



# ROSIE'S MAIL CALL

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## An Optimistic Greeting To All!



Greetings! I never would have anticipated that since the last newsletter, we would start using phrases such as *social distancing* or *flattening the curve*. I hope that you are all staying healthy and taking precautions during this global Covid-19 pandemic. We are embracing the Rosie Spirit by pulling together and putting our country's needs first for public health during this challenge.

As some of you are already aware through social media and the ARRA website, the difficult decision was made to cancel the upcoming 2020 ARRA National Convention in New York. It was yet another necessary decision made in order to protect our members, especially our Rosies who are at highest risk. More information will be provided in the months ahead regarding the 2021 Convention.

While the best action we can do to combat the virus is to stay at home whenever possible, this does not mean that we cannot take action! I encourage you to reach for the telephone and call one another to break the social isolation that so many may feel during this time—a great way to connect in friendship and raise all of our spirits. It is also an opportunity to find out if there is anything we can do to help members navigate a Stay-at-Home policy that relies so heavily on the use of computers. I think if I had to describe ARRA in one word, it would be *Spirit!*

I am so proud to say that in true Rosie fashion, our members have taken the initiative to help their communities in many ways: collecting N-95 masks from Weekend Warriors and dropping them off to healthcare workers; grocery shopping for those who need to stay home and cannot procure delivery services, and making DIY non-medical masks for non-medical workers who have requested them, to name a few I have learned about.

Above all, I wish for everyone to stay healthy. To all who are maintenance and supply chain workers and truckers: We deeply appreciate your dedication and "Can Do" grit to keep America going. And special prayers and blessings every day to all of our healthcare and front-line workers who are sacrificing all they can to fight Covid-19.

To all Rosebuds and Rivets, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Rosies and Friends: We have learned from the best—our Greatest Generation—the exemplary model of true sacrifice and perseverance. So let's make our Rosies proud as we navigate the upcoming months. We Can Do It!

With Rosebud Spirit,

Gretchen Caulfield (CT), ARRA National President



**It is with deep regret, but with firm resolve for the safety of our Rosies, our members, and our communities, that we announce the decision to cancel our 2020 ARRA National Convention that was scheduled for June in the Hudson Valley area of New York.**

If you have any questions regarding your reservation cancellations, please contact President Gretchen Caulfield at (203) 561-7064 or email: [PresidentARRA@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentARRA@gmail.com).

And watch for exciting news in the coming months about Convention 2021!



**Helping Each Other.** . . We know that our members are already helping others in many creative ways during this pandemic. For example, when our McKenzie, OR Chapter had to cancel their Rosie Day event on March 21, Rosebud Yvonne Fasold reports that they "celebrated" anyway through texting and calling. And Rosebud Carol Cain, a Rosie re-enactor in GA, adapted her Rosie presentation and shared it with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders by computer via Google Hangout. We'd like to share your stories!

Many have run errands for neighbors, cared for pets, and helped friends navigate the online world of deliveries. How have you helped someone? How has someone helped you? **And Rosies, how would you answer this question: What advice from WW II can you give present generations for getting through this crisis?** Send replies to Nell Branum, [nellbran@yahoo.com](mailto:nellbran@yahoo.com).

## Rosies Rally 'Round the Troops — Everyone Can Write Letters to Troops From Home!



Now is a great time to write letters to our deployed troops, new military recruits, veterans, and wounded warriors! And that's what ARRA's project called "Rosies Rally 'Round the Troops" is all about. Anyone of any age can write a note or draw a picture to brighten the day of one of our service members.

In 2015, in honor of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War II, ARRA members collected thousands of letters for troops. This year, for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we'd like to collect 7,500! It's a tall order. . . can you help?

**Here are some guidelines:** Just begin your note with "Dear Hero" and express your thanks for his or her service. Tell about your interests. Rosies, tell about your work during the war. Adults may include an address or email if you like, but it isn't necessary. Children should only include their first name. Do not put each card in a separate envelope, as this slows down the processing. Avoid politics completely and religion in excess, but saying that you are praying for them is great. Above all, say thanks! Put as many cards and letters as you can into an envelope and mail them to our project chairman, Rosebud **Linda Wallace**, at this address:

### **Rosies Rally 'Round the Troops!**

P. O. Box 124  
Cobalt, CT 06414



We'll see that they reach the troops through our partnership with a non-profit called Operation Gratitude. For more information and a video about Operation Gratitude's great efforts, check out their website at <https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/write-letters/>. Troops tell us that your letters are their favorite items to receive!

Have questions? Contact Linda Wallace at (860) 267-9952, email [Lindawallace37@aol.com](mailto:Lindawallace37@aol.com).

## Calling All Sewing Enthusiasts: Let's Make Masks for Our Military

Recently, U. S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper announced that members of the Armed Forces are now required to wear non-medical face masks, due to the challenges of social distancing while doing their jobs in non-medical close quarters. Masks act as a barrier to stop germs from becoming airborne from persons who do not know they carry the virus. For now, service members are advised to make their own masks. Wouldn't it be great if members of ARRA helped to make some of these masks, with the same spirit Rosies had as they made items for the troops during WW II? We have many avid sewers in ARRA. We can sew it!

As a way to share ongoing information and instructions, ARRA has a new Facebook page called "ARRA We Can Sew It," which ARRA members may join.

Contact a military base in your area to find out their needs, or send masks to ARRA's NC State Director **Elizabeth**

**Johnston**, 6366 Abercarn Way, Fayetteville, NC 28311, for use at Ft. Bragg. In general, masks should be 100% cotton, neutral colors, from fabric or a t-shirt that has been washed several times. For more information, join the "ARRA We Can Sew It" Facebook page, or contact ARRA President **Gretchen Caulfield** at (203) 561-7064, [PresidentARRA@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentARRA@gmail.com).

### **ROSIE MADE SUPPLIES FOR THE TROOPS DURING WW II**

**AND WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!**



**AMERICAN ROSIE THE RIVETER ASSOCIATION**

## While the Kids Are Home



School's out in many places, so help young people in your life explore the Rosie heritage! Using resources on the ARRA website at [rosietheriveter.net](http://rosietheriveter.net), a student might:

- Choose one of the "Latest Rosie Stories" on the "Membership" tab and draw a picture about it.
- Choose a Rosie from a story and pretend to be her in an interview. Dressing up as Rosie makes it more fun!
- In a Rosie's voice, write a letter to her present-day self, giving advice on how we can get through today's crisis.
- Use "This Month In History" posts under the "Education" tab to make a time line, using yarn, index cards, and clothespins.
- Find puzzles and activities on the "Education" tab.

## 2020 Census Security Info

As we all participate in our 2020 Census, please watch for scams, which unfortunately often prey on our seniors and others. First, know that the Census Bureau will **never** send unsolicited emails to you, asking for money, your Social Security number, or your bank account or credit card numbers. And if someone visits your home to collect a response for the Census, verify that person's identity by asking to see their ID badge, which should have their photograph, a U. S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

If you have concerns, please call (800) 923-8282.

# Another Great At-Home Idea—Write Your Story 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,  
I hope that you are staying well during these unusual times! It is a disappointment to cancel our 2020 ARRA Convention that was to be held in New York, but a move that is necessary and even patriotic, as we look out for the good of our communities. Many thanks to ARRA President Gretchen Caulfield and the Convention Committee for their excellent plans that were underway. I know it would

have been a tremendous time, and we look forward to 2021!

As most of us are staying at home, I encourage you to use this time to write a card to a Rosie friend, send a note to deployed troops or a veteran, or sew some masks. (See page 2). And write your story for ARRA's upcoming book, for sure! (See page 3).

We have always known that Rosies were ordinary women who stepped up during extraordinary times. Today, we all find ourselves in new extraordinary days. But, as I always like to say, "We Can STILL Do It!"

Love to you all,

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



## Announcing New Rosie Items

Happy Spring! We have fresh, new items in our Rosie Shoppe, and there is something for everyone!

The Rosie Pot Holder is back by popular demand, and it is perfect with other great Rosie-themed kitchen items, such as the Apron, Trivet, Cutting Board, and Coasters.

And no one can resist the new plush 11-inch Rosie Doll with posable arms. Or our new Rosie Pill Case that says, "You Can Do It. . . with medication!" Or our new Women's Cat Socks that say "We Can Mew It!" You can see photos of all of these new products on our website at <https://rosietheriveter.net/rosie-shoppe>. Order online or use the order form on this page and page 5. Take advantage of the free shipping on all the items you order.



Also, in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW II, we have created a Limited Edition ARRA t-shirt, which features Rosie, a "V" for Victory and also "V" in Morse Code. The design is available in several colors and options, including hoodies and sweatshirts. Order yours at <https://teespring.com/rosie-commemorates-the-end-of> before they are gone!

## 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.



Quantity	Item	Amount	Total
	<b>Book:</b> 103 Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	<b>Book:</b> 104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	<b>Cookbook:</b> Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook	\$20.00	
	<b>Book:</b> Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	<b>Book:</b> Rosie the Riveter Stories: The Legacy Lives On!	\$17.00	
	<b>Book:</b> Rosie the Riveter Stories: How They Did It!	\$17.00	
	<b>Picture Book:</b> R is for Rosie the Riveter (hardback)	\$20.00	
	<b>Picture Book:</b> R is for Rosie the Riveter (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 R is for Rosie sent directly to a library, or several to one ARRA Chapter</b>	\$18.00 ea	
	<b>Paperback R is for Rosie 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:

Sub-total page 4: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Complete order form on page 5)



# THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form



Show your Rosie spirit every day!

We are your destination for everything Rosie!

View these products at [www.rosietheriveter.net/rosie-shoppe](http://www.rosietheriveter.net/rosie-shoppe). Prices include shipping!

Quantity	Item (circle size or type where applicable)	Amount	Total
	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 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 Circle: <b>S M L XL</b>	\$20.00	
	Rosie T-Shirt w/ white "We Can Do It" Circle: Navy Heather or Red Heather * <b>S M L XL</b>	\$17.00	
	ARRA T-shirt w/ ARRA's 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Circle: <b>S M L XL</b>	\$8.00	
	<b>NEW!</b> - Rosie T-shirt w/color "We Can Do It" Circle: Daisy Yellow or Sport Gray * <b>S M L XL</b>	\$17.00	
	<b>NEW!</b> - Rosie Apron, yellow with blue trim, Rosie image in center, neck & waist straps	\$15.00	
	<b>NEW!</b> - Rosie Pot Holder, 8" x 8" yellow w/ blue trim, Rosie image in center, silver back	\$8.00	
	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, red w/ white polka dots, soft stretchy cotton Circle: <b>Adult or Child</b>	\$6.00	
	<b>NEW!</b> - Rosie the Riveter Doll, plush, 11" with posable arms	\$20.00	
	Rosie Socks (size 9-11, women's shoe size 6-10) Circle: <b>Yellow or Black</b>	\$10.00	
	<b>NEW!</b> - Rosie Women's Cat Socks, "We Can Mew It" Circle: <b>Berry or Yellow</b>	\$10.00	
	<b>NEW!</b> - Rosie Pill Case, "You Can Do It with medication" 2" diameter, 2 compartments	\$14.00	
	Rosie Nightlight, 4" x 3" Tuftop tempered glass	\$18.00	
	Rosie Book Mark with gold plate charm, 2¼" x 6½"	\$7.00	
	Rosie Embroidered Patch, can be sewed or ironed on, 4"	\$5.00	
	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 shipping, please check with your cemetery	\$65.00	
	Rosie Sun Catcher, 4" diameter, Tuftop tempered glass, includes suction cup	\$15.00	

(To order books by our amazing Rosies, see page 4. One combined check can be written for orders on pages 4 and 5.)

\* Larger sizes available in these two shirts: write in 2X for \$19.00; 3X for \$20.00

Sub-total page 4:	_____
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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.

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## A Rosie Puppet Show in GA

On February 7, fifth and sixth graders at Berry Middle School presented a puppet show entitled “National Treasures of World War II” honoring Rosies, Tuskegee Airmen, and the Navajo Code Talkers. What a fun program!

Three Rosies from our Rome, GA Chapter were present for the special evening. Pictured are Rosies **Barbara Esler, Bettianne Harris, and Mary McJunkin**, along with **Claire Howard**, the Berry teacher who organized the show.



At right, Mary is pictured with three of the students and their Rosie puppets. Note the rivet guns made from soda bottles wrapped in tin foil. Our hats are off to these wonderful, creative students!



## Wintertime Rosie Spirit in CT

Our Stratford, CT (Corsair) Chapter was busy sharing the Rosie Spirit all winter!

In November 2019, the CT Valley Brewing Company crafted a custom beer called “The Home Front Pilsner,” complete with custom label art, for their Book and Brew event, at which ARRA President **Gretchen Caulfield** was asked to discuss CT Rosies in the aircraft industry.

In February 2020, Gretchen gave a Rosie presentation to the Veterans Coffee House at the Wallingford Senior Center, and another talk to the CT Hereditary Four-Group, hosted by the Daughters of 1812. ARRA members among the participants pictured below are Gretchen, Chapter Historian **Cathy McKenna**, Rosie **Betty Oderwald**, and Rosebuds **Madeleine Eckert, Bonnie Butler**, and **Lee McFadden**, with Rivet **Ed Eckert** taking the picture.



Women’s History Month began with Rosie **Marge Eckert** and Gretchen speaking to a full house at the Oxford Public Library. Marge is pictured at left with her son, Rivet **Ed Eckert**. Also in early March, Bonnie set up a Rosie display featuring Rosie stories from surrounding towns at the New Milford Town Hall. What great Rosie spirit, everyone!



## Introducing ARRA’s Insignia Pin

We are excited to announce this wonderful new way that ARRA members can show their love for Rosies and their pride in ARRA membership. It also provides a way for WW II Rosies to be identified!

Pictured (right) is ARRA Founder, **Dr. Fran Carter**, wearing this beautiful new pin designed by Hamilton Jewelers. The pin is available with or without lower loops, to which a hanging “WW II Rosie” bar or name bar can be attached. Personalized engraving on the back is available.



Orders must be placed directly with Hamilton Insignia. To order online, go to <https://www.hamiltoninsignia.com/categories/American-Rosie-The-Riveter-Association/Insignia>. Or call (800)786-5890. ARRA membership is required for all purchases.

Other wonderful ARRA jewelry is available on the website, too! Check out the official ARRA charms, cuff links, and more. Click on the links on the left side of ARRA pages on the Hamilton website to explore all the options!



## Speaking of Membership . . .



Have you joined ARRA for all the members of your family? All of a Rosie’s descendants, male and female, may join ARRA as Rosebuds and Rivets. Women who have worked in jobs thought to be “men’s work” before WW II may join as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Rosies. Anyone may join, regardless of genealogical connection, as a Rosebud Friend or Rivet Friend. And please join for all your Rosies and Rosie Volunteers, whether living or deceased! Join online at [www.rosiethriveter.net](http://www.rosiethriveter.net), or download the membership application that can be mailed in.

## Celebrating 100 Years

On February 6, 2020, Rosie **Sarah Strain Shepherd** celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends at a special pizza restaurant in Grove, OK.



Pictured with Sarah are her son, **James**, who flew in from Hawaii for the festivities, and her daughter, Rosebud **Kay Fleming**. Other family members came from as far away as PA and



AR. Two newspapers were on hand, and representatives from the Centennarians of Oklahoma presented Sarah with a certificate and two pins. Sarah worked on B-25 Mitchell Bombers for North American Aviation in Grand Prairie, TX during the war. Her mother, Rosie **Imogene Rossetter Strain**, worked in the same plant on P-51 planes. Happy Birthday, Sarah!

## Rosie Excitement in Eastern MI

In February, our Eastern Michigan (WOW) Chapter held a Valentines for Vets program and made cards for veterans. Though Rosie **Cookie Garza** sadly has passed, three generations of her family participated. Pictured are Cookie's daughter,



granddaughter, and great-granddaughter: Rosebud 1 **Suzanne Richardson**, Rosebud 2 **Stephanie Hagaman**, and Rosebud 3 **Celeste**. Also pictured is the group who delivered the Valentines to the VA hospital. Before the virus hit, this group visited the hospital once a month.



In March, on the last day before school events were canceled, Chapter President **Bette Kenward** visited with second graders at Edgemont Elementary to talk about Rosie. The children made cards for Rosie the Riveter Day. Way to share! We all look forward to the days when we can gather again!



## Welcome, New MI Chapter!

There is a lot of Rosie enthusiasm in Michigan, for sure, and we welcome our new Cheboygan & Emmet County, MI Chapter!

Pictured are the new Chapter officers, already hard at work. Left to right are Vice President **Angie Timan-Morthland**, Treasurer **Karen Dunkelberg**, Secretary **Anastasia Rogers**, and President **Linda Rogers**.

The Chapter has already been making masks, and we can't wait to hear about more exciting things being planned. If you are in the area and would like to connect, contact Linda at [mackinawmemories@gmail.com](mailto:mackinawmemories@gmail.com), or telephone (231) 818-2878.



## Gold Star Rosie Spirit



In November 2019, Rosie **Eleanor Stark** (GA) represented Rosies and WW II Merrill's Marauders at the 1<sup>st</sup> Ranger Battalion's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball. While a Rosie, Eleanor's husband, **Luther "Buck" Bagley**, was KIA in Burma in 1944, and is still MIA. At left, she shares stories with **Steve Johnson**, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association President.

## Rosie Spirit in Northern MI



Recently, Rosebuds **Angie Timan-Morthland** and **Karen Dunkelberg** took delivery of a beautiful Rosie cutout crafted by Rebel Steelworks. The Rosie will be placed at the Rosie Memorial Rose Garden in Mackinaw City. Also in Mackinaw City, Girl Scout **Julia** and her mom, **Jennifer Cole**, shown here with Angie, had an educational history patch day for Girl Scouts, focused on Rosie. Angie participated in a hike in honor of the Land Army and Lumberjill. And crew members of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Neah Bay* were given a tour through the Icebreaker *Mackinaw* museum ship by Angie, who is a Rosie re-enactor. It was quite fitting, since the ship was constructed largely by women in Ohio during WW II.



## Two Special Birthdays



Rosie **Estelle Notini** celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday in Louisiana on April 15, 2020. Last year, for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, friends and family celebrated in a big way, with a luncheon and lots of guests, including some from out-of-town and out-of-state. This year, because of Covid-19 shutdowns, Estelle's birthday was much quieter, yet still a big reason to celebrate! At age 26 during the war, Estelle worked the second shift at Curtiss Wright in Buffalo, NY, making P-40 airplanes. A very Happy Birthday to you, Estelle!



## Washington Women in Trades Calendar

Since 2007, we have grown to know and love the annual Rosie Legacy Series calendars published by Washington Women in Trades, celebrating Rosies as the foremothers of today's tradeswoman. Each calendar has featured twelve Rosies, like **Rita Hathaway**, **Dolly Marshall**, **Florence Rexroad**, and **Lorette Wedlake** of ARRA's McKenzie, OR Chapter, who are "calendar girls" this year. WWIT's love affair with Rosies actually began in 2002, when **Robin Murphy**, co-chair of their annual Trades Fair, instigated a "Calling All Rosies" gathering, then the love continued. In the project's 13 years, Robin has photographed and **Cindy Payne** has interviewed more than 150 Rosies. Though the 2020 edition is their final calendar, WWIT is continuing to find and interview Rosies. Thanks to all involved! Calendars may be ordered at [www.wawomenintradest.com/rosie-calendar/calendar-2020](http://www.wawomenintradest.com/rosie-calendar/calendar-2020).



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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: **Laura Wright, Vice President for Membership, 809 W. Iola Place, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Telephone: (918) 697-9112. Email: [membershparra@gmail.com](mailto:membershparra@gmail.com).**

Name of member \_\_\_\_\_

New address \_\_\_\_\_

Old address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Prefer to receive newsletter by email? \_\_\_\_\_

Current telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Deceased member's name \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Telling the Rosie Story in AZ

During ceremonies for Pearl Harbor Day 2019, Rosie **Erlinda Avila** and her granddaughter, **Nancy Allaire**, represented our Sun City Chapter by placing the Rosie wreath at the USS *Arizona* Monument at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix. On February 8, Rosies Erlinda and **Fran Ellis** greeted large crowds at the Buckeye Air Fair. Pictured (top left) are other Chapter members who participated on February 9: Rosebud **Barbara Snyder**, **Jeff Schwartz**, Chapter President **Linda Lundberg**, and Rosebud **Ginger Price**. On February 26, Rosies Fran and Erlinda (bottom left) addressed a large group of employees of the Central Arizona Project on the subject of "Safety in the Workplace." Way to share, all!



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!

Inside: The 2020 ARRA National Convention scheduled for June in New York has been canceled. Also see ARRA's projects for these unusual times.

## Iconic Rosie Sightings

Rosie and her spirit have been spotted everywhere!

In November, Rosebud **Gloria Humphries** (CO) let us know that as Boeing prepared to launch its Starliner rocket, the test dummy inside was named Rosie the Astronaut. She wore a blue space suit and sported a red-and-white polka dot scarf inside her astronaut helmet.

In March, Rosebud **Laura Wright** (OK) wrote to say that the *Tulsa World* newspaper had published an editorial cartoon by **Bruce Plante**. It shows iconic Rosie wearing an elaborate mask in addition to her polka dot scarf, saying, "We Can Do It!" The title is "Rosie the Nurse."

In April, Rosebud **Jonnie Clasen** (GA) shared these two WW II posters redesigned for the "Coronavirus War" by **Bob Anzuoni**, Fort Gordon Signal Corps Museum Director and a WW II re-enactor, and his daughter, **Eden Anzuoni**, who is also a re-enactor. Let us know where *you* spot Rosie!



## Atlanta Chapter On the Move

Wanting to give our Atlanta, GA Chapter a boost, Rosebud **Jean Ousley**, who is Chapter President, and Vice President **Susan Byrd**, a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Rosie, began contacting ARRA members who live in the Atlanta area. They discovered many new friends and invited everyone to a luncheon on March 7 at the 57<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron Restaurant. About 20 people attended, including 6 new Chapter members! Everyone enjoyed the program by the Museum of History and Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University. Pictured are Jean, Susan, and Rosie **Earline Gaither**. Congrats!

