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Message from our GWA Brenna Wrinn

A few quick things! We had an absolutely awesome time Falling into Friendship at the 2022 Rainbow Retreat! With all of the crafts, pumpkin carving, ribbon maze escaping, and even trick or treating! We hope that all who went had an absolutely wonderful time, and we hope that even if you were not able to go this

year, that you will join us next year! Thank you to all of the adults and advisors for putting it together!

We also hope that you are able to join us in November for the visitation! More details can be found here in the newsletter regarding time/location/etc. It is important to remember the importance of recognizing and acknowledging those who help others on a daily basis. That is why we are making cookies to show our appreciation and gratitude for our heroes! Once the visitation is over, we are encouraging you to donate the cookies to a local police or fire station near you or your assembly. Take pictures and send them to the yearbook committee, and of course have fun!

With all of the joy and love a heart can hold,

Brenna Wrinn

GWA 2022-2023

Contributions Requested

We are still collecting funds for the Supreme Temple in McAlester, Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Masonic Foundation is matching all donations, up to \$100,000 that are received by the end of the year from all our jurisdictions. We will have two more state events that we will collect funds at - the visitation on November 5th, and the Grand Cross Obligation Day on November 13th. We have collected \$485.00 so far, and CT Grand Assembly will be matching all your donations up to \$1,000.00. So every dollar that you donate will increase to \$3.00 by matching funds. Please contribute if you are able so we can renew the Supreme Temple, and then start an Endowment Fund for future needs.

[Supreme Century Campaign Message](#)

Save your gently used purses/pocketbooks!

We are continuing to collect gently used pocket books and supplies to pack in them. When purses are full, they will be donated to a Women's Shelter in the state. This is a part of our SWAs initiatives for her term. Please save gently used purses/pocketbooks and items such as travel size shampoo/conditioner, non-scented soaps, disposable razors, comb/hairbrush, Chapstick/lipstick, feminine products, pen/notepad, toothpaste/toothbrush, slipper socks, and hair ties/bands. We will arrange for a statewide event to fill the pocketbooks, but please start gathering items now. If anyone knows of any businesses that would be willing to donate items, please contact Mom Needham.

Membership

Supreme Incentive Program - Girls are working to earn a bracelet and shoe charms in the 7 Rainbow colors. The red charm is awarded after a girl is the first line signer on one application for membership, or the second line signer on two applications. The other charms are awarded for service hours, one charm for each 20 hours of service. The incentive program will last for two years. Adults can earn charms also, but must pay for the cost of the bracelet and charms.

Upcoming Events

October 15th - GWA Reception - For those who have sent a reservation in - To be held at Riverview Bistro, 946 Ferry Boulevard, Stratford, 1 to 4pm. Grand Officers are to arrive by 12:15 with your escorts, GOs please wear a colored gown. Escorts - please have a brief introduction ready for your Grand Officer!

Thank you to Milford Assembly for hosting this event.

October 16th - Rose Assembly Wacky/Silent Dinner. To be held at the Milford Lodge building from 1-3pm. Donation of \$5.00 for a pasta dinner with meatballs, sauce, drinks and dessert. Also including Bingo, raffle prizes! The assembly is also collecting animal items for dogs/cats. RSVPs required as seating is limited. Contact WA Brielle Laferriere or Betty Laferriere at 203.710.9301, or b20bain1@att.net (extra funds suggested to get an extra bingo card, for the raffle or to acquire an extra utensil!)

October 21st - Grand Assembly Advisor Meeting - 6:00pm with Pot Luck Dinner and then meeting following. To be held at the New Britain Lodge building.

October 22nd - New Britain Assembly is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 22nd at 3pm at the New Britain Lodge (10 Mason Drive) All are welcome! Please let Abby WA or Mom Sammie MA know if you are decorating your car for the event! Questions: Newbritainassemblyorg@gmail.com

November 5th - Visitation - Ansonia and Valley Assemblies

This visitation will take place starting at 4pm at the Shelton Lodge - they have made many upgrades to the building! We will have a short business meeting and then we will be **baking cookies** to be distributed to First Responders in our own communities. GOs and GRs - white gowns for the meeting. All are welcome to change into casual clothes for the cookie baking. A light meal will be provided. Remember that pledges and prospective members are welcome to join us for cookie baking!

November 13th - Grand Cross of Color Mystic Banquet, to be held at the New

Britain Masonic Temple, 10 Mason Dr, New Britain, Program begins at noon. Appetizers and desserts will be served. Donation of \$10 which helps support programs and scholarships. This year we will be collecting gently used purses/pocketbooks and personal care items to fill the purses. Items such as travel shampoo/conditioner, non-scented soaps, disposable razors, comb/hairbrush, chapstick, lipstick, feminine products, pen/notepad, toothpaste/toothbrush, slipper socks, hair ties will be placed in purses & then distributed to Women's shelters in Connecticut. This is an initiative of the Supreme Worthy Advisor.

Reservations for the Mystic Banquet are required by Nov 6th to Betty Laferriere, State Dean. Address - 3 Partridge Lane, Shelton CT 06484 or email at b20bain1@att.net

December 3rd - Rainbow Day. To be held at the New Britain Lodge building. Please join us, starting at 9am for a great celebration including a Service project, Ritual Proficiency, grab bag, crafts and lunch!

Do you have something you would like added to the Newsletter next Month?

Submit your event at the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/222606841786059>

