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Lavender

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### Celestyn Baker ~ Grand Worthy Advisor ~

Good Day Colorado Rainbow,

School is coming to an end and after a long year of COVID 19 and online or hybrid learning, I'm so grateful we all made it. Congratulations to all of you and especially the 2021 graduates!

So far this year we have done many events! I would like to thank all the girls and adults who attended the Frank Marshal Competition in April. It was such a blast seeing all you ladies perform your work. I'm glad we could come home as overall winners against the DeMolay boys! You really rocked it out there. I would also like to thank the girls and adults who attended the Basking with Butterflies event with me at the Denver Butterfly Pavilion! I had so much fun getting to know all of you girls better as well as learning more about some amazing insects in our wonderful world. There were also some very fun Zoom events that some of you attended with some amazing prizes! Remember to attend the next one!

Congratulations to Monte Vista Assembly for



### "Rise Up and Fly"

their great work at their official visit. Thank you for also letting me host the Cornerstone of Kindness event after your official visit. We created some beautiful rocks! I hope you all had the time to spread them around your communities.

I would like to thank some very special people who've helped me a lot these past 2 years. Kaitlynn for being so helpful and ready to go. Mom Julie for helping me with my planning as well as my whole grand year so far. I have a few more people to thank, but I will save those for another time.

A few more events are this May! I hope to see you

all at the Pikes Peak/ Littleton OV as well as the Taking the Reins event at the Remount Foundation in Colorado Springs! I know you all will do such beautiful work! Homecoming is June 5th with another Surprise Activity. It's going to be such a blast! Make sure you're there!

Ladies! Grand Assembly is approaching very fast! I hope all of you have practiced your parts! We've got some very fun events planned for Grand Assembly this July 30th-31st and I hope all of you can be a part of it! Remember to get some more girls in before then so we can see our Supreme Deputy with her newly dyed Rainbow hair!

As this crazy year is coming to an end, I hope you all remember how amazing every one of you are! Keep going strong and remember, "Whenever we begin to feel as if we can no longer go on, hope whispers into our ears to remind us that we are strong." - Robert M. Hensel

May you always live fully, Celestyn Baker Grand Worthy Advísor





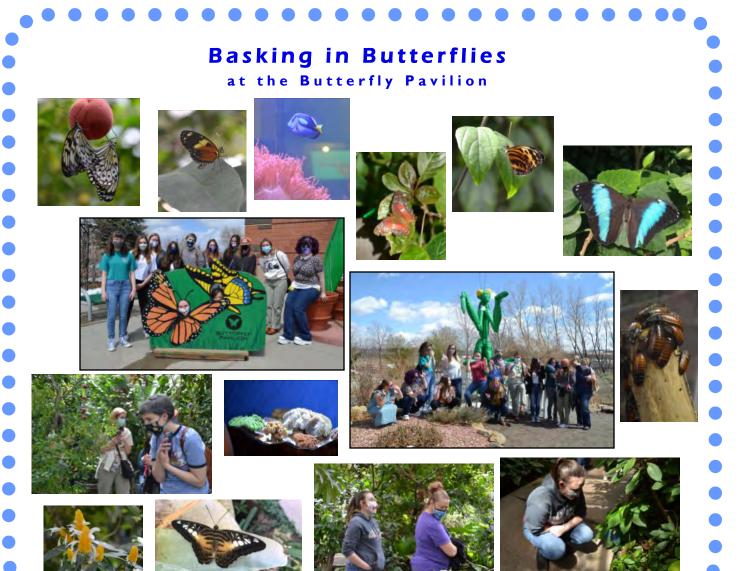


- Monte Vista #23 OV & Cornerstone of Kindness
- Grand Master Youth Leader Brunch











### Kaitlynn ~ Grand Worthy Associate Advisor~

Hello ladies of Colorado Rainbow, I was happy to be able to see some of you ladies at our ritual competition!



I hope everyone is doing ok with it being the last stretch of school. I know that this time of year gets really tough for some people but keep pushing through, because we're almost finished! I also hope that everyone's assemblies are having fun attending meetings either via Zoom or in person. I encourage you to invite prospects to your fun events. Also, I can't wait to see you all at Grand Assembly this coming July. I know that it's going to be such a great time for Celest.

Sending smiles your way, Kaitlynn M. Grand Worthy Associate Advisor of Colorado



One of Kaitlynn's favorite flowers is the Hibiscus



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### Julie Mesaros ~ Supreme Deputy ~

In many aspects it seems Celestyn's year as Grand Worthy Advisor is just beginning with recently attending two (2) official visits, Monte Vista, and Pikes Peak/Littleton; yet Homecoming in Grand Junction is June 5<sup>th</sup>. I believe Celestyn may even have a surprise in store for us! Celestyn has been an

amazing leader for Colorado Rainbow taking the limitations of the pandemic and turning them into something positive. It is my hope you will join Grand Junction Assembly in welcoming Celestyn "home".

Mom Julie likes

**FUN** 

is yet to

Come...



**Orchids & Roses** 



Wow, can you believe the Rise Up and Fly Grand Assembly session is only 2 months away! I hope everyone is looking forward to watching GWA, Celestyn and the Grand Family perform their work at Grand Assembly. Everyone is hard at work planning to make this year's Grand Assembly fun for each of you.

Grand Assembly will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Greeley on July 30 & 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> with practices to begin at 8:15 a.m. I am sure those of you who are Grand Officers or members of the Grand Cross of Color Team are working hard on your parts. This year, you will



have the opportunity to explore Greeley on a Scavenger hunt, try your best hockey or figure skating efforts at the Greeley Ice Haus, and after all is done, relax to an amazing movie in the Grand Assembly room. That is just part of the fun planned. GWA, Celestyn may have a game or two planned throughout the 2 days.

While the COVID restrictions are being relaxed or lifted, we must remain cautious and diligent in our efforts keep our members safe. Remember, not all of the membership is eligible to receive their vaccines. Therefore, while at Grand Assembly, you will be asked to wear your masks – so please bring them – and especially while in close proximity to each other. Our ceremonies will also be COVID style as well. I am optimistic that next year we will return to a normal Grand Assembly session format and with all our efforts, we will.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Grand Assembly! My wish for you is to find the joy in the journey, to be an active member and please do not just belong, for you get out of Rainbow what you put into it.

Mom Julíe

HOW EXCITING!



### Congratulations Angela DeSautell!

### Our new Grand Deputy...

She is a majority member from Monte Vista Assembly #23. She served her Assembly as Worthy Advisor and has served Colorado Grand Assembly as Co-Director of the Grand Cross of Color for 8 years. Her favorite flower is the Iris!





### 2020 - 2022 SUPREME PROFICIENCY/MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Have you earned your Level 1 ribbon for the Supreme Program by answering the 10 proficiency questions? If so, CONGRATULATIONS you're well on your way to earning your IORG 100 Year Anniversary pin. You'll receive your Level 1 ribbon at Grand Assembly and have until June 1st to complete additional levels to be presented ribbons or the pin at Grand Assembly.



If you are still working on your Level 1 questions, KEEP GOING. YOU GOT

THIS! Make sure you have the list of questions and answers from your

Mother Advisor. Need help? Just ask. That's why you have sisters and one of the perks of this wonderful organization.



I'm so proud that you're memorizing Rainbow facts and the ritual. It's fun to think about how many young women over the last 100 years have memorized these same words and how these lessons have been as important to them as they are to you.

Anna Hebert, Supreme Membership Program

### **Remount Foundation**

GWA Celestyn is so excited to share this foundation with us through one of her events. This foundation provides active-duty military, veterans, first responders and their families with free equine assisted therapeutic activities within a healing, natural environment connecting with the horses.

Remount Foundation grew out of necessity. Jeanne Springer and Billy Jack Barrett were working at the riding stables at the U.S. Air Force Academy with cadets and other military members when they began to realize the horses were helping injured veterans. Word got out around the Colorado Springs military community and soon wounded combat veterans were calling from all branches of service. Jeanne and Billy Jack have trained horses for decades, with the Remount Foundation culminating as the most fulfilling part of their life work.



The Remount Foundation vision is to provide a powerful, transformative experience through horses, nature and community that helps American Warriors achieve wellness physically, mentally and spiritually, to fulfill their God-given potential to be fathers, mothers and citizens of this great country.

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**How Horses** 

are Helping

Returning

Members of

the Military...

IT'S

**AMAZING!!** 

Article from *The Remount Quarterly*, January 2021

A thousand acres are dedicated to the Academy Equestrian Center, and Springer believes that uncrowned space also helps the warriors.



"The fact that it's on a military installation provides a sense of security, and just the ability to have space to breathe that nature is healing," she says. "They have space to just be, and let their minds be still."

"We tell our warriors, 'Come out here any time; you're always welcome."

Remount operates five days a week, offering limited sessions on Saturdays and Sundays when the barns get busy. Individual sessions last about two hours. A session typically begins with selecting a horse in the heard to catch and halter, then grooming and an EAL exercise. Larger group sessions start with heard observation, then move to catching and haltering, and then grooming and riding, although not all participants want to ride and it's not required.

"Everybody has varying horse experience. Some come from a horse background and some are somewhat afraid of horses," Springer says.

Small things can make big differences in what a warrior experiences as an individual, such as choosing a horse to halter, or having one choose them.



"When you groom a horse, that's grounding," Springer says. "I had a Marine come one day, and it was his first time to groom a horse. He just started crying. He looked at me and said, 'I forgot what peace feels like.' And he just cried."



The EAL participants struggle with anxiety, depression, difficulty sleeping, anger, and guilt – all hallmark symptoms of PTSD. Springer estimates that Remount's EAL sessions alone serve approximately 650 individuals annually. It is operating at capacity with a crew of about 40 volunteers and 25-30 horses.

#### More information may be found on their website at remountfoundation.org

More than 1001 warriors, veterans and their families have received help. Three of the methods they use to lead our heroes on the path to healing is Equine-Assisted Learning (EAL), Horse Boy, and Heartmath©.



### **Assembly News from our Covenant Reporters**

#### FUN TIMES at

- Pikes Peak...
- Farewell to WA
   Elizabeth
   and MA
   Mrs.
   Krueger
- Perrin's
  Jungle Cruise Virtual
  Installation
- Rented a Movie Theater
- Fun Meeting –playing love your neighbor & charades
- Obligatory Sunday in the Park
- Movie Night



**Congratulations!** 





## Pikes Peak #4

#### Hi everyone!

Pikes Peak Assembly has been very busy! At the end of January, Perrin H. planned a beautiful Farewell for Elizabeth B. The girls said farewell to Mrs. Krueger by writing her notes of affection and thanks. She was presented with a photo book with pictures from her years as Mother Advisor. Thank you Mrs. Krueger!

The line officers then had pictures taken at the reptile store to get ready for the "Jungle Cruise" Installation! The boa constrictor and baby alligator were very friendly! On January 30th we had a virtual Installation for our Assembly via Zoom. We installed our new Mother Advisor, April Allen! We had over 50 people attend, even girls and adults from out of state. It was a great event!

We tried to have an Official Visit in March, but Mr. Winter Storm would

not allow it! We hope to see everyone on Sunday, May 16 for the meeting in the morning with lunch -Taco-salad bar after the meeting! During February and March. we've had fun meetings (Who Loves Your Neighbor game), a Zoom meeting due to weather and we went to see "Croods 2" at a movie theater. We rented the entire theater to ourselves! April 1st, we had an in-person meeting and at refreshments, Board Chairman, Stephanie A. tried to fool us by thinking we were going to have Dunkin Donuts... but the box was filled with vegetables...surprise, surprise -April Fool's!

On Obligatory Sunday, April 11 our Worthy Advisor's church was still not open, so Baylor H. led us through the book of Esther. It was a beautiful day in the park with our Rainbow Sisters sitting on blankets and chairs. Mrs. Hodson brought us real donuts this time!! April then asked the girls to share their favorite part or what they love about being a Rainbow Girl (check out the Word Cloud on our FB page). The April 15th meeting was a movie night to watch The Emperor's New Groove while eating popcorn and other snacks. We got to wear our PJs and snuggle in warm blankets! We loved attending the GWA's event at the Butterfly Pavilion - we had five girls attend from our Assembly. We're getting ready to have our in-person Installation on May 8th at the CS Masonic Center and would love to see our Rainbow sisters from around the state attend! Also, hope to see you all at GWA. Celestvn's Official Visit with us & Littleton on May 16th.

Rainbow Love to everyone, Elizabeth B.

event! We tried Official Visit ir Isn't this amazing? It doesn't have a common name, but it is known as the Dancing Girl Impatiens!



This is one of GWA Celestyn's favorite flowers. The *Impatiens bequaertii* is a rare species from the rainforests of east Africa. This petite plant only grows about a foot across and the blooms are barely 1/2" long, but their enchanting shape makes up for it! The petals resemble a little girl in a skirt with outstretched arms. These white or light-pink blossoms appear year-round and the foliage is attractive too.



### Littleton #5

Hello from Littleton Assembly!!!

With the COVID restrictions it has been difficult for us to meet in person at our little temple, so we meet on Zoom. Activities have been difficult to plan since we don't always have girls available to attend. So we keep in touch as best we can while we plan and hope for the future.

We are excited to host the annual Shred-A-Thon on

May 1st as a joint fund raiser for Littleton, Pikes Peak, and Columbine Assemblies. We are hopeful to have a much higher attendance this year since we can hold it in the spring.

Our next big event is the joint OV with Pikes Peak on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Soon after that is Grand Assembly and we are very excited for EmmaLynn and Kelly to fulfill their Grand Appointments.

The big question for

Littleton Assembly has been, how do we get girls in the area interested in our organization? The shut down caused many difficulties, and as we start to see things open back up we're hopeful to build up our membership again.



White Rose

One last thought: Never let anyone treat you like a yellow Starburst. You are a PINK Starburst!!!

Littleton Assembly



**Sunflowers** symbolize adoration, loyalty and longevity.

No flower can lift someone's spirits quite like sunflowers. They are bright and cheery, and as warm and inviting as the sweet summer sun. With brilliant yellow petals, also known as "rays," sunflowers have an unmistakable sunlike appearance that has made them a crowd favorite, especially in the summer months.

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MEMORIES at Grand Junction...

- Cora's Installation as Worthy Advisor
- Fun Night Making Pizzas and Playing Spoons
- Butterfly Pavilion with GWA Celest



# 2021

Congratulations Rayna, Tess, Deirdre, & Shayde!!



Bluebonnet Flowers in Texas

### Grand Junction #12

Greetings from Grand Junction #12

With our Masonic Center receiving a 5-Star COVID designation from the Mesa County Health Dept. we have been lucky enough to be able to meet regularly. We initiated two new members, Gabby and Tali, on April 12th with WA Cora and Sister of Faith, Celest leading our ceremony. We are excited to have them join us in our Rainbow journey. We had a fun night with an Easter Egg Hunt, dyeing eggs, making our own pizzas, and lots of games including spoons and murder. As always Cora is a great party planner! We had two guests who are possibly interested in becoming Rainbow Girls. We are working on that to hopefully have candidates for our Official Visit June 5th. We also hope that girls from all over the state will plan to take a spring road trip and be here with us.

May will be an important month with four of our members graduating: Rayna from Fruita Monument. Tess from Grand Junction High Deirdre from School, Central High School, and Shayde from Palisade High School. We are proud of each of these girls for this accomplishment and are wishing them the best of luck as they head off to their chosen school/ next steps. We are also proud of Tess for winning the Chaplains challenge at the Ritual competition and the beautiful work Shadye, Tess, Cora, Deirdre, Courtney, and Roweena did at Monte Vista's OV. We also had a great time at Celest's Butterfly event in Westminster. It is good to be able to participate together again.

Spring snow storms make us think winter will never end but with the snow come the flowers! Take time to enjoy the little things every day.

Your Grand Junction Rainbow Sisters

### Monte Vista #23

Hello Colorado Rainbow!

These last few months have been crazy and the girls of Monte Vista have been keeping busy! We Initiated yet another new member at our Official Visit, her name is Faith, and we are super excited to have a new addition! Our new Worthy Advisor is me, Kelcey, and my theme is, "The Time is Now." My



Calla Lilly

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motto is, Back the Blue, Support the Red, and Live for the Green!

Another thing we have done is have another party that allowed our girls to get to know each other better! Along with everything happening, High school will be coming to an end and Monte Vista has one graduating senior! Me!

As of right now, we have been having regular meetings but we are planning another party in May to try and bring in some more new members.

> Rainbow Love, *Kelcey M*.

Here are some fun facts about Monte Vista's Rainbow Girls' favorite flower!

- Jayceen's is: Columbine
- Kaitlynn's is: White rose
- Kelcey's is: Sunflower
- Alia's is: Calla Lilly
- Alyson N. is: Tiger Lilly
- Faith's is: Irises
- Joeleen's is: Bluebonnet



Columbine





Congratulations Kelcey!

EXCITMENT at Monte Vista...

 Kelcey's Installation as WA

• Faith's Initiation & Official Visit with GWA Celestyn







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## FUN TIMES at Columbine...

- Making Pooh Bear Valentine Cards for the ESMRC
- Adrianna's Last Meeting as WA
- Rebekkah's Installation
- Coloring Easter Cards for the ESMRC at our St. Patrick's Meeting
- Grand Service Project Fundraiser – Pop-up Cards
- Just Finished the Magnificent Seven at Competitions
- Butterfly Pavilion



**Congratulations Emma!!** 

### Columbine #96

**Greetings Rainbow!** 

I hope things have been looking up and everyone is excited for summer break. Since January we have held and participated in a lot of exciting meetings and events. Our GWA hosted many fun zoom events which helped us connect even when we couldn't be together.

On January 30th Celestyn held a zoom event to play Jackbox games. It was a unique way to get everyone together and have some fun. Pikes Peak also held their Installation on zoom. They all did their ritual work through the zoom and it was organized very well so that each person who was talking was pinned to the screen.

In February, Columbine worked together to make valentines for the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Home. We printed Winnie the Pooh themed valentines and we all made them colorful. We had fun snacks

and laughed a lot. Celestyn then held another fun event where we all baked mug cakes together. There were many different modifications to make it fun and delicious. Next, were sad to see our sister and dear friend Adrianna finish her Winnie the Pooh term in February and will soon have majority her service. We're thankful we still get to see her at the meetings as an adult. Our new Worthy Advisor is Rebekkah. Her theme is "Life's a Stage..." and we are enjoying learning about different musicals at our meetings.

In March, Columbine got together to make Easter cards for residents at ESMRC. Like the cards in February we printed out blank Easter cards and colored them during the St. Patrick's day themed meeting we had. Bekkah and her mom brought in an Irish instrument and we learned a lot of fun facts about St. Patrick's Day and the culture!

April was a busy month. Kayla and Ayda worked together to create pop-up cards for the Grand Service Project. They showed us some of their designs they were creating and we each made a pop-up card at our meeting. We sold 14 cards and make \$79. Then Columbine participated in the Ritual Competition and we did the magnificent seven with the help from Grand Junction. Everyone did awesome! A few weeks later Colorado Rainbow went to the Butterfly Pavilion for "Basking with Butterflies." We got lots of pictures!

These last few months have been wonderful spending time with each other both virtually and in person and hopefully this summer is filled with much more of it!

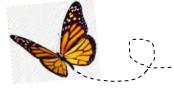
> Rainbow wishes, Desíray G.

GWA Celestyn also likes **Lavender flowers.** They are known to represent purity, silence, devotion serenity, grace and calmness. In addition to the flower's significance, its purple color also comes with great **symbolism**. Purple is the color of royalty and speaks of elegance, refinement and luxury.





Not only does lavender smell and look beautiful, but it's therapeutic, too! Lavender flowers are comprised of multiple purple florets on long narrow stems, spiking above the foliage. If you've ever looked out over a lavender field, you know the hypnotizing elegance that these types of flowers have.



### **Gunnison #99**

Greetings from the high country. Since the last time we interacted Assembly #99 has been busy. We have attended as many events in Rainbow as possible. One was Monte Vista's OV. In addition we have been busy elsewhere. Rori made it to the state competitions for Science Olympiad, rock climbing, and speech and debate. Finishing the year strong in person. Looking forward to seeing y'all soon.

Aurora K.



Tulips

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