



SUMMER 2025—News from around the IORG world!

Greetings from SWA Carolyn:

Dear Rainbow Girls, dedicated adult sponsors, and cherished Supreme Family friends,

As we gather today in the spirit of Rainbow, we are reminded that service begins with a heart that is open to friendship, to kindness, and to one another. Our hearts in service are what make Rainbow shine.

Let us welcome you with words that speak to who we are:

**Open doors are open pathways
Leading to an open heart,
Where friendship and sisterhood
All play a special part.**

**Open doors call friends to enter
And accept our hospitality,
There to find the truest meaning
Of the things called neighborly.**

**For you, our open doors have golden hinges,
And they are opened wide,
With the faith that we can offer,
A Rainbow welcome, here inside.**

May this day remind us that every step we take, every hand we hold, and every act of service we give brings light to the world, and love to the heart of Rainbow.

In Rainbow love and service,

Carolyn York/Mrs. C
Supreme Worthy Advisor

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Big News from Around the Rainbow World

NEBRASKA: The **“Worry Will Not Drown Me”** 2025 Grand Assembly Session brought GWA Emma and her Grand Family the opportunity to shine and complete their year-long efforts to care for ourselves and others. The ceremonies of the June 13-15 session included the Nebraska Grand Assembly Pledge officers performing their work and promoting a Pledge to membership. A new addition to the Nebraska Grand Assembly ceremony was the Masonic Ribbon Ceremony, featuring representatives of Nebraska’s 11 Masonic Family Organizations escorted by 12 NE IORG members who shared a brief tribute to each organization as ribbons of the organizations’ colors were placed to form a circle on the Altar. Saturday evening’s ritual session concluded with our traditional Cavalcade of Flags . . . Always a crowd pleaser!



The **“IORG One Heartbeat”** Grand Family was installed on Sunday, June 15. Our 2025-2026 Grand Assembly year will focus on making healthy choices for our future and choosing JOY each day. Kiki the Koala, t-shirts, and natural fragrance in wax melts kicked off GWA Alexis’ project awareness and education and the fundraising to support MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). We are looking forward to welcoming any and all prospects, members, and adults to join us October 4-5 for

the Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney, Nebraska as we **“CHART OUR COURSE”** for our own lives and the success of our organizations. We will serve the needs of the Food Pantry and Humane Society Shelter in Kearney.

RHODE ISLAND: Rhode Island IORG held its annual Grand Representatives' Day on May 10. We truly appreciate our Masonic Family for their support, including Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Grand Chapter OES, and the Rhode Island Shrine. Special thanks to the large group from Connecticut IORG who joined us too - we loved sharing the afternoon with our sisters. Thank you to our brothers from the Rhode Island DeMolay for also supporting us. Our Grand Representatives gave reports of their jurisdictions and decorated playbills that will be displayed at our **“Let Your Inner Star Shine”** Grand Assembly sessions. Then the Grand Family members and theme for 2025-26 were announced. It was a great afternoon!



MASSACHUSETTS: Lisa (Oxman) Botte, PGWA in MA 1991-92, is working towards completing all 6 races in the Abbott World Marathon Majors series. She has already run the Chicago, Boston, New York City, and Berlin (Germany) Marathons, with the London Marathon on her schedule for April 2025. She plans to complete the series by running the Tokyo Marathon in 2026. Lisa is a longtime member of the Sole Sisters, an all women's running club based in the Boston area. She credits her years in Rainbow for giving her the confidence to tackle this challenge.

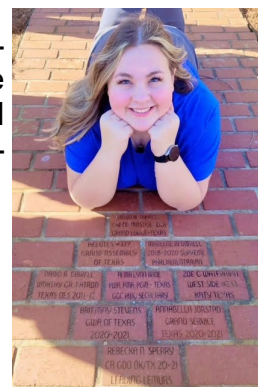
In February, we initiated a 4th generation Rainbow Girl at our 2nd Grand Officers' Day of the year. She is named after a great aunt, Charlotte Ross, who was a PMA of West Springfield Assembly No. 79 in Massachusetts.

This June, Massachusetts celebrated its **Centennial** year at Grand Assembly. One of the special programs was an initiatory degree performed by Past Grand Worthy Advisors. There were 29 PGWA's who obligated to participate, and they ranged from 19 to 80 years young! It was an absolutely beautiful initiation, and all centennial activities were enjoyed by all. It was a special time of extraordinary memories.

More . . . Big News from the Supreme Family

TEXAS

Jr. Past Grand Worthy Advisor, **Annabella**, is shown admiring bricks at the Memorial Garden in McAlester. The delegation from Texas visited the Supreme Temple, held a beautiful initiation in the Supreme Assembly room and enjoyed other fun times in McAlester. A visit to W. Mark Sexson' burial site was a meaningful memory for all.



OKLAHOMA

Jr. Past Grand Worthy Advisor, **Makenna**, sent us a message from Oklahoma:

Hey, y'all! My name is Makenna, and I enjoyed serving as Grand Worthy Advisor in 2024-2025 in the Home of Rainbow, Oklahoma! I am a fourth-generation Rainbow girl and a second-generation GWA, family is the core of our organization. Many of our girls come from Masonic-affiliated families! We recently had the great honor of welcoming 12 new girls at our February District Weekend! In March, we held our girls' leadership retreat, This is always a great time of fellowship, leadership, and fun! Our 101st **"Rainbow: Your Passport to the World"** Grand Assembly Session was held in May and we were pleased to welcome visitors from many Grand Jurisdictions. Rainbow Love and Kindness from Oklahoma Rainbow

ARUBA

Debra Dixon-Mansur and her husband were excellent hosts for Joanie and Marlene when they "stopped by" Aruba on their way during their cruise to the Panama Canal. They were treated to a lovely lunch and a comprehensive tour of the island. Aruba is an absolutely incredibly beautiful island. The best part was, no doubt, being with Debra and her husband, Gavril, and the time spent "Rainbow-ing" with them.

OHIO

GraceLynn B came home from Ohio's Grand Assembly as the new Grand Rainbow Flag Tribute & Representative to Indiana and turned around to win the Losantisville Jr. Classic - one of the latest events in the Southern Ohio PGA Jr. tour! In the 15 events she has competed in this season, she has been on the podium for 5, and is currently in the lead for Player of the Year for girls 16-19. She started playing golf in 7th grade, and this fall will be taking her talents to Purdue Northwest as a part of their golf team. We look forward to watching her continue to grow on the links!

Ohio Rainbow will "Stop and Smell the Poppies" this year with our G.W.A., Maddie K. Her colors are orange, green, indigo, and white and symbols of cameras, picture frames, dragon flies, maypoles, teacups, gardens. Her focus is on our pledge groups, self development for each girl, and the Ohio Domestic Abuse Network.

ARIZONA: Greetings from Arizona!

Sharing a local news article about an educational achievement by our Grand Worthy Advisor. https://www.themesatribune.com/community/mesa-teen-studying-immunology-this-summer/article_b42ae4eb-aa26-4986-83eb-655c91b48866.html forever the Rainbow, she was sure to mention her involvement in our organization along with her scholastic achievement.

Even More . . . Big News from the Supreme Family

New Mexico

Grand Worthy Advisor, **Rebecca**, shares this news: I'm so excited to share the amazing adventures that New Mexico Rainbow has just experienced! We recently held our Grand Assembly, and the installation was magnificent. Our theme for this term is **"Make Rainbow a Part of Your Heritage,"** which emphasizes the importance of family, tradition, and connection. One of my biggest goals this term is to work more closely together as a Masonic family, building stronger bonds across all of our affiliated organizations and truly getting to know the incredible people that make these Orders so special.



Coming up soon, we will participate in a very exciting Rainbow University, taking place on July 26th at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. This interactive virtual session is designed to help us learn how to confidently share what Rainbow means to each of us.



With Rainbow love, **Rebecca**, GWA



On July 16th, New Mexico Rainbow Girls presented a check for \$1000 to New Mexico Kids Matter. This donation will help purchase school supplies for their backpack program, which provides children in foster care with school supplies.

Then we traveled down the road to the New Mexico Fisher House. This is a gorgeous facility that supports veterans with a place to live while rehabilitating. It also provides a place for veterans' families to live while their loved ones are in the hospital or hospice care. We were able to take a tour of this amazing facility and then presented them with patriotic keyrings. The girls made these keyrings during the Grand Assembly session. Fisher House will put these in the welcome bags they give to their veterans and families. This day gave all of us knowledge of new service opportunities that are out there in our community.

Tsenre Deveraux, PGWA, Supreme Liaison in New Mexico

North Dakota

We're trying to stay busy here in **North Dakota**. Summer school is out for the summer, and it is time for outdoor fun under our beautiful blue skies. Our girls have been helping our Masonic families with booths, the Shrine Circus, making balloon animals, tie blankets, and serving suppers for our needy families.

Membership is down in ND and we are really struggling to keep going and to try to rebuild our membership. It is sad to say, but we are down to 3 assemblies in our state. We are still keeping the faith that new members are on the horizon. We wear our Rainbow tie-dye shirts to all our events to "stand out" from the crowd.

We are planning a one-day Grand Assembly at our Bismarck Masonic Lodge. We plan to watch the video seminar on July 26th and have discussions on that, along with the installation of our Grand Worthy Advisor and we will be initiating a member into our Grand Cross of Color.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer! Stay safe and healthy!

And, Yes, More . . . Big News from the Supreme Family

NEVADA

The annual session held on June 13-14 was a happy time together in celebration of **Heidi Haartz's** tenure as Supreme Deputy and welcoming the next Supreme Deputy David Balshazy (more info about him in this issue).

Supremes Joanie Jacka, Marlene Dibrell, and Gabby Hazelton enjoyed being with this welcoming Grand Jurisdiction!



MISSOURI

This past year, **Missouri** was thrilled to reinstate Service Assembly #9, with the initiation of four new sisters. In addition to our other initiations throughout the year, we were also ecstatic to initiate 8 new sisters at our 2025 Grand Assembly!

For the past few years at the Missouri Grand Assembly, we have worked together on Purses for Empowerment and Boxes of Sunshine. Purses for Empowerment consists of filling donated purses with hygiene items, self-care items, and more. These purses are donated to women that need Empowerment as they are facing challenges. Boxes of Sunshine are thoughtfully filled with candy, stationery, fun activities, and more, designed to brighten the day of our Masonic family members and remind them that they are never alone.

We are looking forward to continuing to grow our membership and spreading our service through love!

ALL GRAND JURISDICTIONS

This space is reserved, and available for YOUR news.

Please share a capsule of your activities in the next issue of TIDBITS and TREASURES.

Please email your good news to a member of the TIDBIT Committee:

Mary Muhs, Marjorie Wilson, Marie Renda, Tanya Blubaugh, Marianne Camagan, Tsenre Deveraux, Merlee Kile, Sandra Marshall, Roberts Myers, Joao Chiarelli Salgado, Tammy Bulman, Melissa Metz, and Marlene Dibrell, Chairman, marlenedibrell@gmail.com

Sadness Within the Supreme Family

The entire Supreme Family sends sympathy to **Mrs. Dedra Hart**, Supreme Worthy Associate Advisor, and her family on the loss of her precious mother, Mrs. Frances Gwendolyn "Gwen" Amyx on April 17, and to . . .

Mrs. Tonya Blubaugh, Supreme Deputy in Ohio, and her family, whose mother, Mrs. Marilyn Joyce (Gast) Hanlin passed away on June 22.

It is with sadness that we share that Past Supreme Deputy in Para, Brazil, **Mr. Jose Nazareno Nogueira Lima**, passed away on July 12.

Please feel the love in our hearts as we remember these fine ladies and the family of this fine gentleman in our thoughts and prayers.

*With Joy and Gratitude,
We Warmly Welcome the Newest Members of our Supreme Family*

Laurie Rigg – Kansas

Caroline Ambrose – Michigan

David Bolshazy – Nevada

Michelle Reichardt – Iowa

Erin Pendleton – Virginia

Each of you brings unique strengths, passion, and dedication to our Rainbow journey, and we are so excited to witness the love, leadership, and light you will share with your girls and your jurisdictions.

Welcome to this special chapter of service,
“**The Heart of Rainbow**” shines even brighter with you in it.

Learn more about our new Supreme Deputies by their individual responses to these questions:

1. What is one thing you enjoy doing outside of Rainbow?
2. What is your favorite Rainbow station, and why?
3. What is one goal you have for your jurisdiction this year?

Laurie Rigg: Thank you for the welcome. I’m looking forward to Supreme 2026 to meet my new Supreme family. I am enjoying my appointment and appreciate all the kindness.

1. I was a Special Education teacher for 38. After I retired, I missed working with students. I then decided to work as a substitute teacher. I love working with children again because it brings me joy.
2. My favorite Rainbow station is Patriotism. I was Grand Patriotism in Illinois. My son is in the Air Force and my husband worked in Law Enforcement. Both our fathers served in the military, so loving our country and its flag is very important for me.
3. I have a goal of increasing membership for our jurisdiction. We are small in numbers, but working hard to maintain the girls we do have and brainstorming how to welcome new girls.

In Rainbow love,

Laurie Rigg, Supreme Deputy in Kansas

Erin Pendleton: I'm thankful for all of the warm wishes as I begin to navigate my expanded responsibilities.

1. One thing I enjoy is the pride of watching my kids do what they love by attending their sporting & theatre events. My son plays Dodgeball for his college, and my daughter is active in her theatre department and is even a member of her school's Improv team.
2. Patriotism is my favorite station because it reinforces a point easily lost in our day-to-day. I also like the changes that have been made to it over the years to bring it up-to-date and reflective of our current society.
3. Find ways to best accelerate what I can achieve and sustain involvement/encouraging new involvement by finding ways to leverage more of our adults & new majority members.

Erin Pendleton, Supreme Deputy in Virginia

Getting to Know the Newest Members of our Supreme Family

Caroline Ambrose: Thank you for the warm welcome!

1. I work for Amazon so perhaps my life outside Rainbow is collecting Airport codes! I travel almost every single week helping to launch new buildings in our rural areas. I love traveling and finding hidden gems for restaurants.
2. My favorite Rainbow station - Musician - music adds to our lessons and I enjoy providing music and I am a Past Grand Musician.
3. Goal is to align our activities to make sure we are working as a team and meeting goals of providing exceptional leadership to our membership.

Caroline Ambrose, Supreme Deputy in Michigan

Michelle Reichardt: I am honored to be appointed as Supreme Deputy in Iowa. Congratulations to the other new Supreme Deputies as well.

1. I am learning a new skill of quilting. I enjoy attending family quilting retreats to learn and practice the process.
2. My favorite Rainbow station is Love. It was the first station that I learned as a Rainbow Girl and it was my honor bow station when I was GWA of Iowa in 1995-1996. Love is important and builds everlasting bonds with people of all ages.
3. My goal for Iowa Rainbow is to spread the Love of Rainbow and grow our organization.

I look forward to meeting all of you!

In Rainbow Love,

Michelle Reichardt, Supreme Deputy in Iowa

David Bolshazy: Thank you for the welcome I have received. I look forward to the opportunities of service and the knowledge to be gained from the Supreme family. I appreciate the opportunity to share small bits of the things I like.

1. Outside of Rainbow, I enjoy camping and fly fishing. There's something incredibly peaceful about being surrounded by nature, away from the city noise and traffic. Fly fishing, in particular, teaches me patience and focus—every cast requires attention, and success doesn't come without persistence. Whether standing in a quiet stream casting a line or absorbing the sounds of nature, I can reset and reflect, keeping me grounded and hopefully improving the person I am.
2. My favorite station in Rainbow is Service. This station represents the heart of Rainbow Girls—selfless action, kindness, and community. The office of Service reminds me that even the smallest acts of kindness can have large impacts. It's about the power we each hold in making someone's day a little better or easier. When I think of Rainbow, I think of our commitment to helping others, and Service embodies that spirit perfectly.
3. My main goal this year is to strengthen membership through mentoring. I want to see every new member drawn to and welcomed by a supportive circle of big sisters and advisors who inspire them to grow. Equipping current members with leadership and communication tools will hopefully attract new members to our Order. By building strong bonds and lifting each other, we can ensure the future of Rainbow is vibrant, united, and filled with young women ready to serve their world with kindness and purpose.

Guided by Faith, driven by Hope, and led by Charity,

David Bolshazy, Supreme Deputy in Nevada

Getting to Know Our Supreme Officers!

Luanne Walton, Supreme Recorder

I was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and grew up in Moncton, New Brunswick. I received a Bachelor of Arts from Kings College and a law degree from the Dalhousie School of Law. Between my arts degree and law school, I studied French immersion at Laval University in Quebec City, Quebec.

I was fortunate to be chosen as a clerk to a judge of the Federal Court of Appeal in Ottawa, Ontario. I stayed in Ottawa after my one year clerkship ended and have lived there ever since, with a brief sojourn in Halifax, Nova Scotia 1996-98. I worked as a constitutional lawyer with the Canadian Department of Justice for thirty-one years. It was a wonderful career. During the early 2000s, I earned my Masters in Constitutional Law from York University. I was involved in court cases dealing with all aspects of the financial regulation in Canada, including banking, securities reform, and regulation of the banking system. Additionally, I worked on high profile cases involving same sex marriage, the status of aboriginal persons, Canadian unity, marijuana reform, and federal greenhouse gas regulation. My single most intense working experience was during the first months of Covid lockdowns in Canada.

When not working or "Rainbow-ing", I do all sorts of handwork including quilting, knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, and sewing clothing. I was lucky to live close to two very crafty grandmothers growing up and they taught me well. I've never been married and have no children. However, I am fortunate to be the godmother/adopted godmother to four wonderful children. This is even more fun now that they're adults.

I've been involved in Rainbow for 47 years. I served as Worthy Advisor as a charter member of Westmorland Assembly #23 in Moncton, New Brunswick. I served as Grand Worthy Advisor in Canada 40 years ago this summer. When I moved to Ottawa, I became active with Ottawa Assembly, serving as both a Board member and Mother Advisor. I was appointed to Canada's Grand Executive Committee in 1995 and became chair of that Committee in 1998. From 2000-2002, I served as the only international member of the Rainbow Renewal Task Force. In 2002 I was appointed Supreme Deputy in Canada. I was elected Supreme Inspector in 2012 at Supreme in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which was very special for me as my parents were there to see me installed. Since then, I have served in several Supreme Offices, most recently being elected as Supreme Recorder in 2024. I retired as Supreme Inspector in 2016. Following the resignation of Canada's Supreme Deputy, I resumed my service as Supreme Inspector in Canada in 2022.

Luanne A. Walton, Supreme Recorder and Supreme Inspector
Supreme Inspector in Canada

MAY YOU *be proud of* THE WORK YOU DO, THE PERSON YOU ARE, AND THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE.

Getting to Know Our Supreme Officers!

Brian Pierson, Supreme Religion

Thank you for the email and request for information.

I left Illinois after graduation from high school, following my parents and siblings "towards" Texas when they retired. I found a home at the University of Oklahoma and played college tennis; met the love of my life, Janna; and obtained a Bachelor's in Business Administration degree with a Major in Finance, and followed with a Master's in Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate. I have practiced law for 44 years, first with a mid-size firm in Tulsa, OK, and then went out on my own, practicing real property, estates and trusts, and business and commercial law for 15 years in Guthrie, OK. For the past 25 years, I have served as the General Counsel and Executive Vice President for BancFirst and this fall I will also become their Corporate Secretary.

It is my honor to be serving both the International governing bodies of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the DeMolay Supreme Council.

Following in the steps of Joe Blair when he retired as Supreme Inspector. I have served IORG for 30 years holding the offices of Supreme Deputy, Supreme Inspector, Supreme Parliamentarian, Supreme Confidential Observer, Supreme Outer Observer, and Supreme Chaplain. It has been my privilege to serve OK Rainbow with both my daughter Shana Pierson Bench, and my granddaughter, Makenna Bench, together with some of the brightest and most talented young women in Oklahoma. As a municipal judge, I have presided in the marriages of many of my GWAs and Majority Girls. Now, I continue to work with the Oklahoma Grand Assembly through its Charitable and Educational Foundation, as well as supporting its membership wherever needed.

I am a Past Master of Albert Pike Masonic Lodge #162 in Guthrie, OK, and currently serve as President of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation and serve as a member of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma, representing the Guthrie Valley of the Scottish Rite.

Hobbies include family, running, singing in the church choir and with the Bovine Band, family, reading (not enough), working with other non-profit foundations, and family.

My immediate family includes wife, Janna, our daughter, Shana Bench of Guthrie, OK (PGWA, Gr. Executive Committee, Director of GO Ritual), son-in-law Nick, and daughter Makenna (20 yrs). (JPGWA and Director of OK Memorial Team), and daughter Gabriela ("Gabby") (WAA in Guthrie Assembly #22, Grand Representative to Arkansas, and WA for the OK Memorial Team); our son, Brandon Pierson, of Norman, OK, MD, daughter-in-law, Namali Pierson, MD, Caroline (12 yrs) and Alex (7 yrs) (my all-sports statistician); and son, Doug Pierson of Denver, CO, and daughter, Eloise (7 yrs.)

Brian Pierson, Supreme Religion



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