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# ROSIE'S MAIL CALL

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## Sharing Our Stories!

*There are lots of ways to share the Rosie story — take a look at what some are doing!*

*Look for more stories throughout this issue of the Mail Call.*

Rosies **Barbara Carter** and **Helmi McHardy** of Florida were invited to represent ARRA at the Greatest Generation Breakfast that was held in August as part of the Spirit of '45 Celebration in Naples in August, 2013. More than 200 people attended the event, including 30 World War II veterans. The photo on the left shows Helmi (on left) and Barbara, celebrating the Spirit of '45. On the right, Barbara is pictured with Florida Governor Rick Scott and Mrs. Scott.



Members of the Sun City, Arizona Chapter are busy sharing their stories in local schools. They tell their own stories, and also use a video called *Home Front*. If you would like information about videos to use in your presentations, contact **Fran Ellis**, National Recording Secretary, who is from the Sun City Chapter, at (623) 876-8714.



In Oregon, *The Albany Democrat Herald* wrote a wonderful article in November about 97-year-old Rosie **Sally Craig** and her work as a riveter at the Boeing plant. Sally is a member of the **Sweet Home Chapter** of ARRA, but since most of the chapter's past members have passed away or have moved, she would like to get her chapter active again. (Anyone live in that area and want to help it get started??) To see the article about Sally, go to the paper's Web site at <http://democratherald.com>, then type "Rosie the Riveter" into the Search box.

Also, *The Register Guard* in the Eugene area featured stories of several members of the **McKenzie, Oregon Chapter**, including **Opal Nelson, Elizabeth Fisher, Nora Willis, and Betty Layman**. Also featured were three Rosebud sisters, **Corolene Corriea, Ardyce Ann Wallace**, and our own ARRA National President, **Yvonne Falsold**, who gave remembrances of their dear mother, Rosie **Alice Riddle**. Alice worked as a welder in the Tacoma shipyards, and passed away in August, 2013, at the age of 95. To see this article, go to [www.registerguard.com](http://www.registerguard.com).

As a result of the article, several community organizations have booked members of the McKenzie chapter as speakers! They always end their presentations with the famous "Rosie the Riveter" song and a dance.

Newspapers are often eager to interview Rosies, so let them know you are available! If you have been featured in the news, please send a copy to **Fran Carter**, 209 University Park Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209, for Archives.

Rosebud **Roberta Hite** of Indiana, with the help of her mother, Rosie **Eleanor Hutchens Tyre** of Texas, has a unique way to share the Rosie story. Eleanor gave weather reports to pilots from a tower at Eglin military base during the war. Roberta taught middle school English and U. S. History for 30 years, and each year when her students studied World War II, she made "Mayonnaise Cake" for them, using a recipe from the 1940's that her mother shared with her.



Roberta says, "Their reactions were priceless: many quite hesitant to taste it, some not tasting it at all until classmates reassured them. Over the years this cake developed a reputation, sometimes eagerly awaited for."

What a delicious way to share the Rosie story! And here's a bonus: Eleanor shares her recipe with **YOU** on page 6!



## Communications From Our National President

The American Rosie the Riveter Association® recognizes and preserves the history and legacy of working women during World War II. We honor the work that you did, but more than that, we honor you as women. You showed us how to work hard, how to do what needs to be done without complaining, how to enjoy whatever we are doing, how to respect all people and all work, how to do our best, and how to put others before ourselves. Rosies, you have been and will continue to be our inspiration. I am proud to call myself a Rosebud and to follow in the footsteps of amazing Rosies.

*Calling All Chapters!* I want to meet you! Please send me your Chapter name, location and time of meetings, number of members, names of officers, and contact information. Send to [fasold@uoregon.edu](mailto:fasold@uoregon.edu). Thanks!

With gratitude and admiration,  
*Dr. Yvonne Fasold*  
ARRA National President  
Rosebud, Oregon

## Mark Your Calendars!

It's not too early to start making plans to attend our next ARRA Convention/Reunion!

**When: June 6, 7, and 8, 2014**  
**Where: Omaha, Nebraska**



Plan to bring your family! There's much to do in Omaha, so come early and stay late! You can visit the Omaha Zoo, the Strategic Air and Space Museum, the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, Freedom Park, and more. Hope to see you there!

## A Note From Mabel

Our membership list is steadily increasing! We can now claim a total of 4,519 members. For the months of August through October, we added a total of 68, with 41 of these being Rosies. It has been exciting to talk with the prospective Rosies and to learn of all the areas where they worked. I worked as a secretary in the War Department, and I have a great respect for those who did the "heavy lifting" work, such as riveting, welding, making bombs, and yes, even farming, which is one of the hardest jobs for a woman.

Many of you probably saw a recent interview by Brian Williams on NBC Nightly News with a 94-year-old Rosie who is still working as a riveter at Boeing in Long Beach, California. I had the pleasure of talking with her, and learned that she started to work in 1942. After the war and several other jobs, she began to work again as a riveter in Long Beach, where she drives to work and begins her shift of riveting on the wing sections of C-17 cargo planes. She has two sisters who were also Rosies, and I am hopeful we can soon have all three of them on our registry.

There are so many Rosies with untold stories, and we are trying to find them. If you know of someone I should contact, please let me know! My email is [MM041926@aol.com](mailto:MM041926@aol.com), or call 1-888-557-6743.

- Mabel Myrick, Vice President for Membership  
Rosie, Alabama

## We Are Expanding!

I have been contacted by people in Florida and Georgia about new chapters. Thank you for representing your state so faithfully.

More State Directors are needed! We need representatives from each state to help our organization grow. Please email me if you have an interest in being a State Director, or if you know someone who would like to help by being a contact person in your state. My email is [annmarie1st@hotmail.com](mailto:annmarie1st@hotmail.com).

Also, please send me factory locations or other places in your area where Rosies were employed during the war, so I can send notices to local newspapers. Thank you for being active Rosies and Rosebuds!

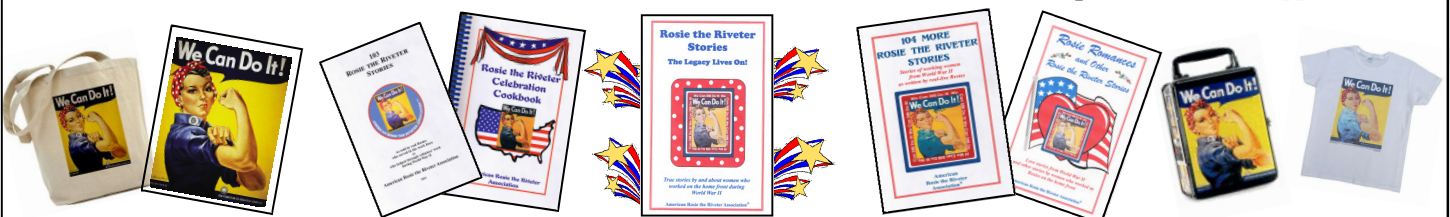
- Ann Marie Miller, Vice President for Expansion  
Rosebud, Maryland



## Order Now for Holiday Gift-giving!



Check out our Rosie Shoppe Order Form on page 5 to find dozens of Rosie items and our Rosie story books, including our newest book, *Rosie the Riveter Stories: The Legacy Lives On!* Remember, all prices include shipping.



## Two Rosies in Arkansas

Remember the painting of Rosie the Riveter that Norman Rockwell created for the cover of *The Saturday Evening Post*? Rosebud **Susan Carney Earls** wrote to let us know that the original painting is housed at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas. Drop by to see it when you're traveling through north-west Arkansas! And check out the museum's Web site at <http://crystalbridges.org>.

Susan's mom, Rosie **Beatrice Nilsson Carney**, who lives nearby, was interviewed by the museum for their magazine called "C." Beatrice, now 95, worked on bomb-sights at Sperry Gyroscope in Brooklyn, New York, during the war.

Way to share your story, Beatrice!

## From Our Chaplain

A *deed* in the dictionary is "a thing done." A *Good Deed* should be an action that is done without anyone getting credit for it. Why don't we Rosies try to do a Good Deed every day, and don't tell anyone about it? This will make you feel like you are on Cloud Nine all day!



- *Wilma Rees, Chaplain  
Rosie, Arizona*

## From Our Treasurer

Thank you, ARRA members, for your donations! In the last newsletter, we requested that you send in \$5 to cover the cost of receiving your newsletter in printed form, and many people donated more than \$5. Many generously contributed \$10 or \$20, and one person even gave \$100! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all our members. If you haven't yet sent in your \$5 for a printed newsletter, it's not too late. Make the check to ARRA and send it to Jean Ousley, 729 Rockfount Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.

The "Honor Your Rosie" plaque project coordinated by Past President Donnaleen Lanktree (see page 4) is also producing quite a few checks from members. Net profits, after engraving and installation expenses, help ARRA thrive. And profits from the sale of Rosie books and products also contribute to our healthy, growing organization. So encourage your descendants to join ARRA to preserve the legacy of our Rosies!

I have personally enjoyed so much receiving the notes that many people have sent in with their donations, indicating what they did as Rosies, where they met their husbands, what they are doing now, etc. This is a benefit I didn't know I would receive!

- *Jean Ousley, Treasurer  
Rosebud, Georgia*

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Hello, everyone!

Are you aware...

... That the American Rosie the Riveter Association® will be 15 years old on December 7, 2013?

... That ARRA (we pronounce it AH-rah) had 4,519 members as of November 17, 2013?

... That ARRA has 19 organized local chapters?

And did you know...

... That it only takes one interested Rosie or Rosebud to start a chapter?

... That a chapter is founded when it has chapter bylaws (furnished by National ARRA) and has four officers installed?

May we make a goal?

... That ARRA will have at least one chapter in each of the 50 states?

... That ARRA will have a 10% increase in membership in each state?

Let's really try for that! We can do it!

With love,

*Dr. Fran Carter, your Executive Director  
Rosie, Alabama*

## Calling All Communicators!



Help us share the Rosie legacy! We receive many requests from school children, college students, and newspaper reporters, asking for the name of a Rosie to interview for an article, report, or project. We need your help!

1. Are you willing to have your name and contact information on a list of "Communicators" so that you can be called for an interview?

2. Are you good at contacting and connecting people? We need a "Communication Coordinator" to help us link Rosies with interviewers.

If you are willing to help in either of these ways, please contact our President, **Yvonne Fasold**, by email at [fasold@uoregon.edu](mailto:fasold@uoregon.edu), or telephone at (541) 343-4223.

"A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water."

— *Eleanor Roosevelt*

## Two Rosie Chapters Share Their Stories Together

The **Baltimore and Laurel (Maryland) Chapters** had a wonderful gathering on “Rosie the Riveter Day” in October, 2013, at the Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum, Martin Sate Airport, in Baltimore, Maryland.

A special area in the museum tells about Rosie the Riveter. On this day, each Rosie took the microphone and told her story as the public listened and took pictures. Some of the young people present were especially inspired by hearing real women of history.



Also, an antique 1947 Ford, restored and owned by Teresa and Wayne Barnes of Hanover, Pennsylvania, was on display. The Barneses have lovingly dedicated its décor and exterior paintings to keeping the Rosie legacy alive.

- Margie Streicker

Rosebud, Maryland



Looking good, Maryland Rosies!

## New Officers in Oregon

The **McKenzie, Oregon Chapter** installed new officers at their November meeting. Pictured left to right are: **Marty Lynch** (Rosie), President; **Betty Fisher** (Rosie), Vice-President; **Dawn Witteveen** (Rosebud), Secretary; **Corolene Corriea** (Rosebud), Treasurer; **Opal Nelson** (Rosie), Publicity and Presentations Coordinator.



## A Spectacular Record-Breaking Attempt

On October 30, 2013, at an event sponsored by the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville, Michigan, more than 140 Rosies and Rosie look-alikes gathered to try to set a record for the *Guinness Book of World Records* for the most “Rosies” gathered in one place. Though they didn’t have the 250 ladies and girls needed to set the record, they did have a wonderful time, and they plan to try again at a later date. They also helped to raise awareness about the efforts to save part of the Willow Run bomber plant facility, where B-24 bombers were built during the war. The Web site for this effort is <http://savethebomberplant.org>.

Three of our Michigan Rosies participated in the event: **Shirley Clark**, **Ruth Webb**, and **Rachel Perry**. You’re record-breakers in our book, ladies! *The Detroit News* published an article and pictures of the event. To view these, go to [www.detroitnews.com](http://www.detroitnews.com), then search for “Rosie the Riveter.” Thanks to our Past National President, Rosebud **Donnaleen Lanktree** of Michigan, for letting us know about this awesome attempt!

## Honor Your Rosie!

There is still room for you to add your Rosie’s name to the new plaque at the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville, Michigan. This plaque was unveiled at ARRA’s June 2013 Convention/Reunion, and will be displayed permanently at the museum. What a great way to honor your Rosie!

If you would like to add a name plate for your Rosie, send a check for \$25 (made out to ARRA), along with the following information, to Past National President **Donnaleen Lanktree**, 1133 Marquette Court, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. For more information, contact Donnaleen at (248) 917-1227.

Send this information. Please print *clearly*:

- First name, maiden name, and married name of Rosie
- Date of Birth
- State in which Rosie currently resides, if living
- Name of company for which she worked
- Type of work she did
- Your name, address, email, for acknowledgement

## Our Apologies

In the August edition of the *Mail Call*, we listed the name of a sweet Rosie, **Rose Mary Graf Johansen**, in the “In Loving Memory” section, but we inadvertently misspelled her name, and we sincerely apologize for this error.

# THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form



*Shop for yourself or someone else!*

<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	
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	Rosie CD—20 World War II Songs	\$17.00	
	Rosie tin sign, 16" x 12"	\$25.00	
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	Rosie luggage tag, 4" x 2½"	\$6.00	
	Rosie book mark with gold plate charm, 2¼" x 6½"	\$7.00	
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Unless otherwise indicated, all products feature the classic "We Can Do It" design used in WW II.

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## Mayonnaise Cake

Thanks to Rosie **Eleanor Hutchens Tyre** of Texas, and her daughter, **Roberta Hite** of Indiana, for sharing this 1940's recipe. See their story on page 1.

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Grease and flour a 9" x 13" sheet cake pan.
3. In one bowl, mix the following until blended:
  - 1 cup cold water
  - 1 tsp vanilla extract
  - 1 cup real mayonnaise
4. In another bowl, stir together until blended:
  - 2 cups flour
  - 1 cup white sugar
  - 1/2 cup cocoa (I use Hershey's cocoa powder)
  - 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
  - 1/2 tsp salt
5. Add dry ingredients to wet, stir until combined.
6. Pour into prepared cake pan.
7. Bake about 30 minutes.
8. When the cake is cool, I ice it with chocolate frosting.

## We Love a Parade!

Members of the **Birmingham, Alabama Chapter** were waving their flags, thanking veterans, and celebrating Rosie in Birmingham's

Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2013. Pictured below (left to right) are Tom and Fred (drivers of the 1938 Chrysler and 1941 DeSoto in which some



of the group rode), **Elizabeth Hodges, Greg Hodges, Mary Louise Hodges, Darlene Black, Cary Moore, Bee Atkinson, Nell Branum, and John Powell.**



## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Here are the names of Rosies who have recently contacted me to say they will be turning 90 soon!

**Arlene Crary**

**Vivian Rogers**

**Anna Davis**

**Gertrude Krupa**



And, according to my records, **Billie Westherly** will be turning **100** in May 2014! Please notify me when you turn 90 or 100! Email [capeters12@austin.rr.com](mailto:capeters12@austin.rr.com). And, by the way, if anyone is interested, I will turn 90 in 2036!

- Carol Peters, Birthday Chairman, Rosebud, Texas

## And Speaking of Recipes...

Here's another wartime recipe sent to us by Rosie **Marjorie Vavra Sams** of Washington. Marjorie says, "We've made this cake many times on the farm where I grew up in Minnesota. We used to make two cakes a day, and my sisters and I did all the baking." After graduation, Marjorie joined her two sisters, who were working at Boeing in Washington state. Marjorie worked in the print shop at Boeing, checking out blueprints to engineers. Thanks for the recipe, Marjorie!

## Harvest Hand Cake

- 1/2 cup butter or part other fat
- 1 cup golden table syrup
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 3 cups sifted flour (cake flour, or I use regular flour)
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 eggs
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 10 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

In a big bowl, put fats (soft but not melted), sugar, syrup, salt, cake flour, milk, and vanilla. Beat with a sturdy rotary beater 8 minutes, or with an electric mixer at low speed for 5 minutes. When smooth, beat in eggs, one at a time. Then fold in baking powder. Bake in a large, greased pan (10" x 14") at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool 5 minutes. Sprinkle with 10 oz. semi-sweet chocolate bits. Return to oven (350 degrees) for 2 minutes. Spread softened chocolate. Cool. Cut into 24 large squares. To vary, add 2 tsp cinnamon and 1/2 tsp cloves to the flour.

## "Baker's Dozen" Rosies Share Their Stories

Several members of the **Columbus, Georgia/Phenix City, Alabama Chapter** were featured in the Spring 2013 issue of *World War II Quarterly* magazine. Interviews for the article began two years ago at an event at Roosevelt's Little White House. Another article in *Georgia Backroads*, the state's historical magazine, also resulted from those interviews. **Jonnie Clasen** is Chapter President.

This chapter is also sad to report the September death of their only "Allied" member, Rosie **Carlotta "Carrie" Pettitt**. In 1939, the year WW II began in England, Carrie dropped out of school at age 15 to work in a factory for the war effort there. That factory was bombed, so she began working at another one, making racks that held bombs underneath airplanes. When that factory was also bombed, she moved to a third one, making fuses for engineers to use on ships. Carrie and her husband immigrated to the United States in 1959.

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- 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
- 21<sup>st</sup> 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)

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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:

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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 \_\_\_\_\_)

**Enclose application with check payable to ARRA, and mail to: Mabel Myrick, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091.  
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For more information about ARRA, call 1-888-557-6743  
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## Membership Update

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## Our ARRA Web Site



Check out the recent updates on our Web site, [www.rosietheriveter.net](http://www.rosietheriveter.net)! You can find past issues of the *Mail Call* there, and tons of other information about Rosies and ARRA. If you have suggestions, please forward them to our National President, **Dr. Yvonne Fasold** at [fasold@uoregon.edu](mailto:fasold@uoregon.edu).

## Do You Live In Florida?

On January 26, 2014, in Venice, Florida, there will be a Gala to honor the Greatest Generation, that is, servicemen and working women of World War II. For more information, contact Past National President **Donnaleen Lanktree** at (248) 917-1227.



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?

## Quilts Of Valor

Did you know there is an organization that is dedicated to providing homemade quilts for veterans? It's called the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Their stated mission is "to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." In its 10-year history, hundreds of volunteers have made and awarded more than 92,000 beautiful quilts to veterans of all ages across the country.

Traditionally, members of the organization don't just present a patriotic quilt to a veteran—they wrap him or her in it. Recently, the **Birmingham Chapter** of ARRA requested quilts for their three active WW II veterans—

**Ralph Jones, Bill Winn, and John Carter.** They are pictured below, receiving their exquisite quilts from Elizabeth Mathews (far right), who is the Alabama Coordinator, and her daughter, Kristy Cantrell.



As you can imagine, the quilts are received with heartfelt, and often emotional, thanks. If you are interested in requesting a quilt for a combat veteran, or if you would like to volunteer, visit their Web site at [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org) for more information about QOV in your state.