was awarded with the High Academic Scholarship Award at Senior Award Night. Christina has a 4.0 grade point average and is in the top 20% of her class. Her graduating class of 2010 of Brookland Cayce High School made history. Over one-half of the graduating class will receive Life or Hope Scholarships and will graduate with a 3.0 or better GPA and is the highest academic class in Brookland Cayce history. Christina will graduate with honors on June 2 with a Honor Society cord and white cord for completing four years of graphic arts. She has

received the Life Scholarship and will attend the University of South Carolina in Aiken in the fall. Congratulations, Christina! Your Rainbow Family is very proud of you and wish you much success in college and all future endeavors.

Mrs. Loey Krause, Mother Advisor of Fidelity Assembly #56, celebrated her 50th birthday in December, her 50th "Rainbow Birthday," that is. In April, the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, awarded Mrs. Krause with the Daughters of Liberty medal. It is a national award, and is the highest award the SAR can give to a lady, "in appreciation for her unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the SAR." Mrs. Krause states, "Rainbow taught me many lessons, Service and Patriotism among them. I think this is an example that what we learn in Rainbow serves us well though life." Congratulations, Mrs. Krause! Your Rainbow Family is very proud of you and your many achievements in life.

Charleston Assembly #1

On January 16, we attend the Red and Violet Area Official Visit. Mrs. Beth Gibbs was our driver when we headed to Myrtle Beach. Dorothea Dinius, Cydney Horne, Charlotte Cook, Ivey Gibbs, Cassidy Baldwin, Violet Cook and Mrs. Lavera Reynolds filled up the Gibb's SUV, and we were off for a good time. We stopped at Taco Bell in Georgetown to grab a bite before the meeting, where we meet up with the Summerville gang, and then headed on up US Hwy 17. The Myrtle Beach, Goose Creek and Berkeley girls did a great job! We enjoyed the fun facts we learned during the courtesy. Jenna was in the circus, and we learned how it was to have Mrs. Hart as a Big Sister. We had an exciting trip home in the rain but, thanks to Mrs. Gibb's quick driving skills, we all arrived home safely.

On February 6, it was our time for an Official Visit in Rock Hill with Beaufort and Newport Assemblies. Friday night before the meeting, Mrs. Janet Mathews hosted a pizza party at the lodge for the girls while we decorated and practiced for the meeting on Saturday. Thanks, Mrs. Mathews, for the great pizza!!!! You are so thoughtful and the decorations were wonderful. Dorothea Dinius, Cydney Horne, Charlotte Cook, Ivey Gibbs, Cassidy Baldwin, Mrs. Violet Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, and Mr. and Mrs. Dinius spent the Friday night in a hotel in Rock Hill making table favors. We were joined with the Beaufort gang, Mrs. Nancy Goodrich, Miss Carla Toenniessen, and Erica Toenniessen. Saturday began with a Luau luncheon. We are very grateful to the Newport Masonic Family who prepared a delicious meal. Our courtesy was a tribute to the miracle of a tree, and 10 trees were planted in honor of service performed by Jenna and Mrs. Dedra Hart. Erica did a great job as the MC and opened our meeting as Worthy Advisor. Dorothea's introductions made everyone feel great. You gave us a beautiful bouquet of memories. Good job! We initiated four new girls into Rainbow with Dorothea serving as Worthy Advisor and the closing was conducted by Kristi McCully from Newport. We would like to thank all the protems who attended and assisted with the stations.



On March 6, Charlotte Cook, Ivey Gibbs, Beth Gibbs, Violet Cook and Mrs. Reynolds attended the Green Area Official Visit. We loved the flowers in the courtesy. It was a wonderful meeting. Great work and wonderful refreshments were enjoyed by all. On March 23, Charleston put on their green. We had a St. Patrick's Day party with cake and fun for all of the girls.

Rainbow Church Sunday was held on April 11 and attended by Dorothea Dinius, Charlotte Cook, Ivey Gibbs, Cassidy Baldwin, Brittany Lee Baumer, Mrs. Violet Cook, Mrs. Lavera Reynolds, Mrs. Ola, Mrs. Crabtree, Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Dinius, Mr. and Mrs. Baumer, and the entire Weeks family. We attended Ashley River Baptist Church and then enjoyed dinner at Ryan's. We had a great time together! Rainbow Church Sunday...girls in picture: Dorothea Dinius, Charlotte Cook, Ivey Gibbs, Cassidy Baldwin, Brittany Lee Baumer, in front Bethany Weeks (aka Raindrop).



On April 17, we headed to Columbia for the Indigo Area Official Visit. Dorothea Dinius, Ivey Gibbs, Cassidy Baldwin, Brittany Lee Baumer, Mr. and Mrs. Dinius, Mrs. Baumer and Mrs. Gibbs attended. It was a wonderful day and everyone enjoyed the meeting. On May 18, Charleston is planning a Mother's Day Observance and celebration dinner. Please join us if you are in the area.

PLEASE NOTE: Mrs. Reynolds is going to be arrested. Yes, locked up on June 23 at the Comfort Suites. Her bail is \$2,400.00, but it is for a good cause. If she raises \$2,400.00, it will send three children to MDA summer camp. Donations can be made to: MDA, 29 Leinback Drive, Suite D5, Charleston, SC 29407. Please help free our Mother Advisor.

Dentsville Assembly #40

Dentsville Assembly has been busying sharing Rainbow love and fellowship with one another. Dentsville Assembly began a new term of office under the leadership of Christina Pressley, who was installed as Worthy Advisor on February 5. A beautiful Installation and reception was held. On February 6, Dentsville Assembly attended the Official Visit of the Orange and Yellow Area, which was held at Newport Assembly at Corinthian Masonic Lodge in Rock Hill. It had been 2004 since an Official Visit had been held at Newport Assembly, and we all celebrate the rebirth and growth of our Sister Assembly. Dentsville Assembly wishes you continued growth and success. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all at the Hawaiian Luau themed luncheon and Rainbow meeting. Dentsville's own, Halei Fiedor, was initiated at the Official Visit. Halei's mother, father, and grandfather (Mr. Earl Nichols, Secretary of the Scottish Rite in Columbia) were present to witness Halei's initiation into Rainbow. Four members of Dentsville Assembly and eight adults attended the Official Visit. Elizabeth Schofield attended an Installation of Officers at West Columbia Assembly on February 9. Desiré Webb participated in the Ritual Team try-outs. Dentsville Assembly is very proud of you, Desiré. On February 13, members and prospects of Dentsville Assembly assisted with the decorating, serving, and clean up of the Scottish Rite Sweetheart Dinner Fundraiser. The girls had a great time together and everyone enjoyed the labor of love provided by all those who coordinated the fundraiser dinner. Desiré Webb attended an Assembly meeting of Fidelity Assembly in Clemson on February 16.



Dentsville Assembly attended the Green Area Official Visit on March 6 at Sinclair Masonic Lodge, the home of West Columbia Assembly. The attendance at the Official Visit was at Assembly room full capacity. Three members of Dentsville Assembly and six adult workers attended the Green Area Official Visit. It was a delightful day of Rainbow fellowship. On March 21, Dentsville Assembly toured Palmetto Children's Hospital in Columbia and presented the facility with a donation to the hospital to be used in the children's playroom for whatever supplies might be needed. Palmetto Children's Hospital was the Charity Project for Dentsville Assembly for the previous term of office, as selected by Heather Whetsell as Worthy Advisor. South Carolina is so proud of our children's hospital. Dentsville's own, Heather Whetsell and Jessica Whitworth, have been patients of the hospital and the Assembly saw firsthand of the good care they received during their stay at the time of their admission in the hospital. Following the tour of Palmetto Children's Hospital, Dentsville Assembly visited the Ronald McDonald House of Columbia to drop off the collected aluminum can pull tabs, which are converted into cash for the operating expenses of the house. Dentsville Assembly has been collecting the aluminum can pull tabs since 1997, when Miss Amy Broom selected the project as one of her service projects for the Assembly and then carried it forward into a jurisdictional service project during her term as Grand Worthy Advisor. Dentsville Assembly is very proud of the Ronald McDonald House of Columbia and of its service throughout the years to

it, including providing a meal for the residents of the house last July, which was a service project of Elizabeth Bostic. On March 26, Christa Fiedor was initiated into Dentsville Assembly. Five Sister Assemblies assisted Dentsville Assembly with its initiation ceremony. A special word of appreciation is extended to members of Arc-en-Ciel Assembly, Dorchester Assembly, Greenwood Assembly, Summerville Assembly, and West Columbia Assembly for their assistance with the initiation and also to Mrs. Marilyn Lipscomb of Summerville Assembly and Mr. Johnson of Greenwood Assembly for providing transportation for the girls. This was true Rainbow love to help a Sister Assembly in need. Each officer presided beautifully in their station. A special thanks to Elizabeth Bostic for lovingly protemming as Worthy Advisor for the meeting. Thank you, too, to Mr. Mike Broom, Advisory Board Chairman and Rainbow Dad of Dentsville Assembly, for providing and serving snacks after the meeting, and to Mrs. Rebecca Webb for providing desserts.



An Easter party was held after the Assembly meeting on April 8 by Mrs. Susan Broom. Mrs. Broom always makes sure Dentsville Assembly has an Easter party each year. Everyone enjoyed the time of fellowship, treats, and good food. Rainbow Church Sunday was observed on April 11 at Rehoboth United Methodist Church. After the worship service, the Assembly enjoyed lunch together at Lizard's Thicket. The Indigo Area Official Visit was held on April 17 at Dentsville Assembly. God's Great Outdoors was the theme of the Official Visit. A picnic lunch with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs was served by Mr. Ron Mitchum. A special thank you is extended to Mr. Mitchum and to everyone who assisted with the luncheon in any way. A live auction was held during the dinner, which raised \$200.00 for the Ritual Team of South Carolina for Supreme Assembly. Also, a dress sale was held, which was operated by Mrs. Rebecca Webb and Mrs. Dianne Whetsell, and it raised \$185.00 for the Shriners' Hospital, our Grand Worthy Advisor's Charity Project. Mrs. Dedra Hart, Jenna Cascio, Mrs. Karen Orf, and Mrs. Susan Broom played "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader" during the courtesy. Boy, those were some tough questions! The meeting was delightful and four new members were initiated into Rainbow. Following the Official Visit, the Annual Scholarship Bowl-a-Thon was held at Royal Z Lanes. Everyone had a wonderful time bowling and socializing. Dentsville Assembly participated in Massing of the Colors, which is sponsored by the Military Order of the World Wars, at the Scottish Rite Center on April 18. Elizabeth Schofield and Desiré Webb presented the American Flag and the Rainbow Flag.



Desiré Webb attended the Eastern Star meeting of Dentsville Chapter and gave the Rose Lecture, as requested by the Chapter's Worthy Matron, Mrs. Vernie Elliott, who is also Past Mother Advisor of Dentsville Assembly. Desiré presented each lady in attendance with a long stem rose in honor of Mother's Day. Dentsville Assembly held their Mother's Day Observance on May 13. Pizza Hut pizza, salad, homemade desserts, and sodas were served at the dinner prior to the Assembly's regular meeting. The members of the Assembly presented a special program for the mothers. Desiré Webb gave the Rose Lecture and each member of the Assembly presented her mother and grandmother with a long stem red rose. Desiré did a beautiful job with the lecture. Following the Rose Lecture, members of the Assembly delivered messages to the mothers. Heather Whetsell presented Mrs. Susan Broom with gifts. The Assembly also celebrated Elizabeth Bostic's Rainbow birthday as she was initiated six years ago on May 13. During the meeting, Mrs. Broom announced Christina Pressley and Mr. Brian Cooper had received notice of their nomination for Grand Cross of Color. Congratulations to Christina and Mr. Cooper! Heather Whetsell presented aprons, made by Mrs. Dianne Whetsell, to Halei and Christa Fiedor, our newest members of Dentsville Assembly. Dentsville Assembly has also recently received two petitions for membership and has two more petitions outstanding as of date, giving the Assembly the opportunity to more than double in size since the beginning of February. On May 15, Dentsville Assembly attended the Hawaiian Garden Party, hosted by the Grand Worthy Advisor and her Assembly and Advisory Board, at the Scottish Rite Center. Everyone enjoyed the dinner, dancing, and fellowship. The event followed a full day of rehearsals for the Grand Officers and Ritual Team. A special thank you to SCAMM for picking up the tab for the dinner so that all proceeds could benefit the Grand Worthy Advisor's Charity Project, the Shriners' Hospital. SCAMM voted at their meeting on May 15 to financially sponsor one fun event during the year of each future Grand Worthy Advisor.

During the upcoming weeks, Dentsville Assembly will be preparing for Grand Assembly, assisting Dentsville Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter with their Annual Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser and hosting a bake sale as an Assembly fundraiser and to provide desserts, honoring fathers with a Father's Day Observance, having a Movie Night as a social event, and preparing for Founder's Day. It is sure to be a busy and productive summer for Dentsville Assembly. Dentsville Assembly looks forward to seeing its Rainbow Family at the "Fly in God's Garden of Dreams" Grand Assembly Session in June.

Fidelity Assembly #56

Members of Fidelity Assembly and Pledge Group have been busy, busy, busy bees flying over God's Garden of Dreams recently. We are REALLY pleased and excited to have so many new members. Jewel Willoughby and Courtney Gambill are old hands already, and with Tara and Trista Nelson, (aka "the twins"), we are piling up service hours. All of our newest members are actively involved in everything we are doing. Lexi Lewis, Lindsey Fowler and Chandra McDaniel are a wonderful addition to our Assembly, having come through Pledge. They have "hit the ground running" and are already protemming in line offices as needed.

Our Pledge Group did a Welcome Ceremony for Zoë Parham, and a Majority Ceremony for Lexi Lewis, Lindsey Fowler, Chandra McDaniel and Hannah Rankin at our May 3 meeting. Zoë is a live wire, and likes Kentucky Fried Chicken! She's a great little Pledge! We are excited to have more prospects coming along, too, and are especially pleased to be initiating Hannah Rankin into Rainbow at Grand Assembly this year.

We are doing a "fun activity" each month, which the girls really enjoy. So far, we have had a sleep over (although why it's called a sleep over is beyond understanding!), we have gone bowling, roller skating (twice), and to a movie, and we have been planning a trip to a children's museum in Greenville, a pool party or two, and an outing to Frankie's Fun Park in the future. Each time we have a fun activity we bring either non-perishable food items for Clemson Community Care Food Bank, or dog food and/or towels for bedding for the County Animal Shelter, our service and charity projects for this term.

Our girls helped to serve dinner at a Pink Lodge for the Order of the Eastern Star fundraising event for the current Worthy Grand Patron, Lowell McDaniel, and Grand Conductress, Bea Ayers, which was much appreciated, and several girls have participated in Charity Walks for medical research this Spring.

Oh, and we, along with West Columbia and Greenwood Assemblies of the Green Area, are going to WIN the March competition at Grand this year!!

West Columbia Assembly #36

We have been busy since the last newsletter. Sisters Elizabeth Bostic, Rebekah Cruse, Elizabeth Poindexter, along with Mrs. Amanda Cruse, Mrs. Joyce Bostic, and Mrs. Marcia Wadford attended the Orange and Yellow Area Official Visit in Rock Hill on February 6. We had a little bit of trouble finding the lodge, but thanks to our GPS (Mr. Dan Hart), we made it on time. Sister Elizabeth Bostic helped serve for the Scottish Rite Sweetheart Dinner on February 13. We served a meal for the members of Lexington Masonic Lodge on February 16. Sisters Christina Burroughs, Elizabeth Bostic, Jenna Cascio, and Elizabeth Poindexter talked with the Masons and told them about



the work our Assembly is doing. The Green Area Official Visit was held on March 6. It has been a few years since West Columbia hosted the Green Area Official Visit. It was wonderful to have so many guests. We especially thank the members of Sinclair Masonic Lodge for sponsoring our Assembly. They not only sponsor us, they support us. Sisters Rebekah Cruse, Elizabeth Bostic, Elizabeth Poindexter, and our Sister-to-Be, Lauren Rawls, attended Rainbow Church Sunday at Transfiguration Lutheran Church on April 11. The Indigo Area Official Visit was held on April 17. Sisters Jenna Cascio, Elizabeth Bostic, Rebekah Cruse, Elizabeth Poindexter, Advisory Board members Mrs. Alisha Millwood and Mrs. Marcia Wadford attended the meeting. This was a very special meeting for us. We have a new Rainbow Sister; Sister Lauren Rawls was initiated. Mrs. Marty Rawls (her mother) is a Majority Member of Dentsville Assembly. Lauren's parents, grandparents, and aunts were also present for her initiation. We attended the Bowl-a-Thon following the meeting. This is Sister Rebekah Cruse's favorite event. Sisters Elizabeth Bostic and Elizabeth Poindexter presented our flag during the Massing of the Colors on April 18. What a moving ceremony! We had a service project on April 24. We participated in a local community project called "In-as-Much" with seven area churches. Sisters Rebekah Cruse, Elizabeth Poindexter, and Lauren Rawls, with adults Mrs. Marty Rawls and Mrs. Marcia Wadford joined a group of women from the Cayce/West Columbia area to make stress relief dolls for our military soldiers. Approximately 183 dolls were completed that day. Sisters Elizabeth Bostic, Lauren Rawls, and Elizabeth Poindexter served a meal to the members of Sinclair Masonic Lodge on April 29. The Assembly presented Mr. Bill Reinters, Worshipful Master of Sinclair Lodge, with plaques in honor of Sister Jenna Cascio and Mrs. Trudy Hammond Burnett, our two Grand Worthy Advisors. These plaques will be hung in the lodge. Sister Elizabeth Bostic asked the members of the lodge if they would be willing to help our Assembly with our current service project. We are collecting food items for a Back Pack Project. This project provides food for needy children during the weekends and summer. These children attend one of our local schools. The Masons were excited to help. We collected some cash that night and other items are ready to be delivered for the back packs. This project will continue through the year. Sister Elizabeth Bostic was invited to present a lecture for the members of Pacific Lodge on May 4 at their business meeting. Sister Elizabeth did a beautiful job. We hosted a dinner in honor of our mothers on May 11. We were honored to have Mrs. Robyn Anderson (Elizabeth Poindexter's mother), Mrs. Amanda Cruse and Mr. and Mrs. Robert West (Rebekah Cruse's mother and grandparents), Mrs. Susan Burroughs and Mrs. Jean Burroughs (Christina Burrough's stepmother and grandmother), Mrs. Joyce Bostic (Elizabeth Bostic's mother), and Mrs. Marty Rawls (Lauren Rawl's mother). In addition to our mothers, there were guests present from Sinclair Masonic Lodge and, of course, members of the Advisory Board. Sisters Jenna Cascio, Elizabeth Bostic, Christina Burroughs, Rebekah Cruse, and Lauren Rawls attended the Hawaiian Garden Party on May 15 at the Scottish Rite Center in Columbia. We had a great time. We really enjoyed the music provided by Mr. Kenneth Rawls and Marrett Rawls.

It is hard to believe Grand Assembly is just around the corner. We are working on competitions and helping Jenna stay calm. See you all in a few weeks.

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