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## What a Great Time We Had in Phoenix!! A Recap of the ARRA National Convention 2012

By Yvonne Fasold, ARRA Recording Secretary

The Rosies continue to impress others with their independence, competence, joy, friendliness and fun. That's exactly what we heard from the staff of the Hilton Phoenix Airport Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, during our ARRA National Convention. They loved having us there.

Registration for the convention consisted of 60 ARRA members, which included 30 Rosies, and 20 additional guests. We enjoyed social time,

business meetings, meals and sharing stories.

Our Saturday speaker from the Heard Museum showed us art created by the native peoples of the Southwest. We also took a tour through the Arizona Wing CAF Museum in Mesa. Our volunteer tour guides were especially honored to be in the presence of women and men who built, trained and parachuted from those very planes.

During business



What a lovely group of Rosies at the Phoenix Convention 2012!!

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## How Would You Like Your Newsletter?

At the ARRA National Convention in June, it was brought to our attention that one of the ways our organization can be a good steward of our limited resources is to examine the way that our newsletter, *Rosie's Mail Call*, is delivered. You probably remember that when you joined ARRA, you paid a one-time, *lifetime* membership fee (except for Rivets, who do not pay a fee). ARRA charges no annual dues. Yet our newsletter goes out to all households, three or four times each year. We don't spend money that we don't have, so we could use your help.

First, we know that some people *prefer* to receive the *Mail Call* by email. If you are one of these people, *please* send a quick email *right now* to our Database Administra-

tor, Jo Thomas, at [cahabathomas@gmail.com](mailto:cahabathomas@gmail.com). Just put "Change to email newsletter" in the Subject line, and type your name and the address where you currently receive the newsletter in the body of the message.

Second, we know that some people would rather hold a paper newsletter in their hands, rather than receive it by email. If this describes you, a \$5.00 donation per year would help us cover the cost of printing and mailing your household's copy, and would be so appreciated. Right now, while you are thinking about it, *please* use the form below to send a \$5.00 newsletter donation for the coming year to the address shown. And thanks for helping us to keep in touch with you, our wonderful members!

### Newsletter Donation

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\_\_\_\_\_ My household prefers to keep receiving our copy of the *Mail Call* in printed form through the mail.

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*(Convention, continued from page 1)*

meetings, President Donnaleen Lanktree presented information about networking with other groups, a Today Show segment to be shown in August, and the importance of partnerships. She also shared a photo display giving background about the Rosies and the Rosie image. Another moving presentation was the reading of "letters from home," which provided historical information in an engaging format. President Donnaleen suggested that Rosebuds use these materials when giving presentations to students and community groups. Contact Donnaleen at ARRA's toll-free number, 1-888-557-6743, or email her at [americanrosietheriveter2@yahoo.com](mailto:americanrosietheriveter2@yahoo.com) to receive copies.

Three main items of business discussed were:

1. The Future of ARRA – The consensus was that we

believe in the purposes of ARRA and want to continue the association with enthusiasm. The participation of Rosebuds is vital in continuing to honor and remember the work of the Rosies.

2. Funding the Newsletter – The newsletter is the key way we stay in touch and communicate ideas. To reduce costs for printing and postage, members may sign up for e-mail delivery (see article on page 1). Members who prefer a printed copy may send donations to ARRA.

3. Membership – Invite your family members to become ARRA members, give presentations, and contact your local media with stories, information and meeting invitations.

We thank the Sun City, Arizona Chapter for hosting our delightful convention. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Recording Secretary.

*Look for more Convention news and photos throughout this issue and at <http://rosietheriveter.shutterfly.com/>!*



## Know Any High School Students Who Want \$50?



One of the suggestions that was made at the ARRA Convention/Reunion in June was to provide several \$50 grants for students in grades 9-12 who would like to do a little research on Rosie the Riveter, and then present a brief program to interested groups. We are pleased to announce that a limited number of these grants will be available this

fall! The application process for the Rosie the Riveter Research Grant is open to any student, whether a member of ARRA or not. It is especially appropriate for students who are taking a history class that includes World War II, but this is not required.

Here's the deal: If awarded a grant, the student will use books, stories on the Internet, personal interviews, and other sources to research the roles and contributions of women on the home front during WW II, then prepare a 15-20 minute presentation using appropriate audiovisual or multimedia aids. The presentation might include pictures, charts, posters, or a multimedia presentation (example: PowerPoint or video) that the student prepares.

The student will arrange to present the program at least two times, but more if opportunities are available. Perhaps one presentation might be to the student's own history class. Additional audiences might include other sections of that same history class in the school, or elementary or middle school classes, or outside groups such as civic clubs or senior citizen groups.

If you know a high school student who might be interested, pass this information on to him or her. For further information and instructions, contact Fran Carter, Executive Director of ARRA, [j-fcarter@juno.com](mailto:j-fcarter@juno.com), telephone (205) 822-4106.

The deadline for submitting applications for consideration in this year's grant program is **October 1, 2012**. Send for an application packet well before that date, so the student will have time to think through his or her plans before submitting the application by October 1.

You can help our talented young people pass on the legacy of Rosie the Riveter!



## In Loving Memory

With sadness, we recognize these members whose families notified us of their passing during the year that lapsed between the 2011 and 2012 Conventions. A service honoring these members was held on Sunday morning of the 2012 Convention in Phoenix, led by Rosies Wilma Rees and Amelia Kizer and their families. As each name was called, a white rose was placed on a memory board. Members who expire are retained permanently in a special category of the ARRA membership roster. Family members are asked to notify ARRA of the death of any member by using the membership update form found in each issue of the *Mail Call*.

Orieda Horn Anderson, IL  
 Gennie E. Beck, GA  
 Tara Ruth Birdyshaw, AL  
 Irene M. Bloomer, NY  
 Louise Katherine Eckroth Brounty, WA  
 Dixie Faulkner Brown, GA  
 Susan Mathews Dollar, AL  
 Flora Ann Chesser Dorman, AL  
 Mary Lou Fitzgerald Domenick, PA  
 Colette Agnes Walsh Dugan, NM  
 Julia Cleo Glaze Elder, OK  
 Sarah Middione Ellis, AZ  
 Dorothy L. Rodman Ellison, IN  
 Ruth Miller Beasley Garrett, AL  
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Bertha Mae Henderson, AZ  
 Lempi Maenpaa Huska, OK  
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*Twin Rosies Wilma and Amelia led a memorial service at the Phoenix Convention.*

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 Mildred Juanita Price, NV  
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 Gilbert M. Sedwick, AL  
 Rosaria G. Silvas, AZ  
 Jennie L. Smith, AZ  
 Alice Lay Stone, GA  
 Betty Joyce Brill Updike, AZ  
 Betty J. Voss, UT  
 Lila V. Waendelin, AL  
 Angela Baio Waschuck, AZ  
 Grace VanOrden R. Wolfenbarger, IL  
 Barbara Jean Worthey, AZ  
 Florence O. Wurzbacher, VT  
 Helen Hevle Zacek, AZ

## Young People Compete in Educational Projects

Rosebud Mackenzie Brandel, age 14, who is from Michigan, recently entered a project in the National History Day national contest. Mackenzie's entry, "Billie the Riveter," was based on the work her great-great aunt did at Continental Motors in Muskegon, Michigan during World War II. Mackenzie's project won Best Entry in the state of Michigan, and placed 13th in the nation! She was awarded a medal for Best in State, Junior Division, and also the Salute to Freedom Award, sponsored by the National WWII Museum. She also received a trip to New Orleans for the opening of the museum's newest expansion. Congratulations, Mackenzie, on a job well done!



*Mackenzie Brandel*

Other high schoolers have contacted us recently to let us know about their projects, also, and ARRA members have been able to help them with their research. Katie, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader from Washington state, set up a Web site featuring Rosie pictures and interviews, including interviews with ARRA members in distant states. Katie won 1<sup>st</sup> place

at her school, then went on to win 1<sup>st</sup> place in her state and was headed for the national competition in Washington, D. C. We haven't heard how she did there, but we wish her well as she promotes the legacy of Rosie!

Ava, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader from California, sent us a copy of the DVD she produced, and it is skillfully done. Ava won 1<sup>st</sup> place in her category.

Elizabeth, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader in Indiana, traveled with her parents to other states to get information from primary sources for her project. ARRA was able to connect her with several Rosies to interview, then she traveled to New Orleans to the World War II Museum. Her production won 1<sup>st</sup> place in her state. Then, at a special "Salute to Teachers" showing at the University of Maryland, she won an all-expense-paid trip back to the WW II Museum.

Did you know that March of each year is designated as Women's History Month? Or were you aware that there is a National History Day competition? In many schools, students compete for honors through projects that honor the contributions of women to society. And many students will choose Rosie the Riveter as their special topic.

It is heartening to see young people enamored with patriotism and inspired by Rosie the Riveter. ARRA members, take every opportunity that comes your way to help them!

## Nominating Committee Elected at Convention

During the business session at the 2012 ARRA Convention/Reunion in Phoenix, five ARRA members were elected to prepare a slate of national officers to be presented at the 2013 Convention for election to a two-year term. These members are: Jo Ann Fisher (Rosebud, Colorado); Cheryl Anderson (Rosebud, Arizona); Rachel Burris (Rosebud, Texas); Pam Belrose (Rosebud, Alabama), and Billie Ruth Bird (Rosebud, Georgia).

This committee will elect a chairman from the five-member body. They will welcome suggestions from other

members concerning candidates for the offices to be filled. Rosie and Rosebud members may contact the nominating committee to volunteer for an office or to recommend someone else for their consideration. A form to facilitate this will be published in a future issue of *Rosie's Mail Call*. It has been suggested that in selecting nominees, consideration be given to such factors as length of time as an ARRA member (at least two years), attendance at national Conventions, and evidence of leadership through service in a local chapter.

## Hats Off To Carmella!

At the 2011 ARRA Convention in Washington, Rosie Carmella Wood from Nevada thrilled the Rosies by bringing each one a beautiful, perky Rosie hat that she had made. The Rosebuds all wanted one, too! This year at the Phoenix Convention, the Rosebuds got their wish—Carmella had made hats for them, too. Thanks, Carmella! Next year? Well, we can't say for sure, but if Carmella is true to form, she's likely to have more of those cute little hats! Incidentally, this girl really gets around. She's on U-Tube, and when the TV station interviewed her about her Rosie experiences, the local newspaper published it, too.



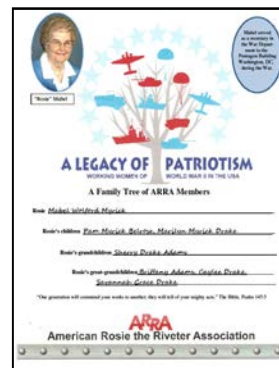
## Four Or More Generations of ARRA Members

Congratulations to the 39 Rosie families who have at least four generations of ARRA members, and who wrote and told us about it! Readers of *Rosie's Mail Call* know that ARRA has been searching for such families. Usually this means that there is a “Great-Grandmother Rosie” (living or deceased) who has at least one child, one grandchild, and one great-grandchild who are ARRA members.

A few families have *two* Rosies, because during WW II a mother and daughter both served on the home front and qualified as Rosies. At least three families have *five* or more generations of ARRA members. Topping all of us is the family of Elizabeth “Liz” Minton in Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia, with *three* Rosies and *seven* generations of ARRA members!

Several Rosies or Rosebuds sent information about their families, but only had three generations of ARRA members. We appreciate all of them, but they didn't quite qualify for this project.

A professional artist, Louise Barbour, was employed to design an attractive certificate featuring a “generation tree” bearing fruits that represent some of the items that Rosies produced during the war. Also featured are a picture of the Rosie, a thumbnail summary of the work she did, and a list of all the ARRA members in her family. A row of rivets secures the base of the certificate. The one shown



here features the family of our Second Vice President, Mabel Myrick. All told, these 39 families produced 320 ARRA members. We are sure there are other families out there with four or more generations of members who didn't send in the information. This project is completed, so don't send it now. But if we open the project again, we will want YOU!

## Rosie Book #5 Update

The fifth book of Rosie stories is in production and may be published by Christmas. . . if 14 more stories are submitted. Maybe YOU can provide one of them. The first four books, written by real Rosies or their children, have been hits — and still are! There have been a lot of books written *about* Rosies, but hardly any except ours written *by* the Rosies and their families. Now it's time to publish Book #5. If you haven't already published your story in one of the other ARRA books, it's your turn now! And even if we have already published one of your stories, we'd love to have a *different* story from you. Just write about different incidents and send different pictures. Rosebuds, if your mom has already written one, you can write another one about her.

To submit a story, you will need to send in the publication checklist, which includes written permission for ARRA to publish it. You can find a checklist in the last two issues of *Rosie's Mail Call*, or you can print it from our Web site, [www.rosietheriveter.net](http://www.rosietheriveter.net), by clicking on one of those newsletter issues. Or contact Lucy Lewis ([lewis.dorothy647@gmail.com](mailto:lewis.dorothy647@gmail.com), (205)972-8574, 1900 Napoleon Court, Vestavia Hills, AL 35243) and ask her to send it. Remember, We Can Still Do It, so let's do it!

# 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 - <b>Uncle Sam</b> OR <b>Soldiers Without Guns</b> (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) - <b>Large</b> -3" x 1¾" OR <b>Small</b> -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 - <b>Uncle Sam</b> OR <b>Soldiers Without Guns</b> (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	
	<b>*NEW*</b> Rosie I. D. "Dog Tag"	\$8.00	
	<b>*NEW*</b> Rosie the Riveter Puzzle	\$10.00	
	<b>Book: 103 Rosie the Riveter Stories</b>	\$17.00	
	<b>Book: 104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories</b>	\$17.00	
	<b>Book: Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook</b>	\$20.00	
	<b>Book: Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories</b>	\$17.00	
	<b>SPECIAL - Set of 4 books (1 of each)</b>	\$68.00	
	<b>SPECIAL - Set of 3 story books (1 each of 103, 104 More, &amp; Romances)</b>	\$48.00	
	<b>SPECIAL - Set of any 2 story books plus Celebration Cookbook</b>	\$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. Note that there is no longer a \$20.00 minimum order.* Send to ARRA Rosie Shoppe, c/o Mabel W. Myrick, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091, (205) 647-9233.

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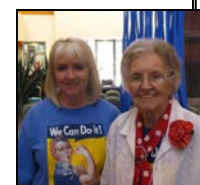
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***Here's a quote overheard at the Convention:***

***"A smile is a passport for wherever you want to go."***

*Spoken by Rosie Milka Bamond from Florida (on the right in picture at left), to the manager of the Phoenix Hilton, as he was complimenting the Rosies on their positive attitudes. What a great philosophy! There were certainly lots of smiles at the Convention!*





## News Out and About

### Georgia

Our new ARRA chapter in Rome, Georgia had a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Veterans Remembrance Day at the Atlanta History Center on May 27, 2012. They presented three screenings of their DVD, *Rosie Stories from the Home Front*, followed by a panel discussion. They were received with great enthusiasm



and interest, particularly by families attending with their homeschoolers. Pictured are Mitzi Sipp, Brian Armstrong who was the Director of the film, Chapter President Jane Tucker, Myra Hall, and Tooken Code.

### Pennsylvania

Not long ago, attorney Robert P. Domenick called to tell of the death of his mother, Rosie Mary Lou Domenick, and to say that he would like to send her original engineering drafting drawings and study notes from her Rosie training, to be placed in our Archives. These arrived a few days later, and Robert would also like to honor his mother's work by joining ARRA! Welcome!

### West Virginia

Anne Montague, Executive Director of Thanks Plain and Simple, Inc., hosted the Rosie the Riveter Project in West Virginia earlier this year. A team of 10 interviewers, headed by Rekha Shep, spent three days interviewing and making a documentary about 50 Rosies.

### Oregon

Rosebuds Sandy Stafford wrote to say that her grandmother, Rosie Gertrude Ann Harris, reached her 106th birthday on April 18, 2012. She was born the same day as the San Francisco Earthquake. We're glad you're having fun attending both the Springfield and Eugene ARRA chapters with your mom and grandmom, Sandy. (Let's all hope that when we're 106, a nice granddaughter will be around to take us to Rosie meetings!)

### Michigan

Rosebuds Alyson Denyer published an article entitled "Meet Rosie the Riveter" in the Older Person's Commission (OPC) *Vintage News*. Congratulations, Alyson, and thanks for sending a copy to our Archives! Our

ARRA President, Donnaleen Lanktree, was invited to the OPC's luncheon this past May, and shared Rosie stories. Wouldn't we all have enjoyed being there?

### South Carolina

Inez Koenke wrote to say that she made a trip to Arlington Cemetery, and while she was in the gift shop, she learned about ARRA. She said, "I never heard of this before!" and she wants to join. Welcome, Inez!

### Georgia/Alabama

Members of our "Baker's Dozen" chapter in Columbus, Georgia/Phenix City, Alabama received honors recently. Eva Ulrich, who is 91, was recognized by a Columbus magazine for still being a vibrant member of the workforce, and Jean Liparoto was honored by the National Infantry Museum's youth volunteers with a cake and help at her home for her 93rd birthday. Rivet Vincent Melillo was honored on his 94th birthday by the Ft. Benning Maneuver Center of Excellence Libraries with a Vincent Melillo Day, and spent the day speaking at two of their libraries, where cake was served in both locations. Earlier this year, Vincent and Rosies June Tinker and Juanice Still displayed memorabilia and talked about their experiences at a "Young at Heart" meeting. Jonnie Clasen is Chapter President.

### Maryland

Rosebuds Anna Hymiller and her family honored their mom, Rosie Carrie Bowers, and her WW II work by placing flowers on the altar at church and including a note in the bulletin explaining that Carrie was a Rosie the Riveter.

### Alabama

Our Birmingham chapter participated in a Blue Star Salute at The American Village on Memorial Day 2012. In addition to their display booth, Rosie Maxine Parvin, Rosebuds Gloria Parvin and Bee Atkinson, and Rivets John Powell, John Carter, Jim Branum, and Ralph Jones gave a presentation, sharing their experiences and '40s



music. Pictured are Rosies Cary Moore and Lucy Lewis, who represented ARRA in the wreath-laying ceremony. Others participating were Rosebuds Jo Thomas and Chapter President Nell Branum.



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## Membership Update

Send all information to: Mrs. Jo Thomas, Database Administrator, 1975 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124.; [cahabathomas@gmail.com](mailto:cahabathomas@gmail.com). Please print carefully in CAPITAL letters.

Name of member \_\_\_\_\_

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Old address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Deceased member's name \_\_\_\_\_

State of last residence \_\_\_\_\_ Date of death \_\_\_\_\_

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?

## Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!

A movement by this name has partnered with ARRA on several occasions, as they help people throughout the country remember the jubilation that swept the country following the end of the war and the victory for the U. S. and its allies on August 14, 1945. This summer, the group traveled from California to Washington, D. C. and back again, exhibiting a Seward Johnson statue of the "kissing couple" photograph made famous by *Life* magazine. This photo shows a sailor kissing a nurse in New York's Times Square when the news of victory was announced. As the group passed through Birmingham, they asked the local ARRA chapter to help publicize it and arrange a celebration of freedom and patriotism at Brookdale Place, a retirement center. Some were hoping to be selected for a reenactment of the famous kiss!



Let's help to keep the Spirit of '45 alive!

## Have You Seen a Rosie the Riveter Display or Exhibit? Can You Tell Us About It?

Maybe in your travels this summer you saw a Rosie display or exhibit in a museum. . . or a library. . . or a public school. . . or a senior living facility . . . or a gift shop. . . ? If so, we'd like to contact that place and see if they know about ARRA. We may be able to send them some more items for their display, such as posters, brochures, copies of *Rosie's Mail Call*, or maybe even some books to sell. So, what about sending us all the information you have, or can get, and we'll do the rest. If it's close to where you live, you may want to contact them in person for ARRA. . . and that's great! Or send the name of the place where you saw it, if possible its address and telephone number, and the kinds of things you saw in it: pictures, newspaper clippings, tools, uniforms, books, other items, to Fran Carter, ARRA Executive Director, 209 University Park Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209, email [fran.carter@juno.com](mailto:fran.carter@juno.com). Be sure to give us your number and the best way to get in touch with you. Thanks for being a good "Rosie Scout" for ARRA!