



Greetings California Rainbow Alumni and happy 2020!

I would like to personally invite you to Fresno, CA for the **2020 Enchanted Forest Dream, Lead, Believe** Grand Assembly Sessions from April 4-7, 2020 at the Fresno Convention Center.

Below you will find a breakdown of events and how to register for Grand Assembly 2020. Please note that all registration forms are now available on the www.gocarainbow.org website. The deadline for registration is February 19, 2019.

Meals: All luncheons and ceremonies will take place as usual within the Doubletree Hotel across the street from the Fresno Convention Center. Please

Housing: I am so very excited to announce that this year we will be having an alumni only hotel. Please be sure to read the letter from the GEC posted to the website under Grand Assembly. This letter will address the importance of supporting our great organization as well as booking your housing through Grand Assembly. Booking your room through Grand Assembly is a great and easy way to support CA Grand Assembly and it is going to be a great time spent together! Housing details and a link to the alumni housing can be found on the alumni registration form.

Past Grand Officer and Alumni Luncheon: We had a great turnout in 2019 and I look forward to connecting with you all again this year. The luncheon will continue to be a brainstorming and collaboration session focused on how we can continue to support this beautiful order. Please be sure to register by sending in your form prior to the luncheon as we cannot accommodate walk-ins.

Seating: Alumni seating will once again be in the west. For Past Grand Officers coming down to watch their grandies give their speeches, there will once again be an allocated area taped off in the SE corner near the sound booth. Please keep in mind that once your grandie has given their speech, you will then need to vacate the area as sound carries greatly when we are hanging out behind the East.

Starlight Bash: This year we will be changing up the Saturday night party/carnival once again and will be taking the dance outdoors to the convention center breeze way near the vendors hall. There will a DJ with a dance floor, laser tag, as well as our beloved BINGO! Tickets are \$20 and each participant will receive a coupon to purchase some food from the food trucks. If you are not planning to go, maybe consider buying a ticket to donate to support a girl in need.

Past Grand Officer Escort: Past Grand Officer Escort will take place Sunday morning as usual. Instead of hanging out and lining up in the hallway outside the Grand Assembly room, we will be staging and lining up in the breezeway outside of the

convention center entrance. This will help eliminate the echo and noise into the Grand Assembly room. Please make sure you have your badges with you as security will be checking at the door during escort.

Grand Service Project and Donations: This past year we raised over \$4,000 for the 2019 Grand Service Project! How awesome is that?!?! Year after year, I find many alumni and PGOs at Grand Assembly wondering where and how they could have donated to the Grand Service Project, the Foundation, or the Alumni Fund. Please download the donation form on the website for instructions on how to do this. This year I am challenging all alumni to commit to a personal pledge and send those pledges to me for the grand count to be announced at Grand Assembly. I will once again have my super cute buckets for cash donations at Grand Assembly as well.

Volunteering: We are always looking for help and in need of volunteers. This year I challenge each of you to sign up for a shift at Grand Assembly. Below are the contact details for each of these opportunities:

- Grand Assembly Guards and Security- You can download the form and mail it in or contact Chairperson Rob Meyer at sac1kings@yahoo.com
- Nurses and First Aid Helpers- You can download the form and mail it in or contact Karen Richardson at karen0008@sbcglobal.net
- Rainbow Dress and Fabric Sales- This booth is only open before sessions, during meal breaks, and Saturday night. The largest need will be to help fold up dresses and re-box them before Installation on Tuesday. Please contact Bernice Trickett at beedragonlady@hotmail.com or text 619-301-3309.
- Sew & Show- Want to volunteer to judge? Contact Patty Pitts-Hoffman at pattie-h@sbcglobal.net
- Arts & Crafts- Want to volunteer to judge? Contact Michelle Fong at penguinlady4jesus@juno.com
- Want to volunteer for another opportunity not listed? Contact Melissa Nicks.

Souvenir Pot of Gold Edition: You can purchase your souvenir edition on your Grand Assembly registration form. You can also purchase your 2020 Pot of Gold Subscription by downloading the form from the website.

Historians Yearbook: The California Rainbow Foundation is selling yearbooks again this year! The yearbook is a bound, printed memory book that contains all of CA Rainbow's memories from the 2019-2020 Grand Year. They will be available for preorder at the GWAs reception for \$25 and will be available for purchase at Grand Assembly for \$30. The order form is available on the website as well.

I look forward to connecting with so many of you at Grand Assembly and am here should you have any questions.

All my Tenacious Llove,

Melissa Nicks

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