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**ARRA's 2020 Convention
Heads to FDR's Hyde Park area, New York!**

Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the End of WW II
June 12-14, 2020 ~~~ Registration Is Now Open!

Join the Victory Celebration, 1940's style, as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II with the ladies who helped make it happen—our Rosies! Make your plans and reservations today, as Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, Friends, and guests from around the country come together this year at President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Presidential Library and Museum in the historic and beautiful Hudson Valley area of New York.

Send in your registration form today (see page 3), or register online at www.rosietheriveter.net. Make your hotel reservation separately (see page 2), and take advantage of special convention prices. Consider extending your stay—there is so much to see!



Tentative Convention Schedule

Comfort Suites Hotel, Fishkill, New York

Friday, June 12, 2020

- 2:00 p.m. Registration opens at hotel
- 4:00 p.m. - Board of Directors meeting at hotel
(officers, State Directors, interested members)
- 5:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at hotel with entertainment,
Red Carpet Walk to honor our Rosies

Saturday, June 13, 2020

- Starting at 6:30 a.m. Free Hot Breakfast Buffet at hotel
(included with room rate)
- 8:30 a.m. General Session / Business Meeting at hotel
- 11:00 a.m. Board the coach bus to the FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Hyde Park, NY
(coach buses are AC & wheelchair accessible)
- 11:30 a.m. Program by the National Parks Service and FDR Museum, followed by a catered buffet lunch, wreath-laying at FDR and First Lady Eleanor's gravesite, free time at Library & Museum, shopping, meet & greet Rosies
- 5:00 p.m. Arrive back to hotel
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at hotel with entertainment

Sunday, June 14, 2020

- Starting at 6:30 a.m. Free Hot Breakfast Buffet at hotel
(included with room rate)
- 8:30 a.m. Memorial Service, Business wrap-up
- 10:30 a.m. Convention adjourned
- 11:00 a.m. Executive Committee meeting at hotel

NOTE TO ALL ATTENDING:

Please bring a framed, labeled, tabletop picture of yourself or your Rosie from the 1940's for a display.

NOTE TO ALL ROSIES WHO ARE ATTENDING:

Please email or mail in advance your full name and a copy of a WWII-era picture of yourself (NOT an original), along with a description of where you worked and a memory of the end of WWII or a memory about FDR.

These will be used during a special presentation.

Email to Gretchen Caulfield: PresidentARRA@gmail.com

Or mail to: CT Corsair Chapter, ARRA
P.O. Box 241
Greens Farms, CT 06838



National Rosie the Riveter Day Is Almost Here!

On March 21, celebrate National Rosie the Riveter Day! How can you share the Rosie legacy on that day? Maybe you can host a gathering, or maybe plant a Rosie the Riveter Rose? Whatever you do, let a Rosie know you appreciate her! Tell us how you celebrate by sending info and photos to Nell Branum, ARRA Editor, nellbran@yahoo.com.

Welcome, Orange Co. Chapter!

Our new Orange County, CA Chapter held its inaugural meeting on January 6, 2020 in La Mirada, CA. Members had already been busy, participating in two Veterans Day events, at La Mirada (left) and La Habra (right). The group welcomes anyone in the southern CA area who would like to join them! Contact Chapter President **Michele Pisa-Jones** at OCRosies@gmail.com, Facebook American Rosie the Riveter Association /Orange County, CA.



Active In Arizona

On Veteran's Day 2019, lots of Rosies and Rosebuds from our Sun City Chapter traveled to the Verde Valley Military Service Park in Cottonwood, where this beautiful Rosie monument was unveiled by Rosie **Erlinda Avila**. Names of many Rosies are inscribed on the back. On December 14, Rosie **Florence Carter** and Rosebuds

Linda Lundberg and **Pat Norton** participated in Wreaths Across America at the Veterans Cemetery in Cave Creek. Florence placed a wreath on the grave of her son, Rick. 2019 officers are (L to R): Secretary **Pamela Miller**, Treasurer **Florence Carter**, VP and AZ State Director **Fran Ellis**, President **Linda Lundberg**, Chaplain **Jody Powers**.



Please Note: 2020 Convention How-To Information

REGISTRATION: Mail the form on page 3 with your check, or register online. Meal reservations received after May 19, 2020 and "walk-ins" who have not pre-registered can only be accepted on a space-available basis. If you must cancel your registration, requests for reimbursement must reach Gretchen Caulfield at the address on page 3 by **May 27, 2020**.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Special room rates are available at **Comfort Suites Hotel**, 835 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524. These special prices are assured until **May 12, 2020, unless the hotel becomes full**. The rate for 1-2 persons per room on **Friday and Saturday**, starts at \$119.99, plus tax, for a standard double with 2 queen beds or 1 king bed. There is a \$10 fee for each additional third and fourth person, as allowed by the hotel. Suites and rooms accommodating parties of 5 are available. Some rooms have sleeper sofas for additional guests. This room rate includes a free hot breakfast buffet in the hotel.

To make your hotel reservation, call the hotel directly at (845) 765-8668. Be sure to say you are with the American Rosie the Riveter Association. Most guest bathrooms have walk-in showers with multiple grab bars—please verify if needed when booking your room. If you would like special accessibility, such as a roll-in shower to accommodate a wheelchair, please make this request while booking your room. If you wish to extend your stay, the same convention rates are available, based on availability.

A credit card will be required to make the reservation and to check in when you arrive at the hotel. **Cancellations must be made before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, 7 days prior to arrival**, to avoid a cancellation penalty. Reservations cancelled within 7 days of arrival are subject to a one-night cancellation fee. The hotel is 100% smoke-free and pet-free.

This is high season in the Hudson Valley area, so make your hotel reservations ASAP, even if you are only considering going, as rooms are being taken by wedding parties and the hotel may become sold out.

What do I do if Comfort Suites is fully booked? No worries! We have another room block at the adjacent "sister" hotel, only 150 steps away from our Convention hotel. Room rates available until **May 11, 2020** while availability lasts. To make a reservation at the **Quality Inn & Suites Fishkill South** (849 NY-52, Fishkill, NY 12524), call (845) 897-9300, or book online with this link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/MU36K2>. Be sure to mention you are with American Rosie the Riveter Association for the discounted rate! The Quality Inn & Suites has free Continental Breakfast, free parking, and free Wi-Fi.

TRANSPORTATION: If driving, please use this address in your GPS to find the hotel: 835 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524. The hotel provides FREE parking. If flying, New York Stewart International Airport is only 13 miles away. Uber and Lyft are available from airport to hotel, with an estimated cost of \$21-28 per car. Traffic is a variable for this estimate.

QUESTIONS? Contact Gretchen Caulfield at (203) 561-7064 or email: PresidentARRA@gmail.com.



Things to Do in the Hudson Valley Area

The Hudson Valley Area is designated a National Heritage area. Consider extending your stay!



Walkway over the Hudson, Poughkeepsie, NY <https://walkway.org/> The world's longest, elevated pedestrian bridge, 212 feet above the Hudson River and 1.28 miles long. 15 miles from hotel.

Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site, Newburgh, NY <https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/17/details.aspx>. It was here that George Washington spent critical months and rejected the idea of an American monarchy. 9 miles from hotel.

United States Military Academy West Point Visitor Center, West Point, NY <https://home.army.mil/westpoint/index.php/about/visitor-information> Identification is required. 22 miles from hotel.

Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, Hyde Park, NY <https://www.nps.gov/vama/index.htm> A Gilded Age architectural treasure on 211 acres. 18 miles from hotel.

Culinary Institute of America and its restaurants, Hyde Park, NY <https://www.ciarestaurantgroup.com/new-york-restaurants/> Enjoy some of the finest food around!

New York City—Enjoy a full day without the steep NYC hotel prices! Take the Metro-North commuter train from Beacon Station (10 minutes from hotel) to Grand Central Station in Manhattan, a 90-minute train ride. Round-trip, off-peak adult fare is \$35.

Convention Registration Form

2020 ARRA National Convention/Reunion
 June 12-14, 2020 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
 Comfort Suites Hotel in Fishkill, New York (Hyde Park / Hudson Valley area)

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 the address in the box below.**

By each name below, 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 _____

Additional people on this registration: Name, city/state, member category, and name preference (for nametag):

	<u>Postmarked May 19 or before</u>	<u>Postmarked after May 19</u>	<u>Total amount</u>
Registration fee, for all attending:	\$35.00	\$40.00	X number registering = _____

Food package—SELECT* your dinner entrées below:

(includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and field trip at FDR Museum, and Saturday dinner)

- Discount for WWII ROSIES **only** \$95.00 \$110.00 X number purchased = _____
- For **all others** attending \$130.00 \$150.00 X number purchased = _____

OR

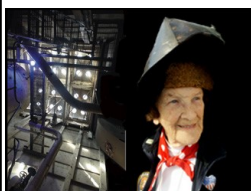
Individual Meals may be reserved:

- Friday Dinner* (at hotel—select entrée below)
 - WWII ROSIES—discounted \$30.00 \$35.00 X number purchased = _____
 - All others attending \$48.00 \$55.00 X number purchased = _____
- Saturday Lunch (at FDR Museum for all) . . . \$35.00 \$40.00 X number purchased = _____
(includes transportation & admission)
- Saturday Dinner* (at hotel—select entrée below)
 - WWII ROSIES—discounted \$30.00 \$35.00 X number purchased = _____
 - All others attending \$48.00 \$55.00 X number purchased = _____

Total payment enclosed (make checks payable to ARRA) _____

*SELECT your dinner entrées (total number): *Friday:* _____ *chicken francaise* _____ *grilled salmon w/ginger butter*
Saturday: _____ *roast prime rib* _____ *chicken parmesan*

**Detach and send this form with check (made out to ARRA) to:
 Gretchen Caulfield, ARRA President, P. O. Box 241, Greens Farms, CT 06838**



A Rosie Art Exhibition in CA

Rosebud and artist **Carol Witten** had an exhibition at the Jewett Gallery in the San Francisco Public Library, running from November 2019 to January 2020. Carol also addressed a crowded gallery and described how she created sixty diptych photographs of WWII Rosies over the past three years. Present were CA Rosies **Mary Torres, Agnes Moore, Kay Morrison, and Marian Wynn** (pictured). Carol added to the collection of West Coast Rosies during the 2017 ARRA Convention in New Orleans. Congratulations to Carol and Rosies!



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2020 Convention Registration Information Inside!

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: **Laura Wright, VP for Membership, 809 W. Iola Place, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Email: membershiparra@gmail.com. Telephone: (918) 697-9112.**

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 _____

Rome Rosies Are Reaching Out

On December 10, our Rome (GA) Chapter met



at Brookdale Senior Living for lunch and entertainment by Rosie re-enactor, Rosebud **Carol Cain**. Many Brookdale residents attended, as

well as several Rome Rosies, and **James Newberry** and **Dr. Jennifer Dickey** from Kennesaw State University. Pictured with Carol (center) are Rosies **Barbara Esler**, Chapter President **Bettianne Harris**, **Jane Tucker**, and **Ouida Dickey**. On January 17, Barbara, Bettianne, and Jane spoke to 5th graders at Alto Park Elementary. See http://www.northwestGeorgianews.com/rome/news/local/real-rosie-the-riveters-visit-alto-park/article_70a5d806-396d-11ea-8791-3faaa0447f8a.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share Way to go!

Reminder: Send in your story (or your Rosie's story) for publication in ARRA's seventh book! Follow the guidelines at <https://rosietheriveter.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/19-11-Nov-19-Rosie-newsletter-color-2.pdf> —on page 3 of that newsletter.

Michigan On the Move



In November, Rosie **Helen Jablonski** of our Eastern Michigan (WOW) Chapter received a proclamation from her home town of Roseville. She is pictured (left) with her daughters, **Antoinette** and **Holly**, and Chapter President **Bette Kenward**. The WOW Chapter had an Unbirthday Party in November, but they also celebrated in a big way the

100th birthday of Rosie **Naomi Stevens**, shown at right with **Mary Tomac** and Bette. Rosebuds **Deb Wake**, **Carol Pezet**, and Bette traveled to Indiana to present a Rosie program for a DAR chapter. In December, the Chapter sponsored 80



wreaths for Wreaths Across America. Rosies were honored at the ceremony in which they laid wreaths on veterans' graves.

In November, our Willow Run, MI Chapter helped students at Woodhaven High School prepare and perform a play called "Badger," about WW II women munitions workers in Wisconsin. Rosies met students a few weeks before the play to help the actors prepare their roles. Before the play's performance, Rosies gave rivet gun demonstrations. Pictured are **Helen Kushnir** (left, top) and **Jane Biestek** (left, bottom). After the performance, Rosies mingled and had a Question and Answer panel. Pictured at right are Rosies Helen, Jane, **Mallie Mellon**, **Clara Doutley**, and **Marge Haskins**, with Rosebud **Nancy Zajac**, Chapter President /MI State Director, moderating.

