

# Rainbow-Dove Grand Representatives Association

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Greetings to all:

I hope that this finds all well and safe as we continue to work through the pandemic that we are in. I hope that you enjoyed a nice Christmas and New Years, such as it could be, due to the pandemic. It is hard to believe that we are now into the second week of the New Year.

As you are aware we have once again been advised by our Worthy Grand Matron that all meetings and events are still closed until April 30<sup>th</sup>, and will be notified if this changes. This of course means that we will not be able to hold our Annual Spring Luncheon/Meeting in April, as we normally would do. If the shut-down is extended past that date then your Executive Committee will look into ways that we can make the change of Officers. Perhaps this will mean virtually or by a small number that can be in attendance, if that becomes the case. We would send all reports to you for the last year for approval, ask for nominations for those offices needed and then make the change of officers. All this will depend on Health Canada's advice. We of course will be looking for a **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** and a new **Secretary**. Sis. Maria Doherty agreed to stay on as Secretary until this change and I appreciate very much the continued work that she is doing for us. With Maria's permission she is allowing me to advise you that she is having health problems and waiting for a date for surgery. Please keep Maria in your prayers that this will happen soon and she will then be able to recover successfully. Again, I hope that you will consider putting your name forward. These are important offices and needed if we are to continue working for our Association.

I have had to make the following changes to our Sick and Caring Committee. Sis's Dianne Berry, District #10 and Doreen Thomsen, District #11 have moved out of the district and feel they are unable to continue looking after this. The following two members have agreed to take on this for us, and I thank them most sincerely for doing that.

District #10 - Sis. Dawn Myhill - telephone number 416-259-3546, e-mail [dmyhill66@gmail.com](mailto:dmyhill66@gmail.com).

District #11 - Sis. Karen Caldwell - telephone number 905-683-2970, e-mail [mysterymother@rogers.com](mailto:mysterymother@rogers.com)

Please give them a call if you find that a card, call or e-mail will cheer a member up. It is important during these difficult times to keep each other in our thoughts. Especially when so many of our members are on their own. I thank all those on my committee for looking after your district, but this can only be done if they are notified.

I will continue to keep you in touch as to the plans that will have to be made.

Please continue to keep well and safe and we look forward to the time when we are all able to meet again.

Always In Star Love,

*Betty Romenick-McIntosh, President*

January 14, 2021

Since penning the above letter I announce the sad news of the passing of Sis. Helen Banna, this day, to Covid-19. Sis. Helen was the Historian of the Rainbow-Dove Association and had agreed to remain in that capacity until we are able to make a change of Officers. Bro. Souhail advised that Sis. Helen was taken into hospital December 18<sup>th</sup> and put up a courageous battle in fighting this dreadful virus. We will remember Sis. Helen for all the hard work that she put into getting the record from you and getting it onto the web-site of your history as a Grand Representative and also for the time she gave during her time as President.

We send our sincere condolences to Bro. Souhail and their family and ask that you keep them in your prayers during this difficult time.

Always in Star Love,

*Betty Romenick-McIntosh, President*

