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Every Rosie Has a Story! ... and it needs to be preserved for history!

History won't be complete without your story! We'd like to help you preserve it in the ARRA Archives and perhaps publish it. Currently, the official Archives of ARRA are in the library of the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham, Alabama. We want to place stories of all our Rosies in the Archives, to be available for historical research. If we publish another book of Rosie stories, we'll ask the authors for permission to include their stories in it.

Stories should be typed and double-spaced. There is no special length requirement for the Archives, but if a story is selected for publication in a book of Rosie stories in the future, it should be 300-350 words long with two pictures, *or* 400-450 words long with one picture. Be sure to identify people in the pictures, especially the Rosies, and tell the setting of the pictures on a



National Archives 86-WWT-85-16

piece of paper attached to the picture. Give the current city and state of the Rosie, if living, and last city and state of residence if deceased.

For a story to be accepted into ARRA Archives or publications, the Rosie must be a member of ARRA. If the story about the Rosie is written by someone else, the author must also be a member.

Send your stories to: American Rosie the Riveter Association, c/o Fran Carter, Executive Director, 209 University Park Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35209.

We would also like to help you submit your story to other places. One of these places is the Rosie the Riveter Historical Park, 1401 Marina Way South, Richmond, California 94804. You may contact them for instructions by calling 1-800-497-6743.

Remember, we're looking for your story at ARRA!

President Lanktree Attends Special Recognition Event

ARRA National President Donnaleen Lanktree received special recognition at the "Thank You, American Rosies Day" held at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia on November 7, 2009. Sponsored by Thanks, Plain and Simple, Inc., the event not only attracted Rosies and their families from West Virginia, but also dignitaries including the Director of the Rosie the Riveter National Park in Richmond, California, the Assistant Military Attaché at the Belgium Embassy, and military personnel and veterans from different conflicts.



Donnaleen Lanktree

After giving special recognition to Donnaleen and the American Rosie the Riveter Association, Lead Veteran John Haulotte said, "When I was in combat in Iraq I couldn't have imagined that I'd help gather the stories of West Virginia women who worked during World War II, not just for America but for the advance of freedom."

Keynote speaker was Lt. Col. Martine Dierckx of the Belgium Embassy in Washington, DC. She brought a special thanks from the people of Belgium, not only to the American troops who liberated her country from the German occupation, climaxed by the Battle of the Bulge, but also to the women of America who produced the armaments and supplies that made the victory possible.

"Belgium was certainly one of the countries who benefited from your efforts," she said. "It is truly a privilege to be one of the first Belgians to say 'Thank You' to the Rosies. . . I hope you take pride in what you accomplished for the War effort and I hope that you realize that you were also among the founders of freedom and democracy in Europe . . . Belgium is very proud to add its voice to those who have expressed gratitude to you."

ARRA members are grateful to President Lanktree for representing the Association at this event, and we all join the Rosies of West Virginia in taking pride in what we helped to accomplish.

The Generations Are Coming! (In fact, they're here!)

Would you believe it? We have families with four and five and even six generations who are all members? These families need to be recognized, and we plan to do it with a special publication, coming out in 2010!

Is your family one of these multi-generational families? If your Rosie member has a child (male or female), a grandchild, and a great-grandchild who are all members of ARRA, you qualify! Deceased members can be included. Sometimes Rosebuds or Rivets join for their deceased Rosie, to have her name on the permanent roster, and to obtain the membership certificate as a keepsake.

Through the years, several families have celebrated their four- or five-generational status, beginning back in 1999, soon after ARRA was founded. One young Rosebud became a member and filled her family's fourth-generation slot when she was 27 minutes old!

So count 'em up, and if your family has four or more generations of members, fill out the form below. If you *could* have four or five generations, except that the people

who would fill some of the slots aren't members, get them to join, or join for them! Just use the membership form on page 6 of this issue of *Rosie's Mail Call*. A membership is only \$10 for Rosebuds and there is no cost for Rivets. You can give them a membership, which includes a certificate and a subscription to *Rosie's Mail Call*, as a stocking stuffer for Christmas!

If there are two or more great-grandchildren or great-great-grandchildren *in the same generational line*, list them all on Lines 4 and 5 below. If you have more than one generational line to qualify (meaning that the Rosie has more than one child or grandchild that leads to four generations), make copies of the form and submit a separate form for each generational line. Remember that everyone listed must be a member, and if not, you should enclose the membership application(s) when you submit this Generational Form.

Forms must reach us by **January 15, 2010** to guarantee inclusion in the upcoming publication.

ARRA Generational Form

Please print clearly, using capital letters. Give complete names, including maiden name where appropriate for all entries. Enclose a picture, preferably head and shoulders, of the Rosie.

1. Rosie _____
2. Rosie's child _____
3. Rosie's grandchild _____
4. Rosie's great-grandchild _____
5. Rosie's great-great-grandchild _____
6. Rosie's great-great-great-grandchild _____

Other descendants of Rosie who are members of ARRA _____

Rosie's city and state (or former city and state, if deceased) _____

Describe briefly the work of Rosie, telling what, when, where _____

Person sending this form _____ Telephone _____ Email _____

Mail to: ARRA, c/o Fran Carter, 209 University Park Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209.

Take a Look at These Multi-Generational Rosie Families!



Attending the very first ARRA Convention in Warm Springs, Georgia in 1999 were Rosie Elizabeth Bolen Minton (center, standing), her husband Rivet Ray Minton, and second, third, and fourth generation Rosebuds and Rivet. Not pictured are two preceding generations of Rosies who are now deceased, Kate Bozeman Bolen (Elizabeth's mother) and Elve Polk Bolen (Elizabeth's grandmother), making six generations of ARRA members!



Attending the 2002 ARRA Convention in Sun City, Arizona were Rosie Anne Totos Siewicki (third from left, now deceased), and her second, third, and fourth generation Rosebuds, Alison Goldmeer, Diane Gardner, Elisa Goldmeer, and Amber Goldmeer.

Rosie, Are You Listed in the World War II Memorial?

Did you know that in the World War II Memorial in Washington, D. C., there is a Registry of Remembrances that includes information about veterans and those who worked on the home front to help win the war? Every Rosie, living or deceased, needs to be included.

The information in the Registry may be viewed by any of the millions of people who visit the WW II Memorial, and it may also be viewed easily on anyone's home computer.



The simplest way to submit material for this Registry is through the Internet. To do this, just go to www.wwiimemorial.com and click on the "WW II Registry" button on the left. Then click "Register an Honoree" and follow the online instructions to enter the name and other information. There is no fee to add a name to the Registry, though there is a fee for adding a photo or receiving a certificate.

Material for the registry may also be submitted by mail. ARRA will be happy to send you the needed form if you will contact Dr. Fran Carter at 205-822-4106 or email fran.carter@juno.com.

For further information, call the World War II Memorial Processing Center at 1-800-639-4992.



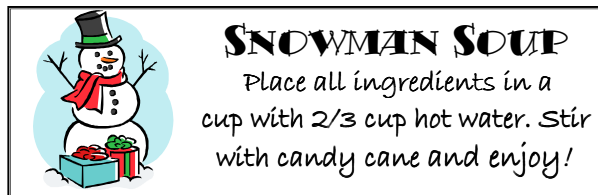
This five-generation family recently joined ARRA together as a group. Pictured are Rosie Grace Van Orden Van Leeuwen Wolfenbarger (center), and Rosebuds Bette Van Leeuwen Newlin, Grace Gormley, Victoria Gormley, and Aubree Longwell. Welcome to ARRA!

Idea Corner

Do you sometimes need a "little something" to give to groups of people at Christmas time? Give a packet of Snowman Soup! For each packet, you will need:

- 1 envelope hot cocoa mix
- 1 Hershey's chocolate kiss
- 8 to 10 miniature marshmallows
- 1 candy cane or peppermint stick

Place all of the above items in a sandwich size Ziploc bag and attach a small card something like this one:



Add your own personal note of affection and enjoy making someone's holiday a little brighter!

Can You Use ARRA's Traveling Exhibit Service?

Whether it's for an ARRA chapter meeting, a program for another club's meeting, a senior citizens center, or just for a family get-together or entertainment with friends, ARRA's new Traveling Exhibit Service may be just what you're looking for.

Here's how it works: You can order any one of the following items, keep it for two weeks, use it in a group, and return it—all at no cost except the return postage!

The following items are available, and more items will be added to the list later:

1. DVD entitled *Rosie the Riveter: The Working Women of World War II*.

2. Videotape entitled *Sentimental Sing-Along*. You'll love these songs from the 1940's!

3. Videotape entitled *20th Century Flashbacks: The Home Front, 1941-1945*.

4. DVD entitled *Christmas in War Time*, produced by the WW II Veterans Committee.

5. A Rosie the Riveter book of stories. (If you want one to keep, order any of the four ARRA books available in the Rosie Shoppe, using the order form on page 5.)

Any ARRA member may borrow these items to use with a group. Request them from:

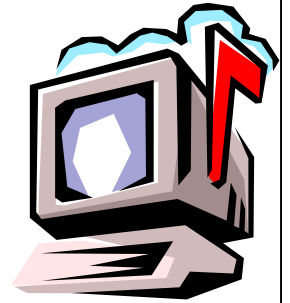
Mrs. Fran Ellis, Traveling Exhibit Coordinator, 9608 Hidden Valley Court West, Sun City, AZ 85351. Telephone: 623-876-8714.



Staying Up With the Times and Going Green . . . Using Email

When the Rosies of World War II left their homes and kitchens and became welders and truck drivers and riveters, they had to adjust to a lot of changes in their lives, but they rose to the occasion. Today's world has brought on some different kinds of changes, but, hey girls, "We can still do it!"

Many ARRA members have submitted email addresses, and it would be great to have one from *every* member. Then if our President needs to get a message to everyone, a few clicks on the computer can do it... no postage stamps, no duplicating expenses, no folding or stuffing... that's today's world!



Dr. Charlotte Mayo has accepted the volunteer position of Email Coordinator. Her job is to try to get us all online so we can communicate. Even if you don't have a computer and don't want to use one, how about asking a friend or son or daughter (or a five-year-old great-grandchild) to be your message center. That person can receive your messages and call and read them to you, or print them out and send them to you. There won't be many messages, and it could be a fun way to stay in touch with the person who is your message center helper.

So, please—if you haven't already sent us an email address, contact Charlotte and give her one. Her email address is cmayo@uab.edu. Her "snail mail" address is Dr. Charlotte Mayo, 1216 Amberly Woods Drive, Helena, AL 35080.

ARRA's Educational Service

Did you know that students in middle school, high school, college, and even in doctoral studies often do research and write papers about working women on the home front during WW II? ARRA is glad to help them find the information they need through the organization's Educational Service. Mila June George of Kansas is the volunteer Director of this program.

Sometimes all that Mila June needs to do is to send the student a list of "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers." Or she may be able to answer some other questions or refer the student to an information source. Often, though, the student wants to interview a "real live Rosie" who lived and worked during WW II. That's where our Rosie members are needed!



Would you be willing for a student to call you and ask questions about your work? If so, please let Mila June know. She needs all kinds of Rosies—riveters, welders, truck drivers, secretaries, mill workers, entertainers, whatever you did to qualify as a Rosie. She can also use Rosebuds who can answer questions about their mother's work.

Also, if you know any students or teachers who need information, refer them to Mila June. Her contact information is: Mrs. Mila June George, ARRA Education Director, 262 Split Rock Road, Toronto, KS 66777. Telephone: 620-637-2790.



THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form



These items may be ordered from:

ARRA c/o Mabel W. Myrick, Treasurer, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091, 205-647-9233

*****All prices include shipping!*****

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item (circle size or type where applicable)</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Rosie poster, 20" x 28"	\$13.00	
	Rosie stickers, 3½" x 2½" (package of 5)	\$2.50	
	Rosie picture post card, 4" x 6"	\$.75	
	Rosie note cards with envelopes (package of 10)	\$7.00	
	Rosie afghan/wall hanging, all cotton, 48" x 58"	\$65.00	
	Rosie tote bag, sturdy cotton, 18" x 19" x 4½" - large	\$16.00	
	Rosie tote bag, sturdy cotton, 14" x 14" x 3" - small	\$14.00	
	Tote bag, sturdy cotton - Uncle Sam OR Soldiers Without Guns - specify which	\$14.00	
	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	\$27.00	
	Rosie sweatshirt XXL	\$29.50	
	Rosie night shirt (one size fits all)	\$23.00	
	Rosie head scarf (triangular shape, long end = 36")	\$8.00	
	Rosie scarf for blouse (45" – ring not included)	\$8.00	
	Rosie collectible doll	\$18.00	
	Rosie tin sign, 16" x 12"	\$20.00	
	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")	\$6.00	
	Rosie luggage tag, 4" x 2½"	\$6.00	
	Rosie book mark with gold plate charm, 2¼" x 6½"	\$6.50	
	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"	\$12.00	
	Rosie water bottle	\$14.00	
	Rosie coasters (set of 4), 4" x 4"	\$8.00	
	Rosie night light, includes bulb	\$4.00	
	Rosie refrigerator magnet, 2¼" x 3¼"	\$5.00	
	Rosie stamp pin, 1 5/8" x 1 3/8" (circle type) bar clasp or tie tack clasp	\$4.00	
	Rosie car tag (license plate type), black and white, sturdy plastic, 12" x 6"	\$5.00	
	Rosie button, metal, 3" diameter	\$2.00	
	Book: 103 Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	Book: 104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	Book: Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook	\$20.00	
	NEW Book: Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of 4 books (1 of each)	\$68.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of 3 story books (1 each of 103, 104 More, & Romances)	\$48.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of any 2 story books plus Celebration Cookbook	\$50.00	

TOTAL _____

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

Please enclose check or money order made payable to ARRA. *Prices include shipping.*

Name _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

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. Spouses and male descendants 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 Department of Defense, 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.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership type (check one):

- Rosie: Working woman of WWII: \$10.00
- Rosebud: Female descendant: \$10.00
- Rosie or Rosebud outside U. S. \$30.00
- Rivet: Male descendant /spouse (no cost)
- 21st Century Rosie: \$50.00

Name: _____
First Second or Maiden Last

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Enclose check for amount shown under your membership type made payable to ARRA and mail with completed application to:
 Mrs. Mabel W. Myrick
 P. O. Box 188
 Kimberly, AL 35091

Type of work done by Rosie:

_____ Type of work / Volunteer work

_____ Approximate Dates _____ Location

Rosebuds / Rivets:

Print complete name of your Rosie:

What is your relationship to Rosie?

Is your Rosie living? yes no

Is your Rosie a member of ARRA?

yes no

Welcome to Our New Members



... Scads of Them!

ARRA's membership has experienced a huge growth since the last issue of *Rosie's Mail Call*. As of press time for this newsletter, we have grown by 538 members, and they're still coming in!

Most of these new members came as the result of an article published in *The American Profile*, which is a supplement to Sunday newspapers across the U. S. In fact, after the article was published, we received more than 800 telephone calls, voice mails, and emails from people interested in the organization. We had to call in extra volunteer help to handle all the contacts!

Most of these contacts were from potential members who had not heard of our association. Now some of them are interested in starting local chapters. This brings our total membership up to 3,404 with members in every state!

So here's a GREAT BIG WELCOME! to our new members. We hope you'll enjoy "Rosie-ing along" with the rest of us.

Now, let's keep this great momentum going. Everyone who receives this newsletter can think of *someone*—a potential Rosie or Rosebud or Rivet—to whom you can give a membership application (see page 6) and encourage to join. Or if you'll send us the name and address of a potential member, we'll be glad to contact her.

"We can still do it!" So let's go!

Rosie Books Donated to Libraries



Mabel Myrick, ARRA Treasurer, reports that another 16 books have been ordered as contributions to libraries. They include:

- 3 books to Burwell Library in Burwell, Nebraska, contributed by Amelia Dearthmont
- 4 books to Canton, Michigan Public Library, contributed by Audrey Dittert
- 1 book each to nine different libraries in three states, contributed by Oklahoma City Chapter by Kate Grant, ARRA State Director, Oklahoma

This is a great way of making sure the Rosie legacy is preserved. If you would like to place a Rosie book in a library, perhaps in honor of a Rosie, living or deceased, contact Mabel Myrick for instructions and discounted prices at P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091. Email mabelmyrick@att.net. Telephone 205-647-9233.

The ARRA Speakers Bureau For Rosies, Rosebuds, and even Rivets!

Rosie's story is an important part of history. It not only needs to be preserved, it needs to be **told**. And there are thousands of groups all over the country that would like to hear it. Think of the civic clubs, veterans' groups, historical societies, senior adult groups, who are all needing regular programs. Think of the history classes who would welcome someone who actually helped to make the history.

Now Lora Black has a challenge: finding Rosies, Rosebuds, and Rivets who are willing to tell their story, giving them some factual information they will need, and then letting potential "customers" know about them.



On the ARRA Web site, anyone who would like to have a speaker will be invited to contact Lora. Noting the kind of speaker they want and the geographical area, she can look through her file of volunteer speakers and send them information about one or more who might be available. What she needs now is a file of potential speakers.

Will you volunteer to be in that file? Lora can send you information that you can use in a speech. You'll find that you are warmly accepted. In many cases they are willing to pay your travel expenses or provide a meal, and sometimes there might be a cash honorarium.

If you will be on Lora's list, send her (1) your name; (2) your address; (3) what you or your Rosie did during WW II; (4) how to contact you, preferably by phone; (5) any other information of interest about yourself or your Rosie; (6) whether you will accept only local engagements, or whether you would be willing to travel if expenses are paid. Contact Lora today: Ms. Lora Black, Coordinator of ARRA Speakers Bureau, 1221 North 37th Street, Lincoln, NE 68503. Telephone: 402-467-4035. Email: Lblack2@uni.edu.

Dorine Turns 90... and almost 90 guests gather to celebrate!

Former ARRA Vice President and current Historian Dorine Hamilton celebrated her 90th birthday in Wichita, Kansas, and a host of people joined in the celebration held at a local hotel. Those who have attended ARRA Conventions remember Dorine for her diminutive size, her brightly colored hats, and her cheery smile at the Registration table.

Happy Birthday, Dorine, and many more to come! Thanks for what you mean to ARRA.



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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

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?



IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!



Why not give a Rosie book, cookbook, tote bag, nightshirt, coasters, poster, keychain, night light, or another Rosie product as a gift?

See order form on page 5!

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