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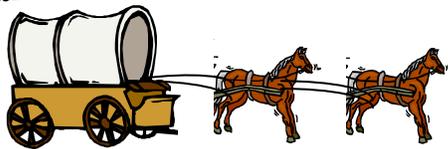
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We're Heading West!

Grab your boots and spurs
and head on over to the. . .



Dear Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, Partners, and Guests,

The Sun City Chapter of ARRA invites you to Phoenix for the annual American Rosie the Riveter Association National Convention/Reunion! This year Arizona will be celebrating the Centennial of its statehood. Please join us in the celebration.

If you have not been here before, you will find things are different in the desert. The sky is bigger. The stars are brighter. The sunsets will stop you in your tracks. Phoenix is America's sixth-largest city, and still has real cowboys, Native Americans, rugged mountains, and the kind of cactus most people see only in cartoons. Hope to see you in June!

Fran Ellis

Sun City Chapter President



Convention Schedule

*Hilton Phoenix Airport Hotel
2435 South 47th Street – Phoenix, AZ 85034*



Friday, June 8, 2012

- 2:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
(State Directors and Executive
Committee members)
- 5:00 p.m. Registration opens
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner in hotel

Saturday, June 9, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. Registration opens
Rosie Shoppe opens (books only)
- 9:00 a.m. First General Session

(Saturday, cont'd)

- 12:00 noon Lunch and program in hotel
- 1:45 p.m. Meet in lobby for Phoenix tour
- 6:00 p.m. Return to hotel
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner in hotel

Sunday, June 10, 2012

- 8:30 a.m. Registration opens
- 9:00 a.m. Second General Session
- 12:00 noon Convention adjourns
- 2:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Wow! Two More New Chapters!

Who'll be next?

These two brand new ARRA chapters are up and running—way to go! What a great way to help preserve the legacy of Rosies in these areas. If you aren't near a local chapter of ARRA, YOU could start one! Contact our Vice President for Expansion, Mandy Cooley, 8456 E. Montebello Avenue, Scottsdale, AZ 85250; azcooley@cox.net.

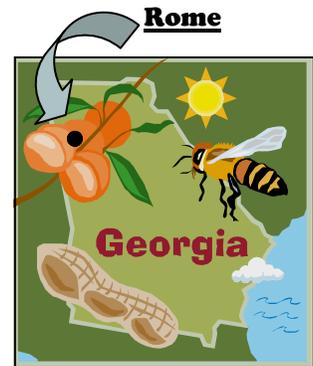
Naples, Florida Chapter:

President: Dr. Lois Bolin
Vice-President: Jenny Foegen
Secretary: Gina Rosen
Treasurer: Mary Reeve

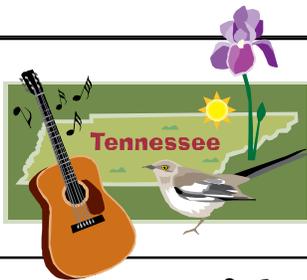


Rome, Georgia Chapter

President: Lucretia Jane Tucker
Vice-President: Montine Bartlett
Secretary: Caroline "Mitzi" Sipp
Treasurer: Myra Hall



Other charter members listed by the Rome Chapter are: Louvinia Jordan, Virginia Collins, Anne Fletcher, Doris Higgins, Betty McCubbin, Carolyn Shaw, Mary Shivar, Jennifer Kearns, Jean Kidney, and Shirley Rice.



Well, Tennessee might be next!

Carol Fair is planning to start an ARRA chapter in eastern Tennessee. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Carol at (423) 928-1215.

About ARRA's "90+" Members

We now have almost 70 members in our ARRA 90+ group! Also, we would like to congratulate **Margaret Cramer**, **Beatrice Carney**, **Caroline Holven**, and **Polly Nikolaisen** on reaching the 100 mark in the last couple of years!

Some of these Rosies have asked us to publish the names of places where they worked, so they might be able to find other Rosies who worked at the same place. Of those who have contacted me, I have the following locations represented:

East Coast: Lockheed Aircraft, Eastern Aircraft, and two at Glen Martin Airplane Factory, all in Baltimore; New Departure Company in Meriden, Connecticut; Sperry Corp Norden Bombsights in Brooklyn, New York; Lockheed Plant in Marietta, Georgia; and Air Force Department in Miami, Florida.

West Coast: Navy shipyards in Pittsburgh, California; McDonald Douglas in California; a hospital in Richmond, California; St. John's Shipyards in Portland, Oregon; Todd Pacific Shipyards in Tacoma and Vancouver, Washington; Paine Field Air Base in Seattle, Washington; and three at Boeing in Seattle.

South: Ft. Devens Motor Pool and a large Victory Garden, both in Mississippi.

Central U. S.: Douglas Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Douglas Aircraft in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Fairbanks Morris in Wisconsin; Parker Appliance in Cleveland, Ohio; Goodyear Aircraft in Akron, Ohio; Chrysler and Willow Run Defense Plant in Detroit, Michigan.

Southwest: Yuma Air Force Base in Yuma, Arizona; and Consolidated Aircraft Factory in Ft. Worth, Texas.

We even have a 90+ Rosie who worked at Metro Vickers Aircraft Works in Manchester, England. So we can truly say that Rosies came from all across America and beyond. For further information, contact me at capeters12@austin.rr.com. - Rosebud Carol Peters, Maxwell, Texas



"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

2012 ARRA National Convention/Reunion
 June 8-10, 2012 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
 Hilton Phoenix Airport Hotel, Phoenix Arizona

**Mail this Registration/Food Package form to:
 Robin Brock, 9454 Wilshire Blvd, 4th Floor, Beverly Hills, CA 90212-2907**

By each name, indicate (Ro) for Rosie, (Rb) for Rosebud, (Ri) for Rivet, (R21) for 21st Century Rosie, (RbP) for Rosebud Partner, (RiP) for Rivet Partner, or (G) for Guest.

Name of person making reservation _____

Address _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Telephone(s) _____ E-Mail _____

Names of others on this registration _____

	<u>Postmarked May 6 or before</u>	<u>Postmarked after May 6</u>	<u>Total amount</u>
Registration fee, all participants:	\$20.00	\$25.00 X number registering =	_____
Food package (Fri. dinner, Sat. lunch, Sat. dinner):	\$75.00	\$80.00 X number purchased =	_____
<small>Individual</small> Meals may be reserved:			
Friday Dinner	\$28.00	\$30.00 X number purchased =	_____
Saturday Lunch	\$23.00	\$25.00 X number purchased =	_____
Saturday Dinner	\$28.00	\$30.00 X number purchased =	_____
Tour of Phoenix - downtown; with a stop at Old Town Scottsdale; views of Piestewa Peak and Camelback Mountain; entrance to MESA Airlines Museum.	\$30.00	\$33.00 X number purchased =	_____

Total payment enclosed (make checks payable to ARRA) _____

- - - - - *Cut here and send above form to Robin Brock at the above address* - - - - -

Notes: Meal reservations received after May 15 and "walk-ins" who have not pre-registered will be accepted on a space-available basis. If it is necessary to cancel after sending registration, requests for reimbursement must reach Robin Brock by May 25.

Special hotel room rates at the Hilton Phoenix Airport Hotel for this Convention, 1-4 persons per room, are \$69.00 plus tax per room per night. **To be assured of this price, your reservation must be made directly with the hotel by May 8, 2012.** After that date, regular hotel rates will prevail on a space-available basis. **Call hotel directly at (480) 894-1600 to make a reservation.**

Upon arrival at the airport, call the hotel at the above number for a complimentary shuttle.

Hey, We're Seeing Double!

Would you believe it? There are at least five sets of Rosie twins in the ARRA organization, and two sets of them recently made big news.

During the War, twin sisters **Wilma Rees**, now living in Arizona, and **Amelia Kizer** of Nebraska both worked at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Washington, helping to make B-17 bombers. Wilma worked as a buckler on a riveting team, and spent a good deal of time inside the wing, putting the skin on. Amelia was a mechanic working on the airplane's radio while it was just a skeleton.

"We never did know what they looked like when they were finished," said Amelia. And it's a safe bet that they probably didn't ever expect to fly in one.

But on a Saturday in January, 2012, the 89-year-old twins got a most unusual birthday gift. Through the efforts of their children and the Arizona



Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, one of the few B-17s that is still flyable

was waiting to give them their orientation flight. Christened the *Sentimental Journey*, the aircraft had seen action in the Pacific during the War. The twin Rosies weren't sure whether they had actually helped build this particular plane or not, but the flight was a tremendous thrill for them and for the plane's flight crew.

One thing that made the flight especially meaningful to the twins was the memory of their brother, Elmer, who had been lost at sea when the B-17 in which he was a crew member crashed, with the loss of all ten people on board. "I believe he's up there watching us right now," said Amelia. "I think he'd be happy to know that we got to ride in a B-17."

Another set of Rosie twins that were recently in the news are "Mazie and Dazie," that is, **Mazie Long** and **Dazie Akers**, both of Fort Payne, Alabama. They traveled to Rome, Georgia to share war-time experiences with the Rome Chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association. In 1942, the two girls went to aeronautical school together in Tennessee, and after training they worked at an air base together, repairing bullet holes in airplanes, running slow carbon drills, and attending to other mechanical duties. They also worked with others to build an airplane from the ground up. "But it never flew in the war," they said.



With them on the program was Captain James McCubbin, a World War II pilot who was shot down in Germany and spent most of the rest of the war in German prison camps, until he was liberated by General George Patton's forces.

Other "twin Rosies" (that we know of) who are members of ARRA are:

Dorine Hamilton of Kansas and **Elaine O'Quinn** of Florida

Happy Sargol of Arizona and **Rosemary Umenhofer** of Illinois

Ruth Hutchens Horton and **Ruby Jane Hutchens Taylor**, both of Oklahoma

Who knows some other sets of twin Rosies? Send information about them to **Fran Carter**, email address fran.carter@juno.com, or snail mail 209 University Park Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209, to be used in future editions of the *Mail Call*.



Need a Mother's Day Gift?



The Rosie Shoppe has just the thing!

ARRA members are proud of the Rosie legacy, so let it show with a special "We Can Do It!" product, or maybe a totebag that features the "Soldiers Without Guns" logo or Uncle Sam, or a book or cookbook that includes Rosie stories! Check out our **Rosie Shoppe Order Form on page 5**, and remember, some Rosie items are now on Clearance, but the discounted prices are valid only as long as quantities last. And it just gets better—all prices include shipping!



THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form



Check out our sale items!! Discount prices valid while quantities last!

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item (circle size or type where applicable)</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Rosie poster, 20" x 28"	\$18.00	
	Rosie stickers, 3½" x 2½" (package of 5)	\$3.00	
	Rosie picture post cards, 4" x 6"	\$1.00	
	Rosie note cards with envelopes (package of 10)	\$12.00	
	Rosie afghan/wall hanging, all cotton, 48" x 58"	\$65.00	
	Rosie tote bag, sturdy cotton, 14" x 14" x 3" - small	\$16.00	
	Tote bag, sturdy cotton - Uncle Sam OR Soldiers Without Guns (specify) \$12.00	\$16.00	
	NEW "ARRA Tote Bag—blue canvas	\$12.00	
	Rosie T-shirt (circle size) S M L XL	\$18.00	
	Rosie T-shirt XXL	\$21.00	
	Rosie sweatshirt (circle size) S or XL only (while quantities last) \$18.00	\$27.00	
	Rosie night shirt (one size fits all) \$16.00	\$24.00	
	Rosie head scarf (triangular shape, long end = 36")	\$10.00	
	Rosie scarf for blouse (45" – ring not included)	\$10.00	
	Rosie collectible doll \$17.00	\$20.00	
	Rosie tin sign, 16" x 12"	\$25.00	
	Rosie counted cross stitch kit (makes picture 7½" x 10") frame not included	\$17.00	
	Rosie counted cross stitch book mark kit (makes bookmark 3¼" x 11") \$7.00	\$8.00	
	Rosie luggage tag, 4" x 2½" \$5.00	\$6.00	
	Rosie book mark with gold plate charm, 2¼" x 6½"	\$7.00	
	Rosie key chain (circle size) - Large -3" x 1¼" OR Small -1¼" x 1 3/8" \$4.50	\$6.50	
	Rosie metal snack box, 7¼" x 5" x 3"	\$15.00	
	Rosie water bottle \$11.00	\$16.00	
	Rosie coasters (set of 4), 4" x 4" \$6.00	\$10.00	
	Rosie refrigerator magnet, 2¼" x 3¼"	\$6.00	
	Rosie refrigerator magnet - Uncle Sam OR Soldiers Without Guns (specify)	\$4.00	
	Rosie stamp pin, 1 5/8" x 1 3/8" (circle type) bar clasp or tie tack clasp	\$5.00	
	Rosie button, metal, 3" diameter	\$3.00	
	NEW Rosie I. D. "Dog Tag"	\$8.00	
	NEW Rosie the Riveter Puzzle	\$10.00	
	Book: 103 Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	Book: 104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	Book: Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook	\$20.00	
	Book: Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of 4 books (1 of each)	\$68.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of 3 story books (1 each of 103, 104 More, & Romances)	\$48.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of any 2 story books plus Celebration Cookbook	\$50.00	

TOTAL

Unless otherwise indicated, all products feature the classic "We Can Do It" design used in WW II.

Enclose check or money order made payable to ARRA. **Prices include shipping. Minimum order \$20.00.**

Send to ARRA Rosie Shoppe, c/o Mabel W. Myrick, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091, (205) 647-9233.

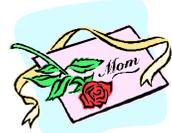
Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Three Rosie Moms

Since December, three dear Rosie moms (that we know about), who were members of local chapters, have expired. There probably were others, also, that we don't know about, but in these cases their Rosebud daughters called to say how much their moms had appreciated the recognition they had gotten through their membership in ARRA, and especially how much they had enjoyed being a part of their local Chapters.



That was great to know. We "old Rosies" have to admit we *are* sort of proud of the opportunity we had of helping to win the War and save our country, and it makes us feel good to know that our children and grandchildren are sort of proud of us, too. Most of us would hardly have been recognized for it, though, if it hadn't been for ARRA. And for a whole lot of Rosie moms, the benefits of ARRA membership are limited because there's not a local Chapter for them to belong to, or if there is one, they have not joined it.

If that's the case with you (or with your mom or grandmom), how about doing something about it? First, find out if there is an ARRA Chapter in your area, where it meets, and who to contact, then become a part of it. If you're a Rosebud (or a Rivet) and your Rosie is still living, be thankful and see that she gets to meetings. If your Rosie has passed on, honor the legacy that she left to you by being active. And better still, if there's not an ARRA Chapter in your area, *you* take the initiative and start one.

You've heard the saying, "Time is of the essence." Most Rosies won't be around much longer. Of course, we hope that the Rosebuds and Rivets and Partners and 21st Century Rosies will keep things going in ARRA forever; but now, while there are still some "unenlisted Rosies" hanging around, somebody in every community that doesn't have a Chapter should start one.

Need some help? Contact **Mandy Cooley**, ARRA's Vice-President for Expansion, at azcooley@cox.com or (480) 998-4156. She'll be glad to send you some material and suggestions. Catch the spirit: "We can STILL do it!"

A Message From Mabel

Due to slower sales and the rising cost of postage, we will be discontinuing some of the items on our products price sheet (see page 5). Those items are shown with a discounted price. If you are interested in any of these products, please send in your order promptly, as they will be sold "first-come-first-served."

Also, buy your T-shirts, Rosie scarves, and Totes so you will have them to wear to the Convention in Phoenix! Get your Rosie Post Cards and Note Cards so you can mail "the folks back home" a note from Phoenix. We will not have a Rosie Shoppe at the Convention, except for book sales, so please order early and allow three weeks to a month for delivery via parcel post.

Buy a book for a family or friend and include a bookmark. Or even better, follow the example of **Evelyn Lambert** of Hooker, Oklahoma, and **Alva Autry** of DeSoto, Texas. Evelyn recently ordered three books to be sent to the Olive Warner Library in Hooker; and Alva ordered four books for the DeSoto City Library! You can donate one of our Rosie story books to your favorite public or school library with special pricing — any of the three story books for \$12.00 each, or the Rosie cookbook for \$14.00. We must ship the book directly to the library. We will add a book plate saying that it is a donation from you. Get permission from the librarian before you order, so the library will accept the delivery. See page 5 for titles, then send your check or money order with the name and address of the library to **Mabel Myrick**, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091.



A lot is being said about World War II these days, and I would like to encourage our members to get our books into school libraries.

Mabel Myrick
Vice President, Membership
and Products Director

Great Convention Fun!

*Still need a reason to make that Convention reservation? Check out these photos from past Convention/Reunions!
See more photos at <http://rosietheriveter.shutterfly.com/>*



Atlanta 2007



Baltimore 2008



Las Vegas 2009



Nashville 2010



Washington, D. C. 2011

We Still Need Your Story!

(or that of your Mom or Grandmom if she was a Rosie)

It's sad to say, but there are still a lot of Rosies who lived and worked and helped to preserve our country's freedom, whose stories have not been recorded. You (or they) filled a niche in history, and future generations need to know about it! Let us help you by publishing your story in our next book, which may be the final book of Rosie stories that ARRA produces. Even if you already have a story in one of our other books, we'd love to get a different story for this one. Remember, as an author, you'll get a discount on one copy of the book when it is published.

Note that the story must be typed, double-spaced between lines, and you *must* complete this form and send it in with your story. We look forward to hearing from you by May 1, 2012!

Checklist for Submitting Story



1. **Title of story:** _____
2. **Author of story:** _____
3. **Name of Rosie who is featured in the story:**
- Her name then _____
- Her name now _____
4. **If the author is not the Rosie, give relationship of the author to the Rosie:** _____
5. **Is the Rosie a member of ARRA?** _____ yes _____ no
- Is the author a member of ARRA?** _____ yes _____ no
6. **How many pictures are you sending with the story?** _____ one _____ two
- If you are sending two pictures, one should be of the Rosie "then," the other of the Rosie "now." Pictures may be any size but must be clear copies, not Xeroxed. Photos will be kept in the ARRA Archives and will not be returned, so please do not send your original.
7. **How long is your story (number of words)?** _____ words
- Stories must be between 400 and 475 words. A word is anything surrounded by white space. If your story is too long or too short to fit attractively in the allotted space, the editor may have to condense or expand it or send it back to you to adjust the length.
8. **Is your story typed and double-spaced between lines?** _____ yes _____ no
9. **Address of the author:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

This information will not be given in the book, and will only be used if we need to communicate with you. The city and state of the Rosie will be given. If different from the author, write the Rosie's city and state here:

10. **Your signature is required:** I give ARRA permission to copyright and publish this story in a book of Rosie the Riveter stories.

(signature of author)

Send your story and this checklist by May 1, 2012 to:

Mrs. Lucy Lewis, ARRA Librarian, 1900 Napoleon Court, Vestavia Hills, AL 35243



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Please, You Can Help Us!

We want to keep our mailing list up to date. If you know any member who has moved or is deceased, will you please let us know? Send the information to **Jo Thomas**, ARRA Database Administrator, and she will enter it for official use. Use this form or email. *Please* do not telephone it in, as that increases the likelihood of an error.

Membership Update

Send all information to: Mrs. Jo Thomas, Database Administrator, 1975 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124.; cahabathomas@gmail.com. Please print carefully in CAPITAL letters.

Name of member _____

New address _____

Old address _____

Current E-mail _____

Current telephone _____

OR

Deceased member's name _____

State of last residence _____ Date of death _____

Note: In most cases, only one copy of the *Mail Call* is being sent to each household, so **we hope you'll let everyone read it before you file it away**. If you get more than one copy, how about sending one to a friend, especially a prospective member?

We're Looking for Email Addresses! If you use email, please take a minute to send your email address to Jo Thomas, Database Administrator, cahabathomas@gmail.com.

Update on Two Projects

A couple of issues ago, the *Mail Call* carried articles on two projects of interest to Rosies and veterans. One was the opportunity to be listed individually with the World War II Memorial in Washington, D. C., with a brief account of your (or your mom's or your grandmom's) work. The other related to a benefit that is available to veterans *and their widows* (which includes a lot of Rosies), who need home care. This is known as the "Aid and Attendance Benefit" and seems to be one of the V.A.'s best-kept secrets.

Since then, 52 members have contacted us for further information about being listed in the World War II Memorial, and 79 have asked for information about the Aid and Attendance Benefit! If you'd like more information about either of these projects, contact **Fran Carter** at (205) 822-4106 or j-fcarter@juno.com.

Need a Musical Program?



If you're interested in putting on a *really special* program (for the general public in your area, maybe) focusing on Rosie the Riveter, consider a group of professional musicians from the Baltimore area, headed by the former ARRA State Director for Maryland, **Debi Wynn**. They have performed at two national ARRA Conventions in the past (to standing ovations), and they're available to travel for a very reasonable fee. If you'd like further information, contact Debi Wynn at (410) 583-0270 or email her at elizwynn@aol.com.

A Holiday Extravaganza!

In December 2011, the "Baker's Dozen" Chapter of Phenix City, AL/Columbus, GA, held a Holiday Social at Fort Benning to honor area Rosies. Great entertainment was provided by Rosies, Rosebuds, veterans, and others. To see more about the event and a clip of Rosebud **Carol Cane** performing her professional one-woman Rosie show, go to www.youtube.com and search for "Fort Benning Honors Rosie the Riveter." **Jonnie Clasen** is Chapter President.