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# ROSIE'S MAIL CALL



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# What Riches We Discovered in Richmond!



How about this lovely group of Rosies on Saturday of our 2015 Convention! This photo was taken at Craneway Pavilion, part of the old Ford Assembly Plant that stopped making civilian cars during the war and made military vehicles instead.

Our ARRA National Convention in Richmond, California, June 10-12, 2015, was a delight! More than 40 Rosies attended, along with family and friends, for a total of 108 participants from 21 states and Canada. Rosies wore their bandanas and corsages to visit THEIR National Park. Every type of media came to interview them, and visitors to the park

stopped the Rosies to ask about their stories and to snap photos with them.

One of our Friday night guests, Rosie **Elinor Otto** of California, started working during WW II and continued working as a riveter until November, 2014. Elinor, age 95, enjoyed the convention, saying, "Thank



Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, and guests at the 2015 Convention







you for the wonderful time with all the Rosies! Also the Rosebuds and Rivets. They are such delightful people who shared the time in history, and who are now sharing with each new generation." We also heard from ARRA's founder, **Dr. Fran Carter** (AL) who reminded us of the Rosie legacy and the part each of us has in passing it on.

On Saturday, we enjoyed a tour of the Rosie the Riveter WW II Home Front National Historical Park, which includes several sites in Richmond, including the Visitor Center, Kaiser Shipyards where many, many Rosies worked, the Rosie Memorial, and more. On Saturday night, we heard from Rosies who serve weekly as docents at the Visitor Center — Phyllis Gould, Agnes Moore, Kay Morrison,

Marian Sousa, Mary Torres, and Marian Wynn. It was also exciting to hear how five of these Rosies went to Washington, D. C. at the invitation of Vice President Joe Biden in March 2015.

We heard interesting stories, like how Rosie Mae Krier (PA) said in a newspaper article in December that she would love to attend the upcoming Richmond Convention. The article came to the attention of the Twilight Wish Foundation, who contacted her and said they would send her! Mae was also contacted by Rosebud Stacy Roth (PA) who lived nearby. The two became friends, then made the journey to California together. Outgoing President Yvonne Fasold (OR) presented two "Millie Awards." This (continued on page 2, see "Convention")

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# ARRA President's Message

Greetings from Atlanta—Rosies, Rosebuds, and all our wonderful members! As I said at our California convention, my feeling about being elected President of ARRA is excitement for

what we will be accomplishing this year, as well as humility for such a great honor. This organization has been living up to its mission and goals since 1998, and there are so many people whose lives are richer because of our founder's vision.

We have a new group of officers who are bringing energy and ideas to ARRA, and our current officers and state directors continue to be the best! Past-presidents Yvonne Fasold and Donnaleen Lanktree are continuing their work on Rosie stories and community enrichment. ARRA goals for this year include a new membership database, completion of the upgrading of our website, and newsletter distribution by email when requested.

Local chapters have done a tremendous job of organizing Rosie Rallies to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. We have collected hundreds and hundreds of letters for soldiers through "Rosies Rally 'Round the Troops." We continue to network with other groups like Spirit of '45 and Thanks, Plain and Simple. And we still have very fond memories of our convention at OUR national park in Richmond, California, where we hope there will soon be a new chapter. I look forward to working with our officers and all of you, and certainly to meeting many of you at our convention in Atlanta in June, 2016. "We can still do it!"

> Jean Ousley (Rosebud, GA) ARRA National President

#### Convention (cont'd from page 1)

is an award named for Rosie Carmella Wood (NV) that is given to members who exhibit extraordinary service to ARRA and their communities. These were presented to Rosie Mabel Myrick (AL), who is entering her 11th year as an elected national officer. Mabel managed sales of ARRA books and products for many years, and has also encouraged many memberships through newspapers across the U. S., processed membership applications, and answered ARRA phone calls and emails. The second recipient was Rosebud Nell Branum (AL), longtime Editor of Rosie's Mail Call and our Rosie story books.

Business sessions, election of officers, writing letters to deployed troops, having pictures made for the Washington Women in Trades calendar (thanks to Rosebud Robin Murphy!), fellowship—it was a most exciting Convention! See you in Atlanta in 2016!



### Convention Comments

"I had a WONDERFUL time and am so glad I came. It put a "spark" in my life. I loved meeting the other Rosies and Rosebuds and sharing stories. It was a great educational experience, and I think you have created a "Rosie Ambassador" for my community and anyone else that will listen."

— Rosie **Evelyn Louise Lee** (WI)

"One memory I have is going to tour the Red Oak Victory Ship and watching four ladies in their 90's walking ahead of us. One wouldn't even begin to think they were possibly in their 90's. . . . It was so exciting when a lady approached me in the [Visitor Center] gift shop. She was so nervous and excited about her parents' marriage certificate that stated her Mom was a riveter. She was thrilled to think she could be a Rosebud."

— Rosie **Nita Eggers** (OR)

Opal Nelson and Doris Graham, Rosies from Oregon, reported back to their McKenzie (OR) Chapter that they enjoyed taking an AMTRAK train down to Richmond for the Convention. During the trip, people of all ages noticed their shirts and bandanas and asked them about their work and lives during WW II.





## From Our Immediate Past President

Dear ARRA members,

It has been my honor and pleasure

to serve as your ARRA National President, 2013-2015. As President, I received many letters, articles, and emails sharing exciting news of Rosie activities. Activities include: Rosie Rallies, letter writing, parade entries, interviews, museum exhibits, school visits, Rosie book giveaways, bluebird houses, Rosie honor sculptures, booths at fairs, museums and heritage days, and presentations in every setting imaginable, with audiences from 4 to 4,000!

As immediate Past President, my passion and project will be to share your stories and events on our newly redesigned website. Again, thank you for the honor and opportunity of being a Rosebud who serves you. You ALL inspire me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Yvonne Fasold (Rosebud, OR) ARRA National President, 2013-2015 Volume 16, Issue 2 Page 3

### ARRA National Officers, 2015-2017

Welcome to these National Officers who were elected on June 13, 2015 at our Convention in Richmond, California!



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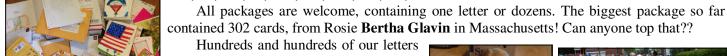
#### See More Convention Coverage!

Want to see more about the Convention? Like the ARRA Facebook page, or go to the ARRA Shutterfly site at <a href="https://rosietheriveter.shutterfly.com/1783#">https://rosietheriveter.shutterfly.com/1783#</a>. If you have Convention photos, please upload them so all can enjoy! Also, here's a link to a television spot that was on the evening news of KTVU, one of the local California stations: <a href="http://wn.ktvu.com/clip/11599601/richmond-conference-honors-service-of-many-rosie-the-riveters-during-wwii">http://wn.ktvu.com/clip/11599601/richmond-conference-honors-service-of-many-rosie-the-riveters-during-wwiii</a> (Thanks to **Tammy Brumley**, a new Rosebud Partner member from California, for sending us the link!)

## Rosies Are Indeed Rallying 'Round the Troops!

You probably know that ARRA's National Project for the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II is to collect 5,069 letters for currently deployed troops by August 15, 2015. That's one letter for each member of ARRA at the time the project was announced last spring. And the letters have been piling in—from OH, AL, OR, PA, ID, OK, CA, MN, NE,

MA, HI, GA, IL, MD, VT, AZ, TX, MI, and NC so far!



Hundreds and hundreds of our letters are already on their way to the troops, but it's not too late to send in more. Just begin your cards, letters, or post cards with "Dear Hero" and express your thanks for his or her service. Tell about your interests.

"Dear Hero" and express your thanks for his or her service. Tell about your interests. Rosies, tell about your work during the war. Include an address or

email if you like, but it isn't necessary. Put as many cards and letters as you can in a big envelope (no need for individual envelopes) and mail them to this address. We'll deliver them!









Inspiration, clockwise: 18month-old Ellie (AL) drew pictures, then her grandmother added notes. Rosie Bertha Glavin (MA) set up a letterwriting table at a community Strawberry Festival. The McKenzie (OR) ARRA Chapter wrote cards at a meeting.

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# Laurel Chapter's BBQ and Rosie the Riveter Day





On May 23, 2015, members of the Laurel (MD) Chapter of ARRA were honored at a Rosie the Riveter Day event at Mission BBQ Restaurant. Pictured are Rosies Rena Van Buren, Lorraine Miller, Wilma Foster, and Lee Dunklee. The restaurant decorated the tables especially for the Rosies with vases of roses and flags, while outside, there were

more reminders of Rosies' contributions to the war effort—"Bam Bam," a retired military vehicle, and the "Rosie Car," a 1947 Ford with Rosie painted on. Rosebud **Marge Streicker** of the Laurel Chapter says, "The mission of the restaurant is to support and honor vets and active military. They totally embraced our Rosies! It was a happy day!"

## Busy in Baltimore

**Debi Wynn**, Baltimore (MD) Chapter Coordinator, reports that Rosebud **Mille McDaniel** and Rosies **Elsie Arnold** (Chapter President), **Violet Johnson**, **Ideliah Johnson**, and **Grace Henninger** (pictured), along with Rosies **Loret**-



ta Simon and Bessie Russell have participated in six panel discussions for the Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum's WWII program, "Fill Shoes for Victory." Also pictured

are three young museum visitors, Scott, Callie, and Gabby. Members have participated in three community programs, two with standing room only, and have been interviewed by the area's public radio station. With much dedication, **Elsie Arnold** participated in a rainy Fourth of July parade.

In May, **Elsie**, **Violet**, and **Debi** were invited to the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D. C., where 14 Rosies from across the country were honored (see article, this page). Hearing first hand how our efforts on the home front freed them from the Nazi occupation was a moving experience. Way to go, Baltimore!

## Have You Seen Our Website?

If you haven't visited our newly redesigned website, it's time to head on over to <a href="www.rosietheriveter.net">www.rosietheriveter.net</a> and check it out! You'll notice not only new graphics, but also enhanced news and the ability to buy products online using PayPal. Soon, membership applications can be completed online using PayPal, as well. Stay tuned as we grow bigger and better!

## Rosies Honored by The Dutch



On May 2, 2015, fourteen Rosies were part of a ceremony at the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D. C., representing all Rosies who helped to liberate The Netherlands 70 years ago. In the spring of 1945, Allied bombers dropped relief food into the Dutch countryside. Rosies had helped to build the planes, make the parachutes, and even pack the food that was dropped. The event was organized by Thanks, Plain and Simple (<a href="www.thanksplainandsimple.org">www.thanksplainandsimple.org</a>), a West-Virginia non-profit organization that honors Rosies under the direction of Rosebud Anne Montague.

Rosies who were honored were Elsie Arnold, Wilma Foster, and Violet Johnson (MD), Neva Rees (OH), June Robbins (PA), Bertha Glavin (MA), Fran Carter (AL), Mozell Young, Anna Hess, and Edie Lyons (WV), as well as Crena Anderson, June Bidwell, Ada England, Dorothy McMann, Evie Martindale, and Pauline Adkins.

On May 6-10, 2015, Rosies Anna Hess, June Robbins, and Crena Anderson traveled to The Netherlands with Anne Montague to participate in a similar commemorative event. And the King and Queen of the Netherlands met with Rosies Mozelle Young, Ada England, Anna Hess, and June Robbins at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D. C. on June 1. Ladies, thanks for representing Rosies so beautifully!

# Flag Day for Boston Chapter





Recently, Rosie Bertha Glavin, President of the Boston ARRA Chapter and her sister, Rosie Mary Kennedy, were honored by the Quincy (MA) City Council for their work as Rosies, then were asked to be Grand Marshals for Quincy's Flag Day parade on June 13! Pictured seated, left to right, are Bertha, Mary, and Bertha's daughter, Rosebud Martha Kempe. Stand-

ing are Martha's daughters, Rosebuds **Jennifer Kempe** and **Jacqueline Kempe**. Bertha and her helpers have also been busy asking people to write letters to the troops (see page 3). Keep up the good work, ladies!

**Email Correction:** In a recent issue, the email address for Dan and Angela Young, contacts for the Clarksville (GA) Chapter, was listed incorrectly. Their correct email address is <a href="mailto:dannyoung56@yahoo.com">dannyoung56@yahoo.com</a> (only one "y"). I apologize if you have been trying to reach them! - Nell Branum, Editor

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On Sunday morning of our 2015 Convention, a Memorial Service honoring Rosies who have passed away was led by Co-Chaplains Julia Unkrich (CO) and Trish Woepking (IA). 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 (see page 8).

#### These are ARRA members whose families notified us of their deaths, June 2014 through May 2015:

William R. Winn, Rivet, AL Patsie Spradlin Miller, Rosebud, AL Janet Bee Atkinson, Rosebud, AL Glorie Yvonne Dickerson Montgomery, Rosie, AL Mary Ann DeShon, Rosie, MD Jean E. Vandegrift, Rosie, AL Mildred Hammond Jones, Rosie, AL Betty Tucker Taylor, Rosie, AL Edith Paxton Mordecai, Rosie, AL Leslyn Leach Davis, Rosie, AL

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Lola Richardson Robinson, Rosie, IN

Rosaline L. Henderson, Rosebud, KS Clarentine Tasset, Rosie, KS Reta Jo Hough Mitchell, Rosie, KS

Mattie Bridges Lambert, Rosie, LA Verna Lee Lambright, Rosie, LA

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Gertrude "Trudy" Waller King, Rosie, MO

Irene Morris Kelly, Rosie, MT

Virginia Navrot Koscielecki, Rosie, NV

Dorothy Esther Dorr, Rosie, NH

Regina Blobzinski Maciejewski, Rosie, NY

Mary Ellen Wade, Rosie, NC Hattie Belle Moser Swink, Rosie, NC

Nila Erwin Green, Rosie, OK Velma Montgomery Matheny, Rosie, OK

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Myrtle P. Paul, Rosie, PA

Elaine F. Hyman, Rosebud, SC

Ila V. White, Rosie, TN

Helen C. Williamson, Rosie, TX Mozelle DeManche Grissom, Rosie, TX

Lela Morlan McDaniel, Rosie, TX

Nancy Sipple, Rosie, WV Birdie Bias Pratt, Rosie, WV

Isabel Ione Bratz, Rosie, WI

#### These are members who were already deceased at the time their family members joined ARRA for them during the last year. We honor their memory and their service also:

Kathryn Sheider Tysinger, Rosebud, AL Stella Shull, Rosie, AL Eunice Goodman Garrett, Rosie, AL

Mary Paulk Coffman, Rosie, AL Pearl Pullen Venable, Rosie, AL

Myrtle Johnson Rajewich, Rosie, AZ

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### This 'n' That

Two of our Georgia ARRA Chapters participated in the WW II Heritage Days in Atlanta in April, 2015. Both the Atlanta, GA Chapter (Rosebud **Jean Ousley**, President) and the Columbus, GA/Phenix City, AL Baker's Dozen Chapter (Rosebud **Jonnie Clasen**, President) were well-represented.

Rosie Carmella Wood (NV) was recently interviewed by her local paper about her work during the war. And we heard about another story that wasn't in the paper, how Carmella rode in a race car in her Rosie outfit before a race at a Las Vegas racetrack— at 121 mph! Yes, you CAN still do it!

Rosie Margaret Werren (CA) recently had a great time speaking to a group from the Vintage Aviation Association and sharing about her work making 20 mm ammunition during the war. Way to share your story, Margaret!

## Rosie Goes to Congress

Rosies **Phyllis Gould** (CA) and **Mae Krier** (PA) are excited that four of their members of Congress have set forth House Resolution 313, which would proclaim May 23 each year as National Rosie the Riveter Day. H-313 has not yet been voted upon, so there is time to contact your Congressman or Congresswoman for support!

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# Commemorative Edition Deadline Is Approaching

Our Fall 2015 edition of *Rosie's Mail Call* will be a special one, reporting on all of the Rosie Rallies and other events taking place in honor of the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II, which is August 14-15, 2015.

So during the last few weeks, if you've had a large Rosie look-alike event, a Chapter activity, a dance, a flag or wreath-laying ceremony, a parade, a small family event, a day to simply wear your Rosie shirt and answer questions at the mall, or *whatever* to celebrate the anniversary, we want to hear about it!

Send one or two paragraphs and one or two photographs by September 1, 2015 to Nell Branum, ARRA Editor, 745 Country Club Trail, Gardendale, AL 35071, or email nellbran@yahoo.com. Email is best, but snail mail is fine.

### Call for Student Grant Entries

ARRA is offering \$100 grants for students in grades 9-12 who are willing to research, prepare, and present a program about Rosie the Riveter. Help us spread the word!

If awarded a grant, the student may use books, the Internet, personal interviews, and other sources to research the roles and contributions



of Rosies during WW II. A particular Rosie—perhaps a family member—may be spotlighted. The presentation could include drama, displays, music, *original* video, PowerPoint, or other multimedia methods, etc. It should be presented *at least two times* to groups such as a history class, civic club, senior center, etc. Once the guidelines have been followed, the grant award can be included on the student's resumé.

To request an application, contact Marge Streicker, Student Grants Chairman, 3 Wooden Bridge Court, Reisterstown, MD 21136, marge1st111@verizon.net. Make your request soon—completed applications are <u>due Nov. 1, 2015</u>.