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All Roads Lead to Washington, D. C.!

So come to the 2011 ARRA Convention/

Don't miss this fabulous opportunity to experience our nation's capital with other Rosies, Rosebuds, and Rivets! Look for the Registration Form on page 3 and say you'll come, June 10-12, 2011! The cost of the convention is discounted until May 1, so send in your reservation today. It's gonna be great—see you there!

Convention Schedule

L'Enfant Plaza Hotel
480 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, D. C. 20024



Friday, June 10, 2011

- 6:00 p.m. Board of Directors meeting (State Directors and Executive Committee members)
7:30 p.m. Casual gathering and registration in hotel lobby

Saturday, June 11, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby to board bus for White House and Arlington Tour (Note that this tour is available only to those who have received approval ahead of time by submitting the Personal Information on page 2 for the Secret Service.)
approx. 10:00 a.m. When the White House/Arlington Tour has returned, the General Session will begin

(Saturday, cont'd)

- 12:00 noon Lunch and program in hotel
1:30 p.m. Resume First General Session (if needed)
5:30 p.m. Dinner in hotel
7:00 p.m. Tour of Washington D.C., including the World War II Memorial

Sunday, June 12, 2011

- 8:30 a.m. Registration opens
9:00 a.m. Second General Session
12:00 noon Lunch and program in hotel
2:00 p.m. Convention adjourns
2:00-5:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting

Tour Information

The bus for the White House Tour will hold 55 passengers, and tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis. The tour will be open only to those who have submitted the required Personal Information for the Secret Service (see page 2), and have been approved. The tour will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday.

The tour bus for the Evening Tour of Washington, D. C. also holds only 55 passengers, so these tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis. If we should have more than 80 persons applying for the tours, it is possible we can arrange for another bus, but this is not guaranteed.

See more Convention information on page 3.



2011 Is Election Year for ARRA



And we need candidates! At the national Convention/Reunion this year, it will be time to elect officers for the next biennium. We will need to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In a national organization like ARRA, where members are spread out and may not know each other, we depend on two sources for nominations: members who will volunteer to serve, and members who will nominate someone else. We need the same volunteer spirit that Rosies showed during the war! We need Rosies and Rosebuds who will let the Nominating Committee know that you are willing to serve.

So don't be bashful! If you'd be willing to serve ARRA as a national officer for a two-year term, please fill out the form below and send it to Carol Peters, our National Secretary. **OR** if you know a Rosie or a Rosebud whom you feel would be a good officer, ask her permission, then send in her name as a nomination.

In addition to the four elected officers, we need a number of appointive officers and a State Director for each state. Perhaps you'd be willing to serve "in any way needed." If so, that would be great! Someone will contact you concerning a position where you're needed.

Your organization can't function without officers, so please volunteer ... we need your help!

ARRA Officer Nomination Form

I am interested in serving as: ___ President; ___ Vice President; ___ Secretary; ___ Treasurer; ___ in any way needed

Your name _____ Telephone _____ Email _____

Address _____

I would like to nominate _____ for the office of: ___ President;

___ Vice President; ___ Secretary; ___ Treasurer; ___ in a way that is needed. I have her permission to nominate her.

Her contact information is: Telephone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Please include a brief note about yourself and/or the person you are nominating, and tell your experiences with ARRA or with other organizations that will serve as background for being a national officer in ARRA. **Mail this form to:** Carol Peters, 36 Mill Street, Maxwell, TX 78656, or email to cpeters12@austin.rr.com.

Personal Information Required for White House Tour—June 11, 2011

Important: This information is required by the Secret Service in order to participate in the White House Tour on Saturday morning, June 11, 2011. Send this information to:

Mabel Myrick, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091; telephone: (205) 647-9233; email: mm041926@aol.com.

Last Name*	First Name*	Middle Initial*	Date of Birth	Social Security #
Citizenship Status	Country of Birth	Gender	Complete Address	

**All names should be as they are listed on your driver's license.*

Registration Form

**2011 ARRA National Convention/Reunion
June 10-12, 2011 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
L'Enfant Plaza Hotel**

480 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, D. C. 20024

Mail this Registration/Food Package form to: Mrs. Mabel Myrick, P.O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091.

By each name, indicate (Ro) for Rosie, (Rb) for Rosebud, (Ri) for Rivet, (R21) for 21st Century Rosie, 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</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	\$25.00	\$30.00	X	number registering	=	_____
Food package (Sat. lunch, Sat. dinner, Sun. lunch)	\$115.00	\$124.00	X	number purchased	=	_____
Individual meals may be reserved:						
Saturday lunch	\$34.00	\$36.00	X	number purchased	=	_____
Saturday dinner	\$48.00	\$50.00	X	number purchased	=	_____
Sunday lunch	\$34.00	\$36.00	X	number purchased	=	_____
White House Tour, Saturday a.m. (7:00 a.m., includes transportation)	\$12.00	\$15.00	X	number purchased	=	_____
Evening Tour of Washington, D. C. Saturday evening	\$15.00	\$18.00	X	number purchased	=	_____

Total payment enclosed (make checks payable to ARRA) _____

Additional Convention Information

Please note that sending in this Registration Form does not reserve a room for you at the hotel. You must reserve your own room by calling L'Enfant Plaza Hotel at **1-800-635-5065**. You must call by May 27 and mention the American Rosie the Riveter Association to get these special rates: \$119.00 + tax per night for single or double occupancy; \$139.00 + tax per night for triple occupancy; \$159.00 + tax per night for quadruple occupancy.

Valet parking is available at the hotel for \$30 daily or \$42 overnight with in-and-out privileges. Some meter parking is available on the street. There is no charge for meter parking on the week-end.

Should you be flying into Washington, the closest airport is Reagan National Airport, which is 15 minutes from the hotel. There is convenient underground (Metro) transportation from National Airport to the hotel. You may also choose to fly into Dulles Airport, which is about 45 minutes from the hotel.

If you plan to go on the White House/Arlington tour on Saturday morning, you must receive approval from the Secret Service ahead of time. To do this, send the Personal Information on page 2 to Mabel Myrick.

Call for News Items

Chapters elect or re-elect officers each calendar year. At National, we'd like to know who they are, and we'd also like to know about accomplishments and activities of individual members. So please share your news—names of officers with contact information for at least the President, plus any activities planned for 2011, and general information about how often the chapter meets, kinds of programs you have, how you recruit members, and other items of interest. A photo of officers or members would be great for the newsletter and to keep for Archives! Articles of about 100 words are preferred. Deadlines for submitting articles are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

Eight chapters have been labeled *Distinguished Chapters* for reports they sent during 2010. Here they are in order of their founding dates:

Sun City, AZ	Clarksville, GA
Baltimore, MD	Maxwell County, TX
Birmingham, AL	Columbus, GA/Phenix City, AL
Oklahoma City, OK	Atlanta, GA

Hope to hear from YOU by the April 1 deadline for the *Mail Call*. Send info to Executive Director Fran Carter, fran.carter@juno.com; 209 University Park Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209; (205) 822-4106.

Publicity for Arizona and Florida Rosies



The Sun City, Arizona, newspaper, *The Daily News-Sun*, gave some great publicity to the Sun City chapter of ARRA on the occasion of V-E Day in 2010. The front-page headline read, "Can-Do Attitude Personifies Rosies." Several members were able to tell their stories, including Rosies Happy Sargol (Chapter President), Arlene Crary, Helen DeBruin, Fran Ellis, Betty Johnson, Wilma Rees, and Rosebud Sue Kloesen, about her mother. The article also included eye-catching color photos of the members wearing their "We Can Do It" T-shirts, and some of the history of how the Sun City chapter of ARRA was founded.

Marian Williams of Jacksonville, Florida also tells us about Rosie the Riveter Day that was held in October 2010 at Taylor Care Center. Publicity about the event, including photos, appeared on the front page of the newspaper. Four women came when they saw it in the paper!

As special days such as V-E Day, Memorial Day, V-J Day, or Veterans Day approach, newspapers and television stations are often looking for stories to tell, so Rosies, contact a media outlet in your town and let them know *you* have a story for them! Invite them to a chapter meeting or event, or invite them to interview you. You will help others to know about the legacy of Rosie the Riveter and you might recruit some new members, too!

Honoring Rosies Age 90+



We wish a very hearty congratulations to these Rosies who have sent word to us that they have reached age 90 or better! Congratulations on this outstanding achievement, and thank you for your Rosie service.

Virginia Koscielecki, Nevada, 2/4/19
 Lydia Burgess, North Carolina, 3/20/15
 Ruby Bowerman, Maryland, 3/26/19
 Caroline Sellers, North Carolina, 3/30/18
 Betty DeMetrick, Georgia, 4/10/19
 (Nellie) Ruth Ledbetter, Maryland, 5/4/18
 Phyllis Colagross, Alabama, 5/8/20
 Tillie (Tybie) Flapan, Virginia, 6/4/17
 Eleanor (Ellie) Branford, Oregon, 6/14/19
 Annie Munk, Texas, 6/15/18
 Chestilie Farthing, Maryland, 6/30/18
 Dorine Hamilton, Kansas, 8/18/19
 Georgie Kunkel, Washington, 8/31/20
 Alice Lucille Bailey Anderson, Colorado, 10/7/19
 Thelma Baldock, Kansas, 10/25/20
 Odean Gregg Blume, Colorado 10/25/19
 Emily Benson-Rice-Spahn, Oklahoma, 12/29/19

If you are an ARRA Rosie who is age 90 or above, or if you know of one, tell us about her so we can recognize her, too! Send name, date of birth, and what you did as a Rosie to our national Secretary, Carol Peters, 36 Mill Street, Maxwell, TX 78656; capeters12@austin.rr.com; (512) 357-2627.



Representing Rosies

Rosie Carmella (Millie) Wood, rode with a smile on her face and a rivet gun in hand in the 2010 Veteran's Day parade in Las Vegas, Nevada. She proudly represented the working women of World War II. Way to go, Millie!

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, 18" x 19" x 4½" - large	\$18.00	
	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 M L XL	\$19.00	—\$27.00—
	Rosie sweatshirt XXL	\$20.00	—\$29.50—
	Rosie night shirt (one size fits all)	\$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	\$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"	\$6.50	
	Rosie metal snack box, 7¼" x 5" x 3"	\$15.00	
	Rosie water bottle	\$14.00	—\$16.00—
	Rosie coasters (set of 4), 4" x 4"	\$10.00	
	Rosie night light, includes bulb	\$4.00	
	Rosie refrigerator magnet, 2¼" x 3¼"	\$6.00	
	Rosie stamp pin, 1 5/8" x 1 3/8" (circle type) bar clasp or tie tack clasp	\$5.00	
	Rosie car tag (license plate type), black and white, sturdy plastic, 12" x 6"	\$7.00	
	Rosie button, metal, 3" diameter	\$3.00	
	NEW Rosie I. D. "Dog Tag"	\$8.00	
	NEW Rosie the Riveter Puzzle	\$10.00	
	Book: 103 <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: 104 <i>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	
	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, c/o Mabel W. Myrick, Treasurer, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091, (205) 647-9233.

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

Address _____

_____ E-mail _____

American Rosie the Riveter Association® (Working Women of World War II)

WHAT IS ARRA? The American Rosie the Riveter Association is an organization established to honor the contribution of women workers on the home front during World War II and to promote patriotism and responsibility among all Americans.

WHO MAY BELONG? Women whose work was designed to contribute to the war effort (including women who did volunteer work) **and their female descendants** are eligible for active membership. **Male descendants and spouses** of Rosies or Rosebuds may become auxiliary members. **Women** in occupations today that, prior to World War II were considered to be “men’s work,” may join as **21st Century Rosies**.

Women who performed the work are known as **Rosies**. Their female descendants are known as **Rosebuds**. Male auxiliary members are known as **Rivets**. A woman is eligible for membership as a **Rosie** if her work or volunteer services occurred during 1941-1945 and consisted of **any one** of the following:

1. Employment of any sort in an industry or government agency that was directly related to the war effort, **or**
2. Employment (or self-employment) in a capacity usually held by a man, thus releasing a man for military duty, **or**
3. Participation on a sustained basis in one or more volunteer activities related to the war effort.

Examples of qualifying work are: work in any capacity in a munitions plant, airplane manufacturing plant, shipyard, etc.; work for the War De-

partment, local rationing board, etc.; work as a truck driver, service station operator, etc.; independent work, such as farming; or volunteer work, such as collecting critical materials, rolling bandages, serving with USO or Red Cross, etc. Work that was customarily done by women and was not related to the war effort does not count.

Rosebuds are eligible for membership if their mother, grandmother, etc., was eligible to be a Rosie, regardless of whether she is living or deceased, and regardless of whether she was a member of the Association or not.

WHAT DO MEMBERS DO? Members are **not** required to attend meetings or pay annual dues. They are invited to attend a national Reunion/Convention each year, and they may attend meetings of a Chapter in their locality. Rosies are invited to share their experiences both verbally and in written form, to become a part of the legacy of the working women of World War II. Members receive newsletters about the Association’s activities on a regular basis.

All members are awarded a **certificate** honoring working women of World War II.

HOW MAY I JOIN? Rosies, Rosebuds, 21st Century Rosies, and Rivets all join by completing and returning the membership form in the next column. Rivets pay no membership fee.

AMERICAN ROSIE THE RIVETER ASSOCIATION® MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please reproduce a form for each applicant)

Membership type (check one):

- Rosie: Working woman of World War II
 Rosebud: Female descendant of a Rosie
 Rivet: Male descendant of a Rosie, or spouse of a Rosie or Rosebud

21st Century Rosie: Currently doing “man’s work”

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 _____
Telephone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Type of work or volunteer work done by Rosie. If applicant is a Rosebud or Rivet, give type of work done by your Rosie (mother, wife, etc.). 21st Century Rosies give work you are currently engaged in: _____

Approximate dates of work: _____

Location of work: _____

Rosie Elizabeth Minton - Setting Records!

In September 2010, Elizabeth (Liz) Minton of Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia, sent in *nine memberships* for her family. That brings her total family membership to **19**, which we think must surely be a record. Also, one of these new members, Liz's great-grandchild, set a record by joining at just *five minutes old!*

When ARRA was a brand new organization, Liz served as its first Vice President, serving from 1998-2003. She and her Rivet husband, Ray, are active volunteers at ARRA's honorary headquarters, FDR's Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia. Atta girl, Liz!

Any challengers out there want to try to beat the record??

Information



Needed: Did You Roll Bandages?

ARRA has had two requests for information about rolling bandages. If you participated in that activity during WW II, can you tell us:

- (1) Where did you get the bandage material?
- (2) How did you roll the bandages?
- (3) How did you get it to the places where it was needed?

Anyone who remembers the answers to these questions is asked to call Fran Carter at (205) 822-4106 or send an email to fran.carter@juno.com.

“Rosie Bonds” for ARRA

Thanks to these members for “buying Rosie bonds” recently and helping to support our organization:

Gail Bridges	Alice Domann
Idilia Johnston	Daniel Brake
Louise Brunty	Roma Tuttle
Lois Kloprien	

Remember, “Rosie Bonds” are not real bonds, and you don't really buy them, but for the \$18.75 contribution you send to ARRA, you will receive an attractive certificate and the satisfaction of knowing you have helped your organization. To order yours and honor all Rosies, send \$18.75 (check or money order made to ARRA) to our national Treasurer, Mabel Myrick, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091.



“I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that, either.” —Jack Benny

From Our Baltimore Chapter

The Baltimore, MD ARRA chapter had an exciting 2010, beginning with participating in a Meet the Authors Day at the Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum. Later,



they were honored with a Rosie the Riveter Day there, and some members volunteered as “Charlie's Angels” in the

museum's Halloween haunted house. They presented a panel discussion for the Ninety-Nines, spoke with students at Bryn Mawr School, were filmed for the New York University Rosie history project, were honored at a Veterans Day event at the Women's Heritage Center in Arlington, and participated in two Fourth of July parades. Whew! The chapter also was saddened at the death of their former Treasurer and very active member, Julia Yoder, who, with her husband Carl, was instrumental in the formation of the chapter. Chapter officers are Elsie Arnold, President; Mary Nichols, Vice President; Thera-da Brunner, Treasurer; and Susan King, Secretary.

Rosie Books in Libraries



Thanks to these members who have recently donated Rosie books to their favorite libraries:

Jane Tucker, Barstow Library, Mt. Berry, GA
 Caroline Sellers, Davidson County Library, Lexington, NC
 Mabel Myrick, Mortimer Jordan High School Library, Morris, AL

If you would like to donate one of our Rosie story books to your favorite public or school library, you can send 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 make a notation inside the book that it is a donation from you. Remember to 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.

Help Rosie Go Green!

Printing and postage costs continue to increase, so think about receiving your copy of the *Mail Call* by email! If you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email attachment, please send an email including your current address to Jo Thomas at cahabathomas@gmail.com.



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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?

Membership Update

If you have moved or if you know a member who is deceased, will you please give us the information? 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 _____

Send ALL information to: Mrs. Jo Thomas, Database Administrator, 1975 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124.
Email: cahabathomas@gmail.com

We're Looking for Email Addresses! If you use email, please take a minute to send us your email address so we can correspond with you between newsletters. Please send a quick email to Jo Thomas at cahabathomas@gmail.com.

A Reminder: Membership Fee Increase for Rosebuds

The time came—January 1, 2011—and the fee for a Rosebud to join ARRA increased. This action was approved by members attending the business session of the ARRA National Convention in Las Vegas on June 19, 2009. Remember that no annual dues are charged for ARRA members, but members continue to receive the *Mail Call* for life. In order to hold down costs, only one newsletter is sent to each household, hoping that each member at that address will read it, regardless of which one it is addressed to. Still, it doesn't take long to "use up" a \$10.00 membership fee! So remember, when you recruit a Rosebud now, she needs to send in \$20, rather than \$10, with her membership application. Rosebuds, YOU can do it!

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