

ROSIE'S MAIL CALL

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Third Quarter, 2017

A Super Successful Convention!

Good barbecue, good music—and especially good fun and fellowship—all were in bountiful supply June 9-11, 2017 for the 18th annual Convention of the American Rosie the Riveter Association in Kansas City, Missouri! Thirty original Rosies were present, along with many Rosebuds, Rivets, Friends, and guests, altogether representing 23 states.



These 30 beautiful Rosies were in attendance, along with many family members, representing 23 states.

Following the Executive Board meeting on Friday afternoon, the evening session was opened by the Color Guard from Ft. Leavenworth (KS) Army Installation. Participants then were treated to Rosie music by Heartsong, an ensemble of the Kansas City Women's Chorus. **Pam Sanfilippo**, who traveled from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home in Abilene, KS, shared wonderful history about General Eisenhower.



Rounding out the evening were Rosebud 3 **Jema Settles** (IA) and her friend, **Hudson Harris**, with their delightful rendition of "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better."

Hudson opened the Saturday morning business session with the National Anthem, and the election of officers for 2017-2019 followed (more on page 3). As President **Jean Ousley** (GA) presided, Chapters and individuals told about their activities—a great way to share ideas! We welcomed two new Chapters in CT and IN.

Then it was time to board buses and head for the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence, MO, where there was a marvelous BBQ lunch and a presentation by **Dr. Dan Desko** about the B-25 Project that featured many Kansas City Rosies. This was followed by a

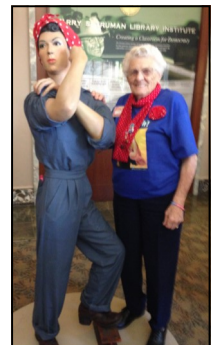


video about KC Rosies and time to tour the museum. Special guests for the afternoon were President and Mrs. Truman—well, reenactors, anyway! A surprise highlight was the presence of the Rosie the Riveter statue by Seward Johnson, which traveled

to Kansas City for the Convention. After stopping by the Truman Home and the soda shop where Truman first worked, the group returned to the hotel. At dinner, everyone enjoyed music by the Abel Ramirez Trio, featuring **Frank Vigliaturo**, and after dinner, there were several special tributes and presentations.

Jema Settles began the Sunday morning session with the National Anthem, then Rosebud Co-Chaplains **Trish Woepking** (IA) and **Julia Unkrich** (CO) led a Memorial Service. New officers were installed by our Executive Director and founder, **Rosie Dr. Fran Carter** (AL). Participants discussed the location of next year's Convention, then voted overwhelmingly for New Orleans, LA.

And in between all of these great program pieces, Rosies told their incredible stories, many, many new friends got to know each other, and old friends were reunited. What a fabulous time! See you next year in NOLA!





ARRA President's Message

Thank you for choosing me as the new American Rosie the Riveter Association President. I am honored to be part of this national organization dedicated solely to promoting the history and ensuring the legacy of Rosies, our WW II "Home Front Heroines."

How lucky we were to be in the presence of 30 of these heroic Rosie the Riveters who attended the June 9-11 convention in Kansas City, MO. They and their families traveled from 23 states. Our heartfelt thanks go to family members and friends responsible for bringing these women together. Thank you to Kansas City native and Rosebud **Jody Valet** (MO), who is also our Treasurer, for the convention's delicious meals, entertainment, and much more at our historic hotel. And special thanks to outgoing President **Jean Ousley** (GA), who has guided this organization for two years, including hosting not only this year's convention, but also the 2016 ARRA convention in her Atlanta hometown.

We have grown tremendously since our first meeting of Rosies almost 20 years ago at Roosevelt's Little White House in Warm Springs, GA. While our overall membership is increasing, the loss of many of our treasured Rosies is changing our organization. Our ARRA challenge to make sure WW II Rosie the Riveters will always be honored and never forgotten is more important than ever. I feel this personally, as my late mother, Frankie Thompson Melillo, managed the canteen at Camp Wheeler, GA, where she met my Dad after he returned from the top-secret Merrill's Marauder campaign in the China Burma India Theater.

*Jonnie Melillo Clasen (Rosebud, GA)
ARRA National President*

Call for Logo Entries

Since next year's Convention in New Orleans will kick off ARRA's 20th anniversary year, we would like to commemorate the occasion with a 20th Anniversary Logo.

Do you have an idea? If you do, send it to us!

Here are the requirements: Logos can be sent by regular mail (camera-ready image on photographic paper) or email (jpg image), but must be camera-ready for reproduction — in other words, a clear and sharp image, not a sketch, ready to reproduce. Logos should be in color, and should contain these words somewhere in the design: *American Rosie the Riveter Association, 20th Anniversary, 1998-2018*.

Our Convention Planning Committee, chaired by Rosebuds **Donnaleen Lanktree** (MI) and **Denise Clark** (TX), the ones who suggested having a logo design, will choose three top designs, and ARRA's Executive Committee will make the final selection. Send your entry to **Jonnie Clasen, 3918 Calhoun Drive, Columbus, GA 31903; Email jmc6154@aol.com. The deadline is **November 30, 2017**.**

Sun City Celebrates the Fourth

The Sun City, AZ Chapter attended the 39th annual "Ring That Bell" ceremony on July 4, 2017. The bell, which is a replica of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, commemorates the U. S. Bicentennial. Pictured below with AZ State Senator **Debbie Lesko** (on back row) are Rosies **Erlinda Avila, Florence Carter, Wilma Reese, Fran Ellis, and Eileen Blackler**, along with Rosebuds **Linda Lundberg, Nancy Allaire, and Carol Ruda**. Rosie **Lucille Censo-prano** was also in attendance.



Looking good, ladies!



Ring a Bell for Rosies

Thanks Plain and Simple, a non-profit organization in West Virginia that is one of ARRA's partners, has announced their second annual "Ring a Bell for Rosies" on **Labor Day, September 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern time**. At this time, people across America, from Maine to Hawaii, will simultaneously ring bells with Rosies.

You can participate with a group, or just by yourself. You could gather your friends, family, a civic group, senior living community, Girl Scout group, or someone else, but particularly invite Rosies! Honor the Rosies and ask them to tell their legacy. Celebrate the freedom that Rosies and veterans have helped to preserve.

Whether you are by yourself or with a group, ring a bell for Rosie at the stroke of 1:00 p.m. Eastern time (whatever time that is in your time zone). It could be a cowbell, church bell, jingle bell, school bell, ship's bell—any kind of bell will do!

Rosebud **Anne Montague**, Executive Director of "Thanks!" knows of about 50 participating locations across America so far, including the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park in CA, the Naval Academy in MD, the Liberty Bell in PA, the Yankee Air Museum in MI, a ship in Boston Harbor, and many, many smaller locations.

Take photos! Post them on social media. Email them to Thanks Plain and Simple at managingbetter@earthlink.net. Send them to ARRA's Editor, Nell Branum, at nellbran@yahoo.com for posting on ARRA's Facebook page and in our newsletter. For more information, visit the website at thanksplainandsimple.org, or call (304) 776-4743 or (304) 545-9818.



In 2016, Rosie Sarah Shepherd and her daughter, Rosebud Kay Fleming, donned their Rosie scarves and rang bells together in Grove, Oklahoma.

ARRA National Officers, 2017-2019

These are your National Officers who were elected on June 10, 2017 at our Convention in Kansas City, Missouri!



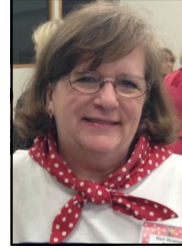
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Join Us in June, 2018!

You'll want to attend our 20th Anniversary Convention in New Orleans, LA for sure, when you check out the photos on our Shutterfly site at <https://rosietheriveter.shutterfly.com>. Anyone can view the photos, but you will need to join this ARRA site with your name and email in order to download or upload photos. Hope to see you next year!



New Connecticut Chapter

Members of one of our newest Chapters, the Stratford, CT (Corsair) Chapter, are already making their presence known in their community. On May 30-31, 2017, the Chapter was invited by the Connecticut Air and Space Center (CASC) in Stratford to

participate in their Curtiss Hangar Fest.

CASC is located on property where the WWII Corsair F4U's were built, so Chapter members were thrilled to have a 2-day presence there with a display table. Visitors had lots of interest, enthusiasm, and excitement as they shared family stories, took ARRA membership applications, and scheduled future speaking events. The Chapter has three very active high school members who arrived one afternoon dressed as "Tribute Rosies" to the delight of Hangar Fest patrons! Pictured below are Chapter officers: Rosebuds **Gretchen Caulfield** (Secretary), **Rachel Caulfield** (President), and **Carol Avery** (VP). Not pictured is faithful Rivet **Steven Caulfield** (Treasurer), who was busy taking the photo. Welcome!

Guinness Record Attempts



Game on! The original Guinness World Record for the "Largest Gathering of People Dressed as a Rosie the Riveter" was set by a group at the Yankee Air Museum near Ypsilanti,

MI in 2014. Currently, the record stands at 2,229, which was set by a group at the Rosie the Riveter/WW II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, CA in 2016. Both groups are attempting to break the record again soon, and you might want to join them! People of all ages participate—from babies to Rosies in their 90's—but there are *very specific dress requirements*, so be sure to get the details ahead of time!

Richmond, CA—August 12, 2017. See information at rosietheriveter.org/rosierally2017.

Ypsilanti, MI—October 14, 2017. See info at savethebomberplant.org, click on "Rosie World Record."





From Our Immediate Past President

It has been my honor to serve as the President of this wonderful organization for the past two years, and as Treasurer for two years before that. We have such a large number of people dedicated to an important purpose and legacy, and a group of national officers who are responsive and supportive of our membership in a very big way!

I hope that everyone enjoyed the two conventions I was privileged to host. Thanks to everyone who attended in June. It is difficult to arrange those kinds of events without overlooking something or someone, but as I quoted my mother's wartime friend when we were in Kansas City: "Take all mistakes for love." My primary goals were to provide a forum for all Rosies to tell us their stories and for our Chapters and others to present their exciting activities. In the process, I wanted to give us some inspiring and historical perspectives from our speakers, some musical entertainment, and a Saturday trip that focused on our Rosies. Thanks to everyone who helped with the program and the execution, particularly our Treasurer, Rosebud **Jody Valet** (MO), who provided all the local setup in Kansas City.

Along with **Jonnie Clasen** (GA), our new President, and our Executive Committee, I look forward to more fun and exciting events in the coming year. Together, we can still do it!

*Jean Ousley (Rosebud, GA)
ARRA National President, 2015-2017*

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Hello, everyone!

Let me tell you what I'm thinking—I hope you'll read on and "lend your ear" my way, then help me with a goal.

You may know that ARRA is moving toward its 20th anniversary on December 7, 2018. Since we are currently in our 19th year, wouldn't it be great if each of us could each find 19—or even 20—members of our own families who have not yet had the privilege of joining

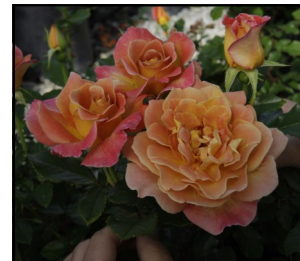
ARRA, and sign them up? And do you know a Rosie who is not a member? Maybe she is someone who lives near you, or someone who goes to church, a club, or community group with you. Invite her to join, for herself and all her family. Use the application form on page 7, or join online at www.rosietheriveter.net.

And many thanks to Rosebuds **Jean Ousley** (GA), **Jody Valet** (MO), and everyone else who made our Kansas City convention so enjoyable! See you next year in New Orleans!

*Fran Carter (Rosie, AL)
Your Executive Director*

New Rosie the Riveter Rose

Have you seen the newly patented Rosie the Riveter Rose? It is a beautiful old-fashioned floribunda, and is orange-gold suffused with pink. Thousands of plants are currently being grown and will be available for planting in early 2018.



Many of you are already asking, *How can I get one?* The best thing to do is to go to your local nursery *now* and say that you would like to pre-order the Rosie the Riveter Rose, grown by Weeks Roses of California. Don't be surprised if they haven't heard of it yet—it is that new! A ballpark price range is \$25-\$30.

Also ask when is the best time to plant roses in your growing zone, and that will determine when the plants will be available. Southern regions of the country may be able to plant as early as January, 2018.

But there's more! The Spirit of '45, one of ARRA's partner organizations based in CA, is dedicated to establishing a network of Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Gardens across the country, as a tribute to Rosies. Members of ARRA can be a big part of this effort!

Look around your community to find a location that would be just right for a Rosie rose garden—a park, museum or WW II memorial, botanical garden, senior living community, or perhaps an existing rose garden where you could add a few Rosie the Riveter Roses. Work with owners and community leaders to plant Rosie the Riveter bushes there. Add a weather-resistant plaque that will let people know that this garden is in honor of the millions of women who worked on the WW II home front. You'll have a perfect place to host ceremonies that honor Rosies and their legacy each year, such as on Rosie the Riveter Day.

Let ARRA know when your rose garden is in place. Take a photo and send it to *Mail Call* Editor Nell Branum at nellbran@yahoo.com or 745 Country Club Trail, Gardendale, AL 35071. Spirit of '45 is planning a future website, where you also will be able to register your garden as a location on a U. S. map.

And P. S. - Many thanks to Weeks Roses for donating three Rosie the Riveter Rose bushes for the silent auction at our June Convention in Kansas City.

Never Too Young!



*Just look at these Rosie cuties! On the left is 3-year-old **Caroline**, daughter of **Army MAJ Tony Mayne and Nicole**, showing off her girl power. On the right is 3-month-old **Georgia**, daughter of Rivet **Matthew Turner and Victoria**, and granddaughter of outgoing ARRA President, **Jean Ousley**, in her best Rosie attire.*



THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form

Share your Rosie spirit! Shop for yourself or someone else!



Rosie items
make great
gifts!

<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 card, 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, 10.5" x 14" x 4"	\$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 reversible ribbon badge (reverse side is black for memorials)	\$20.00	
	Rosie head scarf (triangular shape, long end = 36")	\$12.00	
	Rosie rectangle scarf (3" by 36")	\$8.00	
	NEW! Rosie socks (size 9-11, women's shoe size 6-10) Circle: Yellow or Black	\$10.00	
	NEW! Rosie hair bow, red/white polka dot, 4" grosgrain ribbon, lined alligator clip	\$7.00	
	Rosie counted cross stitch book mark kit (makes bookmark 3¼" x 11")	\$8.00	
	NEW! <i>R is for Rosie</i> book cover cross stitch kit (3" x 6") frame not included	\$15.00	
	Rosie apron	\$20.00	
	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	
	NEW DESIGN! Rosie metal snack box, 7¾" x 6¾"	25.00	
	Rosie tin sign, 16" x 12"	\$25.00	
	Rosie refrigerator magnet, 2¼" x 3¼"	\$6.00	
	NEW Rosie chunky wooden cutout refrigerator magnet, 4" x 3½"	\$8.00	
	Refrigerator magnet - Uncle Sam design	\$4.00	
	NEW! Rosie ceramic ornament	\$13.00	
	NEW! Rosie pewter ornament	\$17.00	
	Rosie stamp pin, 1⅝" x 1⅜"	\$5.00	
	Rosie button, metal, 3" diameter	\$3.00	
	Rosie I. D. "dog tag"	\$8.00	
	NEW! Rosie the Riveter puzzle (1,000 pieces, finished size 27" x 20")	\$25.00	
	NEW! Rosie bronze grave medallion, 2" diameter, includes priority mail shipping	\$65.00	
	Book: <i>103 Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: <i>104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: <i>Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook</i>	\$20.00	
	Book: <i>Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories: The Legacy Lives On!</i>	\$17.00	
	NEW! Book: <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories: How They Did It!</i>	\$17.00	
	Picture Book: <i>R is for Rosie the Riveter</i> (hardback)	\$20.00	
	Picture Book: <i>R is for Rosie the Riveter</i> (paperback)	\$15.00	

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 (____) _____

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In Loving Memory



On Sunday morning of our 2017 Convention in Kansas City, a Never Forgotten Memorial Service honoring Rosies and other members who have passed away was led by Rosebud Co-Chaplains **Julia Unkrich** (CO) and **Trish Woepking** (IA). We will always remember the spirit and sacrifice of these members, and they will be always in our hearts.

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 2016 through May 2017. The list also includes Rosies who were deceased at the time their family members joined ARRA for them during the last year.

Irene Love, Rosie, AL
Ruth Slack Sedwick, Rosie, AL
Dorothy Lindsey Wells, Rosie, AL

Marjorie H. Black, Rosie, AZ
Wanda Schartz Brown, Rosie, AZ
Susan Brandt Kloesen, Rosie, AZ
Grace Imogene (Jean) Malone, Rosie, AZ
Clara Happy Sargol, Rosie, AZ
Mildred J. Wolf Schindele, Rosie, AZ
Sarah Steffan Shippy, Rosie, AZ
Mary L. Wingler, Rosie, AZ

Eleth Franklin-Chappat, Rosie, CA
Lillie Ames Dawson, Rosie, CA
Josephine Ruth De Luz, Rosie, CA
Ann Ramirez Johnson, Rosie, CA
Genevieve Leong Kang, Rosie, CA
Sara Lou Strader Lightfoot, Rosie, CA

Ruth Vivian Cessna Johnson, Rosie, CO

Verna Boothroyd Egan, Rosie, CT
Bernice T. Borkowski Kowalski, Rosie, CT

Jeanne G. Broadhurst, Rosie, FL
Mary Jane Sullivan Barker Condon, Rosie, FL
Leah Suffridge Barker Edwards, Rosie, FL
Helen Games, Rosie, FL
Elaine Smith O'Quinn, Rosie, FL
Margaret Ann Reiss, Rosie, FL
Nora Kathleen Smith, Rosie, FL

Carrie Mitchell Calhoun, Rosie, GA
Evylyne Anderson Canup, Rosie, GA
Jean Thornton Howington, Rosie, GA
Lillian Garcia Johnsen, Rosie, GA
Thelma Aides Fuller Linch, Rosie, GA
Mildred J. Liparoto, Rosie, GA
Virginia Dukehart Maine, Rosie, GA
Sunell Holland Messenger, Rosie, GA
Jessie Belle Day Moss, Rosie, GA
Sara Brown Rowe, Rosie, GA
Lucille Thornton, Rosie, GA
Minnie Downing Thornton, Rosie, GA
Eva Ulrich, Rosie, GA
Ruby Nell Pelham Young, Rosie, GA

Elizabeth "Betty" Wirth Churchill, Rosie, IL
Catherine Sterns Maginel, Rosie, IL
Ruth Burke Wills, Rosie, IL

Elizabeth Dlugosz Watt, Rosie, IN
Dorine Smith Hamilton, Rosie, KS
Meryl Smith Sanders, Rosie, KS
Maewoodean Nulph Schulze, Rosie, KS
Nancy Garrison Scofield, Rosebud, KS
Irene Talbott Sommerfeld, Rosie, KS
Mary Surrey, Rosie, KS

Margaret Wohlford Conn, Rosie, KY
Geneva Green Pope, Rosie, KY

Erla O'Donal Merry, Rosie, ME

Elsie Godwin Arnold, Rosie, MD
Avis Mae Vary Curley, Rosie, MD
Grace Alexander Dunkle, Rosie, MD
Nellie Lucille Gill, Rosie, MD
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Irene Emily Lewis, Rosie, MD
Lillian Tupper Rice, Rosie, MD
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Leocadia Wozniak Smith, Rosie
Bertha Barbara Zeberlein Vondracek, Rosie, MD

Lauretta G. Rousseu Fortier, Rosie, MA

Elizabeth Mae Bohms Campbell, Rosie, MI
Juanita Hayter Crampton, Rosie, MI
E. Elizabeth Laekeman Hench, Rosie, MI
Juney MacCarroll, Rosie, MI
Doris Lorraine Elka Maleski, Rosie, MI
Eugenia "Jenny" Michielutti Pagnucco, Rosie, MI
Betty Payne, Rosie, MI
Ada Clute Piechowiak, Rosie, MI
Natalina "Nellie" Polidori, Rosie, MI
Ruth Maxine Pierson Webb, Rosie, MI

Vera Mae Utz Noggle, Rosie, MN
Dolores Helen Ryan, Rosie, MN

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Babe Bogosian Spillman, Rosie, OH

Wanda Lorene Allen, Rosie, OK
Virginia Ellis Brady, Rosie, OK
Muriel Larson Hayes, Rosie, OK

Winifred Bosteter, Rosie, OR
Mary Gilcrease Goss, Rosie, OR
Marthana R. Guglielmo, Rosie, OR
Pauline Rodgers Johnson, Rosie, OR
Rita Ann Miller, Rosie, OR

Gladys McCreary Blackburn, Rosie, PA
Ruby Mildred Fring, Rosie, PA
Mae Eckley Graybill, Rosie, PA
Martha L. Sober Kerr, Rosie, PA
Betty Jane Wall, Rosie, PA

Violet Vesta Combs, Rosie, TN
Wardie Cleo Carr Goode, Rosie, TN
Jimmie Clemons Richrdson, Rosie, TN

Melba Holberg, Rosie, TX
Mary Evelyn Killian, Rosie, TX
Reba Friend Teel, Rosie, TX
Marjorie TroBrogh, Rosie, TX

Edith Celia Sanders, Rosie, UT
Jacquelyn Myrth Sanders Zubrod, Rosie, UT

Peggy Klaus Cook, Rosie, WA
Sylvia Ruth Strotz Dycus, Rosie, WA
Barbara Berger Lee, Rosie, WA
Louise Prohaska Van Brocklin, Rosie, WA



Honor a Deceased Rosie

Many deceased Rosies are enrolled as ARRA members by their families. It may sound strange, but actually, it is a wonderful way to honor your Rosie's legacy. It enters her name and place of work into our database, as a record of her service, and you receive a lovely keepsake certificate. It also enables us to connect Rosebud and Rivet members with their Rosies. Membership for a Rosie is only \$10.00.

If you haven't joined for all the Rosies in your family tree, please consider doing so now. You may use the application form on page 7, or join online at www.rosietheriveter.net.

Student Grant Entries

ARRA is now accepting applications from students in grades 9-12 for this year's \$100 Student Grants. Students are required to create and present *at least two times* a factual presentation about Rosies, which could include a specific family member. For more information about requirements, and to request an application, contact Grant Chairman **Carol Cain** at carolcain007@gmail.com, or write to 112 Sunny Point Circle, LaGrange, GA 30240. Completed applications are **due March 1, 2018**.



AMERICAN ROSIE THE RIVETER ASSOCIATION Application for Membership

Reproduce a form for each applicant. Forms may also be downloaded from the website, www.rosietheriveter.net.

Membership type (check one):

- Rosie:** Working woman of World War II (includes volunteer worker)
- Rosebud:** Female descendant of a Rosie
- Rivet:** Male descendant of a Rosie, or spouse of a Rosie or Rosebud
- 21st Century Rosie:** Currently doing "man's work" or retired from such work
- *Rosebud Friend** _____ or **Rivet Friend** _____: No ancestral requirement, but by marking this blank, Friend pledges to promote the purpose of the American Rosie the Riveter Association (see Purpose, below)

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Circle one: Mrs. Mr. Miss Ms. Dr. Other _____

Name: _____
First Middle or Maiden Last

Address: _____
Street, RFD, or Box Apt. No.
City State Zip code

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

May we send your Newsletter via e-mail? (yes _____; no _____)

Type of work done by Rosie. If applicant is a Rosebud or Rivet, give type of work done by your Rosie; if applicant is a 21st Century Rosie, give work in which you are currently engaged or from which you retired:

Approximate dates of work _____

Name of company or companies _____

Location of company or companies _____

Rosebuds: Give name and relationship of your Rosie _____

Rivets: Give name and relationship of your Rosie or Rosebud _____

Is your Rosie living? _____ Is (was) your Rosie a member of ARRA? (yes _____; no _____; joining now _____)

Rosie's date of birth (month, day, year) _____ (We send birthday cards to members age 90 and over).

**Enclose application with check payable to ARRA, and mail to:
Stephanie Davis, 8336 Valley Oaks Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76182.**

Lifetime membership fees (no annual dues currently)			
Rosies	\$10.00	21 st Century Rosies (Auxiliary)	\$50.00
Rosebuds	\$20.00	Rosebud Friends (Auxiliary)	\$30.00
Rosies outside U.S.	\$20.00	Rivet Friends (Auxiliary)	\$30.00
Rosebuds outside U.S.	\$30.00	Rivets (Auxiliary)	No fee

*** Purpose of the American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA):** To recognize and preserve the history and legacy of working women, including volunteer women, during World War II; to promote cooperation and fellowship among such members and their descendants; and to further the advancement of patriotic ideals, excellence in the workplace, and loyalty to the United States of America.

For more information about ARRA, call 1-888-557-6743
 or email americanrosietheriveter2@yahoo.com
 or visit ARRA's Web site, www.rosietheriveter.net

Got News? Send your news for the *Mail Call* (ARRA-related news only, please) to ARRA Editor **Nell Branum**, 745 Country Club Trail, Gardendale, AL 35071, nellbran@yahoo.com. And we love photos!



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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 _____

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On the Go in Baltimore

The Baltimore Chapter participated in the 2017 Fourth of July parade in Towson, MD. Rosies **Idilia Johnston** and **Susan King** rode in a convertible that was donated and driven by **Ron Ferguson**. Ron's wife **Patti Ferguson** carried the banner with Chapter Coordinator Rosebud **Debi Wynn**, who said, "We are working to have Rosies designated as Grand Marshalls for next year's Towson parade. People can help us with their 'Like' support and comments at [facebook.com/rosie.riveter.144](https://www.facebook.com/rosie.riveter.144). Thank you!"

Also, Idilia came up with a wonderful idea, and now the Chapter is busily developing a new "Rosie Field School," a week-long symposium that will educate and immerse young women in the experiences of WW II women working on the home front. Attendees will then be charged with passing the Rosie legacy on to larger audiences within their states.

Sounds exciting, keep us posted, Baltimore!



A recent Baltimore Chapter meeting

Welcome, Indiana Chapter

Rosebud **Angie Timan** has been spreading the Rosie legacy by dressing as Rosie and giving presentations for about ten years. But now that enthusiasm has turned into one of our newest Chapters, the Lawrence County, IN Chapter.



Pictured below are new Chapter officers, Rosebuds **Angie Timan** (President), **Dorothy Timan** (VP), **Maggie Timan** (Secretary), and Rivet **David Morthlund** (Treasurer). The

Chapter meets at the Lawrence County Museum of History in Bedford. On March 21, 2017, they were on hand at Bedford City Hall to celebrate National Rosie the Riveter Day. This summer,



Angie has been in Michigan, giving monthly presentations at the U.S. Coast Guard Ice Breaker Mackinaw Museum, and more. Visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/Indinanarosies](https://www.facebook.com/Indinanarosies) for updates. We welcome you!

News From Willow Run

Rosies and others from the Willow Run, MI Chapter recently had a fabulous time at their Rosie celebration in Cleveland, OH. "Tribute Rosies" in their Chapter organized a trip to the International Women's Air and Space Museum. What fun!

And you may know that there is a plaque at the Yankee Air Museum in Belleview, MI, bearing the names of about 400 Rosies and their places of service. ARRA Past President **Donnaleen Lanktree** is working with the museum to secure more detailed information about these Rosies so that museum guests may enjoy their stories. For more information, contact Donnaleen at 6nanaleen@gmail.com.