

# Rainbow Reflections

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Hello Michigan Rainbow!

Wow, this year is flying by so fast! But, there has been many fun memories that we have gained. After the Grand Worthy Advisor Reception, we joined DeMolay and Job's at 5F's, on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Everyone joined in on the fall festivities, whether it was the volleyball game, water balloon fight, or the tug-a-war. I think the tug-a-war game was the highlight of the day for Rainbow, because when we went up against DeMolay and Job's individually and then both together...and we won each time! Next on our list of events was the Dad's Day GOEX; the theme for that day was the ballet and all our dad's wore rainbow colored tutu's. Plus all of the officers received honorable mentions or word perfect! Everything that day was definitely a sight to see!

We continued our journey, taking in Precious Moments along the way, as we went to Mom Ambrose's for our annual barn dance, and we danced the night away. My next move was back downstate to Battle Creek, for Grand Chapter on October 10, where the Worthy Grand Matron pulled me onto the dance floor and showed me some new dance moves. The night of youth introductions, some of the Grand Family girls from Jackson helped me represent Rainbow. My assembly was able to make a shorter drive, still about two hours, to Alpena Assembly for the Team

One GOEX, where eight girls were initiated and Team One and the Grand Officers did amazing, as always. Our next stop was at New Hope Assembly for our last GOEX in 2016, this time the Grand Officers did all of the ritual work and did an outstanding job! We initiated two more girls bringing this year's total up to 15 new sisters! This past weekend Trenton Assembly invited us to their Christmas parade and sleepover after. We were able to pass out over 1,000 stuffed animals and bring sparkling smiles to so many faces. We headed back to the temple for hot cocoa and a sleepless-sleepover (okay, so there was a few hours of sleep).

At the November GOEX, at New Hope, my greetings for introductions included facts about Juvenile Diabetes; the reason I chose to do these facts was because November is National Diabetes awareness month. On that note, don't forget to continue to collect your pop tabs to help support Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

After the holidays, we had an amazing installation season! There are so many new officers this term and I know each of you ladies will do a great job! Congratulations to each of these terrific ladies. Next, we went back to Berkley for Diggin' with the Deputies and we had a springy day both inside and out (where it got up to 68...in February!). Since then we haven't had the warmest of weather, but it's been warm enough to finally have the Christmas party.

Finally, we have made it to Grand Assembly Announcement day, Team Two GOEX, and OES Counterpart day, with a little Christmas spirit thrown into our day!

With Rainbow Love and Service,  
Lisa Stambaugh  
Grand Worthy Advisor

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I feel like I'm writing a Thanksgiving article. I'm thankful that after the windstorm that blew through Michigan this past week, that my power was only out for 24 hours. There are so many folks whose power is still out. In fact, Mother Daugherty is still without power three days later. It's pretty cold in many homes and I'm very thankful for my warm house. I'm also thankful for my tulips that are growing and that I am not out East where they are expecting 12 inches of snow.

One of the highlights for today is Grand Assembly Announcement Day. It's a lot of fun and a lot of excitement and I really look forward to all of you trying to blow up my phone when text/email me about any parts that you have been offered for Grand Assembly. I really do think that day that my phone is going to blow up! It really does give me a giggle. Before we get to that point there has been hours and hours of work preparing all of the packets and all of the paperwork and all of the planning that goes into getting Grand Assembly ready to go. There are lots of surprises and fun moments that are being planned and there is still lots more to plan and get ready to present to our visitors.

Before we get to Grand Assembly, we have many more days to be together. We have

four GOEX's, an ice skating party, our walk for Diabetes, a few visits to out-of-state Grand Assemblies and preparation and rehearsals for Grand Assembly. This is lots of time to continue to get to know each other better and to let our friendships grow stronger.

Use today as an opportunity. Our Eastern Star counterparts are joining us to spend the day together. Take some time to get to know each other and share something special in your life. You never know, this may be the start of a really wonderful friendship. Thank you to our counterparts for taking time out of your busy schedules (and I know how busy they are) and spending the day with the Rainbow Girls of Michigan.

Remember, be thankful for the treasures that you find in your individual Pot of Gold. We each have some similar treasures and we each have treasures that are special to you. If possible, share that treasure and perhaps pay it forward. We are so very blessed and need to share our blessings.



Rainbow Love,  
Mother Riley

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Hey Michigan rainbow! I am Becky Stambaugh Grand Nature and Michigan Masonic Youth of the Year 2016-2017. I have been in Rainbow for seven years along with my big sister Lisa. A little more about myself is I have two rabbits, one cat (that is a handful) and a very lovable yellow lab Cassy. I also have a brother that is a Senior DeMolay and a Master Mason, my mom is an Eastern Star and my dad is a Master Mason as well. You can say that we are a Masonic family! This past year my sister and I have had such a wonderful time going to Supreme Assembly and Canada's Grand Assembly we also visited many Assemblies here in Michigan. I have had so much fun spending time with my Rainbow Sisters. There is much more to come and I know it will be just as fun!

With Rainbow Love,  
Becky Stambaugh



My name is Lindsey Kitchen. I am from Trenton assembly #37. I'm a Grand Representative to Indiana, Iowa, Illinois and Esposito Santos Brazil. I play varsity golf for my high school. I'm not the best but I love to be outside and playing golf with my family. I used to play golf with my sister before she graduated high school. My sister inspires me to great thing in my life.

Rainbow love  
Lindsey Kitchen

## Phoenix Assembly #49

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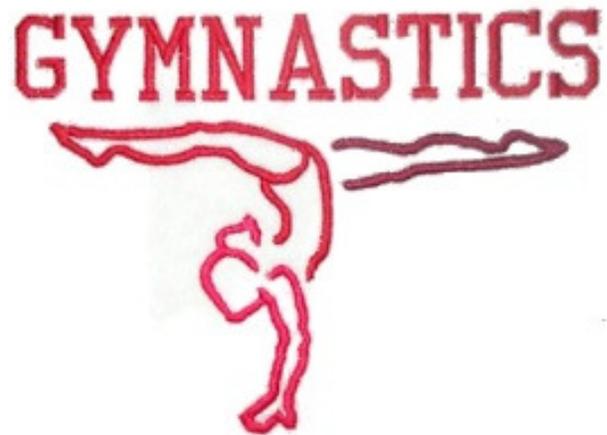
## States Gymnastics Meet

My name is Sarah and I currently do high school gymnastics at Saline High. I recently just had my regionals meet which was a blast. I had competed in all-around, which means, all four events. By completing, I received 6<sup>th</sup> place on the uneven bars and made it to states! Which is a huge deal. I was very excited. I even cried. States was on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Plymouth high school. It was a huge meet and so many people were there. Although not many of my friends had come the most important people did show, which my parents, Mom Brock & Sarah Brock were. I was very happy. Although it did make me very nervous, I was super excited to see them. I competed at 4 pm but I had been there since 11 am so I waited for 5 hours which was HORRIBLE! It made me even more nervous. I mean I really should not have been nervous because I competed in 100's of meets like this before so I should have thought of this like any other meet but, me being myself I freaked! Therefore, at 4 I warmed up, everything was going great, and then at 4:30 it was go time. I had watched so many girls compete before me which they all did amazing. I had cheered them on, me being a good sportsman. After 5 before me went it was my turn. I was so scared my heart was beating so fast. I looked over at my family and friends and gave a smile. I turned back and the judges were ready. It was my turn and I did not know what to do. I just took a deep breath and there I went. It

was horrible. My routine was not its best but I had fun and all that matted was that I made it to state. One of the few girls in Michigan who did. I was very happy in the end and I hope that next year will be better. Actually I know next year will be better because I am going to work hard. Harder than I ever worked and it will be awesome. Maybe next year I would have a few of my rainbow sisters there to cheer me on. However, until then it is just me myself and I.

Sarah Finkiewicz

Phoenix #49



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## Many thanks and an update!

On behalf of my family, I just wanted to take some time to thank everyone who helped, loved and supported Samantha, Sarah and the rest of my family during the last three months. We were very overwhelmed by everything. When I joined this organization, I never imagined all that I would receive from it. Because of this, we were able to keep our heads up high and weather the fire and aftermath. When I began in this organization, I never imagined all that I would receive from it. I know people always say it but there are no words to describe how it made up feel and we cannot say thank you enough.

Now for the update. We purchased a home in a manufactured home park in Jackson. It is very nice and we love it. We are making it our home little by little. We were able to save some things and had to let others go. We are still working on replacing things we could not save and know it will take time. We are so grateful that everyone was safe. Stuff is just stuff and a life is so much more valuable.

In rainbow love and great thanks,

Mother Brock

Jackson                      Assembly                      #7



## Diggin with the Deputies

On Saturday February 18, 2017 we came together for digging with the Deputies. It was a fun event where we could hang out and make a craft for the residents of the Alma home. I had so much fun hanging out with all my rainbow friends. First, we had delicious tacos and cookies. Then we got to work. All of us had a job to do. We made some beautiful projects. Some of the projects we made were centerpieces for Mother's Day. We colored butterflies and put lollipops on them to give to the resident. We made notebooks and picture frames. It was a Saturday full of fun.

Rebecca Foster

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Chrisnet, anyone even heard of that word? It is a tradition for the Trenton assembly rainbow girls to do this thing called Chrisnet. Chrisnet is actually for the homeless, at this time we make and prepare a meal for the homeless at a church. The church allows us to volunteer but the church also cares for the homeless. They get some clothing, can get their laundry done, shower, get a homemade meal and get to meet new people. Even when you think you can't really bond with someone you actually can. The Trenton assembly and staff each got to have a time to sit down and talk to these people and we are sure to treat them all equally! When Lindsey, Cheyenne, Emma, and I politely asked to sit with this man and woman. After they excitedly responded with a yes, the bonding began. The kind woman asked a whole bunch of question and told us how her life was at our age, saying where she went to school, explaining her personality, and telling about a class trip, she was so happy to have her table full of rainbow girls! The man didn't 100% understand what was rainbow but honestly who does. The man began asking us questions and asking what rainbow actually is so we explained it to him. He

thanked us for sharing our time with him as we had to go back to the kitchen to serve some dessert. After serving the dessert to all of the wonderful people in the room, an older man caught our attention, we all sat at his table and he was going on and on about how he is so pleased to see young ladies helping out at an event like this, he than thanked us properly by asking each of our names and told us to drive safe and have a goodnight.

You may never realize that something so small could change someone's mood; we came to Chrisnet knowing we would help serve but we didn't know that we would bond and have such great conversations with these amazing people.

Sierra Feaganes and Cheyenne Brannon



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## Phoenix Assembly #49

Phoenix assembly has been busy. We are up to 7 girls and still prospecting for more sisters. Jenyee was installed as WA on January 30<sup>th</sup>. She was so beautiful. She loved the surprise honor court and Michael Waldo surprised her with a refreshing solo.

We have been serving luncheons and dinners at the temple for the masons and Eastern stars. We held a bottle drive this month and raised over \$200.00. We plan on doing this again.

We are planning on a couple more fundraisers for this term. Pasty sales, spaghetti dinner, car wash and parents night out. We are excited for Grand Assembly coming up and look forward to spending time with all of you.

In Rainbow love,  
Mother Finkiewicz



Hello Michigan Rainbow! I am Becky Stambaugh and I am the Worthy Associate Advisor for Bellaire Assembly #55. I would like to tell you all what we have been doing up in the great white north! It all started in October when we initiated seven new rainbow sisters into our Assembly! After we initiate our new Rainbow sisters we had a wonderful Christmas party with Eastern Star, Masons, and DeMolay. Then the new year was here and we were getting excited about our installation! Finally the installation came and we installed six girls including a new Worthy Advisor Zhanna Dewey! We had a wonderful time, after the installation we got hard at work selling carnations for Valentine's Day! Now we are looking forward to Grand Assembly and we are hard at work again raising money for JDRF and our Charity the Antrim County Animal Shelter! And now we look forward to seeing what Lisa has in store for us in the next couple months!

With Rainbow Love,  
Bellaire Assembly #55



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This installation season I had the pleasure of visiting Bellaire Assembly and helping them install their girls. Though the journey was long, there wasn't too much snow to worry about, and the Bodine's drove me, so I was never bored. Zhanna was installed as worthy advisor with an adorable Lilo and Stitch theme, and I know her term will be a lot of fun. The temple was packed full of guests, and the installation was wonderful and fun. I'd like to thank Lisa for asking me to help out, I always love visiting our sisters further north. Afterwards there were snacks and a whole lot of fun. Sadly, we couldn't stay the night as I was marshal for Wayne Assembly's installation the next day. I'm sure the girls had a blast during their sleepover. I wish the girls of Bellaire and amazing term full of happiness and service.

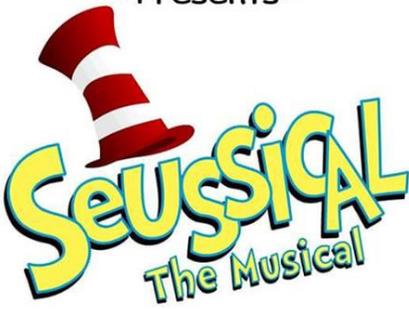
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Mckenzie Pollick  
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you there.

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My name is Rebekah Hutton. I am from Roseville Assembly #17. I am currently Worthy Advisor. I have been in Rainbow for about 4 years. In Rainbow, I have learned how to make friends. I know I can always trust my rainbow sisters and the advisors. Rainbow has made me a better person. My favorite events are the ones related to charity. I love helping people in need. Rainbow has helped me become a leader in my own personal life by helping me make better choices. Before I was a rainbow girl I had problems speaking to others because I always thought they would judge me, but now I feel like I have a voice and that my opinion matters. I am not worried about how others view me. Rainbow has had a big influence on my life.

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." - Winston Churchill

Rebekah Hutton

WA of Roseville Assembly #17

Hi friends, I would like to share with all of you one of my favorite poems today.

## Ashley

Little Ashley hung magazine spreads on her wall, after picking the magazines out in the mall.

Models and actresses, singers and more, with cleavage and makeup and glamour galore!

All of her heroes were finally nearer. Her whole room looked perfect - except for the mirror.

Bo Burnham

With the pressure of getting a "summer look" on the rise, and the unfair depiction of middle and high school girls in our favorite television shows, I feel that it's extremely important to remind you all that you are perfect already. You don't need to pluck your eyebrows and spend hours on makeup if you don't want to. You should be able to wear and look however you want without the constant fear of not pleasing others. You only have one body, so feel comfortable in it. Dye your hair, run barefoot, get your nose pierced, be yourself. Don't ever be afraid to express your individuality.

Lauren Lampar

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Rainbow Girls is so important to me because the girls warm my heart.

I started Rainbow when I was in 6th grade. My teacher, Mary Gillis, told my parents about it. She wanted me to meet other girls and make new friends. The girls in Rainbow always encourage me to do my best. They always support me.

Rainbow has helped me make friends. It has helped me feel good about myself. I have done things with Rainbow that I would have never done before. When I started Rainbow they wanted me to go to Grand Assembly but I always said no. Last year I finally went. I had such a good time. Emily makes me laugh. Lauren makes me smile and Rebekah makes me happy. Rainbow gives me confidence.

Josephine McFadden  
Roseville Assembly #17  
Roseville, MI

I am not very good with words out loud. At least I used to be. Rainbow changed that for me in a lot of ways. I could never say how I feel about it or how it makes me feel. But here's me trying.

Here's a Rainbow story and trust me it won't be boring. Can you believe how unbelievable ladies its just wonderful how it makes me feel so lovable I have sisters that are so understandable. Rainbow's a new life away from the old times of fear and anxiety which was always a priority. No more seniority since here being 19 I am still a minority. Oh and I can be royalty with a crown in the east.

I am Rainbow and Proud

Jenyee Finkiewicz  
Phoenix #49

Thank you to all who helped make this a great edition. I could not have done it without you.

Samantha Brock  
Grand Charity