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For the 15th Annual ARRA Convention/Reunion!

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

Please join us in celebrating the 15th year of our American Rosie the Riveter Association!

This year our meeting will be at the Dearborn Inn near Detroit, Michigan. The Inn was built in 1931 by Henry Ford to provide housing for his airport, and he was the first person to sign the guestbook. It was designed by prominent architect Albert Kahan and is on the National Register of Historic Places. During WW II, pilots from the Detroit Airport, just a few miles away, had special accommodations on the Inn's first floor, and today one wing of the first floor is still known as "Pilot's Row." The Alexandria Ballroom was added by Mr. Ford to satisfy his love of dancing. It was the first hotel to have air conditioning, and in 1961 it became the first hotel in Michigan to install a direct-dial telephone system for guests.

Besides all that, the Inn is a short distance from the Willow Run B-24 plant, where many of our Rosies worked! Make your reservation now, using the form on page 3. Hope to see you there!

- Donnaleen Lanktree, ARRA National President

Convention Schedule

The Dearborn Inn

20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, MI 48124-4058

Friday, June 14, 2013

- 5:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
(State Directors and Executive
Committee members)
- 6:00 p.m. Registration opens
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner in hotel with Teresa Irish,
author of *A Thousand Letters Home*

(Saturday, cont'd)

- 12:30 p.m. Lunch and program in hotel
- 1:45 p.m. Meet in lobby for Yankee Air
Museum, Willow Run area tour
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner with entertainment

Saturday, June 15, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. Registration opens
Rosie Shoppe opens (books only)
- 9:00 a.m. First General Session
Reports & Election of Officers
(see Nomination Form, page 5)

Sunday, June 16, 2013

- 8:30 a.m. Registration opens
- 9:00 a.m. Second General Session
- 11:30 a.m. Convention adjourned
Executive Committee will meet shortly after
General Session is adjourned

ARRA's New Book Is Now Available!

Have you seen the latest book of Rosie stories? *Rosie the Riveter Stories: The Legacy Lives On!* is hot off the press and ready for you!

This new book contains more than 100 stories, written by the Rosies themselves, or by Rosebuds or Rivets about their Rosies. You'll want a copy for yourself and some to give away! It can be ordered by using the order form on page 7. The price is \$17, including shipping.

And remember our special pricing for books you give to a library. You can donate one of our Rosie story books to your favorite public or school library with special pricing — any of the four 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 7 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.



Grant Funds Awarded



The grants that were available for high school students in which they prepared and presented programs about working women during WW II have been awarded. Students who had asked for information about the program but did not send an application are advised to keep this in mind for next school year, when we hope funding will again be available! Feel free to contact Fran Carter at (205) 822-4106 or fran.carter@juno.com, for information.

Watch future issues of the *Mail Call* for accounts of what this year's recipients did for their presentations.

"90+ Club" Update



There are now about 100 members of ARRA's "90+ Club." These are Rosies who are 90 years old and older, who have requested that their names be added to the list to receive birthday cards and other occasional correspondence. Susan Teagarden, a Rosebud from Pennsylvania, has joined the committee that keeps in contact with these Rosies. Thanks, Susan, for volunteering to help!

If you would like to be added to this list, or have your mother, grandmother, or great-grandmother added, contact Rosebud Carol Peters at 36 Mill Street, Maxwell, TX 78656, or email capeters12@austin.rr.com.



Did You See the Rosies on National Television?

In the spring of last year, Ann Curry, formerly of NBC's *Today* program, traveled to Charleston, West Virginia to interview 50 Rosies for the show. However, when Ann Curry left the show, the broadcast of the interview was delayed.

Happily, the program was shown on the *Today* show on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2012, and it was a wonderful tribute to Rosies! You can view it by going to our Web site at www.rosietheriveter.net and following the link you find there.

The American Rosie the Riveter Association joined with Anne Montague from an organization called Thanks, Plain and Simple to provide information for the program. We want to sincerely thank Anne's group for making most of the arrangements.

Got a Good WW II Recipe?

During the war, lots of women found creative ways to make delicious food for their families by stretching some items, doing without others, and growing many things themselves. Rosies, how did YOU modify your cooking? Send your 1940's WW II recipes to Nell Branum, at nellbran@yahoo.com, or 745 Country Club Trail, Gardendale, AL 35071. We'll try to print some in the next issue of the *Mail Call*!

"Success is how high you bounce when you hit the bottom." — General George S. Patton, Jr.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

2013 ARRA National Convention/Reunion
 June 14-16, 2013 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
 The Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, MI 48124-4058

**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 10 or before</u>	<u>Postmarked after May 10</u>	<u>Total amount</u>
Registration fee, all participants:	\$5.00	\$10.00	X number registering = _____
Food package (Fri. dinner, Sat. lunch, Sat. dinner):	\$80.00	\$85.00	X number purchased = _____
Individual Meals may be reserved:			
Friday Dinner	\$28.00	\$30.00	X number purchased = _____
Saturday Lunch	\$24.00	\$25.00	X number purchased = _____
Saturday Dinner	\$28.00	\$30.00	X number purchased = _____
Bus transportation and entrance to Yankee Air Museum and Willow Run	\$7.00	\$10.00	X number purchased = _____

Total payment enclosed (make checks payable to ARRA) _____

Hotel does not provide shuttle service from/to airport. We have arranged to have Oakland-Macomb Concierge Services pick you up at airport and hotel. Cost is \$15.00 per trip, paid directly to the service.

Please provide flight information for shuttle to hotel:

I will arrive on: Date _____ Time _____ Airline _____ Flight # _____

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

Notes: Meal reservations received after May 12 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 Dearborn Inn (a Marriott Hotel) for this Convention, 1-4 persons per room, are \$119.00 plus tax per room per night. **To be assured of this price, your reservation must be made directly with the hotel by May 12, 2013.** After that date, regular hotel rates will prevail on a space-available basis. **Call the hotel directly at (800) 228-9290 to make a reservation. Make sure you tell them you are with the American Rosie the Riveter Association to get the special rate.**

News Out and About From Texas



In August 2012, the Central Texas Chapter of ARRA elected new officers. They are Susan Stewart of Luling (President); Holla Wiley of Wimberley (Vice President); Carol Peters of Maxwell (Secretary). New President Susan commented, "I am excited to be able to meet more Rosies like my Mom and to further our goals of excellence in the workplace and fellowship among the female descendants of Rosies."

On October 13, our Chapter rolled out our new Great Grandmother Treasure Hunt game at the Night in Old Luling Festival. Young ladies talked with their moms and grandmoms to find out their great-grandmother's name, as well as date and place of birth, so they could win a prize. What fun it was, watching them learn about their family tree and how it might have helped win World War II in the 1940's to safeguard America's freedoms!

On January 12, our members used the same Great-Grandmother Treasure Hunt at the San Marcos Education Fair, helping students gain points to win an I-Pad and other prizes. On January 31, we sponsored the San Marcos Senior Expo, getting information about ARRA out to the community of senior citizens of the central Texas region. We are also working to build partnerships with the local American Legion Auxiliary, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas local chapter, and the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) chapter at Texas State University-San Marcos.

A Quote From WW II

"Good night, then - sleep to gather strength for the morning. For the morning will come. Brightly will it shine on the brave and true, kindly on all who suffer for the cause, glorious upon the tombs of heroes. Thus will shine the dawn."

— Winston Churchill to the people of France, 1940

From Our Oregon Chapter

The McKenzie Chapter of ARRA, which meets in Springfield, Oregon, has been busy talking to students in local schools. Their favorite presentation this fall was for "Options Unlimited." At this convention, Rosies joined with other women in non-traditional occupations to show middle and high school girls that they can do ANYTHING; they have unlimited career options!



Happenings in Alabama



In May, the ARRA Chapter in Birmingham, Alabama participated in the area's Blue Star Salute on Memorial Day by leading a presentation on Rosie the Riveter, manning an ARRA booth, and laying a wreath during a memorial ceremony.

In June, members were on hand to welcome a delegation from the Spirit of '45 organization as they brought a lifesize statue of the "Times Square Kiss" through town, en route from Washington, D. C. to California.

In July, they were at the airport to welcome home the last Honor Flight of veterans from Birmingham to the WW II Memorial in Washington, D. C. They also placed with the Alabama Department of Archives some recorded interviews with Alabama Rosies, a documentary that included some of those interviews, and ARRA books .

In November, they represented Rosie in Birmingham's historic Veterans Day Parade and at the National Veterans Day program. The group meets quarterly at the Irondale Café, the restaurant on which Fannie Flagg based her Whistlestop Café in *Fried Green Tomatoes*.

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, like maybe a tote bag, or a book or cookbook that includes Rosie stories! Check out our **Rosie Shoppe Order Form on page 7**, and remember, all prices include shipping. You'll probably want a T-shirt to wear at the convention, so order now!



AMERICAN ROSIE THE RIVETER ASSOCIATION

Form for Nominating an ARRA National Officer

Officers for the next two-year period will be elected at the Convention in June. Even if you aren't able to attend the Convention, **we need your input**. Please consider:

If you'd like to be considered as an officer, nominate yourself. Or if you'd like to suggest someone else for an office, get that person's permission and nominate her, using this form. Only Rosies and Rosebuds are eligible to be elected to national office.

Offices to be filled are: President; 1st Vice-President Expansion; 2nd Vice-President Membership; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer.

A note from the Chairman of the Nominating Committee



We need ROSIES or ROSEBUDS who are willing to step up and help carry this great organization into the future. The nominating committee is looking for strong leaders who want to honor their Rosies and show the next generation how these women opened the doors for the rest of us to become what we want. YES, trust me, I do know how busy life is, running two businesses and a family. Volunteer work can be overwhelming, but it is so REWARDING. Please consider being a leader and passing on your wisdom to the rest of us.

— JoAnn Fisher (Colorado), Chair of Nominating Committee

Other members of Nominating Committee: Pam Belrose (Alabama); Cheryl Anderson (Arizona); Billie Ruth Bird (Georgia); and Rachel Burris (Texas).

Nomination Form

Name of nominee _____ For position _____

Complete address _____

E-mail _____ Telephone _____

Membership category: (___ Rosie) (___ Rosebud 1) (___ Rosebud 2). Number of years nominee has been a member of ARRA _____. If member of a chapter, what chapter? _____

What leadership role has nominee had in ARRA (local or national) _____

Other information you'd like to submit about nominee (whether yourself or someone else), including responsibilities in other organizations _____

Name of person making the nomination _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

**Send this form to: Jo Ann Fisher, Chairman of Nominating Committee
7645 West 47th Avenue; Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
Nominations can also be made through our Web site, www.rosietheriveter.net.**

Hats On For These Four Generations!

Two years ago, at ARRA's Convention/Reunion in Washington, D. C., Rosie Carmella Wood of Nevada made available some adorable hats for all of the Rosies. Last year, at the Convention in Phoenix, she had made more for the Rosebuds, and were they ever popular!

ARRA's Database Administrator, Jo Thomas, was able to take some of these hats to her mother, her daughters, and her granddaughters, and here they all are wearing (or thinking about wearing) Carmella's hats at their family Thanksgiving gathering. Left to right are ARRA members Susan Thomas Wright (Rosebud 2); Piper Wright, age 2 (Rosebud 3); Rosie Walterrene Barton, age 92; Jo Thomas (Rosebud 1); Lily Wright, age 3 (Rosebud 3); and Elizabeth Thomas Campbell, aka Buffy (Rosebud 2).

What a great-looking group!



A Great Way to Spread the Word

For the past two years, I have found that the best way to increase our membership is to advertise our organization through the newspapers. The names and addresses, along with the names of the editors, are easily found on the Internet.



Each month, I have selected about two states

and concentrated on these, sending articles to the papers, mentioning that we are interested in finding the Rosies in their city. Some of the newspapers will ignore our request, but many are happy to oblige. Some of the papers have asked that if we get a response from a Rosie in their area, that we will arrange an interview with the paper. We then give the reporter's telephone number to the Rosie, who will decide if she would like to participate.

You, also, can be a big part of getting an article into your hometown paper by giving me the name and address of the newspaper, or by contacting them yourself. We need to increase our membership NOW, so let me hear from you.

Membership applications can be found on our Web site at www.rosietheriveter.net, or call our toll-free number at 1-888-557-6743 and I will be happy to send you one. Completed applications are sent to me at P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091.

Ladies, WE CAN DO IT! So, let's get rolling!

Mabel Myrick
National 2nd Vice President,
Membership

Don't Miss the Fun!

Still need a reason to make that Convention reservation? Check out these photos from last year's Convention/Reunion in Phoenix! And find more photos of other past Rosie conventions at <http://rosietheriveter.shutterfly.com/>!



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	
	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	
	Rosie T-shirt (circle size) S M L XL	\$20.00	
	Rosie head scarf (triangular shape, long end = 36")	\$10.00	
	Rosie scarf for blouse (45" – ring not included)	\$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	
	Rosie luggage tag, 4" x 2½"	\$6.00	
	Rosie book mark with gold plate charm, 2¼" x 6½"	\$7.00	
	Rosie key chain (circle size) - Large -3" x 1¾" 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" (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: <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	
	NEW Book: <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories: The Legacy Lives On!</i>	\$17.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of 5 books (1 of each)	\$83.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of 4 story books (1 each of 103, 104 More, Romances, & Legacy)	\$64.00	

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 _____



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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 _____

Check Out Our ARRA Web Site

Check out the recent updates on our Web site, www.rosietheriveter.net! Many thanks to our National Secretary, Yvonne Fasold of Oregon, for keeping the site current. If you have suggestions, please forward them to Yvonne at Fasold@uoregon.edu.

We're Looking for Email Addresses!

If you use email, please take a minute to send your email address to Jo Thomas, Database Administrator, at cahabathomas@gmail.com. Please indicate if you would prefer to receive your newsletter by email!

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?

History ... Can You Shed Some Light?

One of the great things about the American Rosie the Riveter Association is that it gives us an opportunity to share our experiences and preserve some history. Here are some information tidbits that our National President, Donnaleen Lanktree, came across recently.



Can you share any more about these things?

- Farmers who provided food for the nation were very important. Gasoline rations limited the gas purchases, but farmers were allowed additional gas. They were provided gas that had an additive to color the gasoline purple. This gas could only be used for farming equipment. Does anyone remember the purple gas?
- On November 12, 1942, the *SS Robert E. Peary*, a Liberty ship built at the Richmond Shipyard in California, was launched. It set a record for the fastest time building a Liberty ship — it took 4 days, 15 hours, and 26 minutes to complete the ship, which was 441 feet and 6 inches long. It was named after Robert Peary, the first man to reach the North Pole. Did you work at the Richmond Shipyard or build Liberty Ships?
- USO canteens were very important to our servicemen. Did you participate in the USO program as a hostess or entertainer?

If you can share more information, please email us at americanrosietheriveter2@yahoo.com, or call our toll-free number, 1-888-557-6743.