

# The Family Newsletter



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## Greetings..

SO... on my way home from the office (...in McAlester) the other day (...in December following the Staff Holiday Dinner), I stopped by the local book store (...actually the Baskin Robbins store in the Dallas airport that had some books), I found a book (... to read with my scoop of 31 flavors)... and I would like to share some of the thoughts in a little book by John C. Maxwell, The Power of Your Leadership, Making a Difference with Others.

We are all leaders – to our peer groups who will one day replace us, to our members who will become the leaders of our world and our IORG, to the grocery clerk who appreciates your cheerfulness at the close of their shift of harried shoppers looking for pomegranate seeds, to the person you never really met but who observed you handle a situation, difficult or easy, with grace, style, empathy and compassion.

With this in mind, I would like to share these thoughts from the first few pages of John C. Maxwell's book:

- ♦ The most influential leaders are powerful because of their unwavering belief in what they are trying to achieve. They have a drive to make a meaningful

## Blessings to All in 2019

- ♦ Live each day with intentionality. When you live each day with intentionality, there's almost no limit to what you can do. You can transform yourself, your family, your community and your nation.
- ♦ One person can inspire a second person to be intentional, and another....
- ♦ We should never let what we *cannot* do keep us from doing what we *can* do.
- ♦ People will summarize your life in one sentence – pick it now. (This is actually the title of an entire chapter in another book written by this author.)

And so as we start a new year, I would hope that we do so with intentionality, that we set our goals, establish our standards, embrace our work and our passion – and INTENTIONALLY go forth understanding that each of these will take effort, concentration, focus ... work. Success does not “just happen.” It happens because people set a course, make a plan, work the plan, adjust as necessary along the way, follow through.

Because we are involved on a very committed level with our Order, we are inherently blessed by our youth members... so, for me, much of that “work” becomes fun! Like you, I love to spend time with our members and our adults. I would much rather be in the kitchen washing dishes or cleaning a park with the girls than... doing paper work, resolving adult issues, completing reports.

But as adults, we still need to do those less than “fun” tasks, and with some level of joy, always setting that example for our members... if all they ever hear is “we can't do that this weekend because I have that horrid annual report to complete”... they will first question the reason we are in a leadership roles, and second, never want to replace us!!

Please join me in working toward a better 2019, one that is better for each of us as individuals, better for our family members, and a year each of our members will reflect on with a sense of accomplishment and pride.

*Joanie*



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## Training and Development Committee

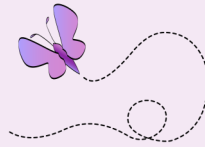
This Committee reports that some 50+ jurisdictional representatives have been selected at this time to participate in the youth training sessions at Seminar.. The T & D Team is in thoughtful discussion on potential agenda topics. This is an exciting opportunity for us to provide a unique development and friendship building experience for our girls. Many of you have responded with excitement about this tremendous leadership training opportunity!

An early "heads-up" : The SWA says to plan to fly in on July 25th and fly out on July 28!



The Committee has developed a promotional flyer to request Annual Giving of Donations which was sent to all jurisdictions through the Supreme Office. Keeping watch over disasters around the world and checking in on jurisdictions is the mission of this committee. It is important to have sufficient funds to be able to respond in a timely manner for those requesting assistance. Please make giving to this important fund an annual commitment by your jurisdiction. Be vigilant and communicate with the Disaster Relief Committee on needs in your areas.

## Supreme Worthy Advisor Tentative Travel Schedule



January 28 –February 4	Vacation time in Hawaii
February 16-20	Conference of Grand Masters
February 22-24	SA Office, McAlester, Oklahoma (Arkansas' annual trip to the Temple—Tentative)
March 15-17	Grand Assembly of Connecticut
April 6-9	Grand Assembly of California
May 23-24	SA Office, McAlester, Oklahoma
May 25-27:	Grand Assembly of Oklahoma
May 31-June 2	Grand Assembly of Philippines
June 9	Daughters of the Nile Convention
June 15-18	Grand Assembly of Nevada
June 20-22	Grand Assembly of Oregon
June 25-29	DeMolay International
July 12-14	Grand Assembly of Washington Idaho
July 19-21	Grand Assembly of Espirito Santo, Brazil
July 25-28	Supreme Seminar, Ontario, California

I would love to have members of the Supreme Family, adults and girls join me on these trips!

*You have an open invitation to travel with me, even to Hawaii! Anytime I am at the Temple, you are welcome to join me, as well.*

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## Membership and Service

Many girls have earned their 'jewels' for Service and Membership and have received their beautiful necklaces. This Committee reminds the Jurisdictions to help our girls by sending in the needed information both to the Supreme Office and to the Chairman, Gena Kelley. Check out complete information on the Supreme flash drive.

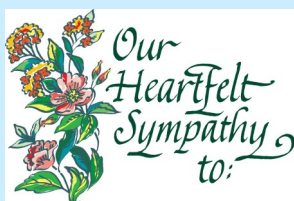
***"Friendships Bloom Where Rainbow is Planted."***



## McAlester Sesquicentennial

The year 2019 will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of McAlester, Oklahoma – the city where W. Mark Sexson organized The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Those who plan to visit the Supreme Rainbow Temple during 2019 may want to check out some of the anticipated civic activities for 2019 and many include International Rainbow.

While some of the events will have a distinct local flavor, others will be of more general interest to visitors and especially to history buffs. The Supreme Rainbow Temple is joining with the McAlester Scottish Rite Masonic Temple and other points of interest for historic tours on April 6, July 6 and October 5. The City of McAlester is providing welcome bags for each visitor. A special *Historic Rainbow Tour* map is being designed and will be available the first week in April.



Supreme Assembly was saddened by the loss of three Emeritus members, **Mrs. Beryl Hogue**, Past Supreme Inspector in Pennsylvania, **Mrs. Alberta Thompson**, Past Supreme Inspector in Indiana, and **Mrs. Martha Hardison**, Past Supreme Inspector in Georgia.

The Supreme Family sends sincere condolences to the families as well as the Jurisdictions where they served so faithfully.



**Dedra Hart—Supreme Faith** Dedra's Rainbow history started in 1972 when she was initiated; progressed to Worthy Advisor two years later, then a Grand Representative of Kansas and then was Grand Hope in 1979. As an adult worker she served as Mother Advisor for 12 years and a Grand Deputy for 10 prior to being named as Supreme Deputy and the rest is 'history' as she now serves as Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in South Carolina.

Dedra married Daniel 33 years ago and they are active in the Fraternal Family. He is a Past Master and District Deputy and is active in Scottish Rite; Dedra is a 40-year member of Eastern Star, a Past Matron and is current Secretary of Hartsville Chapter. She is a 25-year member of Amaranth.

She sings in the choir at their church and teaches Adult Sunday School and leads Bible study and works in the church food pantry. Busy lady!!

Reading, crafting, watching movies and traveling are among her favorite things and taking care of Puff and Patch (their two cats) brings furry enjoyment.

**Ney Batista Coutinho—Brazil-East** works with justice, as Judge of Court of Appeal of the state of Espirito Santo, located in the city of Victoria, Brazil. He was born in the city of Salinas, in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil and has been married with Nelcina Dias Athayde Coutinho for 42 years. They have an anniversary coming up on January 22nd. They have two children, Adriano and Andrea and one grandson, David, and live in Vila Velha, Espirito Santo, Brazil. Ney's hobbies are walking along the beach and attending his Masonic Lodge and Masonic activities.

**Deborah Therrien-Rhode Island** Debbie has lived in Rhode Island her entire life and is a descendant of Roger Williams, the founder of the State. She lives with her husband of 12 years, Rick. They have 4 adult children, two of which are Majority Rainbow Girls (one a PGWA and the other a Past Grand Officer), a Past Master Councilor of DeMolay and an Eagle Scout. They have 4 grandchildren ranging from 4 to 17 years old. Debbie is a masters'-prepared registered nurse with a specialty of wound, ostomy and continence. She is active in church and plays in the Chime Choir. She is a Past Grand Matron, OES, a PGWA and PMA of Rainbow. In her spare time, which is rare, she enjoys reading, playing the piano and gardening.

From the 2020 Supreme Assembly (desk....)

### ***Let's get SOCIAL!***



Calling all members of our Supreme Family: We need your help! Nevada Rainbow is hard at work planning the 2020 sessions and we want to share with you. Our Supreme 2020 Social Media Team is looking for all the fun things you and your jurisdiction are doing that we can share with all of Rainbow. It can be a fun event an assembly did, photos from an official visit, the state-wide service project or anything else you can think of. Just send us a quick email with a description of the picture to [supreme2020social@gmail.com](mailto:supreme2020social@gmail.com)

Make sure you also follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on all the fun things that are in the works for Supreme 2020 and join our attendee group if you plan to attend these sessions. Let's share **the fun that is** the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls with everyone!

Follow us on Facebook here: Supreme Assembly 2020

<http://m.facebook.com/SupremeAssembly2020/>

## **GETTING TO KNOW OUR OFFICE STAFF !**

**Angel Milam—Shipping and Administrative Coordinator**—This Christmas my husband Roy and I will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Though we have no children, we do have two cats, Brennie & Lucy, and a recent addition to our family, a puppy named Sally, who keeps us quite busy these days. We spend a lot of time working on home projects together and we especially enjoy sitting on our back porch just talking and watching Sally play in the yard. I enjoy spending time with my Parents who live near the Temple so I see them quite often. I am an avid reader and love watching old movies. I like to draw and paint and enjoy delving into a variety of crafts. I also love to bake, especially at Christmas time as I prepare boxes of treats for all my Nieces and Nephews.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Check your flash drive from Supreme Assembly for **initial** information. Your shoe drive fundraiser is very important, **so tell everyone as often as you can, and in as many ways as you can.** One way to be sure that you are reaching all of your potential donors is to take time and make a list of everyone you know and work through ways that they could help. If you don't let people know how they can help, they aren't going to support your cause. Everyone can help. Your friends and family can reach out to their contacts; the companies that you and others work for can host employee shoe collections to sponsor your shoe drive fundraiser. Civic groups, youth groups, service clubs at schools, all of these are looking for service projects. Ask them to help. Some other ideas of places to ask for support include your bank, dry cleaner, hairdresser, your doctor's office. Many of these can help. The key is to take time to identify all of your potential resources and then work on a compelling message to ask them for help. Debbi Cochran-Hock, Chairman, debi2156@hotmail.com; Carol Huston, Genie Wilcox, Denise Dickson, Lynn Gebler, Dawn Fox

The new updated 2018 *Statutes of Supreme Assembly Pertaining to Subordinate Assemblies* is now available for order from the Supreme Office supply department. They are \$5.00 each plus shipping. They may be ordered through the Supreme website or by calling the Supreme office. Please pass this information on to your Adult Leaders.

Supreme has new marketing display! This one is easier to assemble, to store, and more cost effective to ship to various locations. A first class display, its initial use will be at the Conference of Grand Masters in February. Supreme also has promotional brochures and other publicity items.



## ... From Around the Rainbow

**Aloha ! In Hawaii** they have been busy with School of Instructions and their Grand Cross of Color Mystic Banquet in November. The girls were busy at Christmas-time with installations of the Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters. They send "I ke aloha anuenue (In Rainbow Love)

Greetings from **California Rainbow!** My name is Hannah Hanlon and I am the 2019 Grand Worthy Advisor. The Motivating Macaws and I have been busy spreading Rainbow love and service this year! We have been traveling up and down the state and having so much fun. We had a record amount of Service Official Visits this Grand Year, which is where we perform service projects in the local community instead of holding a traditional Official Visit. The projects and impact have been amazing and include making care packages for foster children, serving and learning about our Military while spending the day on the USS Somerset and so much more. Our largest charitable project of the 2019 Grand Year is for Grand Service Project: Megan's Wings, an organization which helps childhood cancer patients and their families cope with the hardships of pediatric cancer, including financial, physical, and emotional support in order that parents can focus on the well being of their child. Assemblies across the state have been fundraising to help support this worthy cause. We will be announcing the final donation at our Grand Assembly! Our 2019 Grand Assembly sessions will be held April 6 – 9 in Ontario! The Motivating Macaws and I would love to see you at our "All That Glitters and Snows" Grand Assembly for 4 days of



**Montana Fall Fling:** The Jurisdiction of Montana held a Youth Protection presentation at their Fall Flings a thank you for the donation made to the hospital. In October the Members have been busy collecting books and donating them to preschools as well schools as needed; another project under FUN was to paint ROCKS for Facebook. "Rainbow in Montana ROCKS."

On November 6 2018, **Washington/Idaho** Rainbow was invited to attend the President's Circle Reception at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in appreciation for the donation from the 2018 Grand Service project. It was a wonderful evening meeting the research physicians and hearing about the leading research to treat and cure cancer kits for the homeless. The evening was topped off by taking in the beautiful view of Seattle.

**Oregon Rainbow** has celebrated the Holiday Season with a focus on service to our communities and our Masonic Family. Activities have included, preparing and distributing hygiene kits for the homeless, decorating trees at the Shriners Hospital, working at gift wrapping booths with members of Amaranth, participating in the Shrine community Holiday Celebration and collecting gifts at the Shriners Hospital Toy Run. For fun we enjoyed a Holiday party and best of all Initiated SIX girls into one of our assemblies





Youth Projects:: The Rainbow Girls **CARE** Project: **Compassion, Awareness, Respect and Empathy** is in the later stages of development and it is anticipated that this new program will be posted on the Rainbow website and shared electronically by mid-February.

Preliminary plans are being made for the starting of two new Grand Assemblies—both in Brazil: The first request is for the Grand Assembly of Espirito Santo, Brazil and the second request is the Grand Assembly of Tocantins and Maranhao. Both jurisdictions are working diligently to make this a reality.



Watch for official news on the Supreme Web Site.

## VISIONARY WORDS

If I asked you to make a list of the things you would change to improve our Order by waving a magic wand, what would you do? Would you want to make major changes, or would the things on your list be minor in nature?

What I am really asking is “**Are you a visionary**” or are you what I call a “**fine print person**?”

There are not rights or wrongs. Both are needed. A **visionary** is a person who sees the big picture. A **fine print person** is one who looks at the details. Believe me, our wonderful Order needs both.

If you are a visionary, you might say, “*I see a day when our entire community has heard about the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the wonderful work we are doing in our communities as well as the being aware of the promises of our Order for young ladies.*” As a visionary you might say, “I see the day when there is universal peace in the world.” Or “I dream of a day when there is no more hunger or homelessness in our community or state, or our world.”

The “fine print person” asks: “*How do we get this done?*” They tend to divide the task into small, manageable increments, and make the assignments to get the task done.

John Kennedy in responding to the successful first manned space flight said “By the end of the decade, American will put a man on the moon and return him safely to earth.” That’s a visionary statement.

It took the **fine print people** to make that happen. Have you noticed the visionary uses **inspiration** and the fine print people use **perspiration**? But it takes **both** to get the job done.

We need both the visionary and the fine print person in our Order if we are to succeed, and we need real dialogue between the two.

So....share your talents, your gifts, your ideas, your labors and just imagine what growth and development can happen in our wonderful Rainbow World!



Many thanks to Mrs. Jackie Harmon and the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida for their tremendous help at Eastern Star General Grand Chapter from October 27th through November 2nd. The girls and adults were very helpful with our display booth and the Grand Worthy Advisor represented IORG

very well in the two opportunities she had to bring a Rainbow message to the attendees.

