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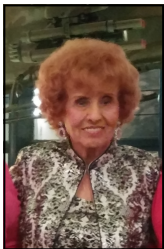
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Just come to Richmond, California!

Join us for the 2015 ARRA Convention/Reunion, June 12-14, 2015!

Excitement is building for this year's ARRA Convention! You don't want to miss this chance to meet other Rosies and share our unique legacy! Here's a taste of what's in store. . .



Hear from Elinor Otto (left), a Rosie who began her riveting career in 1942 and retired in 2014 at age 95, Fran Carter (right), ARRA's founder and Executive Director, six California Rosies who were invited to Washington, D. C. by Vice President Biden, and more!



National Park Service

Visit your Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park! Meet Rosies who volunteer as docents and share their stories each Friday. The Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau has worked closely with us to plan an unforgettable experience!



Best of all, meet and greet Rosie friends, both old and new!

Remember that the deadline to get the best prices for registration and meals is **May 1, 2015**. You may register by mailing the Registration Form on page 3 with a check, or by using PayPal through the link on our Web site at www.rosietheriveter.net. Also remember that the deadline to receive the special ARRA rate at the convention hotel is **coming right away—April 1, 2015**. See page 3 for more information.

Some Rosies are finding sponsorships to cover their travel costs and calling their campaign *Rosies to Richmond*. Do you know a Rosie that you can help sponsor? A group of Rosies and families from Texas and another group of Rosies and families from Oregon are traveling by train and enjoying the 15% discount on fares for senior citizens.

Convention Travel Tips

If you are traveling by car, there is ample free parking at our hotel. If you travel by Amtrak train, seniors receive a 15% discount. The train station is about 5 miles from our hotel. If you plan to fly, there are two airport choices: Oakland International Airport is the closest (22 miles north of the hotel; a taxi to hotel will cost approximately \$45), or the San Francisco International Airport (40 miles from the hotel; a taxi to hotel will cost approximately \$65). Other possibilities for transportation to the hotel include Bay Porter Express airport shuttle service (www.bayporter.com, 1-877-467-1800) and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) train system (www.bart.gov) that has a station about 5 miles from the hotel.



ARRA President's Message

*Top 10 Reasons for Attending
ARRA's National Convention
June 12-14, 2015
Richmond, California*

1. Enjoy meeting Rosies and their families from across the U. S. and Canada.
2. See YOUR National Park—the Rosie the Riveter/WW II Home Front National Historical Park.
3. Be honored and thanked for your service (or your Rosie's service) to our country.
4. Share your stories as you meet old and new friends.
5. Preserve your legacy through being interviewed.
6. Involve younger generations by sharing living history.
7. Be inspired by ARRA's visionary founder, **Dr. Fran Carter**, a Rosie from Alabama.
8. Be amazed by our longest-working Rosie, **Elinor Otto**, a Rosie from California.
9. Become energized by six persistent, creative California Rosies who went to Washington, D. C. last year.
10. CELEBRATE the PEACE that was earned 70 years ago—in 1945!

Last year, as Rosie **Hughlene Stokes** of Texas was flying to the ARRA Convention in Omaha, her pilot announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, today we are proud to recognize an extraordinary woman aboard our flight. Please join me in honoring one of America's heroes and a genuine Rosie the Riveter, Hughlene Stokes!" Her fellow passengers burst into applause, and she was treated royally throughout the flight!

See you in Richmond!
Dr. Yvonne Fasold (Rosebud, OR)
ARRA National President

Nominating Committee Update

Your Nominating Committee is proud to announce the following slate of officers for ARRA for 2015-2017. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the ARRA Convention in June.

President—Jean Ousley. Jean is a Rosebud 1 currently serving as ARRA National Treasurer and Atlanta (GA) Chapter President. Her mother, **Laura Millican Spriggs**, worked in defense industries in Michigan and California. Jean is a retired insurance broker and mother of three sons. She is married to Tom, an attorney.

Vice President for Membership—Stephanie Davis. Stephanie is a Rosebud 2 from Ft. Worth, Texas serving on ARRA's 90+ Club committee. Her grandmother is Rosie **Hughlene Stokes** of Texas. Stephanie is Development Director and Registrar of Alliance Christian Academy. She and her husband, Alan, have three sons, coach youth sports, and serve as Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders.

Vice President for Expansion—Ann Marie Miller. Ann Marie is a Rosebud 1 currently serving in this position, as well as President of ARRA's Laurel (MD) chapter. She has attended five ARRA conventions, at which she, her sister, and their mother, Rosie **Wilma Foster**, are especially famous for their fine trio singing.

Corresponding Secretary—Mabel Myrick. Mabel is a Rosie from Alabama currently serving as Vice President for Membership. She has served as Products Director for many years, as well as national Treasurer. She has attended numerous national conventions. Mabel worked at the Pentagon in WW II.

Treasurer—Jody Valet. Jody is a Rosebud 3 currently serving as ARRA State Director for Missouri, where she is organizing an ARRA Chapter in Kansas City. Her hobbies include genealogy, historical research, and event planning. Her great-grandmother was Rosie **Santina Brancato Catalina**, who worked at the Pratt & Whitney plant in Kansas City making engines for Navy planes.

Recording Secretary— *We are still in need of a nomination for Recording Secretary. Rosies and Rosebuds are eligible. Please send nominations to Carol Peters, 4224 Mather Street, Kyle, TX 78640, (512) 268-2610, or capeters12@austin.rr.com.*



Tentative Convention Schedule

*Richmond/Berkeley Courtyard by Marriott
3150 Garrity Way, Richmond, CA 94806 (510) 262-0700*



Friday, June 12, 2015

- 12:15 p.m. Gather for bus ride to Rosie the Riveter/WW II Home Front National Historical Park
- 1:00 p.m. Meet Rosie docents who share their stories each Friday
- 3:00 p.m. Return on bus to hotel
- 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Board of Directors meeting at hotel (officers, State Directors, interested members)
- 6:00 p.m. Gather and greet at hotel
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at hotel; conversation with Rosie Elinor Otto, who worked as a Rosie from 1942 to 2014

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Breakfast on your own at hotel

- 8:30 a.m. Business meeting at hotel
- 10:45 a.m. Gather for bus ride to park
- 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Time at the Rosie Memorial, Rosie National Park, interviews and photos by students and media, lunch by Assemble Restaurant at Craneway Pavillion (Ford motor plant converted for wartime production)

Saturday, June 13, 2015 (continued)

- 3:30 p.m. Gather for return bus ride to hotel and rest
- 6:15 p.m. Pre-dinner music at hotel
- 6:45 p.m. Dinner and presentation by six California Rosies who were invited to Washington, D. C. by Vice President Biden in 2014

Sunday, June 14, 2015

- 8:15 a.m. Gather for bus ride to park
- 9:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast at Red Oak Victory Ship Rigger's Loft; business meeting conclusion, Memorial Service with music by Drinda Frenzel and tolling of the ship's bells, installation of new officers, convention adjourned
- 11:15 a.m. Gather for return bus ride to hotel
- 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Executive Committee meeting in Yvonne Fasold's room

Before or after the Convention, spend some time visiting San Francisco, the California wine country, and more! Find lots of travel information at www.visitrichmondca.com!

Convention Registration Form

2015 ARRA National Convention/Reunion
 June 12-14, 2015 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
 Richmond/Berkeley Courtyard by Marriott in Richmond, California

There are TWO ways to register this year!

1. **Register online** at our Web site (www.rosietheriveter.net) **OR**

2. **Mail this Registration/Food Package form with check to:**

Irene Jeffryes, ARRA Convention Registrar, P. O. Box 1108, Redmond, OR 97756-0217

By each name, indicate membership category: (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 and member category of person making reservation _____

Address _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Telephone(s) _____ E-Mail _____

Name, city/state, and member category of others on this registration: _____

| | <u>Postmarked</u> <u>May 1 or before</u> | <u>Postmarked</u> <u>after May 1</u> | <u>Total</u> <u>amount</u> |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Registration fee, all participants: (includes all bus transportation to Rosie Park) | \$40.00 | \$45.00 | X number registering = _____ |
| Food package (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast): | \$75.00 | \$81.00 | X number purchased = _____ |
| Individual Meals may be reserved: | | | |
| Friday Dinner | \$29.00 | \$31.00 | X number purchased = _____ |
| Saturday Lunch | \$18.00 | \$20.00 | X number purchased = _____ |
| Saturday Dinner | \$29.00 | \$31.00 | X number purchased = _____ |
| Sunday Breakfast (gift of city of Richmond) | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | X number needed = _____ |
| Total payment enclosed (make checks payable to ARRA) _____ | | | |

Cut here and send above form to Irene Jeffryes, P. O. Box 1108, Redmond, OR 97756-0217.

Notes: Meal reservations received after May 1, 2015 and “walk-ins” or those who have not pre-registered will be accepted on a space-available basis. If it is necessary to cancel after sending your registration, requests for reimbursement must reach Irene Jeffryes at the above address by **June 1, 2015**.

Hotel information: Special hotel room rates are available at Richmond/Berkeley Courtyard by Marriott. The rate is \$149.00 per night plus taxes and fees for up to 4 persons per room. The hotel has 7 handicapped-accessible rooms. The special rate will apply for the nights of June 11-14, for those who want to extend their stay.

To make your reservation, call hotel reservations at **1-800-321-2211** (be sure to say you are with the American Rosie the Riveter Association), **or go to our ARRA Web site (www.rosietheriveter.net)** and click on “Conventions” to book your room online through a special Rosie link set up by the hotel. To be assured of this special price, **you must call or click by April 1, 2015**. After April 1, regular hotel rates (over \$200) will prevail on a space-available basis.

Breakfast in the hotel ranges from \$4.00 to \$12.00. The hotel has a spacious parking lot with free parking.

Travel information: See Travel Tips on page 1.

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Happy New Year, ARRA members!

Guess what? We didn't make our goal of having 5,000 members by our 16th birthday on December 7, 2014 . . . but we did make it by December 31! And now, as of March 1, 2015, we are 5,030 strong! Thanks so much.

But please don't stop recruiting members. Find a Rosie and ask

her whole family to join ARRA in honor of their Rosie's work during World War II. We are building a legacy, you know! Make as many copies of the Membership Application on page 7 as you need, or download it from our Web site at www.rosietheriveter.net.

And by the way, are you accomplishing your New Year's resolutions? Recently I read an article urging people not to write the "same old same old" resolutions, like *to lose weight, to exercise more, to save more money*, etc. But instead, to write resolutions like *to love more, to be more patient, to laugh more (even L.O.L.—Laugh Out Loud), to be more thankful, to help others at any chance, to speak up when needed, to hush up when appropriate*. . .

So . . . bye-bye!

Love ya!

Fran Carter (Rosie, AL)
Your Executive Director

Your Country Needs You — Again!



August 14, 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. What can **YOU** do on August 14, 15, or 16 in commemoration? Here are a few ideas for starters:

1. Plan a family gathering. Tell your family why your WW II work was important. Share memories of August 14.
2. Wear a Rosie bandana and shirt (see p. 5 to order!). Go to a public place, such as a mall, library, or restaurant.
3. If you live on a busy street, ask everyone in your family to wear a Rosie bandana or shirt and spend an hour waving American flags.
4. Gather all the women and girls you know to make Rosie bandanas for everyone to wear in tribute to the work Rosies did to help win the war.
5. Share your WW II story with young "Tribute Rosies" and invite the media. "Tribute Rosie" is a term that has come to mean anyone who dresses as a Rosie to honor Rosies.
6. Place flags at the cemetery in memory of your WW II-era loved ones.
7. Attend a commemorative event put on by a local veterans' organization. (Be sure to wear your bandana and shirt!)
8. Plan a lunch, dessert, or dance, and invite members of "The Greatest Generation" to join you.

What else can **YOU** think of to honor Rosies and veterans,

What's Happening In Your State?

If you have a question about ARRA or want to connect with other Rosies in your state, contact your State Director.

Don't see your state listed? Then how about volunteering to be that State Director? For more information, contact President **Yvonne Fasold**, email fasold@uoregon.edu, or telephone (541) 343-4223.

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and to celebrate the end of WW II? We would love to hear your ideas! Send them to President Yvonne Fasold, 3046 Bailey Lane, Eugene, OR 97401 or fasold@uoregon.edu.

In honor of this 70th anniversary, groups throughout the U.S. are planning events. A group called "Spirit of '45" brought leaders of these groups together in San Diego in February for a planning conference. ARRA President, **Yvonne Fasold**, Past-President **Donnaleen Lanktree**, and President nominee **Jean Ousley** attended the conference and were privileged to speak about our Rosies and ARRA. They were energized by knowing that so many groups want to honor Rosies by inviting them to events in different states. Spirit of '45 groups nationwide want to "Rally the Rosies!" meaning to find them, honor them, and preserve their legacy.

We hope you can plan or attend an event near you!

THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form

Share your Rosie spirit! Shop for yourself or someone else!



Great gifts
for Mother's
Day!!

| <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Item (circle size or type where applicable)</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|---|---------------|--------------|
| | Rosie poster, 20" x 28" | \$20.00 | |
| | 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—I Want You" | \$12.00 | |
| | Rosie T-shirt (circle size) S M L XL | \$20.00 | |
| | Rosie head scarf (triangular shape, long end = 36") | \$10.00 | |
| | 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") | \$8.00 | |
| | *NEW!* Rosie apron | \$20.00 | |
| | Rosie book mark with gold plate charm, 2¼" x 6½" | \$7.00 | |
| | Rosie key chain (circle size) - Large -3" x 1¼" OR Small -1¾" x 1 3/8" | \$6.50 | |
| | Rosie metal snack box, 7¼" x 5" x 3" | \$17.00 | |
| | Rosie coasters (set of 4), 4" x 4" | \$6.00 | |
| | Rosie refrigerator magnet, 2¼" x 3¼" | \$6.00 | |
| | Refrigerator magnet - Uncle Sam OR Soldiers Without Guns (specify) | \$4.00 | |
| | Rosie stamp pin, 1 5/8" x 1 3/8" - bar clasp or tie tack clasp (specify) | \$5.00 | |
| | Rosie button, metal, 3" diameter | \$3.00 | |
| | Rosie I. D. "dog tag" | \$8.00 | |
| | *NEW!* Rosie pot holder | \$5.00 | |
| | Book: <i>103 Rosie the Riveter Stories</i> | \$17.00 | |
| | Book: <i>104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories</i> | \$17.00 | |
| | Book: <i>Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook</i> | \$20.00 | |
| | Book: <i>Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories</i> | \$17.00 | |
| | Book: <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories: The Legacy Lives On!</i> | \$17.00 | |
| | SPECIAL - Set of 5 books above (1 of each) | \$83.00 | |
| | SPECIAL - Set of 4 story books (1 each of 103, 104 More, Romances, & Legacy) | \$64.00 | |
| | *NEW!* Picture Book: <i>R is for Rosie the Riveter</i> (hardback) | \$20.00 | |
| | *NEW!* Picture Book: <i>R is for Rosie the Riveter</i> (paperback) | \$15.00 | |
| | SPECIAL —Hardback <i>R is for Rosie</i> sent directly to a library, or several to one Chapter | \$18.00 ea | |
| | SPECIAL —Paperback <i>R is for Rosie</i> sent directly to a library, or several to one Chapter | \$13.00 ea | |

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!**

Send to ARRA Rosie Shoppe, 950 Irving Street, Vandergrift, PA 15690.

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____



A Note From Mabel

If you are a Rosebud or a Rivet auxiliary member, and your Rosie never joined, we would like very much to have her name on our registry, even if she is deceased. We want to honor her for the work she did to help win WW II. When

Rosies are members, we then have a connection for the Rosebuds and Rivets. Duplicate and use the Application Form on page 7, or contact me for more information.

We have been getting a number of calls from students who have chosen Rosie the Riveter for their National History Day Project. If you are a Rosie and are willing to be interviewed by telephone, please let me know. We have a list of willing Rosies but we have to keep calling on the same ones, so we need more names. Please consider participating in this project. We will not give out your contact information without your permission.

I would like to thank **Jody Valet** (Rosebud 3) for her help in getting our article published in the *Kansas City Star*. We have had more contacts from this one article than any others we have been able to publish. Great job, Jody!

- **Mabel Myrick** (Rosie, AL)
ARRA Vice President, Membership
1-888-557-6743
americanrosietheriveter2@yahoo.com

McKenzie Rosies Sharing

The Rosies from the McKenzie (OR) Chapter have been busy sharing their stories with local organizations and schools. Some of the groups have given contributions for their Rosie Book Project, which is to give a copy of *R Is For Rosie the Riveter* (see p. 5) to every local elementary school. Pictured at right is an elementary teacher, Nancy, reading the book with a student. In November, Rosies



were honored at several events, including a moving tribute at a local high school, where students formed an Applause Tunnel as Rosies and veterans walked from the gym to a reception.

Birmingham Chapter Projects

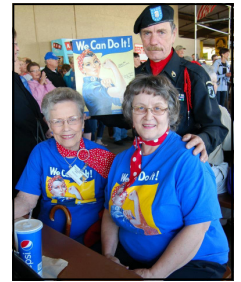


Recently, members of the Birmingham (AL) Chapter provided boxes of reading books, a new toaster oven, and recreational gardening supplies for the Veterans Home in nearby Pell City. Pictured are the project's

chairman, Rosebud **Beth Moore**, with Rosie **Maxine Parvin**, Chapter Vice President Rosebud **Gloria Parvin**, and two workers from the Veterans Home. The chapter also provided toiletry items for patients in a VA hospital. Rosies **Cary Moore** and **Lucy Lewis**, along with Rosebud **Gloria Parvin**, Rivets **John Powell** and **Ralph Jones**, and guest **Polly Cannon** represented Rosies in the Birmingham Veterans Day Parade. Rosies **Mabel Myrick** and **Fran Carter** were featured in a *Birmingham News* article about Rosies and ARRA. You can see the article at <http://www.al.com/news/birmingham/index.ssf/2015/02/>.

Sun City Rosies Honored

Carol Ruda, Secretary of the Sun City (AZ) Chapter, let us know that on January 24, 2015, Rosies in the Sun City area were honored by the POW/MIA/KIA Honor Guard in Mesa. Commander David Carasco presented a Medallion of Patriotism Award to **Fran Ellis** (on left), President of the Sun City Chapter and ARRA National Recording Secretary. Fran was accompanied by Chapter Vice President **Pam Miller** (right).



Baltimore Chapter Is Rosie Strong

Debi Wynn, Baltimore (MD) Chapter Coordinator, reports that Rosies in our Baltimore chapter have had many recent requests for interviews from students choosing Rosies as the focus of reports, and that it is encouraging to see these kids excited about Rosie history! The students doing reports this year have been invited to share their presentations at the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum's Rosie the Riveter Day on May 16, 2015. This is one of their special events celebrating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The Chapter is also working on a park tribute to Rosies on the East Coast, as well as a documentary. A film producer has filmed Rosies sharing their stories, and they are securing funding to finish this great resource.

Atlanta Rosies On Parade

The Atlanta (GA) Area Chapter of ARRA participated in the Atlanta Veterans Day Parade for the first time in November, 2014. They were able to obtain a new VW convertible and a



great-looking banner from local businesses. The car was driven by Rivet **Tom Ousley**, husband of Chapter President **Jean Ousley**, and featured Rosie **Jessie Moss** in the passenger seat, wearing her Rosie scarf and tiara. Jessie is pictured below with

Rosebud **Susan Byrd**, Chapter Secretary. There were eight walkers behind the car, including Jessie's daughter, Rosebud **Donna Cloud**. All were impressed with the number of people who applauded, waved in Rosie fashion, and even stopped to talk about the group. Jessie fielded every question with grace and humor and was the star of the show. She has now laughingly decided to set up a small business called "Rent-a-Rosie" for special events.



See more Chapter news on page 8, and visit our Web site at www.rosietheriveter.net to find a Chapter near you!

AMERICAN ROSIE THE RIVETER ASSOCIATION®

Application for Membership

Duplicate extra copies or download them from the Web site, www.rosietheriveter.net

Membership type (check one):

- Rosie:** Working woman of World War II (includes volunteer worker)
- Rosebud:** Female descendant of a Rosie
- Rivet (Auxiliary member):** Male descendant of a Rosie, or spouse of a Rosie or Rosebud
- 21st Century Rosie:** Currently doing “man’s work” or retired from such work
- *Rosebud Partner** _____ or **Rivet Partner** _____: No ancestral requirement, but by marking this blank, Partner pledges to promote the purpose of the American Rosie the Riveter Association (see Purpose, below)

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Circle one: Mrs. Mr. Miss Ms. Other _____

Name: _____
First Middle or Maiden Last

Address: _____
Street, RFD, or Box Apt. No.

_____ City State Zip code

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

May we send your Newsletter via e-mail? (yes _____; no _____)

Type of work done by Rosie. If applicant is a Rosebud or Rivet, give type of work done by your Rosie; if applicant is a 21st Century Rosie, give work in which you are currently engaged or from which you retired:

Approximate dates of work _____

Name of company or companies _____

Location of company or companies _____

Rosebuds: Give name and relationship of your Rosie _____

Rivets: Give name and relationship of your Rosie or Rosebud _____

Is your Rosie living? _____ Is (was) your Rosie a member of ARRA? (yes _____; no _____; joining now _____)

Rosie’s date of birth (month, day, year) _____ (We send birthday cards to members age 90 and over).

**Enclose application with check payable to ARRA, and mail to: Mabel Myrick, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091.
 Telephone (205) 647-9233; E-mail: mm041926@aol.com**

| Lifetime membership fees (no annual dues currently) | | | |
|---|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Rosies | \$10.00 | 21 st Century Rosies | \$50.00 |
| Rosebuds | 20.00 | Rosebud Partners | 30.00 |
| Rosies outside U.S. | 20.00 | Rivet Partners | 30.00 |
| Rosebuds outside U.S. | 30.00 | Rivets (Auxiliary members) | No fee |

*** Purpose of the American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA):** To recognize and preserve the history and legacy of working women, including volunteer women, during World War II; to promote cooperation and fellowship among such members and their descendants; and to further the advancement of patriotic ideals, excellence in the workplace, and loyalty to the United States of America.

For more information about ARRA, call 1-888-557-6743
 or email americanrosietheriveter2@yahoo.com
 or visit ARRA’s Web site, www.rosietheriveter.net



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Membership Update

If you have moved, or know any member who is deceased, or if you would prefer to receive your newsletter by email, please let us know. Please print carefully in CAPITAL letters. Send all update information to: **Dr. Yvonne Fasold, 3046 Bailey Lane, Eugene, OR 97401, email fasold@uoregon.edu.**

Name of member _____

New address _____

Old address _____

Current E-mail _____

Prefer to receive newsletter by email? _____

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, let us know, then send one to a friend, especially a prospective member!

Busy Baker's Dozen Chapter

Our Columbus, GA/Phenix City, AL (Baker's Dozen) Chapter had a busy 2014! For the eighth year, President **Jonnie Melillo Clasen** set up a Rosie display along with her father's Merrill's Marauder display at the WW II Heritage Days event in Peachtree City, Georgia. Pictured below (clockwise) are Rosie **Elizabeth Eatman** from Sharpsburg, Georgia; Rosie **Myrtle Faye Johnson Edwards** of Columbus, who during the war was a Rosie from Baltimore who became a WAC; Rosie **Betty Bishop** and her two sons beside a P-63 aircraft, the type she worked on at Bell Aircraft in New York; and Rivet **Vincent Melillo**, husband of the late Rosie **Frankie Thompson Melillo**, with **Brandon**, a young military enthusiast.

Jonnie also set up the display at FDR's Little White House, the National Infantry Museum, the Atlanta History Center, and the Azalea Garden Club during the year. Rosie **June Tinker** was chosen as Miss River Place in 2014, and Rosebud **Carol Cain** represented Rosies in the Columbus Veterans Day Parade.

Go, Willow Run Chapter!

Past President **Donnaleen Lanktree** will speak at an upcoming Willow Run (MI) Chapter meeting about activities for the 70th anniversary of the end of WW II, including a Willow Run event sponsored by the Spirit of '45. The Chapter will have a tour of the Willow Run Bomber Plant, where many of their Rosies built B-24's. Rosie **Ernestine Brumfield**, who worked at Willow Run, traveled all the way from Kentucky to attend their last Chapter meeting. Playwright Jeff Duncan has been interviewing the ladies to gain historical perspective for a live musical stage production about Rosies for the Wild Swan Theater. And look for Willow Run Chapter's **Marge Walters** in the April edition of *Smithsonian Air & Space Magazine*, in a 70th anniversary tribute. **Kim Godek** is Chapter President.



(Left) Willow Run Rosies and friends gathered for the Yankee Air Museum's air show. (Right) Rosies **Vivian Litchard** and **Mallie Mellon** with Rosie supporters at Plymouth, Michigan's 4th of July Parade.