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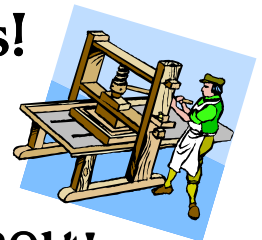
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Hold the phone! Stop the presses!
There's a **NEW DATE**
for the **ARRA Convention!**



Come to Omaha, Nebraska, May 30—June 1, 2014!

Dear Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, 21st Century Rosies, Partners, and Guests,

Please join us in celebrating the 16th year of our American Rosie the Riveter Association! Bring your family, come early, and stay late! Omaha, Nebraska is a vibrant city with much to see and strong World War II heritage. Many of our Rosies worked in the area. Staff members from Embassy Suites Omaha-Downtown/Old Market are eager to meet us. This hotel is close to the Western Heritage Museum and other historic sites.

ARRA Convention planners **Lu Kizer** (Rosebud, KS), **Doug Kizer** (Rivet, NE), **Vickie Kizer** (Rosebud, NE), **Julia Unkrich** (Registrar, Rosebud, CO), and **Jean Ousley** (ARRA Treasurer, Rosebud, GA) are planning three wonderful days, including music, ROTC, a Holocaust survivor, North Platte Canteen, a tour to the Strategic Air and Space Museum, a Ceremony of Remembrance with our ARRA Chaplains **Wilma Rees** (Rosie, AZ) and **Amelia Kizer** (Rosie, NE), and more! Join us to renew friendships, make new friends, share memories, learn, and help preserve the legacy of the Rosies. Make your reservation now, using the form on page 3! Hope to see you there! - Dr. Yvonne Fasold, ARRA National President

Convention Schedule

Embassy Suites Omaha—Downtown/Old Market
555 South 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68102 (402) 346-9000

Friday, May 30, 2014

Free time to visit Omaha attractions, such as Western Heritage Museum, Old Market, or Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium (see more information on page 2)

- 3:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting (State Directors, Executive Committee members) plus Convention Team
- 5:30 p.m. Informal welcome gathering with refreshments for hotel guests provided by Embassy Suites
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner in hotel; North Platte Canteen; our speaker is a Holocaust survivor from The Holocaust Institute

Saturday, May 31, 2014

Hotel guests have free hot breakfast

- 8:30 Gathering and conversation
- 9:00 Welcome and First General Session
- 12:00 Lunch and program in hotel
- 1:30 Meet in hotel lobby for tour to the Strategic Air & Space Museum
- 6:30 Dinner with entertainment

Sunday, June 1, 2014

Hotel guests have free hot breakfast

- 8:30 Gathering and conversation
- 9:00 Second General Session
- Ceremony of Remembrance
- 11:30 Convention adjourned
- Free time to visit Omaha attractions. Executive Committee will meet shortly after adjourning.



Discover Omaha—A Midwest Secret!

Coming to Convention? You'll find many distinct things to do during your visit! Bring the whole family and enjoy this awesome place!

At **Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium**, you can walk across a swinging rope bridge suspended over a tropical rainforest, explore the world's largest indoor desert, discover the animal underworld set among underground caves, and come nose to nose with sea turtles as sharks circle above. You can hop aboard historic train cars at **The Durham Museum**. You can climb in, on, and through everything imaginable at the **Omaha Children's Museum**, and step into pioneer life at the **Mormon Trail Center**. Explore more than 100 acres of botanical beauty at **Lauritzen Gardens** and marvel at exquisite works of art inside the **Joslyn Art Museum**. If you stay long enough, you can experience "The Greatest Show on Dirt," the **NCAA College World Series**, June 13-25, a monumental event that has taken place in Omaha for more than 60 years. So make your plans to come early and stay late! Here is more contact information.

Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium

(402) 733-8401

www.omahazoo.com

The Durham Museum

(402) 444-5071

www.durhammuseum.org

Omaha Children's Museum

(402) 342-6164

www.ocm.org

Mormon Trail Center (Winter Quarters)

(402) 453-9372

www.lds.org/locations/mormon-trail-center-at-historic-winter-quarters

Lauritzen Gardens

(402) 346-4002

www.lauritzengardens.org

Joslyn Art Museum

(402) 342-3300

www.joslyn.org

Strategic Air & Space Museum

(Convention participants will visit as a group on Sat.)

(402) 944-3100

www.sasmuseum.com

NCAA College World Series

(402) 554-4404

www.cwsomaha.com

Grant Funds Awarded



ARRA gives grants to high school students who prepare and present programs about women who worked during WW II. This year, a grant of \$50 has been awarded to a ninth grade student from Georgia. Watch future issues of the *Mail Call* for an account of what she is doing for her presentations!

For All the Generations

Do you know a Rosie who has not yet become a member of ARRA? Let her know how she can join! And remember, her daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, and great-great granddaughters are eligible to join as Rosebuds. Her male descendants can join as Rivets (auxiliary members), as can the spouse of a Rosie or Rosebud. ARRA is for all the generations! So make yourself a promise you will help a Rosie—and all her descendants—join today! Find an application form on our Web site, www.rosietheriveter.net.



Spirit of '45

Do YOU remember the end of World War II in 1945? A group called Spirit of '45 does, too!

Spirit of '45 is an organization dedicated to preserving WW II history and honoring WW II veterans and home front workers such as the Rosies. They are planning a series of nationwide events called "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! A National Tribute to the Men and Women of America's Greatest Generation on the 70th Anniversary of Their Greatest Day, August 1945—August 2015."

Our National President, Dr. Yvonne Fasold, was invited to their planning conference, held in February in San Diego, California. Featured at that meeting was ARRA member and oldest still-working Rosie, Elinor Otto, age 93, of Long Beach, California.

We look forward to hearing more about plans for upcoming celebrations. Maybe you can plan one in your neighborhood! And check out the Spirit of '45 Web site at www.spiritof45.org.



Convention Registration Form

2014 ARRA National Convention/Reunion
 May 30, 31, and June 1, 2014 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
 Embassy Suites, Omaha—Downtown/Old Market

**Mail this Registration/Food Package form to:
 Julia Unkrich, ARRA Convention Registrar, 5025 S. Malaya Way, Aurora, CO 80015**

By each name, indicate membership category: (Ro) for Rosie, (Rb) for Rosebud, (Ri) for Rivet, (R21) for 21st Century Rosie, (RbP) for Rosebud Partner, (RiP) for Rivet Partner, or (G) for Guest.

Name and member category of person making reservation _____

Address _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Telephone(s) _____ E-Mail _____

Names and member categories of others on this registration _____

	<u>Postmarked April 25 or before</u>	<u>Postmarked after April 25</u>	<u>Total amount</u>
Registration fee, all participants:	\$20.00	\$25.00	X number registering = _____
Food package (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner):	\$80.00	\$88.00	X number purchased = _____
Individual Meals may be reserved:			
Friday Dinner	\$29.00	\$31.00	X number purchased = _____
Saturday Lunch	\$24.00	\$26.00	X number purchased = _____
Saturday Dinner	\$29.00	\$31.00	X number purchased = _____
Bus transportation and entrance to Strategic Air & Space Museum	\$20.00	\$23.00	X number purchased = _____

Total payment enclosed (make checks payable to ARRA) _____

Cut here and send above form to Julia Unkrich, 5025 S. Malaya Way, Aurora, CO 80015

Notes: Meal reservations received after April 25 and “walk-ins” or those who have not pre-registered will be accepted on a space-available basis. If it is necessary to cancel after sending your registration, requests for reimbursement must reach Julia Unkrich at the above address by **May 15**.

Embassy Suites provides a free shuttle service from and to the airport.

Hotel information: Special hotel room rates are available at Embassy Suites, Omaha—Downtown/Old Market. The rate is \$139.00 per night plus taxes and fees for 1-2 persons per room, \$154.00 per night for 3 persons, and \$169.00 per night for 4 persons. This includes a full hot breakfast each morning, and a beverages/hors d'oeuvres reception each evening.

Parking at the hotel is \$12 per day for a guest's overnight self-parking, \$18 per day for valet parking.

The special rate will apply for May 28—June 3, for those who want to extend their stay. To be assured of this price, you must make your reservation directly with the hotel by April 25, 2014. After that date, regular hotel rates will prevail on a space-available basis.

To make your reservation, call hotel reservations directly at **1-800-362-2779**. **Be sure you tell them you are with the Rosies—American Rosie the Riveter Association— to get the special rate.**

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Please, You Can Help Us!

We want to keep our mailing list up to date. If you know any member who has moved or is deceased, will you please let us know? Send the information to **Jo Thomas**, ARRA Database Administrator, and she will enter it for official use. Use the form below or email. *Please* do not telephone it in, as that increases the likelihood of an error.

Membership Update

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

Check Out Our ARRA Web Site! www.rosietheriveter.net

Have you seen our Web site? There you can find announcements, back issues of *Rosie's Mail Call*, an application form to join ARRA, Rosie stories, links to other sites of interest to Rosies, and more!



Detroit Convention 2013

And while you're there, click on "Rosie's Photo Gallery" on the home page. Or go to <http://rosietheriveter.shutterfly.com>. It's filled with photos of past ARRA Conventions. After you see how much fun our Conventions are, you'll want to turn this page right over and fill out your Convention Registration Form to meet us this year in Omaha, NE, May 30—June 1, 2014!

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?

Rosies Will Be Honored In Georgia

Jonnie Clasen, President of ARRA's "Baker's Dozen" Chapter in Columbus, Georgia/Phenix City, Alabama, wants all Rosies to know about a special recognition taking place in April.

The 11th annual WW II Heritage Days will be held April 26-27, 2014 at Falcon Field in Peachtree City, Georgia. The event will honor the "women of the Greatest Generation." and will include WW II aircraft flying overhead, guest speakers, impersonations of 1940's celebrities, mock battle reenactments, a Hangar dance with a live orchestra, and more. There will also be educational displays by veterans, military enthusiasts, and other organizations, as well as activities for school age children. For the eighth year, Jonnie and her chapter will be setting up a large Rosie exhibit, as well as an exhibit on Merrill's Marauders. Jonnie's father, Vincent Melillo, 95, is a Rivet and the last original WW II Merrill's Marauder in Georgia.



If you are a Rosie who lives in the surrounding area, or you know a Rosie there, please pass along the information, and contact Jonnie Clasen at (706) 689-0153 or email jmc6154@aol.com.

For more information on the WW II Heritage Days, go to www.facebook.com/#!/WWIIHeritageDays.