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The 15th Annual ARRA Convention Was a Huge Success!

Wrap-Up by Luann "Lu" Kizer, Rosebud from Kansas City, Kansas



Donnaleen Lankree, in her sixth year as our National President, really out did herself. What a Convention! If you did not make it to the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan, on June 14-16, 2013, you missed a lot.

This Convention was so inspiring that when I got home I talked about it for weeks.

The Dearborn Inn was built by Henry Ford in 1931 on 23 acres. This grand old hotel is across the street from the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. The staff at this hotel made us feel right at home. Their bright, sunny attitudes helped make the Convention refreshing.



Friday night began with some great informational entertainment by Teresa K. "Trish" Irish. Trish had compiled and edited letters that her father, Aarol W. "Bud" Irish, had mailed home to his family and his future wife. Her book is titled *A Thousand Letters Home*.

Saturday and Sunday mornings started out with the Rosie Canteen open for business. Danish, donuts, yogurt, coffee, and tea were served to the Rosies, Rosebuds and Rivets. Saturday was a very

busy day. The business meeting of the Convention was handled in the morning, particularly the election of new officers (see page 3). Representatives from the Michigan WW II Legacy Memorial project were on hand at the lunch break to display scale models of the statues that are planned for the monument, and take pictures of our Rosies with some WW II veterans who are involved with the project.



On Saturday afternoon, we visited the Yankee Air Museum and Willow Run, where airplanes were built during the war. A large plaque, the "Rosie the Riveter Honor Roll," was unveiled and will remain permanently in the museum. This display lists many Rosies, with each one's complete name, where she worked, and a description of her job. It made your heart warm to see all of those wonderful women's names listed. This was one of Donnaleen's projects, and what a



good job she did. If you would like to add a Rosie's name, you may do so for only \$25! See instructions and order form on page 6.

Several guests entertained us on Saturday evening. One was Joann Kotcher, a woman who served as a Donut Dolly during the Vietnam



Convention (cont'd)



War. Dave Dyer, a Vietnam veteran, talked about his life after the war. Lynn Rymarz portrayed Rosie the Riveter. But the highlight of Saturday evening was the first, last and only time the "SISTERS" would perform. President Donnaleen and her sister, Denise Clark, did a song and dance

number to the song "Sisters," which was originally sung in the 1954 movie, *White Christmas*. This topped out the evening. Never before have I seen pink displayed in that way!



On Sunday we had a memorial service, led by Wilma Rees, my aunt, and Amelia Kizer, my mother. Names of our deceased ARRA members were read (see page 7), and candles were placed on tables in memory of



these wonderful women and men who went before us and did jobs that today we would think twice about doing. After the service, our new officers were installed, and Donnaleen turned the meeting over to our new President, Dr. Yvonne Fasold of Oregon, who closed the Convention.

The only major drawback of the Convention was that Dr. Frances "Fran" Carter, our founder, was not able to attend this Convention. She and her husband, John, were missed by all of us. Their daughter, Nell Branum, brought a videotaped greeting from the two of them, as well as a biographical slide show that Donnaleen had asked Nell to create.



This was my third time to attend an ARRA Convention. Meeting and talking to these wonderful women inspires me to come home and be grateful for these women. I am so very proud to be a daughter and niece of Rosies, and especially proud to be a Rosebud!

We hope we see you at the 2014 Convention in Omaha, Nebraska! We have some big footsteps to follow! The tentative date is the first weekend in June. Watch our Web site, www.rosietheriveter.net, and the next issue of the *Mail Call* for more information. See and post Convention photos at www.rosietheriveter.shutterfly.com.



A Note From Donnaleen Lanktree National President 2007-2013



When I took the position as President, I had no concept how wonderful this adventure would be. From members who were only just acquaintances to those who became very good friends, I am very grateful for all my friendships and experiences.

But nothing could have been accomplished if it were not for our wonderful ROSIES. Ladies, for your wonderful spirit and attitude during WW II and today, and for sharing all of your experiences and stories with us, I THANK YOU, THANK YOU and THANK YOU.

*Regards,
Donnaleen*

A Special Proclamation

Louise Unkrich, a Rosie from Swedesburg, Iowa, was instrumental in helping May 28 to become Rosie the Riveter Day in Iowa. She is pictured here with Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, holding the proclamation that he signed, designating the special day. Louise loves to attend ARRA Conventions, and was on hand again this year in Michigan, with her Rosebud daughters, Tricia Woepping and Julia Unkrich. Way to go, Louise!



Memorial Day Events

This past Memorial Day, several members of our "Baker's Dozen" Chapter in Columbus, Georgia/Phenix City, Alabama, were part of a special program at River Place Retirement Home in Columbus. Pictured are Zereda Holland, Jean Liporato, Eva Ulrich, Isabell Vaughn Earle, and June Midkiff Tinker. The Chapter is also excited to report that Georgia Governor Nathan Deal signed a proclamation declaring May 25 Rosie the Riveter Day in Georgia! Jonnie Clasen is Chapter President.



Welcome to Our New National Officers!

2013—2015



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Greetings From Our New President

I am honored to serve as your National President, and am dedicated to the goals of this organization. I have wonderful role models to follow and big shoes to fill. My sincere THANK YOU goes to all officers who served during 2011-2013 and who are currently helping me learn my responsibilities. Donnaleen Lanktree, Mabel Myrick, Dr. Fran Carter, Nell Branum, and Jo Thomas: Thank you for being my mentors. As President, I appreciate and depend upon the help of our dedicated, enthusiastic members. Thank you so much to Leadership Team 2013-2015! Together we will honor our Rosies and preserve their legacy!

*Dr. Yvonne Fasold
ARRA President, 2013-2015*

Rome, GA Rosies Are Sharing Their Stories

A wonderful opportunity presented itself to the Rome, Georgia Rosies on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Not only did they attend the Veterans Remembrance Day at the Atlanta History Center, they also presented their DVD entitled *Rosie: Stories From the Home Front* at the center's Kennedy Theater. The event lasted from noon until 5:00 p.m., and the Rosies led a panel discussion following the 2:30 screening. Chapter Secretary Caroline "Mitzi" Sipp reports, "This event was received with great enthusiasm and interest, particularly those families attending with their home schoolers."

The Chapter also presented their DVD at the Thomas County Public Library recently. WW II mementos were on display, refreshments were served, and the newspaper encouraged visitors to "come early and bring a camera for a picture with our own Rosie!" This event was well-received.

This is one of our newest chapters, and they participated in the Veterans Remembrance Event almost immediately after beginning in 2012. They are faithful to send reports of their activities right away, and we apologize that it took a while to get them into the newsletter. Congratulations on such a great start!



Pictured at the Veterans Remembrance Day are Mitzi Sipp, Brian Armstrong (Director of the film), Jane Tucker (Chapter President), Myra Hall, and Tooken Code. Photo by Ed McGruder.

Four Students Awarded ARRA Research Grants During 2012 - 2013 Year

At the 2012 ARRA Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, the members voted to establish a Student Grant Program, providing \$50 grants to high school students who would prepare and present a program about Rosie the Riveter to at least two groups. The groups could be high school or elementary school classes studying World War II, literary clubs, historical associations, or any other group that would provide an audience for them.

Four such grants were awarded last year: one to a student in Maryland, one in California, and two in Texas. Congratulations to Leighann Westfall, Janie Bailliet, Hanna Bewley, and Ava Luthin for their outstanding work in helping to pass on the legacy of Rosie the Riveter. Ava sent a DVD of her multimedia presentation showing Rosies doing various types of work, and Hanna shared photographs from her presentation (see below). Wouldn't you like to have seen these presentations?

All of the grant participants expressed their thanks to ARRA for helping and encouraging them in this endeavor. And ARRA wishes to thank them for their enthusiasm and for the original ideas that they brought.

The program will continue this year. Students who apply will be given information and ideas that they can use in preparing their presentations. Please see the accompanying article on this page announcing the program. If you have a student in your family who could be interested, pass this information along and encourage them. Or if you're a teacher or a member of some group that would like to have an interesting program, just find a student in grades 9-12 who is willing, and give them a boost. The opportunity is open for boys as well as girls. Yea, Rosie!!

- Dr. John Carter, Student Grants Chairman for 2012



Hanna, a 2012-2013 Student Grant recipient, used music, cupcakes, and a storyboard to present her project to her class and to a senior adult group.

High School Students Can Still Receive ARRA Research Grants

This will be the second year that several \$50 grants will be made available! Any student in grades 9-12 who will choose Rosie the Riveter as his or her research project is eligible.



If awarded a grant, the student is to use books, the Internet, personal interviews, and other sources to research the roles and contributions of our Rosies during WW II.

A particular Rosie may be spotlighted as an example of the contributions that all Rosies made to the war effort. The student should prepare a presentation and present it a minimum of two times to groups such as a history class, civic club, senior center, etc. The project can be creatively done using multimedia resources or other methods.



If you know of an interested high school student, contact Marge Streicker, our Student Grants Chairman, to request an application. The deadline for submitting an application is November 1, 2013, so ask for an application right away. The sooner a student sends for an application, the more time is available to develop a plan for his or her project. Marge and Dr. John Carter will be working together to choose the final grant recipients.

Please consider who YOU can tell about this offer, and keep the Rosie legacy alive for generations to come! For more information and to request an application, contact **Marge Streicker, Student Grants Chairman, 3 Wooden Bridge Court, Reisterstown, MD 21136, or send an email to marge1st@comcast.net (note the numeral 1 in the email address).**

We're Looking for State Directors . . . Are YOU Interested?



State Directors help communicate with chapters, members, and prospective members. THANK YOU to those women who have served as State Directors in the past. You have helped spread the Rosie story!

As we begin this new 2013-2015 biennium, it is time to appoint State Directors again. If YOU are interested in helping ARRA spread the word and preserve the legacy of working women during World War II, please contact our **Vice President for Expansion, Ann Marie Miller, Annmarie1st@hotmail.com (note the numeral 1 in the email address) or call (301) 498-3397.**

THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form

Shop for yourself or someone else!



<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item (circle size or type where applicable)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Rosie poster, 20" x 28"	\$20.00	
	Rosie stickers, 3½" x 2½" (package of 5)	\$3.00	
	Rosie picture post cards, 4" x 6"	\$1.00	
	Rosie note cards with envelopes (package of 10)	\$12.00	
	Rosie afghan/wall hanging, all cotton, 48" x 58"	\$65.00	
	Rosie tote bag, sturdy cotton, 14" x 14" x 3" - small	\$16.00	
	Tote bag, sturdy cotton - "Uncle Sam—I Want You"	\$12.00	
	Rosie T-shirt (circle size) S M L XL	\$20.00	
	Rosie head scarf (triangular shape, long end = 36")	\$10.00	
	Rosie CD—20 World War II Songs	\$17.00	
	Rosie tin sign, 16" x 12"	\$25.00	
	Rosie counted cross stitch kit (makes picture 7½" x 10") frame not included	\$17.00	
	Rosie counted cross stitch book mark kit (makes bookmark 3¼" x 11")	\$8.00	
	Rosie luggage tag, 4" x 2½"	\$6.00	
	Rosie book mark with gold plate charm, 2¼" x 6½"	\$7.00	
	Rosie key chain (circle size) - Large -3" x 1¾" OR Small -1¾" x 1 3/8"	\$6.50	
	Rosie metal snack box, 7¼" x 5" x 3"	\$17.00	
	Rosie coasters (set of 4), 4" x 4"	\$6.00	
	Rosie refrigerator magnet, 2¼" x 3¼"	\$6.00	
	Refrigerator magnet - Uncle Sam OR Soldiers Without Guns (specify)	\$4.00	
	Rosie stamp pin, 1 5/8" x 1 3/8" (circle type) bar clasp or tie tack clasp	\$5.00	
	Rosie button, metal, 3" diameter	\$3.00	
	NEW Rosie I. D. "Dog Tag"	\$8.00	
	NEW Rosie the Riveter Puzzle	\$10.00	
	Book: 103 Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	Book: 104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	Book: Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook	\$20.00	
	Book: Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	NEW Book: Rosie the Riveter Stories: The Legacy Lives On!	\$17.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of 5 books (1 of each)	\$83.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of 4 story books (1 each of 103, 104 More, Romances, & Legacy)	\$64.00	

TOTAL _____



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

Enclose check or money order made payable to ARRA. **Prices include shipping!**

Send to ARRA Rosie Shoppe, 950 Irving Street, Vandergrift, PA 15690.

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

There has never been a better time to join ARRA!

Are your family members signed up?



Who may join ARRA?

Rosie: Any woman who worked for pay in a war-related industry or agency, such as shipyard, aircraft factory, armory, munitions plant, War Department, ration board, etc., or in any job that was usually held by a man, thus releasing a man for military duty. Examples are: service station operator, police officer, taxi or bus driver, farming, construction worker, etc. Work usually done by a woman, not related to the War, does not count.

Rosie Volunteer: Any woman who worked as a volunteer on a sustained basis in a war-related activity, such as entertaining the troops, collecting critical materials, growing a victory garden, rolling bandages, looking for enemy planes, participating in USO, Red Cross, or fund raising activities, etc.

Rosebud: Female descendant of a Rosie or Rosie Volunteer (daughter, granddaughter, great-grand, etc.)

Auxiliary member (Rivet): Male descendant, or spouse of a Rosie, Rosie Volunteer, or Rosebud.

21st Century Rosie: A woman who currently works or has retired in a job that prior to WW II was considered "man's work." Examples: plumber, machinist, police officer, politician, pilot, principal, company president or VP.

Rosebud Partners or Rivet Partners: People of either gender who may not be able to establish eligibility through their ancestors may join by pledging support for ARRA's purposes.

To find a Membership Application, visit our Web site at www.rosietheriveter.net, or contact our Vice President for Membership, Mabel Myrick, P. O Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091, mm041926@aol.com, (205) 647-9233.

Honor Your Rosie!



A new plaque was unveiled at the June 2013 Convention/Reunion in Dearborn, Michigan. It has room for 330 names of honor and will be displayed permanently at the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville, Michigan. You are invited to add your Rosie's name to this "Rosie Honor Roll," no matter where she worked.

If you would like to add a name plate for a Rosie member, fill out the following form and send it to Donnaleen Lanktree at the address given below, along with a check for \$25, made out to ARRA. Please PRINT clearly, so the name plate may be engraved correctly. The deadline for the \$25 price is October 1, 2013. After this date, the cost will be \$35.

"Rosie Honor Roll" Form

Make checks payable to ARRA. The cost is \$25 before October 1, 2013, or \$35 after that date. Mail this form and check to Donnaleen Lanktree, 1133 Marquette Ct. Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

Name of Rosie (please PRINT clearly) _____
(First) (Maiden) (Married)

State in which Rosie currently resides, or her state at the time of her death: _____

Name of company for which she worked _____

Type of work she did _____

Name, address, and e-mail of person submitting request, for acknowledgement: _____

Name plates contain only 3 lines, but please attach extra sheets if you have additional information for historical purposes.

In Loving Memory

Listed below are the names of ARRA members whose families have notified us of their passing since the 2012 Convention, or who were already deceased when family members joined for them. We recognize the passing of these precious ones with sadness, but we also celebrate their lives and their accomplishments.

A memorial service was held on Sunday morning, June 16, 2013, during the ARRA Convention in Dearborn, Michigan. Twin Rosies Wilma Rees and Amelia Kizer led the service with the help of Amelia's son, Eric Kizer, and daughter, Lu Kizer. As each name was read, a small candle was placed on a table, and those who knew the deceased told the group about that person's life. Inspirational music was presented by a trio made up of Rosie Wilma Foster, and her two daughters, Ann Marie Miller and Marge Streicker.

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*.

Florence G. Ayers, WI
 Leona Schissler Bartholomey, VA
 Hazel Beatrice Metz Bennett, AZ
 Margaret Musgrave Bergmann, PA
 Lillian M. Sinclair Bowling, NC
 Eleanor (Ellie) M. Branford, OR
 Beverly Brink, MT
 Juanita Allen Carpenter, OK
 Annie Young Carver, NC
 Clara Maria Lujan Church, CA
 Edith Citron, NV
 Ora Edith Cloke, WA
 Margaret Trapper Cramer, MI
 Edna Victoria Berthe Dix, TX
 Polly Elizabeth Ensley Ebbett, GA
 Nellie Mae Massingale Egg, TX
 Mary Core Eshleman, MD
 Jo Hannah Field, CA
 Marjorie Dalzell Giamo, MA
 Ethel Irene Gerhart Giberson, OR
 Timothy C. Harbour, OR
 Velma Irene Harbour, OR
 Gertrude Ann Harris, OR

Zola Mae Walton Heck, OK
 Sherry Pridemore Henderson, TX
 Edith Houston, MI
 Mildred Farinholt Howard, MD
 Dolores Doster Irvin, GA
 Rose Mary Graf Johnasen, MO
 Betty Jean Kidney, GA
 Ella Mae Houchin King, WV
 Eva King, OR
 Loretta Musial Kingsbury, MI
 Leslie Burton Kowalewski, VA
 Edith Marie W. Stauber Kutter, CA
 Mary Lang, MD
 Monika Katherine Larsen, IL
 Marjorie Bailey Lawson, WY
 Flora Case Maize, AL
 Grace P. Martin, GA
 Eumelia Maria Lujan Martinez, CA
 Dorothy M. Miller, GA
 Veronica Ruby Morris, MI
 Lottie Kikos Musial, MI
 Rachel Alexander Neelly, GA
 Edith Bechtold Nelson, NC

Kathleen Owen Powell, GA
 Elvira Purdy, MO
 Allen Brown Reed, CA
 Pauline Ward Robinson, VA
 Mary A. Klus Roman, OH
 Lillian Meyers Sanders, TN
 Mary Ella Shivar, GA
 Barbara Lee Colyer Smith, MI
 Elizabeth Shepard Smith, NC
 Rosa Mae Smith, SC
 Mary Alice Coleman Smith, OK
 Vina Slomka Stack, MI
 Anna Horvath Stoltz, MI
 Mary Taliaferro Stoutamire, FL
 Cloe Wright Talley, TX
 Helen Ternasky, MI
 Lavert A. Via, VA
 Evelyen Wallace, TX
 Patty Kilfoy, OK
 Florence M. Weber, AZ
 Joan Edel Wertz, NY
 Cora Lee Peak Whatley, AL
 Nora Petrie Willis, OR

We Need Your Help To Keep In Touch!

One way 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. As you know, ARRA charges no annual dues. Yet our newsletter goes out to all households, three or four times each year, so we really need your help.

If you would be willing to receive your newsletter by email, send a quick email *right now* to our **Database Assistant, Linda Weyl, at lweyl@hotmail.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.

If you prefer to receive your newsletter in printed paper form, a \$5.00 donation per year would help us cover the cost of printing and mailing your household's copy. **Please use the form below right now** to send a \$5.00 newsletter donation for the coming year to the address shown. We want to keep in touch with you, our wonderful members!



Newsletter Donation

(Make checks payable to ARRA, and mail to Jean Ousley, Treasurer, 729 Rockfount Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.)

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Enclosed is my donation of \$_____.

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Membership Update

We want to keep our mailing list up to date. If you have moved or know any member who is deceased, please let us know. Send all update information to: Linda Weyl, Database Assistant, 8103 Defiance Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89129; email lweyl@hotmail.com. Please print carefully in CAPITAL letters. Please do not telephone it in, as that increases the likelihood of an error.

Name of member _____

New address _____

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?

S.O.S. Sharing Our Stories



Our first purpose as ARRA members is "To recognize and preserve the history and legacy of working women, including volunteer women, during World War II." We are doing this in many ways. We have compiled Rosie books, many members have contributed Rosie books to their local libraries and museums, chapters have compiled their memories, Rosies and Rosebuds talk to organizations, centers, and schools, and Rosies have appeared in newspaper and TV stories. We offer grants to encourage our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to research Rosies for school projects and to share their stories with family, friends, and community groups.

Immediate Past-President **Donnaleen Lanktree** is compiling a notebook with data from every Rosie. Send YOUR story to **Donnaleen** at **1133 Marquette Court, Rochester Hills, MI 48307**. What can YOU do to help?

Know Any 90+ Rosies?

If you know a Rosie who has passed her 90th birthday, let us know! We'd like to send a birthday card. Send her name and address to **Carol Peters**, 4224 Mather Street, Kyle, TX 78640, or email capeters12@austin.rr.com.

Have You Seen Our ARRA Web Site?

Check out the recent updates on our Web site, www.rosietheriveter.net! You can find past issues of the *Mail Call* there, and tons of other information about Rosies and ARRA. If you have suggestions, please forward them to our National President, **Dr. Yvonne Fasold** at fasold@uoregon.edu.

Coups For Troops –An Idea From Our Laurel, MD Chapter

Our ARRA Chapter in Laurel, Maryland got out their scissors and started clipping coupons for a project to help military families overseas! The project is called Coups For Troops. Military families can use manufacturers' coupons for up to six months past their expiration dates at overseas base commissaries and PX's. Your chapter might like to help this way, too! Coupons must say "Manufacturer's Coupon" and cannot be for restaurants or specific stores. For more information and addresses of where to mail coupons, visit the Web site at www.coupsfortroops.com.