

ASSEMBLY NEWS

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FROM THE MOTHER ADVISOR

Thank you to everyone for their hard work at the Fair. It was a great year.

Just a couple of items for everyone. My phone number is 360-733-7028. If you can't be at a meeting, or are going to be late, or can't come to an event you signed up for PLEASE call me. Meetings are very important. We need to have all of our members at each meeting. Please remember to write down the dates of our meetings.

We always wear skirts or dresses to meetings unless we tell you otherwise. Tennis shoes are not appropriate with dresses, so please wear dress shoes or slippers. You do not have to wear floor length dresses or skirts unless the event or

meeting is Formal. Watch your calendar to see if an event is Formal. Otherwise all Initiations and Installations and OV's and District meetings are Formal. You also need to wear pantyhose or knee highs.

We are having meetings once every other month called TIP meetings. These are put on by our Grand Deputy and are very important. This is a great way to learn more about Rainbow. Please try and make these meetings. The next one is in Coupeville in October.

Rides to meetings and events: If you need a ride, please call the day before the meeting. This is a great way for parents to help the assembly out. If you can drive girls to meetings or events it is a tremen-

dous help. We only need you to provide proof of insurance and a valid driver's license to be added to the driver's list. You get to meet and have fun with the girls, but it doesn't involve sitting through the meeting if you are on a busy schedule.

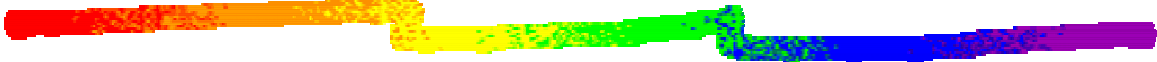
Meetings: Parents and legal guardians are always welcome at our meetings. We ask that you try and be in a skirt or dress if you are female. It is not required though. Please wear slacks and not jeans if you don't have a skirt or dress. Men can wear black jeans or slacks. If you or your daughter miss a meeting, you need to find out what was missed. You can call Mrs. Richards at 360-733-7028. There are many opportunities to help with our assembly. We are growing

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Special Points of Note:

We meet the 1st Saturday of each month and the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Your Mother Advisor is Mrs. Richards 360-733-7028.



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and will need some extra help along the way. Driving girls, making phone calls, bringing snacks, working on scrapbooks, and helping the girls learn their memory parts are great ways to help. Two hours a month would make a world of difference.

Memory work is very important in Rainbow. Your daughter has a memory part to learn at each station. Ask your daughter if she needs help. A board member will also be happy to help her. But she needs to ask for help and learn her part each term. Help

your daughter to learn her part or ask for help early in the term (that would be now).

We will be having a **food drive** for the holiday season, please send a can or two of food with your daughter to the meetings. Teaching the girls to give back to their communities is a BIG part of Rainbow. They will in turn teach their children and a cycle of giving will begin.

I want to Thank each of you for sharing your daughter's with the Assembly. I enjoy each of them,

and watching them grow up and become the leaders of the Assembly and hopefully their communities is so much fun.

Rainbow Love
Mrs. Richards
Mother Advisor



PARENTS DID YOU KNOW



Did you know that each Rainbow girl is supposed to open her Bible to a chapter and verse each night. The Chapter and verse are Genesis 9. They are supposed to open their Bible each night and then look at the verse in the morning and close the Bible. You can help by reminding the girls to do this and read it aloud with them.

Did you know that each girl who has been through an Installation has Memory work. Some have more than others, but all have memory work. Ask your daughter to recite her part for you, and help her if she is having trouble. Also call a board member if you aren't able to help your daughter. Any board member will help in any way they can.

Did you know that the girls sign up for events and up coming special meetings. Ask your daughter what she signed up for, she also has a sheet of paper that tells what went on at the meeting. If your daughter misses a meeting, she needs to call the Mother Advisor and find out what she missed.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

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THE CALENDAR

September 6, 7 PM Meeting, Dress like your station

September 17, 7 PM Meeting

September 19 & 20, Leadership Camp

September 27, OV practice, 10 AM in Mount Vernon

September 28, 2 PM OV, Mount Vernon

October 4, 7 PM Meeting

October 11, 1 PM, TIP Meeting, Coupeville followed by a fun activity

BOARD MEMBERS

ALICIA'S CORNER

BELLINGHAM ASSEMBLY #17

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**We will be on
the web soon**

RAINBOW KNOWLEDGE



The Bellingham Assembly is one of 5 assemblies in the north-west corner of the state.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG) is a youth group for girls between the ages of 11 and 20. Rainbow is not a religion, but rather a service organization. Local groups (Assemblies) are sponsored by Masonic affiliations, usually either a local Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter, or Order of the Amaranth. The girls learn about charity, hope, and service through their work and involvement with the local and Grand service projects annually. On April 6, 1922, the degrees of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was first exemplified on a class of one

hundred seventy-one girls in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Temple, McAlester, Oklahoma.

Members of the Rainbow are active in their churches, schools, and communities. They raise money for various charities through fundraisers such as bake sales, dinners, and car washes, and they extend themselves in service to their communities, churches and their sponsoring organizations. Rainbow Girls have many fun activities and opportunities to make lifelong friendships.

The leadership structure of Rainbow begins with the local Assembly and extends to the State and International Assemblies. Each local Assembly is made up of five line officers (Rainbow

Girls who lead the Assembly under the direction of a Mother Advisor and Advisory Board) and thirteen appointed officers. The adult governing body of each Rainbow Assembly is known as the Advisory Board and is comprised of seven to fifteen adults from various Masonic organizations and parents or legal guardians of Rainbow girls.

