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Our 2019 Convention Was One For the Books!

Convention Wrap-up by Rosebud Helen Sullinger (MN)



Just look at these beautiful original Rosies who were at this year's ARRA convention! Looking good, ladies!



The 2019 American Rosie the Riveter Convention at the Isle of Capri Hotel in Bettendorf, Iowa June 7-9, was attended by more than 120 members and friends from 22 states, including 23 original Rosies!



After a welcome by President **Donnaleen Lanktree** (MI) on Friday evening, Mayor **Bob Gallagher** announced that June 7, 2019 was Rosie the Riveter Day in Bettendorf. The highlight of the evening was the "Rosies on the Red Carpet" event. Each Rosie was guided through a

cheering crowd to the Red Carpet, where details of her Rosie story were read. Everyone stood, cheered, clapped, and whistled for our rock-star Rosies!

On Saturday morning, the business of the convention included the election and installation of new officers for the years 2019 to 2021 (see page 3). Reports from Chapters, states, and officers highlighted many ARRA activities, inspiring all to carry the stories of the Rosies forward to schools and communities throughout the nation.

That afternoon, we boarded buses bound for the *Celebration Belle* riverboat for a Lunch Cruise. It was a beautiful day for a Mississippi River boat cruise, and our Captain gave us some history and pointed out sights along the way. After lunch we went to the Rock Island Arsenal, an active military base, to tour their museum. We were greeted by museum staff, including the ranking officer on base, who gave us information about the Arsenal's history,



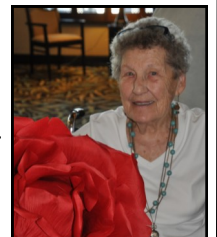
dating back to 1863. A special Rosie the Riveter display room told the story of women's contributions during the war. The museum staff accompanied us on a bus tour, pointing out buildings in which munitions were made during the war.

On return to the hotel and after a short rest, the Rosies gathered in the lobby to meet interested members of the public and media representatives. Dinner was served to the accompaniment of 1940's music by **Josh Duffee and his Orchestra**. One Rosie danced the jitterbug three times, wearing out her younger partners. The after-dinner program was hosted by **Gary Metivier**, local TV host and author, who showed videos of his interviews with Arizona Rosies, interspersed with music by the **North Scott Choir** and the **Settles Sisters**.



The Sunday Memorial Service for Rosies and other members who passed away during the last year was highlighted by comments from many members who spoke about those they knew and their service, both during and after the war. Many had been still active in their local ARRA Chapters. **Donnaleen Lanktree** concluded the convention by reading her original poem, "They Were Rosies."

Congratulations to **Trish Woepking** (IA) and **Julia Unkrich** (CO) for hosting an excellent convention! The 2020 ARRA convention will be in Hyde Park, NY, near the homeplace and Presidential Library of Franklin D. Roosevelt, June 12-14, 2020. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information to come!





From Our New President

Greetings! I am excited and deeply honored to be serving as your ARRA National President for 2019-2021. For those who haven't met me, I am a Rosebud-2 from CT. The first thing you will always hear me say is: I love our organization—our Rosies, the energy of our members, and our “Can Do” spirit.

The Iowa convention was inspiring. Many thanks to our Immediate Past President, **Donnaleen Lanktree** (MI) for her leadership and spirit. Rosebud **Trish Woepking** (IA), Rosebud **Julia Unkrich** (CO), and Rosie **Louise Unkrich** (IA) were exceptional hosts and planners!

Upon returning home from the convention and reviewing the list of ARRA positions, I learned how many dedicated members we have who volunteer “under the radar” to run the daily operations of ARRA. Thank you.

Our new slate of officers, State Directors, Chapter officers, and members will make this a great year! ARRA goals include expanding social media using Instagram, website updates with education features, and promotion through media and community partners. State Directors are doing a great job to encourage new membership and Chapters. In a continued urgency and effort to preserve Rosie history, please consider helping the Rosies in your Chapter or state to submit their stories to ARRA Archives.

I look forward to meeting and reuniting at our convention in June 2020 in the Hyde Park area of New York. We will enjoy touring the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, while commemorating the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II—a tribute to our Rosies!

- **Gretchen Caulfield** (Rosebud, CT)
ARRA National President

Congressional Gold Medals

Now is the time to contact Congress and express support for bills to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Rosies. Though each Rosie will not receive an individual medal if the bills pass, each Rosie will be able to be proud of this highest civilian honor. Contact your Senators for **Senate Bill S.892** and your Representative for **House Bill H.R.1773**. Contact information for all who serve in Congress can be found at <https://www.congress.gov/members> under “How To Contact Your Member.”



Ring a Bell for Rosies 2019

On Labor Day, September 2, bells will ring in a wave of sound through Europe, the continental U. S., and on to Hawaii, honoring all Rosies, and you can be a part of the fun! Gather family members, friends, your community, or your town for a tribute of your choosing. Perhaps you can find and invite some Rosies that you have not known before.



Whether you're with others or by yourself, at 1:00 p.m. in your local time zone, ring a jingle bell, cow bell, church bell, ship's bell, any kind of bell for Rosies!

The “Ring a Bell for Rosies” emphasis was begun by one of ARRA's partner organizations called Thanks Plain and Simple, a non-profit based in West Virginia that honors Rosies. For more information, call them at 304-776-4743, or check out their website at www.thanksplainandsimple.org. Be sure to take photos of your bell ringing and send to Rosie's Mail Call at nellbran@yahoo.com, and to TPS at thanksplainandsimple@earthlink.net. Happy ringing!

Surprises for a Rosie



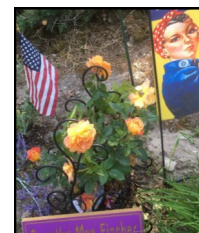
Rosie **Mary Fierros** (CA) received a surprise on June 22 when she was invited to an American Legion Post event. At the event (top photo) she was presented with a Board of Supervisors Commendation for her amazing contribution to her county and her country. Mary represents



Rosies in various veteran and Rosie events. In April, CA State Director **Karen Carter**, the staff at Oak Hill Memorial Park, and Mary's niece, **Susie Castaneda** surprised Mary with a party for her 99th birthday.

Roses, Roses Everywhere!

Have you planted a Rosie the Riveter Rose plant to honor your favorite Rosie? Has your community, local museum, or local retirement community planted a Rosie Memorial Garden? If so, we would love to know your city and state! Send this information to **Dr. Yvonne Fasold** (OR), ARRA's Rose Garden Chairperson, at fasold@uoregon.edu.



Are you planning to plant a Rosie Rose next year? If so, *order now!* Call your local plant nursery this month to order the Rosie the Riveter Rose for next spring.

Angie Timan (IN) and her mom, **Marilyn Munro**, planted a Rosie Rose in honor of Angie's grandmother, Rosie **Dorothy Mae Fischer Uzarski**.

That's All Brother Visits Tulsa and Beyond



Earlier this year, Rosebud **Laura Wright** (OK) learned that the vintage C-47 plane, *That's All Brother*, was in Tulsa, undergoing repairs. Since the plane was built at the Douglas plant in Oklahoma City and could have been one that her grandmother, Rosie **Beulah O'Dell Wright**, worked on, Laura went to find it and was treated to a tour. At right, Laura holds a photo of her grandmother beside this plane that led the pack in the Normandy invasion in 1944. It led the pack again for the 75th Anniversary Reenactment Celebration of D-Day in Europe this summer.

Welcome To Our ARRA National Officers, 2019-2021



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These officers were elected and installed at our June convention in Bettendorf, IA, and are already hard at work!

Did you miss the 2019 Convention?

Check out local news coverage at <https://www.ourquadcities.com/news/real-life-rosie-the-riveters-gather-in-qc/> and more than 300 photos at <https://rosietheriveter.shutterfly.com/>! You'll feel like you were there!

Way to Go, Amarillo!

The Amarillo, TX Chapter is one of our newest, and they are going strong! On May 8 (V-E Day), they planted a Rosie Memorial Rose Garden at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial. Many folks came out to celebrate, like **DeeDee Sharp** and **Vera Mann** (below), **Rex Lemert**, Chair of the Memorial, **Rodger Gloe** of the Randall County Master Gardeners Association, a representative from their Congressional office, and many others. See their local news coverage at <https://www.myhighplains.com/news/local/new-rose-honoring-rosies-planted-at-texas-panhandle-war-memorial/>. On Memorial Day weekend, the B25J aircraft *Maid in the Shade* came to visit Amarillo, and Chapter President **Kitty O'Cairre** presented the crew with a bottle of Rosie the Riveter wine.



Big Days in Baltimore

On May 7, the Baltimore Chapter had a wonderful Rosie Memorial Rose Garden dedication at the Orem United Methodist Church in Middle River, MD. Elected representatives were on hand, as well as folks from the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum and many others. Pictured with the Young Marines, who served as Color Guard, are local Rosies **Idilia Johnston** and **Grace Henninger**, Rosie **Vera** from PA who worked at Glenn L. Martin, and Rosebud **Mildred McDaniel**. See TV coverage at <https://www.wmar2news.com/news/region/baltimore-county/rosie-the-riveter-inspires-local-rose-garden>. In June, Rosies and Rosebuds welcomed the Commemorative Air Force and its WWII aircraft for a week as they visited the home base airport of the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum. Thanks, Baltimore Rosies!



2020 Student Grants Announced

In September, ARRA will begin accepting applications from students in grades 6-12 for Student Grants of \$100 each. To qualify, students must create and present at least twice a factual, original presentation about Rosies, such as for a school assignment, a National History Day project, a civic or senior group, or other. To request an application, contact Rosebud **Carol Cain**, Student Grants Chairman, 112 Sunny Point Circle, LaGrange, GA 30240, carolcain007@gmail.com.



A Rosie Gift

Rosie **Wilma Foster** (MD) was presented with a Pop! Icon doll of Rosie the Riveter from her friend, **Mark Welsh**. The doll is part of the Funko POP! Icons: American History collection from Target stores. The history collection also includes Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Thanks for sharing, Wilma!



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Dear ARRA members,
Hope you have “weathered” the hot summer days well and are looking forward, as I am, to cooler days of fall. But reckon it’s cool enough for you to wrap your thoughts around this concept: Can we enlist more people to join and enjoy our ARRA organization?

Yes, we have more than 6,300 members, and we add around 25-30 new members each month, but what do you think about this goal? Can we get every eligible person in each Rosie/Rosebud family to join? I thought about my own extended family, and listed about ten people who need to get “joined up” in ARRA! And we always want to stay on the lookout for Rosies who haven’t yet joined, and their families.

In contacting prospective members, remind them that the one-time membership fees on the application form make them lifelong members, and we charge no dues. They will receive our newsletter that will help them keep up, even if they don’t attend Chapter meetings that might be in their area. How about giving a membership for a Christmas present?

- *Dr. Fran Carter (Rosie, AL)*
Founder and Executive Director

Welcome, Two New Chapters!



We are excited to announce that TX has two new ARRA Chapters—one in Ft. Worth and one in North Dallas! They are already going strong!

North Dallas Chapter officers are: President **Jamie Seibert** (Email: kbseibert3@hotmail.com), VP **Erin Smith**, Secretary **Ally Blackney**, Treasurer **Heather Troglia**, and

Event Coordinator **Janice Echols Gilmore**.

Ft. Worth Chapter officers are: President **Leslie Garvis** (Email: president@rosietheriveterftw.org), VP and Museum Director **Chuckie Hospers**, Secretary and VP Education **Pat Ritchie**, Treasurer and VP Events **Sandy Lottes**, VP Membership **Debra McDaniel**, VP Community Outreach **Brenda Pinner**, VP Historical Archives **Sara Morris**, and VP Marketing and PR **Lee Brewster**.

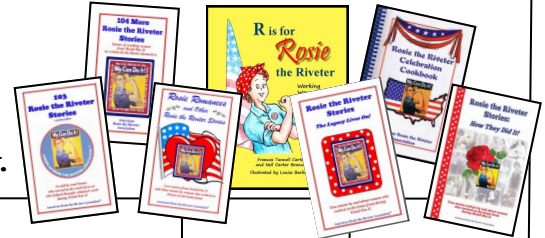
Watch for more new Chapters that are now in the formation stage. We hope to announce them soon!

So why not start a Chapter in *your* area! You need four officers who are members of the national ARRA organization. For more information and ideas, contact **Debi Wynn**, national VP for Expansion, baltimorerosies@aol.com.

THE ROSIE BOOK SHOPPE Order Form

(Add this order to the Rosie Shoppe Order Form on page 5.)

Check out these books by our amazing Rosies—and note the special pricing for sets, and for school & public libraries! Prices include shipping.



<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Book: <i>103 Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: <i>104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Cookbook: <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	
	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	
	Set of 6 books (1 each: <i>103, 104 More, Romances, Legacy, How They Did It, Cookbook</i>)	\$98.00	
	Set of 5 story books (1 each: <i>103, 104 More, Romances, Legacy, & How They Did It</i>)	\$80.00	
	Any 1 story book shipped directly to a library	\$12.00	
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	Celebration Cookbook shipped directly to a library	\$15.00	
	Hardback <i>R is for Rosie</i> sent directly to a library, or several to one ARRA Chapter	\$18.00 ea	
	Paperback <i>R is for Rosie</i> sent directly to a library, or several to one ARRA Chapter	\$13.00 ea	

Name/Address of library (obtain librarian’s permission first, to ensure that books are kept) or ARRA Chapter:

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THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form



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	Rosie Poster, 20" x 28"	\$20.00	
	Rosie Stickers, 3½" x 2½" (package of 5)	\$4.00	
	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"	\$20.00	
	Rosie T-Shirt Classic—white shirt with classic "We Can Do It" front Size: S M L XL	\$20.00	
	NEW! T-Shirt Navy—navy heather shirt w/ white "We Can Do It" S M L XL 2X 3X	\$17.00	
	NEW! T-Shirt Red—red heather shirt w/ white "We Can Do It" S M L XL 2X 3X	\$17.00	
	NEW! 20 th Anniversary Logo ARRA T-shirt YouthL S M L XL 2X 3X	\$15.00	
	Rosie Embroidered Patch, can be sewed or ironed on, 4"	5.00	
	Rosie Head Scarf, triangular shape, long end = 36"	\$12.00	
	Rosie Rectangle Scarf, 3" by 36"	\$8.00	
	Rosie Hair Bow, red w/ white polka dots, 4" grosgrain ribbon, lined alligator clip	\$7.00	
	Rosie Headband (Adult), red w/ white polka dots, soft stretchy cotton	\$7.00	
	Rosie Headband (Child, age 0-5), red w/ white polka dots, soft stretchy cotton	\$6.00	
	Rosie Socks (size 9-11, women's shoe size 6-10) Circle: Yellow or Black	\$10.00	
	Rosie Nightlight, 4" x 3" Tuftop tempered glass	\$18.00	
	Rosie Counted Cross Stitch Book Mark Kit, makes bookmark 3¼" x 11"	\$8.00	
	<i>R is for Rosie</i> Counted Cross Stitch Kit, frame not included, 3" x 6"	\$15.00	
	Rosie Book Mark with gold plate charm, 2¼" x 6½"	\$7.00	
	Rosie Key Chain Circle size: Large-3" x 1¼" OR Small-1¾" x 1 3/8"	\$6.50	
	Rosie Metal Snack Box, 7¾" x 6¾"	\$25.00	
	Rosie Cutting Board, 11½" x 15½" Tuftop tempered glass	\$37.00	
	Rosie Trivet, 6" x 6" Tuftop tempered glass	\$15.00	
	Rosie Coasters, 4" x 4" Tuftop tempered glass, set of 4	\$24.00	
	Rosie Tin Sign, 16" x 12"	\$25.00	
	Rosie Refrigerator Magnet, 2¼" x 3¼"	\$6.00	
	Rosie Chunky Wooden Cutout Refrigerator Magnet, 4" x 3½"	\$8.00	
	Rosie Reversible Ribbon Badge (reverse side is black for memorials)	\$20.00	
	Rosie Ceramic Ornament	\$13.00	
	Rosie Pewter Ornament	\$17.00	
	Rosie Stamp Pin, 1⅝" x 1⅜"	\$5.00	
	Rosie Button, 3" diameter, metal	\$3.00	
	Rosie I. D. "Dog Tag"	\$8.00	
	Rosie the Riveter Puzzle, 1,000 pieces, finished size 27" x 20"	\$25.00	
	Rosie Bronze Grave Medallion, 2" diameter, includes priority mail shipping	\$65.00	
	Rosie Sun Catcher, 4" diameter, Tuftop tempered glass, includes suction cup	\$15.00	

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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.

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Sun City Rosies Out Front

Thirteen Rosies from our Sun City, AZ Chapter had front row seats at the annual Fourth of July “Ring the Bell” festivities at the Bell Center in Sun City. The program included patriotic songs, inspiring speeches, and appearances by Uncle Sam and Congresswoman Debbie Lesko. Attendees took turns ringing the 7-ton silver bell, which was made in the 1970’s from silver jewelry, utensils, and other silver items that were donated by Sun City residents. What a fun day!



Great Start for Ft. Worth Chapter

On July 12, our new Ft. Worth, TX Chapter expected 15 -20 people to come to their first event, a groundbreaking ceremony for a Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Garden at the Vintage Aircraft Museum in Ft. Worth. But more than 150 people were in attendance, and they made the front page of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*! The mayors of both Ft. Worth and North Richland Hills



were in attendance, as well as a representative from their Congresswoman’s office. Rosie **Wilda Stephens**, who made B-24’s during the war (with her family, right) was the guest of honor. They even had a flyover by an F-35! See local news at <https://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/fort-worth/article-232603887.html>.



Leslie Stephens is Chapter President and VP **Chuckie Hoppers** is Director of the museum. Keep it up, Ft. Worth!

Milestones in Columbus, GA

Congrats! to GA State Director **Jonnie Clasen** (left), who was honored with a 2019 Ranger Veteran Leader Award at Ft. Benning’s National Infantry Museum during their annual Ranger Rendezvous, for her work with WW II Merrill’s Marauders and Rosie the Riveters. Jonnie also let us know about **Eleanor Stark**, who was a 19-year-old Rosie in July, 1944 in the Savannah shipyards, when she was notified of the death of her husband, **PFC Luther “Buck” Bagley**. In April, 75 years after her husband’s death, Eleanor was presented with Buck’s awards and decorations. Pictured above are Eleanor, her son, **Woody**, and **MG Gary Brito**, Ft. Benning’s Commanding General.



Rosie Spirit in IN & MI

With leadership from IN State Director **Angie Timan**, a third Rosie the Riveter Memorial Garden was planted in



Lawrence County, IN, this one at the Virgil I. Grissom Memorial in Mitchell (left). It was the 17th Rosie Memorial Garden to be planted in IN. In addition, a stone monument, donated by Elliott Stone Company, was added to the Rosie Rose Garden planted earlier at the Pope Pavilion in Bedford. Pictured at the

unveiling of the monument (right) are State Representative **Chris May** and State Senator **Eric Koch**, who presented a resolution recognizing Rosies, **Judy Heichelbech** who retired from General Motors, Bedford Mayor **Shawna Girgis** and Angie. In addition to their Lawrence County ARRA Chapter meetings, Angie has given numerous Rosie presentations this year in IN and MI, for schools, museums, civic clubs, a parade, and the Wings Over Northern Michigan Air Show, where she met this gentleman (right) who had always wanted to be kissed by a Rosie. You never know how that Rosie spirit will inspire others!



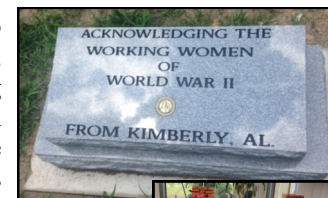
Rosie Strong in AL

In April, Rosie **Mabel Myrick**, with her daughter **Pam Belrose** and niece **Janice Long**, represented ARRA at the Wings Over Courtland event in Courtland, AL, honoring veterans and WW II. They manned an ARRA table and Mabel rode in the parade.



Mabel has also been helping a young Rosebud, **Kaylee**, set up a Rosie the Riveter Park in their home town of Kimberly. It started when 12-year-old Kaylee heard that a piece of property might be available. She tracked down the Mayor and went to City Council meetings to gain

approval for a park to honor the Rosies from Kimberly. So far, a monument has been laid, and a new flagpole with a flag that flew over the U. S. Capitol has been installed. Rosie Rose bushes, Rosie bird houses (hand-painted by Janice Long), benches, and a bridge are on the way! Check out the August newspaper article featuring Mabel, who is ARRA’s Corresponding Secretary, and ARRA Founder **Fran Carter** at <https://www.al.com/news/2019/08/were-you-rosie-the-riveter-alabama-founded-group-wants-you.html>.



AMERICAN ROSIE THE RIVETER ASSOCIATION

Application for Membership

Print this form and mail with applicable payment to address given below. Reproduce a form for each applicant.

Membership type (check one):

Active Memberships:

- Rosie:** Working woman of World War II
- Rosie Volunteer:** Woman who worked in sustained volunteer work for the war effort in World War II
- Rosebud:** Female direct descendant of a Rosie

Auxiliary Memberships:

- Rivet:** Male direct descendant or husband of a Rosie, or male who worked on the home front during WW II
- 21st Century Rosie:** Currently doing what was traditionally “man’s work” or retired from such work
- Rosebud Friend** _____ or **Rivet Friend** _____: No ancestral requirement, but by marking this blank, the Friend pledges to promote the purpose of the American Rosie the Riveter Association (see *Purpose, below)

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

Type of work done by Rosie during the war. 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 _____

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

Rosebuds and Rivets: Give name and relationship of your Rosie. Join separately for her, even if she is deceased: _____

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

____ Yes ____ No I give permission for my (or my Rosie's) name and a description of my work in World War II to be included in a public database that is administered by the American Rosie the Riveter Association. No contact information will be included in any online entries, only historical information. I understand that I may opt out of this inclusion at any time.

Enclose application with check payable to ARRA, and mail to: Laura Wright, Vice President for Membership, 809 W. Iola Place, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Telephone: (918) 697-9112. Email: membershiparra@gmail.com.

Lifetime membership fees (no annual dues currently)

Rosie or Rosie Volunteer	\$10.00	21 st Century Rosie (Auxiliary)	30.00
Rosebud	20.00	Rosebud Friend (Auxiliary)	30.00
Rivet (Auxiliary)	20.00	Rivet Friend (Auxiliary)	30.00

***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
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Name of member _____

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State of last residence _____ Date of death _____

Busy Days in Connecticut

No grass grows under our Stratford, CT (Corsair) Chapter! Here's what they were up to in May and June:

The Fairfield Museum and History Center hosted a "History Bites" lunchtime talk with National President **Gretchen Caulfield** presenting *Connecticut's Rosie the Riveters*. Rosie **Evelyn Aman** (in apron, left) hosted a similar event for her Norwalk AARP Chapter.

Rosebuds and Rivets volunteered through the CT Air & Space Center as Event Staff for a week long D-Day Squadron event at Oxford Airport, hosting 11 vintage airplanes, including *That's All Brother*, before the planes flew to Europe for the re-enactment. Gretchen and her daughter, Chapter President **Rachel Caulfield**, hosted WW II veteran **Sal Orlando** (right) for the day-long Iwo Jima Survivors Victory Ride in New Britain, and unveiled a new Rosie Memorial Rose Garden at the Iwo Jima Survivors Park. The Chapter sponsored a Girl Scout Gold Award project by donating Rosie Roses to the Hebron Girl Scouts for a garden at Hebron's WWII Civilian Aircraft Observation Post. Gretchen was with her family in Normandy, France for D-Day events, and still made it to the ARRA Convention in Iowa! Keep spreading that Rosie legacy!



On the Move in Michigan

Our Willow Run (MI) Chapter and our Eastern MI (WOW) Chapter are busy! The two chapters often join together, as they did for a Rosie tea at Historic Norway in Westland, and a surprise graduation party for Rosie **Jane Biestek**, who just received her 1943 high school diploma.



Rosies **Helen Kushnir** and **Mary Katherine Hughes** rode with their driver, **Bob Schrock**, in a WW II Jeep for Ypsilanti's Fourth of July parade. Rosies were also on hand for Northville High School's Baseball Opener and Veteran's Honor Day, a Community Band Concert and Pie Social, the Yankee Air Museum's Wings & Wheels Gala, a Rose Garden ceremony at the Wayne, MI Historical Museum, in which two Rosebud-3 young ladies unveiled the sign, and more. In coordination with Past President **Donnaleen Lanktree**, they have planted 100 Rosie Rose bushes in gardens across lower Michigan this spring.

Besides monthly pot luck meetings with Rosies and their families, Willow Run Rosies gather often at The Bomber restaurant. Pictured are President **Nancy Zajac**, Rosies **Marion Youngs**, **Jane Biestek**, **Vivian Litchard**, **Virginia Basler**, **Marge Walter**, **Marge Haskins**, and **Mallie Mellon**, and restaurant owner **Johanna McCoy**.

