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**It's Convention Time—
Y'all Come to Nashville!!**

Mark your calendar for the ARRA National Convention/Reunion in Nashville, Tennessee, June 25—27, 2010! You won't believe the fun that's in store in Music City! Important information and a schedule are below, and a Registration Form is on page 3. See you there!



Convention Schedule

*Millennium Maxwell House Hotel
2025 Rosa L. Parks Blvd., Nashville, TN 37228*

Friday, June 25, 2010

Note that Registration for the Convention will not be open until Saturday morning.

- 3:00 p.m. Board of Directors meeting (State Directors and Executive Committee members)
- 5:45 p.m. Meet in lobby near main entrance (Rosa L. Parks Blvd.) facing parking lot, to go to Grand Ole Opry

Saturday, June 26, 2010

Please bring memorabilia for display (or for donation to Archives).

- 8:00 a.m. Registration opens
Rosie Shoppe opens
- 9:00 a.m. First General Session
- 12:00 noon Lunch and program in hotel
- 1:45 p.m. Meet in lobby near main entrance (Rosa L.

(Saturday, cont'd)

- Parks Blvd.) facing parking lot to go on Nashville City Tour. We will drive by points of interest, such as the Parthenon and Ryman Auditorium, with stops at the World War II Memorial and Country Music Hall of Fame (with gift shop and restroom break).
- 3:30 p.m. Return to hotel
Free time until dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner and program in hotel

Sunday, June 27, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Registration opens
- 9:00 a.m. Second General Session
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 noon Lunch and program in hotel
- 2:00 p.m. Convention adjourns
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting

Things to Know

Important information about Convention Hotel: ARRA has reserved a block of rooms at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel for a special price (see page 3), and we must pay for them, even if they are not rented. When they are gone, we *may* be able to obtain more, **but only if they are available**, so get your reservation in early. The special rates are also available for two nights before and two nights after the Convention for those who would like a longer stay. **Anyone registering after May 25 is advised to FIRST call Mabel Myrick at (205) 647-9233 to check on room status.**

Overnight parking at the hotel is free to overnight guests.

The hotel provides free shuttle service to and from the Nashville International Airport. Call the hotel at (615) 259-4343 when you arrive at the airport, or use the phone bank in the baggage area at the airport. Wait for pick-up in the shuttle area just outside the baggage claim area on the ground level.

The hotel allows you to cancel a reservation up to 72 hours before your scheduled arrival without penalty. **However, if you do this, ARRA will have to pay for your room.** Also, if you check out early, ARRA will have to pay for the night you reserved but didn't stay. We had to agree to this in order to get the special room rates, so please try **NOT** to cancel or leave early.

Chapter Chatter

Looking back on 2009!

In March, the **Atlanta-Area (GA) Chapter** joined with the National Museum of Patriotism in celebration of Women in History. ARRA was featured throughout the museum, from the Rosie books prominently displayed in the windows of the gift shop to the display case and continuously running slide show in the museum itself. The exhibit featured pictures of Rosies both past and present. Each Saturday during the month, members of the chapter were present to answer questions and provide applications for joining. Hats off to Rosebud Kathy Lyles, chapter Secretary, for coordinating this endeavor. In November, chapter members attended a Veterans-Heroes Salute at Snapfinger Elementary School in the DeKalb County School System. Names of veterans and Rosies were listed on a “Wall of Honor” and children from the school, the Snapfinger Singers, presented a musical tribute. Pictured at right are (standing) Jean Ousley, WW II Veteran and POW Kenneth Powell, chapter President Billie Ruth Bird, and (seated) Jean Ousley’s sister, and Rosie Kathleen Powell. *Report submitted by chapter Vice President Donna Brockmann.*



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On March 13, 2010, the **Sun City (AZ) Chapter** will represent Rosie the Riveter in a parade celebrating Sun City’s 50th year as a city. The group will carry in the parade the beautiful flag pictured at left. The flag was made by Mrs. Fran Ellis, ARRA’s Traveling Exhibit Coordinator, who is standing proudly beside the flag.



2009 was a busy year for this chapter. In March, the Rosies enjoyed seeing the play, *Social Security*. In May, they enjoyed High Tea at Faith Presbyterian Church, and also enjoyed a picnic at Fran and Les Ellis’s. Les knows how to cook a good hamburger! In June, several of the Rosies motored to Las Vegas for the National Convention. On Memorial Day and Veterans

Day, the Sunland Memorial Park has a service and always invites the Rosies. The band plays the Rosie song and Rosies stand and sing it. Our waitress at the Royal Café, where Rosies meet for lunch, had a granddaughter who was writing a report on Rosies and she got some information and a T-shirt from the Rosies. She received an A on her report. In September, Rosies enjoyed a bus trip to Harrah’s Casino, and in October, they celebrated the chapter’s 10th anniversary. In November, their current officers renewed their oath of office. On December 7, Happy Sargol, Arlene Crary, Betty Johnson, and Bonnie Smith attended the Pearl Harbor Day celebration at the Arizona Capitol. Santa Claus was present at the December meeting to give a gift to each member. *Reports submitted by chapter President Arlene G. Crary, and chapter Secretary Wilma Rees.*



The **Columbus (GA)/Phenix City (AL) “Baker’s Dozen” Chapter** of ARRA took part in many activities in 2009 aimed at increasing public awareness of Rosie the Riveter’s crucial role. In January, four Rosies – Carrie Pettit, Jean Liparoto, Juanice Still, and June Tinker (pictured at right) – participated in a panel discussion at the Phenix City Library. In February, the chapter participated in the Columbus USO’s 68th birthday celebrations and presented the USO with a commemorative piece of art. Pictured below is Robbie Watson, former USO Director, standing in front of members Carrie Pettit, Jean Liparoto, Vincent Melillo, June Tinker, chapter President Jonnie Melillo Clasen, and Barbara Gilbert Jordan. A reporter from a Columbus newspaper interviewed four Rosies for a Sunday front-page story on how overcoming hardships during WW II could provide insight for people in today’s economy. In March, several members went to LaGrange to support Rosebud Carol Cain’s Women’s History Month presentation at the A. Mitchell Powell Jr. Public Library, and attended the historic Sacred Soil Ceremony. Columbus State University’s history department sponsored a magnificent “Meet Rosie the Riveter” evening, which drew almost 200 peo-



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Registration Form

2010 ARRA National Convention/Reunion

June 25-27, 2010 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee

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 25 or before</u>	<u>Postmarked</u> <u>after May 25</u>		<u>Total</u> <u>amount</u>
Registration fee, all participants	\$20.00	\$25.00	X number registering =	_____
Food package (Sat. lunch, Sat. dinner, Sun. lunch; includes program at each meal)	\$63.00	\$69.00	X number purchased =	_____
Individual meals may be reserved:				
Saturday lunch	\$17.00	\$19.00	X number purchased =	_____
Saturday dinner	\$28.00	\$30.00	X number purchased =	_____
Sunday lunch	\$21.00	\$23.00	X number purchased =	_____
Grand Ole Opry, Friday evening (show and transportation)	\$50.00	\$55.00	X number purchased =	_____
Nashville City tour, Saturday afternoon	\$18.00	\$20.00	X number purchased =	_____
Total payment enclosed (make checks payable to ARRA)				_____

- - - - - *Cut here and send the above form to Mabel Myrick* - - - - -

Note: Meal reservations received after June 20 and “walk-ins” who have not pre-registered will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Reservations for Grand Ole Opry must be received by May 25 in order to guarantee a ticket.

A minimum of 30 participants is required for these prices on both the Grand Ole Opry and the Nashville City Tour. If fewer than 30 register for either of these, money will be refunded and we will try to assist anyone who wishes to arrange to go on their own.

If it is necessary to cancel after sending registration, requests for reimbursement must reach Mabel Myrick by June 20. No reimbursement for Grand Ole Opry tickets can be guaranteed after May 25.

Special hotel room rates at the Millennium Maxwell House hotel for this Convention, for 1-4 persons per room, are \$79.00 plus tax per room per night. To be assured of this price, your reservation must be made with the hotel by Tuesday, May 25, 2010. After that date, regular hotel rates will prevail on a space-available basis. **Call the hotel directly at 1-800-457-4460 or (615)259-4343 and give group code 1006AMRORI to make a reservation. Anyone registering after May 25 should first call Mabel Myrick at (205)647-9233.**

Chapter Chatter (cont'd)

ple. The chapter set up an extensive exhibit on Rosie and Merrill's Marauders/WW II at the WW II Heritage Days living history event in Peachtree City. The exhibit was also a part of the Veteran's Remembrance Day program at the Atlanta History Center in May and several special weekend events at FDR's Little White House in Warm Springs. In June, the chapter presented the program for Columbus Kiwanis. Four members attended the ARRA National Convention in Las Vegas. A real highlight came in August, when the chapter was asked by Ft. Benning's EEO office to present the program for their Women's



Equality Day luncheon. The group was given a standing ovation by the 250 in attendance. Rosie Elizabeth Minton rode on the first Rosie the Riveter float (pictured at left) for the town of Manchester's Veteran's Day Parade, and Rivets Vincent Mellillo and Ray

Minton were also in the parade. *Report submitted by chapter President Jonnie Melillo Clasen.*



The **Birmingham (AL) Chapter** has quarterly meetings throughout the year at a local restaurant. In May, they participated in the annual Blue Star Salute on Memorial Day at American Village in Montevallo (pictured at right). Six Rosies—Lucy Lewis, Maxine Parvin, Mabel Myrick, Idamae



Mason, Velora Anderson, and Fran Carter, along with moderator Rivet John Carter—gave a panel presentation to a packed room. Rosie Maxine Parvin and her daughter, chapter Vice President Gloria Parvin, represented ARRA at the event's wreath-laying ceremony, and national Treasurer Mabel Myrick set up a products booth in a high-traffic area. In June, Lucy Lewis, Beth and Charles Moore, and other members volunteered at athletic events at the 2009 National Veterans Golden Age Games, which were held in Birmingham. Rivet John Carter was a participant in the events and won a Silver Medal in the Air Rifle competition. At their June meeting, Rosies and veterans were given letters of gratitude written by fifth-graders at Gardendale Elementary School. Several members attended the ARRA National Convention in Las Vegas. In November, the chapter participated in a living timeline, which was part of an event to honor veterans, sponsored by the Alabama Veterans Memorial Foundation. Many children as well as adults stopped by to chat



about WW II. Also in November, Rosies Velora Anderson, Maxine Parvin, and Fran Carter, along with Rosebuds Charlotte Mayo, Gloria Parvin, and Nell Branum, and Rivets John Powell and John Carter, drove three decorated vehicles in Birmingham's Veterans Day parade. The chapter has a local service project of collecting personal items for the VA Medical Hospital, and sponsors a permanent Rosie display at the Southern Museum of Flight. Members were featured in newspaper articles and television spots, including a feature article that appeared in the national Sunday supplement called *American Profile*. *Reports submitted by chapter Treasurer John Powell and chapter President Nell Branum.*



The **Caldwell County (TX) Chapter** is participating in the Hays Caldwell Women's Center's Hollywood Canteen event called "Victory Over Abuse Day" at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in San Marcos, Texas on May 22, 2010. They are providing volunteers, as well as a \$100 gift basket for the silent auction that includes one each of the ARRA books. The event will include a patriotic program, dinner, dance, and more. Anyone interested in attending should contact Carol Peters at capeters12@austin.rr.com for tickets. The chapter will have their election of chapter officers on March 11 at Golden Age Assisted Living in Lockhart. The chapter's founder, Carol Peters, is enjoying her current role as national ARRA Secretary. *Report submitted by chapter President Maebeth Mollberg and national ARRA Secretary Carol Peters.*



A meeting of the **Oklahoma City (OK) Chapter** was held last March at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City, in honor of Women's History Month. Rosies from many surrounding areas were in attendance and are pictured below. The program included remarks from Dr. Bob Blackburn, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and ARRA State Director, Kate Grant. A video presentation was given, showing Rosies at work, and Rosies in attendance shared their stories. Several Rosie items were on display at the History Center. A luncheon was served, and it included a specially decorated cake provided by the children of State Director Kate Grant, in honor of their mother and their father, the late Rev. Melvin Grant, who was a decorated WW II Marine. *Report submitted by State Director Kate Grant.*



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: _____

Type of work done by Rosie:

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

*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*



The History of Aprons

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath. Because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a pot-holder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the menfolks knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Here's something to remember:

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron.

Thanks to Rivet George Appleton (husband of Rosie Dorothy Appleton) of Las Vegas, Nevada, for this look back!

Accolades



Rosebud Donna Brockmann, Vice President of the Atlanta Area (GA) Chapter was awarded the 2009 Gifted Program Teacher of the Year by the Georgia Association for Gifted Children. Congratulations, Donna!

Paintings by Rosebud Jane Richlovsky of Seattle, Washington were exhibited in the booth of the JoAnne Artman Gallery of Laguna Beach, California during the Los Angeles Art Show at the L. A. Convention Center in January 2010. Way to go, Jane!

Rivet John Powell, Treasurer of the Birmingham (AL) Chapter entered and won a contest with AT&T. The prize was \$50,000!! Congratulations, John!

Rosebud Nancy Treu Klotz, Co-President of the Atlanta-Area (GA) Chapter, has published her first novel, *Murder at Indigo Springs*. The novel, based on a true story, gives an account of the 1877 murders of an elderly brother and sister in South Carolina, and the subsequent fight by a Scottish lawyer for the life of the black man unjustly accused of the murders.

Norman Rockwell's Rosie Has a New Home

Norman Rockwell's painting *Rosie the Riveter* is now part of the permanent collection at the new Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art that is under construction and could be opening later this year in Bentonville, Arkansas. You may remember this famous painting that was created for the May 29, 1943 cover of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

Acquisition of the painting, as well as the museum itself, has been made possible by Wal-mart heiress Alice Walton, daughter of Sam and Helen Walton. The 52- by 40-inch painting was purchased from a private collector in June, 2009. So if you're passing through Arkansas in a few months, you might want to stop in and say hello to Mr. Rockwell's Rosie! Thanks to Barbara Worthey of the Sun City (AZ) Chapter for alerting us to this news.

New Convention Web Site

If you want to see how much fun the 2009 ARRA National Convention was in Las Vegas, or the 2008 Convention in Baltimore, or the 2007 Convention in Atlanta, check out the Web site at <http://rosietheriveter.shutterfly.com>. You can add your own Convention photos or comments to the site, as well - just follow the directions on the Web site! Thanks to Jo Thomas for setting this up for us.

"The person who does things that count doesn't usually stop to count them." - Anonymous



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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 _____

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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?

Remember—We Want Your Story!

Rosies, it's important that you preserve your story of what you did in the war—no one else can tell it like you can! Send it to ARRA's Archives, c/o Fran Carter, 209 University Park Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209. You should also be sure that you are listed in the World War II Memorial in Washington, D. C. by registering online at www.wwiimemorial.com, or by calling (800)639-4992. One other place you might consider submitting your story is to the Rosie the Riveter Historical Park in Richmond, CA. Though the park no longer has a 1-800 number, they can be reached at (510)232-5050 or online at www.nps.gov/rori.

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