

# AMERICAN ROSIE THE RIVETER ASSOCIATION



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## ROSIE'S MAIL CALL

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## So Many Good Things Are Happening in the Rosie World!

Read all about them throughout this issue of *Rosie's Mail Call*!

### U. S. House Passes Congressional Gold Medal Act for Rosies



On November 13, the U. S. House of Representatives passed **House Bill H.R.1773**, in favor of awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Rosie the Riveters. What great recognition for our Rosies!

The work is not finished, however, as co-sponsors for the Senate portion are still needed. You can help by contacting your Senators and asking for their support for

**Senate Bill S.892**. Contact information for all who serve in Congress can be found at <https://www.congress.gov/members> under "How To Contact Your Member."

Though each Rosie will not receive an individual medal if the measure passes, each Rosie will be able to take pride if the group is awarded this highest civilian honor.

### Rosies Visit Normandy

In June, Rosies **Phyllis Gould, Mae Krier, Marian Wynn, Marian Sousa,** and **Agnes Moore** traveled with organizer **Tammy Brumley**, to Normandy, France for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. The trip was moving for all, but especially for Marian Wynn, the first in her family to visit the grave of her brother, **Donald Parsons**, who was killed at Normandy. Four of the Rosies and Tammy serve as



volunteers at Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park in CA. Mae lives in PA and does many public appearances representing Rosies. See an on-site interview at <https://www.msnbc.com/andrea-mitchell-reports/watch/real-life-rosie-the-riveters-talk-75th-anniversary-of-d-day-61368389503>.

## Hotel Reservations Now Open for ARRA's 2020 Convention

Book your hotel reservation *now*, even if you are only *thinking* about going! Here's why . . .

Start making your plans for the 2020 ARRA Convention in Hyde Park, New York area, June 12-14, 2020! **Hotel space is limited**, so please make your hotel reservations now, even if you are unsure if you will be attending. You can cancel your reservation up to one week before the event.

The hotel where most of the festivities will take place can accommodate us, but we have only a small block of rooms at present.



*Bring the whole family! Many family members of Rosie Louise Unkrich attended our 2019 convention!*

When we start making reservations, the hotel will make more rooms available. But as time goes by, outside individuals and sports teams may take some of the rooms we will need, so please do not procrastinate! Convention registration will open in January, but hotel reservations can be made now, so please make yours, *even if you are only considering attending!*

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### Convention dates:

Friday, June 12, 2020 through Sunday, June 14, 2020

### Convention hotel:

Comfort Suites

835 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524

**Call the hotel directly at (845) 765-8668.**

**Ask for the room block for the American Rosie the Riveter Association.**

Special room rates are \$119.99, \$129.99, and \$149.99 for 1-2 people, Double Queen or Single King room.

\$10 each for additional 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> person. Please do not reserve rooms for 5 people unless you are a group of 5.

*Most rooms have handles in walk-in showers, but please verify if needed. Let the hotel know if you require a roll-in shower to accommodate a wheelchair.*

Includes free breakfast, free Wi-Fi, and free parking.

*Ask to have your room rate extended for additional days before or after the convention if you'd like to stay longer!*



## From Our President

Season's Greetings—and welcome new members!

Our 2020 ARRA National Convention is June 12-14 in Fishkill, NY with a field trip to the FDR Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, NY. It seems like a long time off, but I strongly encourage you to make your hotel reservations now if you are planning to attend—or even think it is a possibility (you may cancel your reservation up to a week in advance). The hotel can accommodate us, but the small room block will not expand until we fill up what has already been allocated to us. As time passes, rooms may be taken from outside groups or individuals, and we risk the hotel becoming filled well before the convention date. The hotel reservation information is provided on page 1. I hope to see you there!

This quarter was filled with so many wonderful events and celebrations! I am grateful to Dr. Carter for founding ARRA and to all of the Rosies who blossomed this association into a multi-generational organization with a culture of creativity, collaboration, dedication, and love for one another. For our chapters who plan special events with our Rosies, for our individual members who fearlessly fly solo to spread Rosie Spirit in their communities, and for all our members who are running the daily operations of ARRA, we are blessed.

I wish everyone a joyous holiday season, as we cherish every day with our Rosies and keep the memories of our late Rosies close to our hearts.

- **Gretchen Caulfield** (Rosebud-2, CT)  
ARRA National President

## National History Day in Laurel

In October, middle schooler **Brianna Val** attended the monthly meeting of our Laurel, MD Chapter with her dad, to interview Rosies **Rena Van Buren** and **Wilma Foster**.



Brianna is a competitor in National History Day, a nationwide contest that encourages students around the world to conduct historical research. Brianna chose Rosie the Riveter as

her topic! Brianna will submit her project to compete at the local level. If chosen, she will advance to the state level and beyond in 2020. Good luck, and thanks for sharing, ladies!

## Calling Students in Grades 6-12!



Tell the students in your life that ARRA is now accepting applications from students (both girls and boys) in grades 6-12 for our 2020 Student Grants of \$100 each! To qualify, the student 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. The presentation could be about a specific Rosie, such as a family member, or about Rosies in general. Creative methods (*original* slide shows or videos, displays, skits, etc.) should be used.



To request an application, contact Student Grants Chairman, Rosebud **Carol Cain**, 112 Sunny Point Circle, LaGrange, GA 30240, [carolcain007@gmail.com](mailto:carolcain007@gmail.com). Completed applications are due **March 1, 2020**.

## Out and About in GA

On August 15, 2019, Rosies **Bettianne Harris**, **Jane Tucker**, **Louvinia Jordan**, and **Barbara Esler** shared their stories with more than 50 ladies at a salad supper at First Baptist Church, Rome, GA.



Also in August, Rosie **Jane Tucker** placed a marker at the grave of her mother, Rosie **Iris Tucker**, that honors her mother's service with the name of the American Rosie the Riveter Association and the "We Can Do It" logo. The mother and daughter Rosies were welders on Liberty Ships in Savannah, GA. Thanks to all!

## Books, Shows, and More in CT

In August 2019, our Stratford (Corsair), CT Chapter published *Connecticut's Rosie the Riveters*, a collection of stories about CT Rosies. Proceeds from the book will help purchase a museum exhibit case to display an original CT Rosie WWII Chance Vought factory outfit.

In September, the Chapter had a tent at the CT Air & Space Center's Corsair Car Show, where CT Rosie **Gloria Seperack** had an impromptu book signing and everyone enjoyed hearing about her wartime work.



Girl Scout Troop 37252, the Chapter's high school Tribute Rosies (pictured at left with Gloria), did a great job greeting attendees.

Also in September, the Chapter had a display at the Stratford Arts & Culture Festival, where they formed a partnership with the Stratford Historical Society to host a new Rosie Memorial Rose Garden in the spring. This will be a Girl Scout Gold Award project for Troop 37252. The Chapter closed out the month with a two-day membership drive at the Connecticut DAR Fall Meeting. Great things going on!

## Sharing the Legacy in Baltimore

Recently, Baltimore Rosie **Idilia Johnston** shared her story with Washington College's Starr Center students, a program that preserves the stories of the American Experience. What a great group!





# Please Note—Rosie Stories Are Needed for ARRA’s Book #7!

## Send In Your Story!

ARRA is collecting stories to publish another book in the future—Book #7—and we need your story! Our story books are not only entertaining, they are also of historic value and need to be preserved. The books we have published to date are in homes and libraries across the country, as well as the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Along with your story, please complete and send the following checklist. Put an X in each block to indicate that you have complied with each requirement. *Send this sheet with your story. We cannot accept your story for publication until we have everything on the checklist.* Thanks for sharing your Rosie legacy!

### Checklist for Submitting Story



- 1. Title of story: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Author of story: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Name of Rosie who is featured in the story:
  - Her name then \_\_\_\_\_
  - Her name now \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. If the author is not the Rosie, give relationship of the author to the Rosie: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Is the Rosie a member of ARRA? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the author a member of ARRA? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no **Is Rosie living (yes/no)?**  
 Rosies (and authors, if different) must be members of ARRA. If you are not, join today at [www.rosietheriveter.net](http://www.rosietheriveter.net).
- 6. How many pictures are you sending with the story? \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_ two  
 If you are sending two pictures, one can be of the Rosie “then,” the other of the Rosie “now.” Pictures may be any size but must be sharp, clear copies, not Xeroxed. Photos will be kept in the ARRA Archives and will not be returned, so please do not send your original.
- 7. How long is your story (number of words)? \_\_\_\_\_ words  
 Stories must be between 400 and 475 words. A word is anything surrounded by white space. If your story is too long or too short to fit attractively in the allotted space, the editor may have to condense it or send it back to you to adjust the length.
- 8. Is your story typed and double-spaced between lines? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no
- 9. Address of the author: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 This information will not be given in the book, and will only be used if we need to communicate with you. The city and state of the Rosie *will* be given. Write the Rosie’s city and state here:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Your signature is required: I give ARRA permission to copyright and publish this story in a book of Rosie the Riveter stories and on the ARRA website: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (signature of author)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (signature of Rosie—if living and not the author)

**MAIL** this form with your story and photos (**not** originals) to:  
 American Rosie the Riveter Association  
 c/o ARRA Book Committee  
 P.O. Box 241  
 Greens Farms, CT 06838

**Deadline is  
 July 15, 2020!**

**OR EMAIL** this form scanned **and** your story **and** jpeg file photos to the  
 ARRA Book Committee, email: [BiographiesARRA@gmail.com](mailto:BiographiesARRA@gmail.com)

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Dear ARRA members,  
Thanks to everyone who has been sending in contributions for the Archives. Your items help to record the history of ARRA. Please continue to send me news clippings, photos, programs from meetings, Chapter news, honors, obituaries, etc., to 209 University Park Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209.

I want to congratulate the Rosebuds! I think they have done a masterful job of fulfilling their responsibilities to keep our

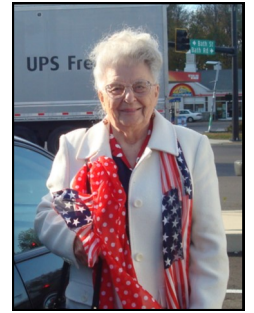
organization going, and even offering to do more. It's inspiring to see how the Rosebuds, Rivets, Friends, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Rosies are sharing and spreading the Rosie legacy to all generations, present and future.

I hope you told a veteran during the Veterans Day observance that you appreciate his or her service. If not, it's not too late! Continue to do so and let our servicemen and women know how much we support them. And fly your American flag with pride, always following the rules of flag etiquette. I hope you all have a thankful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, and a blessed 2020.

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

## Grant Awarded to ARRA in PA

On November 8, ARRA received a \$10,000 donation grant from PECO, Pennsylvania's largest electric and natural gas utility! Rosie Mae Krier (pictured) and ARRA VP Expansion Debi Wynn were on hand for the Veterans Day celebration in Philadelphia, where the grant was presented. Mae brought the keynote address at the event. The grant will be used to promote and honor Rosies in the Philadelphia area, as well as Rosies across the country, in a variety of specific projects. Many thanks to PECO for their generosity, and for helping to preserve our special Rosie legacy!



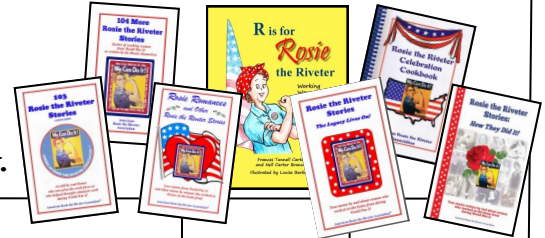
## Rosies in the News in AL

In honor of Alabama's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, *The Birmingham News* and its affiliates have launched "People of Alabama" spots. ARRA's founder, Rosie **Dr. Fran Carter**, is the subject of one of their 6-minute videos that also features AL Rosies **Mabel Myrick**, **Jackie Ramsbacher**, and **Alma Dennis**, and includes footage from ARRA's 2019 convention in Iowa. These Rosies were also featured in the paper. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/1258244737559489/posts/2612745658776050/> to see the video, and <https://www.al.com/news/2019/08/were-you-roisie-the-riveter-alabama-founded-group-wants-you.html> to see another article.

## 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>
	<b>Book:</b> 103 <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	<b>Book:</b> 104 <i>More Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	<b>Cookbook:</b> <i>Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook</i>	\$20.00	
	<b>Book:</b> <i>Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	<b>Book:</b> <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories: The Legacy Lives On!</i>	\$17.00	
	<b>Book:</b> <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories: How They Did It!</i>	\$17.00	
	<b>Picture Book:</b> <i>R is for Rosie the Riveter</i> (hardback)	\$20.00	
	<b>Picture Book:</b> <i>R is for Rosie the Riveter</i> (paperback)	\$15.00	
	<b>Set of 6 books</b> (1 each: 103, 104 More, Romances, Legacy, How They Did It, Cookbook)	\$98.00	
	<b>Set of 5 story books</b> (1 each: 103, 104 More, Romances, Legacy, & How They Did It)	\$80.00	
	<b>Any 1 story book shipped directly to a library</b>	\$12.00	
	- Circle which book: 103 104 More Romances Legacy How They Did It		
	<b>Celebration Cookbook shipped directly to a library</b>	\$15.00	
	<b>Hardback <i>R is for Rosie</i> sent directly to a library, or several to one ARRA Chapter</b>	\$18.00 ea	
	<b>Paperback <i>R is for Rosie</i> sent directly to a library, or several to one ARRA Chapter</b>	\$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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<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)	\$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: <b>S M L XL</b>	\$20.00	
	<b>*NEW!*</b> T-Shirt Navy—navy heather shirt w/ white "We Can Do It" <b>S M L XL 2X 3X</b>	\$17.00	
	<b>*NEW!*</b> T-Shirt Red—red heather shirt w/ white "We Can Do It" <b>S M L XL 2X 3X</b>	\$17.00	
	<b>*NEW!*</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo ARRA T-shirt <b>YouthL S M L XL 2X 3X</b>	\$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: <b>Yellow or Black</b>	\$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: <b>Large-3" x 1¼"</b> OR <b>Small-1¾" x 1 3/8"</b>	\$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.

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**Send to ARRA Rosie Shoppe, 950 Irving Street, Vandergrift, PA 15690.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_





# In Loving Memory



On Sunday morning of our June 2019 Convention in Bettendorf, IA, Recording Secretary **Helen Sullinger** (MN) led a "Never Forgotten" Memorial Service honoring Rosies and other members who had passed away since the 2018 Convention. These precious friends are an inspiration and will never be forgotten. We honor and celebrate their lives and service.

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 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 2018 through May 2019. The list also includes Rosies who were deceased at the time their family members joined ARRA for them during the last year.

Callie Edgar Waldrop, Rosebud, AL	Geneva Chapman, Rosie, GA	Stella Sarnacki, Rosie, MI	Adeline Byrne Hampton, Rosie, OR
Allie Christian Butler, Rosie, AL	Leona C. Foringer, Rosie, GA	Helen Slater, Rosie, MI	Alice B. Heiney, Rosie, OR
Lula Beatrice Cheatham, Rosie, AL	Elizabeth Hale, Rosie, GA	Margie Swander Smith, Rosie, MI	Jaclyn Louise Hyde, Rosie, OR
Thelma Norton Edgar, Rosie, AL	Verna Hambley, Rosie, GA	Catherine Syrylo, Rosie, MI	Agnes Virginia Koos, Rosie, OR
June Emory, Rosie, AL	EmmaLou McConnell, Rosie, GA	Lucille Walsh, Rosie, MI	Bettie J. Layman, Rosie, OR
Ann Bamberg Greenway, Rosie, AL	Bettye Jane McCubbin, Rosie, GA	Eva Wells, Rosie, MI	Evelyn Light, Rosie, OR
Christine Haufler, Rosie, AL	Caroline Spitz Sipp, Rosie, GA	Lucille Amanda Johanson, Rosie, MN	Bobbie McCall McKinney, Rosie, OR
Norma Somerset Johnson, Rosie, AL	Sybil Walker, Rosie, GA	Walterrene Ellard Barton, Rosie, MS	Nelle Eatherton Waldroff, Rosie, OR
Ellen L. Letson, Rosie, AL	Roberta Little Wood, Rosie, GA	Era Chris Black, Rosie, MS	Elizabeth Porter Blackburn, Rosie, SC
Irene Reid Mathews Love, Rosie, AL	Bette Elaine Brooks Stone, Rosie, IL	Margaret Williamson Holland, Rosie, MS	Maria "Susie" Gowan, Rosie, SC
Frances Willmarth Moore, Rosie, AL	Martha Chew, Rosie, IN	Gertie McMurray, Rosie, MS	Mary Unkle, Rosie, SC
Martha Murphree, Rosie, AL	Anna Lou Armour, Rosie, KS	Verna Kathryn Myrick, Rosie, MS	Evelyn Britton, Rosie, SD
Earline Reed, Rosie, AL	Eula Faye Blanding, Rosie, KS	Eleanor Faye Bennett, Rosie, MO	Evangeline R. Hauger-Grant-Hazen, Rosie, SD
Carolyn Stevens Shaw, Rosie, AL	Marjorie M. Chambers Kitts, Rosie, KS	Maxine (Mary) Viets Deckard, Rosie, MO	Sarah Faye Clemons, Rosie, TN
Dura Taylor, Rosie, AL	Helen Richard, Rosie, KS	LuCretia Rodenbaugh, Rosie, MO	Kate Cole, Rosie, TN
Ada Braithwaite, Rosie, AZ	Ernestine Castle Smith Brumfield, Rosie, KY	Nancy Swanson, Rosie, MO	Sophie Francis, Rosie, TN
Freddella Iverson Fredricksen, Rosie, AZ	Jewell Hare, Rosie, KY	Wanda Rose Lamkins Weaver, Rosie, MO	Edith V. Stephens Jeffries Prince, Rosie, TN
Rose Garlick, Rosie, AZ	Demaris Rockett Burns, Rosie, LA	Aretha Yeates, Rosie, MO	Patricia Mae Van Vorhes Anderson, Rosie, TX
Ferne Harmell, Rosie, AZ	Beulah Dugas, Rosie, LA	Ellen Peterson Daley, Rosie, MT	Gertrude Mattingly Banks, Rosie, TX
Mary Hercinger, Rosie, AZ	Agnes Dugas-Romero, Rosie, LA	Aggie Kierzek Twist, Rosie, MT	Zeta Bryant, Rosie, TX
Margaret Stitz Lavaggi, Rosie, AZ	M. Irene Ives, Rosie, LA	Gladys E. Bennett, Rosie, NE	Isabel Trevino Canales, Rosie, TX
Cleo Evans Lorette, Rosie, AZ	Katherine Summers Martensen, Rosie, LA	Daisy Starkey Richardson, Rosie, NE	Rachel Davis, Rosie, TX
Ethelwin Machurek, Rosie, AZ	Constance Lenora Hinkel Negrotto, Rosie, LA	Ruth Anne Schoen, Rosie, NE	Charlyne L. Harper, Rosie, TX
Corrine Paulson, Rosie, AZ	Ethel Morse Richie, Rosie, LA	Catharine McElroy Bishop, Rosie, NV	Annella Marrow, Rosie, TX
Kathleen Reed, Rosie, AZ	Goldie Singer, Rosie, ME	Eugenia Ferguson, Rosie, NV	Ida Ruby Baker Massingale, Rosie, TX
Rose Roberts, Rosie, AZ	Dorothy Sparks, Rosie, ME	Elizabeth B. Biederstadt, Rosie, NJ	Ina Cordela McAnich, Rosie, TX
Sarafine "Fay" Lauricella Sardina, Rosie, AZ	Anna Elizabeth Bersch Brunson, Rosie, MD	Anna Mae Rinier, Rosie, NJ	Florence Nix, Rosie, TX
Allie Mae Thompson, Rosie, AZ	Helen Hartmann, Rosie, MD	Betty McGee Coker, Rosie, NM	Alda Rick, Rosie, TX
Barbara B. Wilsterman, Rosie, AZ	Nell Cobb Morrison, Rosie, MD	Edna Lucia Gaske, Rosie, NY	Alice Faye Suddreth, Rosie, TX
Lucille Wolverton Moore, Rosie, AR	Loretta Stadtmiller Paytash, Rosie, MD	Gertrude H. King, Rosie, NY	Fern Hartgraves Thomas, Rosie, TX
Elizabeth C. Douglas, Rosie, CA	Dorothy Vogel Rowe, Rosie, MD	Leona Alice O'Brien, Rosie, NY	Doris Robertson Wilkison, Rosie, TX
Charlotte Storlie Hurnblad, Rosie, CA	Pearl Phelps Stavely, Rosie, MD	Irene B. Sivecz, Rosie, NY	Oneta Williams, Rosie, TX
Josephine Lazure, Rosie, CA	Iva G. Van Alstine, Rosie, MD	Marilynn Jean Miller White, Rosie, NY	Floryne Elaine Walker Wright, Rosie, TX
Mildreth Evelyn Parsons, Rosie, CA	Blanche Kasper, Rosie, MA	Lydia Jane Guinn Burgess, Rosie, NC	Mae Flaherty Lisonbee, Rosie, UT
Dorothy Pirie Pierce, Rosie, CA	Ann Shoback, Rosie, MA	Geraldine Keener, Rosie, NC	Nancy Hirons Young, Rosie, UT
Lauretta Powell, Rosie, CA	Verlaine Estelle "Tex" Carson, Rosie, MI	Charles Rickey Carter, Rivet, OH	Margaret F. Clapper Tidd, Rosie, VT
Evelyn Samuelson, Rosie, CA	Angeline Mary Cece, Rosie, MI	Edna M. Dawson, Rosie, OH	Julia Elinski Krouse, Rosie, VA
Lucille Fortado Souza, Rosie, CA	Mary Farver, Rosie, MI	Olga Kohan, Rosie, OH	Rose Pixley, Rosie, VA
Mary Jane Hesslink, Rosie, CO	Elvera Erna Freier, Rosie, MI	Margaret Nelsen, Rosie, OH	Eunice Edna Gordhamer Ekman, Rosie, WA
Rose Robertus Keller, Rosie, CO	Margarite Grabowski, Rosie, MI	Ruth Artis Wahl, Rosie, OH	Iris R. Hegge, Rosie, WA
Audrey M. Rimmer Rowe, Rosie, CO	Wanda Hedlesky, Rosie, MI	Doris Calvin Zicafoose, Rosie, OH	Ruby Ellen Kirk, Rosie, WA
Jewell Ryff, Rosie, CO	Alberta Hotchkiss, Rosie, MI	Janice I. Sams Beck, Rosebud, OK	Helen Hansen Koehler, Rosie, WA
Janette M. Charles, Rosebud, CT	Maria Teresa Ferrise Lucente, Rosie, MI	Fleeta Milligan, Rosie, OK	Teresa McGrath, Rosie, WA
Lucy Indelak Berger, Rosie, CT	Helen Lyson, Rosie, MI	Velma Mae Stewart Murray, Rosie, OK	Elva Thompson, Rosie, WA
Bessie Cable, Rosie, CT	Kathleen Stoner Marazita, Rosie, MI	Nita F. Keeney Overby, Rosie, OK	Helen M. Turner, Rosie, WA
Elsie Fulks, Rosie, CT	Barbara Medwedeff, Rosie, MI	Patricia Robrahn Proffitt, Rosie, OK	Isabelle Merlin Wardle, Rosie, WA
Mary Ann Pulaski, Rosie, CT	Carol Phyllis Meyer, Rosie, MI	Aleene Berkenbile Self, Rosie, OK	Sally Hawley, Rosie, WV
Peggy Sandifer, Rosie, CT	Elizabeth Osak, Rosie, MI	Michael E. Harbour, Rivet, OR	Elizabeth Railey, Rosie, WV
Martha C. Thomas, Rosie, CT	Eleanor Paszkowski, Rosie, MI	Helen Adams Bruzer, Rosie, OR	Betty Rice, Rosie, WV
Dorothy Forfa, Rosie, FL	Rachel Mae Easterling Perry, Rosie, MI	Carol Ferguson, Rosie, OR	Jon Rohde, Rivet, WI
Calvina Livingston Weigele, Rosie, FL		Jerri M. Gilliam, Rosie, OR	Nancy VanValkenberg, Rosie, WI
Jean M. Wright, Rosie, FL			
Elizabeth Ann Thomas Campbell, Rosebud, GA			
Josephine Chadwick, Rosie, GA			
Frances Bryan Chambers, Rosie, GA			

## MI Rosies In Action

Our Willow Run, MI and Eastern Michigan (WOW) Chapters are on the go! Here are some of their July, August, and September activities (sometimes separate, sometimes together):

Rosies **Virginia Basler**, **Marge Haskins**, and **Jane Biestek** were on hand with others for lunch and visiting with fans at the Rosie the Riveter Craft Fair in Ypsilanti.

Rosies from across MI enjoyed Yankee Air Museum's Thunder Over Michigan Air Show. Pictured at left are **Helen Jablonski**, **Phyllis Lenhard**, **Mallie Mellon**, and **Virginia Basler**, as WWII re-enactors wish **Phyllis** (seated, second from left) a happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Rosie Rose Garden dedication ceremonies were held 1) at the home of Rosie **Evelyn Bratton**, 2) at the Brighton War Memorial in honor of Rosies **Wanda Rudzki** and the late **Mary Ann Gawel**, and 3) at Greenfield Village in Dearborn with Rosies **Jane Biestek**, **Virginia Basler**, **Mary Maiuri**, and **Clara Doutley**.

At YpsiFest, Rosebuds and Rivets presented an "ARRA Rosie Revue" Stage Show, with songs and skits about Rosies, and Rosies **Virginia**, **Clara**, **Marge**, **Jane**, **Emma Timmerman**, and **Phyllis Roullier** were interviewed onstage.

Rosies **Jane**, **Phyllis**, and **Helen Kushner** were special front row guests at Hamburg, MI's Bob Hope USO Show.

Rosies **Virginia**, **Marge**, **Helen Kushner**, and **Vivian Litchard** and others had lunch with the 90<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group of veterans, who flew the B-24's that Rosies built.

- The Willow Run Chapter celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rosie **Mallie Mellon** (seated, on right) with Rosies and their families at a potluck. Rivet **Alex Uram** and Rosebuds **Vivian Larsh** and **Karen**



**Biestek** spelled out "100" with their arms! A little later, the Chapter celebrated the 98<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rosie **Clara Doutly** (seated, left) at the Bomber Restaurant, with many well-wishers.

## Ring a Bell for Rosies 2019

On Labor Day, September 2, 2019, Rosies and others across the country and the world rang bells in honor of Rosies. Here are some of the events we heard about!

In Oregon, Rosies **Opal Nelson**, **Doris Graham**, and **Florence Rexroad**, gathered with Rosebuds, Rivets, and guests to ring bells at the lovely Rosie Memorial Rose Garden that surrounds the Women Veterans Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park in Springfield.



In Alabama, Rosies **Jackie Ramsbacher**, **Mabel Myrick**, **Fran Carter**, and **Louise Crunk** rang bells, overlooking the city of Birmingham. They were joined by other ARRA members and the public at an event co-sponsored by the Birmingham Chapter and Vulcan Park & Museum.



In Michigan, Rosies **Clara Doutley**, **Helen Jablonski**, **Phyllis Lenhard**, **Mary Laiuri**, **Mallie Mellon**, and **Helen Zalecki** rang bells with Rosebuds and friends from the community at the Michigan Military Technical Historical Society in Eastpointe.



Also in Michigan, Rosebud **Angie Timan-Morthland** participated in the annual 5-mile walk across the Mackinac Bridge, and also found a place to ring a bell for Rosie.



In Arizona, Rosies and Rosebuds rang the Sun City Liberty Bell. Pictured are **Cindy Viers**, **Fran Ellis**, **Florence Carter**, **Linda Lundberg**, and **Carol Ruda**.



In Tennessee, Rosie **Winona Gillespie**, proudly rang her bell with her granddaughter, **Brandi**, her daughter, **Carolyn**, and her son-in-law, **Ralph**. What great ringing tributes!



The "Ring a Bell for Rosies" emphasis was begun by one of ARRA's partners called Thanks Plain and Simple, a non-profit in West Virginia that honors Rosies. See their website at [www.thanksplainandsimple.org](http://www.thanksplainandsimple.org).

## Rosies Share with Girls in OR

In July, Rosies **Dorene Ronning**, **Doris Graham**, and **Opal Nelson**, with Rosebuds **Karen Meats** and **Yvonne Fasold** performed a dance and shared their Rosie stories with a group of girls, ages 3-12, who were participating in a week-long Visionaries Camp. The camp, sponsored by Flex Studios in Eugene, had an emphasis on dance and focused on the history of female icons and empowerment of women. What fun!



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## B-17 Reunion for an ID Rosie

On August 11, Rosie **Jane Vincent Lagoon** visited two surviving B-17's while the planes were visiting her home city of Boise. During the war, Jane moved from MN to Seattle to work at Boeing. When people at the airport discovered that Jane was a Rosie, many gathered around to hear her Rosie stories from the war. Then she was asked to sign the belly doors of *The Sentimental Journey*. Way to go, Jane!







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State of last residence \_\_\_\_\_ Date of death \_\_\_\_\_

### Rosie News in MI and KY

On September 2, ARRA's State Director for IN, **Angie Timan-Morthland** dressed as Rosie and joined with 30,000 others in the annual 5-mile walk across the historic Mackinac Bridge in MI, bringing lots of attention to Rosies.

On September 24, Angie, along with her mother, **Marilyn Munro**, and her aunt, **Duane Burns**, were among several Rosebuds who were front and center for the dedication of a new Rosie Rose Garden at Wedgwood Park in Grandville, MI. These three especially celebrated the legacy of Marilyn and Duane's mother, Rosie **Dorothy Mae**

**Fischer Uzarski**, and Angie's great-grandmother, Rosie **Gretchen Fischer**. Watch local news coverage of the event at <https://www.woodtv.com/video/local-rosie-the-riveters-honored-at-grandville-park/3961389/>.

On October 5, Angie and others shared about the Rosie legacy at BowmanFest Aviation & Military Heritage Festival in Louisville, KY, which included the dedication of Kentucky's first Rosie Rose Garden.

Angie also likes to bring awareness to Rosies and ARRA by placing painted rocks with contact info on the back, like these that were placed in Cheyboygan, MI.



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!

### 2020 Convention Hotel Info Inside

Even if you are *just thinking about* coming to the ARRA convention in Hyde Park, New York, June 12-14, 2020, an early preliminary response is needed from you to secure your spot in the convention hotel. See more info inside!

### Honor for a MA Rosie

On August 17, 2019, Rosie **Margaret Spalluzzi** was honored at the Kingston Waterfront Festival in Kingston, MA. Pictured is State Representative **Kathy LaNatra**, presenting Margaret with a certificate honoring her years of WW II service as a welder at Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard, her 32 years of work at Plimouth Plantation, and her service at the Kingston Council on Aging. In addition, U.S. Representative **William Keating** sent a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for her service. The Friends of the Kingston Council on Aging, who affectionately refer to Margaret, age 98, as "E.B." (short for Energizer Bunny), presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her contributions as a Director of the Friends. Congratulations, Margaret!



### Special Birthdays!

In October, Rosie **Elinor Otto** from NV (left, top), who worked as a riveter until age 95, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the American Valor Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C. Rosie **Rose Penrod** from IL (left, bottom), also celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> in October, and Rosie **Caroline Holben** from PA (right) celebrated 101 in November! Rose and Caroline traveled to Iowa last June for the ARRA Convention.

