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National Rosie the Riveter Day Announced!

It took a few decades, but Rosies everywhere were honored with a National Rosie the Riveter Day when the U. S. Congress passed a resolution in March to declare March 21, 2017 as the day.

Word began to spread, and good wishes and celebrations began to crop up around the country. For starters, some members of Congress who sponsored the resolution held an event in the Lincoln Room of the U. S. Capitol building. In Oregon, Rosies **Bettie Layman, Dorene Ronning, Opal Nelson, Doris Graham, Lorette Wedlake, and Alice Heiney** marked the day with a ceremony



Brian Danks, Eugene Register-Guard

and wreath-laying at the Springfield Veterans Memorial. In Birmingham, AL, Rosie **Fran Carter**, ARRA's Founder and Executive Director, shared the excitement with young friends at an event called "Power Up!" for girls interested in careers in construction. Look for other remembrances on



ARRA's Facebook page. And, of course, post yours!

It was a thrilling moment for all Rosies, and no one was more gratified than Rosies **Mae Krier** of PA (on left, below) and **Phyllis Gould** of CA (on right). They were "bookends" on opposite sides of the country who worked with their Congressmen for years to push the passage of the resolution. Mae attended the wonderful event at the U. S. Capitol on March 21, as did another Rosie, **Anna Hess** from WV, and they were treated like royalty. Phyllis celebrated at the Rosie the Riveter/WW II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, CA, where she serves as a docent. There was a press conference, and Rosies planted a rose bush.



Word may not have reached you in time to celebrate on the exact day this year (though the celebrations continue), and at present, the designation was for the 2017 date only. But hopes are high that it will become a permanent day, so let your Senator or Representative know of your support for that. Many, many congrats to all the Rosies!



Have You Made Your Convention Reservation Yet? *There's still time, but hurry, so we can see you in Kansas City!*



Join us at the 816 Hotel, 801 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO 64111, (816) 931-1000.

Send in your registration form today (see page 3), because you won't want to miss a minute of this great time!

Friday, June 9, 2017

- 2:00 p.m. Registration opens in hotel
- 4:00 p.m.- Board of Directors meeting at hotel
- 5:00 p.m. (officers, State Directors, interested members)
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at hotel; music by the Kansas City Women's Chorus from their "We Can Do It" Production; speaker from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home

Saturday, June 10, 2017

- 8:30 a.m. Business meeting; B-25 History Project
- 11:00 a.m. Board bus for the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at the Truman Library, followed by a program honoring Rosies, a meet-and-greet Rosie reception, and brief tour

Saturday, June 10, 2017 (continued)

- 3:30 p.m. Board bus to see Truman's home, Clinton's Soda Fountain (the site of Harry's first job), and Wild About Harry gift/souvenir shop
 - 6:00 p.m. Dinner at hotel with entertainment
- #### Sunday, June 11, 2017
- 8:30 a.m. Business meeting; Memorial Service
 - 10:30 a.m. Convention adjourned
 - 11:00 a.m.- Executive Committee meeting at hotel
 - 12:30 p.m.

Bring a framed tabletop picture of yourself or your Rosie for our display, if you like. A photo from the 1940's would be great. Don't forget to put a label on it, telling name and place of Rosie work.

Before or after the Convention, spend some time visiting the many wonderful attractions of Kansas City!

Election of Officers



Your Nominating Committee is working hard to nominate a slate of ARRA officers for the 2017-2019 biennium. The election will take place during the upcoming convention in Kansas City, MO, June 10-12, 2017, at which time additional nominees may be presented. If you have a nomination you would like to put forward, please send it to Yvonne Fasold, fasold@uoregon.edu.

A Rose for Rosies



A brand new hybrid rose has been created and named (drum roll, please) "Rosie the Riveter!" It is a beautiful old-fashioned floribunda, and is orange-gold suffused with pink. It will be available from Weeks Roses in a few months.

Watch for more information about how to order.

Student Grant Winner



We are pleased to announce that **Rachel Caulfield**, a tenth grader from Westport, Connecticut, has been awarded a 2017 ARRA Student Grant. Students applying for this \$100 grant must prepare an original presentation about Rosies or a specific Rosie, and present it at least two times. Rachel's project focuses on the advertisements used to encourage women to help in the war effort, and she is infusing the story of how her great-grandmother was inspired to go to work on Chance Vought Corsair airplanes. Rachel's plans include presenting her project to the Captain Stephen Betts Chapter of Children of the American Revolution, at her local public library, and her local senior center. Congratulations, Rachel!

Massachusetts Rosie Day

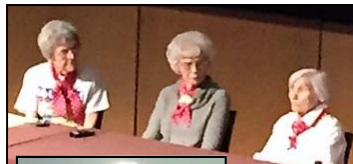
The U. S. Congress proclaimed a National Rosie the Riveter Day (see page 1), but while that was still a work in progress, Rosies in Massachusetts were honored with their own day through a proclamation signed by Governor Charles Baker, designating March 25, 2017 as Rosie the Riveter Day for that state. Rosie **Bertha Glavin** and three generations of supporters gathered on a snowy day for the reading of the special proclamation. What a tremendous way to honor the Rosie legacy!



Rome Rosies Tell Their Stories

When the Museum of History and Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University opened its "Georgia Journeys: Legacies of World War II" exhibition on October 23, 2016, honoring veterans and home front workers, three Rosies from the Rome, GA Chapter of ARRA were included: **Tooken Richardson Cade**, **Jane Tucker**, and **Louvinia (Lou) Jordan**. Rosies **Bettye McCubbin** and **Mary McJunkin** also recorded their stories for the KSU Archives.

In addition, on December 7, 2016, three Rome Rosies (left) participated in an event sponsored by the Bartow History Museum in Cartersville. **Jane Tucker**, **Mary McJunkin**, and **Bettye McCubbin** shared their Rosie stories in a panel format, then answered questions from home-schoolers and students from Allatoona Elementary School. Mary is pictured at left, visiting with two young friends there. And on Veterans Day, November 11, 2017, Rome Rosies placed a wreath representing ARRA on The Tomb of the Known Soldier in Rome. Way to go, ladies!



Sun City Rosies On the Go



On October 18-20, 2016, eight Rosies from ARRA's Sun City, AZ Chapter flew to Washington, D. C. on an Honor Flight (above), and what a marvelous trip it was! Participating were Rosies **Florence Carter**, **Eileen Blackler**, **Caroline Kilgore**, **Margaret Lavaggi**, **Fran Ellis**, **Wilma Rees**, **Constance Laabs**, and **Darlene Cowan**. Several Rosebuds accompanied them. In November, several Chapter members, as well as others from across the country, traveled to the General Patton Memorial Museum in California to represent Rosies as the 2016 Patton Award was awarded to all Rosies. And on December 7, 2016, Sun City members participated in Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Park in Phoenix. Pictured are Rosie **Eileen Blackler** and Rosebud and Chapter President **Linda Lundberg**, placing a Rosie Wreath at the *USS Arizona* Memorial at the park. Great job spreading that Rosie legacy, ladies!



Convention Registration Form

2017 ARRA National Convention/Reunion
 June 9-11, 2017 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
 816 Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri

There are TWO ways to register!

1. **Register online** at our Web site (www.rosietheriveter.net) **OR**

2. **Mail this Registration/Food Package form with check to:**
Jody Valet, ARRA Treasurer, 38005 E. 177th Street, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080.

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

Name, member category, and name preference for nametag (if different) of person making reservation: _____

Address _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Telephone(s) _____ E-Mail _____

Name, city/state, member category, and name preference (for nametag) of others on this registration: _____

	<u>Postmarked May 21 or before</u>	<u>Postmarked after May 21</u>	<u>Total amount</u>
Registration fee, all participants: (includes transportation and entrance fee to Truman Library program honoring Rosies)	\$25.00	\$30.00	X number registering = _____
Food package (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner)	\$100.00	\$109.00	X number purchased = _____
Individual Meals may be reserved:			
Friday Dinner	\$40.00	\$43.00	X number purchased = _____
Saturday Lunch	\$20.00	\$23.00	X number purchased = _____
Saturday Dinner	\$40.00	\$43.00	X number purchased = _____

Total payment enclosed (make checks payable to ARRA) _____

Cut here and send above form to Jody Valet, 38005 E. 177th Street, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080.

Notes: Meal reservations received after May 21, 2017 and “walk-ins” who have not pre-registered will be accepted on a space-available basis. If it is necessary to cancel your registration after sending it in, requests for reimbursement must reach Jody Valet at the above address by **June 1, 2017**. For convention questions, contact Jean Ousley, (770) 972-8339.

Hotel information: Special hotel room rates are available at **816 Hotel**. The rate is \$89.00 per night plus taxes and fees for 1- 2 persons per room. There is an additional fee of \$20.00 per additional adult per room. The special rate will apply for the nights of June 6-14, 2017, for those who want to extend their stay (see “Things To Do in Kansas City” on page 2).

To make your reservation, call the hotel directly at **(816) 931-1000**. Be sure to say you are with the American Rosie the Riveter Association. A credit card will be required to make the reservation and to check in when you arrive at the hotel. To be assured of this special price, **you must call by May 13, 2017**. After May 13, 2017, regular hotel rates will prevail on a space-available basis. If you must make a hotel cancellation, call the hotel number directly at least 24 hours in advance to avoid a charge.

Hotel amenities include: a free made-to-order breakfast for each guest, free onsite parking, 2 free cocktails at the nightly Manager’s Reception, free access to Gold’s Gym, Google Fiber, free local and long-distance calls, and free local shuttle service to local attractions within a 4-mile radius.

One option for transportation to the hotel is KC’s Super Shuttle transport service at (816) 512-5595, or use the black courtesy phone at their booth at the airport to call for a shuttle. You may also call their national number at (800) 258-3826.



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Membership Update

If you have moved, or know any member who is deceased, or if you would prefer to receive your newsletter by email, please let us know. Please print carefully in CAPITAL letters. Send all update information to: **Stephanie Davis, 8336 Valley Oaks Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76182, or send email to: alanandstephanie@gmail.com.**

Name of member _____

New address _____

Old address _____

Current E-mail _____

Prefer to receive newsletter by email? _____

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, let us know, then send one to a friend, especially a prospective member!

Central Texas Rosie Reunion

On February 11, 2017, the Central Texas Chapter of ARRA held a reunion in San Marcos, TX. To start the day, Rosie **Regina Kaspar** of El Campo, TX and three Rosebuds attended the annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Fair at San Marcos High School. The Central Texas Chapter is a financial sponsor for this



event for students in grades PreKindergarten through 12 and their families. Their contribution honors Rosies, who were some of the original females to work in STEM fields.

Then the group joined Rosies **Martha Hilliard** of Alice, TX and **Pat Golson** of San Marcos, TX, along with more Rosebuds, for lunch and conversation. Everyone had a grand time, especially learning about these three Rosies from three different Texas towns and their home front contributions. Looking good, ladies!



Looking Ahead . . .

The second annual Ring a Bell for Rosie emphasis will be taking place on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2017. It's not too early to start thinking about how you can honor Rosies and the freedom we hold dear by ringing a bell (any kind of bell) in your location on that day with friends, family, community, or simply at home. Ring your bell simultaneously with others around the country and world. This emphasis is sponsored by Thanks, Plain and Simple, a non-profit partner of ARRA in West Virginia. For more information, visit www.thanksplainandsimple.org.

Honors For a New York Rosie

On February 4, 2017, Rosie **Jean White** (shown here with Library Board President **Bob White**) was honored by the Weller Library in her home town of Mohawk, New York. Jean presented the library with a copy of ARRA's latest book, *Rosie the Riveter Stories: How They Did It!*



which contains her Rosie story. A reception followed. Way to go, Jean!

Women's History Month

Librarian **Trisha Glavin** honored Rosies with a children's book display in her New Hampshire library (left). **Kathy Streicker**, a teacher at Murray Hill Middle School in Maryland, presented the Rosie story to her classes, while the school's media center included Rosie in its display (right). Thanks for sharing with the next generation, ladies! Anyone else want to share how you salute Rosies?

