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*Come to Portland, Oregon!*  
*Announcing ARRA's 2023 Convention*  
*June 9-11, 2023*

*Join in the Portland Rose Festival, where Rosies will be included in the Grand Floral Parade on Saturday, June 10!*

What fun it will be to gather with new friends and old friends, as Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, Friends, and Guests meet in Portland—the “City of Roses!” Both **Convention Registration** and **Hotel Registration** are now open!

Send in your **Convention Registration** form today (see page 3), or register online at [www.rosietheriveter.net](http://www.rosietheriveter.net).

Make your **Hotel Reservation** separately (see page 2), and take advantage of special convention prices. *Now* is the time to make your Hotel Reservation, because Portland hotel rooms fill up quickly during the Rose Festival.

Rosies, we want you to come to Portland and join in the fun! If you are a WW II Rosie, ARRA will reimburse you for \$200 of your expenses. Likewise, you may want to “Sponsor a Rosie” by sending a donation to help a Rosie attend (see page 2). And consider extending your stay—there is so much to see in Portland (see page 2)! It will be a great weekend!

**Tentative Convention Schedule**

*Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront*

**Pre-Convention Day—Thursday, June 8, 2023**

*Welcome to Oregon!*

1:00p.m.- Convention Registration open at hotel,  
6:00 p.m. Rosie Shoppe and display set-up

**Friday, June 9, 2023**

9:00 a.m. Registration open, Rosie Shoppe, displays  
10:00 a.m. Executive Board meeting  
11:30 a.m. *(officers, State Directors, interested members)*  
4:00 p.m. - Open House for Rosies—Come meet and talk  
5:30 p.m. with our WWII Rosies! Portland Rose Festival  
coordinators, the public, and media are invited  
6:00 p.m. Dinner at the hotel with entertainment

**Saturday, June 10, 2023**

Breakfast on your own (hotel has a restaurant and a café)

8:00 a.m. Board buses for parade staging and viewing  
10:00 a.m. - Grand Floral Parade—WW II Rosies will ride  
12:00 p.m. on the specially designed Rosie the Riveter float,  
created with flowers. Family and friends will  
have a block of indoor seating at Veterans  
Memorial Coliseum for viewing.  
12:00 p.m. - Sample food vendors for lunch, view parade  
5:00 p.m. floats up close, visit the Rose Festival CityFair  
festivities, including the ARRA booth

**Saturday, June 10, 2023 (continued)**

6:00 p.m. - Red Carpet Banquet—Each Rosie will be  
8:30 p.m. introduced and honored

**Sunday, June 11, 2023**

Breakfast on your own  
8:30 a.m. - ARRA membership meeting—election of  
9:45 a.m. 2023-2025 officers, Chapter ideas, Officer  
reports, plans for 2024 Convention  
10:00 a.m. - White Rose Memorial Ceremony honoring  
10:30 a.m. those we have lost  
11:00 a.m. Gather and board the *Portland Spirit*  
11:30 a.m. - Brunch Cruise aboard the *Portland Spirit* on  
1:30 p.m. the Willamette River—scenic views of iconic  
bridges, Mt. Hood, and natural areas, along  
with live piano music, narration of sights,  
Brunch buffet, including mimosas, champagne,  
coffee, tea  
2:00 p.m. Return to hotel for rest or exploring Portland  
before you go. We are so happy you could  
come and look forward to seeing you in 2024!

**Monday, June 12, 2023**

9:00 a.m. - Executive Committee meeting  
11:00 a.m. *(outgoing and incoming national officers)*



## From Our President

Hello to our honored Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Rosies, Friends, and all our members! Here we are in 2023! What a year 2022 was. The fantastic Convention in Tulsa, OK was an amazing reconnect of our Rosies. New Chapters were started so we can honor our Rosies for all they have done. We were finally able to attend parades and other events. And my mom, Rosie **Florence Rexroad**, was able to have a private meeting with President Biden, which was another amazing experience.

Now let's get our 2023 Convention in Portland, OR going! We have so many amazing things planned for our time together. I have lived in the area for 23 years, and can attest to all the events and sites to explore that will leave you with many wonderful memories. From the Zoo to OMSI to Multnomah Falls—none will disappoint! Our beautiful coast is only two hours away from Portland. The weather will be fabulous! Register now, so your reservations will be secured. I can't wait to see you and honor our amazing Roses.—**Luella Larsen** (Rosebud, OR)

ARRA National President

## Sponsor a Rosie for Convention



*Some of our beautiful Rosies enjoying the 2022 Convention in Tulsa, OK*

Rosies, we want you to come to Portland and join in the fun! If you are a World War II Rosie, ARRA will reimburse you for \$200 of your travel expenses.

By the same token, if you or your family, friends, or employer want to sponsor a Rosie for Convention, you may! You might want to name a specific Rosie who is coming to the Convention, or you may want funds to be used for someone you haven't met. You may honor the memory of a deceased loved one with your donation, if you like.

Mail donations to Treasurer **Stephanie Davis** at 8336 Valley Oaks Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76182, **OR** you may contribute online through the Rosie Shoppe on our website at [www.rosietheriveter.net](http://www.rosietheriveter.net). Many thanks!

## 2023 Convention How-To Information

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION:** You may either mail the form on page 3 with your check, **OR** register online at [www.rosietheriveter.net](http://www.rosietheriveter.net). Registrations received after May 10, 2023 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 Stephanie Davis at the address on page 3 by **May 27, 2023**.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** Special room rates are available at the hotel, the **Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront**, 1401 SW Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97201. Reservations can be made **now** at this dedicated web address: <https://book.passkey.com/go/RTRC6823>, or by calling 1-800-546-9513. Cancellations require 72 hours notice.

Be sure to say you are with the American Rosie the Riveter Association Convention to get the special ARRA rate of \$179 per night, plus taxes and fees. This rate will apply to Thursday night, June 8, 2023 through Monday night, June 12, 2023.

The hotel has a limited number of accessible rooms. If you need an accessible room, make your reservation early, and be sure to state that you need one.

**Please note** that hotel rooms in the area fill up very quickly for the Portland Rose Festival weekend, so make your hotel reservation now, even if you are still in the process of making all your travel plans.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The hotel does not operate a shuttle from the airport. However, taxis are available for around \$45.00. Lyft and Uber ride-share services are also available. If you are driving, valet parking is available at the hotel, with unlimited come-and-go access during the day, for \$49 per day. Self-parking options are available within a block of the hotel for \$29 and up, but require that you pay each time you enter.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Dr. Yvonne Fasold at [fasold@uoregon.edu](mailto:fasold@uoregon.edu) or 541-953-0394 (cell).

## Things to Do In and Around Portland

*Extend your trip and take an excursion to wonderful places like these!*

**Mount Hood** is the highest point in Oregon and a two-hour trip by car, three hours by public transportation. A beautiful destination! [www.travelportland.com/region/mount-hood/](http://www.travelportland.com/region/mount-hood/)

**Timberline Lodge** at Mt. Hood is one of Oregon's most popular tourist attractions, and was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1977. The WPA (Works Progress Administration) and CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) funded the majority of Timberline's construction. [www.timberlinelodge.com](http://www.timberlinelodge.com)

**Pittock Mansion** historic house museum was built in 1914 and contains 23 rooms full of rich history. Enjoy views of mountains, forests, downtown Portland, and the river. [www.pittockmansion.org](http://www.pittockmansion.org)

**Powell's City of Books** has grown from humble beginnings to an iconic Portland destination. Occupying an entire city block, the world's largest new and used bookstore offers nine color-coded book rooms with something for everyone, frequent author talks, a rare book room, and a coffee shop. [www.powells.com/locations/powells-city-of-books](http://www.powells.com/locations/powells-city-of-books)

**Lan Su Chinese Garden** is a Ming Dynasty-style garden built by Suzhou artisans. The garden takes up an entire block of Portland's historic Chinatown district. [www.lansugarden.org](http://www.lansugarden.org)

**Portland Japanese Garden** is above Washington Park and near the International Rose Test Garden. It is 5.5 acres of the most authentic Japanese gardens outside Japan. Enjoy the authentic Japanese tea house, meandering streams, and a view of Mt. Hood. [www.japanesegarden.org](http://www.japanesegarden.org)

**Multnomah Falls** is Oregon's tallest waterfall and is only 30 miles from downtown Portland. Enjoy this beautiful two-drop cascade. [www.travelportland.com/region/multnomah-falls/](http://www.travelportland.com/region/multnomah-falls/)

**Oregon Museum of Science and Industry** offers a planetarium, halls dedicated to earth science, life science, computers, chemistry, and more. [www.oms.edu](http://www.oms.edu). **Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum** houses military and civilian aircraft, including the famous Spruce Goose. [www.evergreenmuseum.org](http://www.evergreenmuseum.org)

**Oregon Zoo** is full of fabulous animal friends! [www.oregonzoo.org](http://www.oregonzoo.org)

# Convention Registration Form

2023 ARRA National Convention/Reunion  
June 9 - 11, 2023 — Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront

**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.

Please note the **registration deadline is May 10, 2023**. Registrations after May 10 only accepted if space is available.

By each name below, indicate membership category: (Ro) for Rosie, (Rv) for Rosie Volunteer, (Rb) for Rosebud, (Ri) for Rivet, (R21) for 21<sup>st</sup> 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 or online</u> <u>May 10 or before</u>	<u>Postmarked or online</u> <u>after May 10</u>	<u>X Number</u> <u>Registering</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>
Registration fee, ARRA members	\$55	\$60	X _____ =	
Registration fee, non-ARRA members (Why not join? See <a href="http://www.rosietheriveter.net">www.rosietheriveter.net</a> )	\$65	\$70	X _____ =	
MEAL package (Friday's Welcome to Oregon Dinner & Saturday's Red Carpet Banquet) <b>OR</b>	\$85	\$95	X _____ =	
Individual meals may be reserved, as follows:	---	---	---	---
Friday Dinner	\$40	\$45	X _____ =	
Saturday Banquet	\$50	\$55	X _____ =	
Saturday Grand Floral Parade—includes transportation to Memorial Coliseum and Reserved indoor accessible seating. WWII Rosies, you will be ON the float—no charge!	\$18 (WWII Rosies free)	\$23 (WWII Rosies free)	X _____ =	
<b>Rosies here</b> —Sunday Brunch & Cruise on the <i>Portland Spirit</i> . WWII Rosies are FREE as our guests to honor your service. ADA accessible.	(WWII Rosies free)	(WWII Rosies free)	X Rosies _____ =	No charge (WWII Rosies free)
<b>All others here</b> — Sunday Brunch & Cruise	\$67	\$72	X _____ =	
Indicate special food needs here: _____				---
Convention T-shirt with logo: Indicate number of shirts in each size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___	\$20	\$25	X _____ =	
<b>TOTAL PAID</b> (make checks payable to ARRA)				\$ _____

**Send this form with check (payable to ARRA) to:  
Stephanie Davis, 8336 Valley Oaks Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76182**

# Call for Officer Nominations



At our annual Convention in Portland in June, ARRA will elect national officers for the 2023-2025 term. The six elected national officers are President, Vice President for Expansion, Vice President for Membership, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.

Nominations may be sent to the Nominating Committee Chair, **Dr. Yvonne Fasold**, at [fasold@uoregon.edu](mailto:fasold@uoregon.edu).

# Deadline Approaching for ARRA Student Grants



Don't miss the deadline for ARRA's 2023 Student Grants! To qualify for one of our \$100 grants, a student in grades 6-12 must prepare and present at least *twice* an original, factual presentation about Rosies, such as for a school assignment, a National History Day project, a civic or senior group, a homeschool presentation, or other gathering. The presentation can 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. Both girls and boys are eligible to enter.



To request an application, contact Student Grants Chairman, Rosebud **Carol Cain**, 112 Sunny Point Circle, LaGrange, GA 30240, or email [carolcain007@gmail.com](mailto:carolcain007@gmail.com).

**But don't delay — completed applications are due March 1, 2023.** Winners will be announced later this spring.

# Rosies Rally 'Round the Troops!



Want to help support our troops? You can! It's as simple as writing a card. Even better, how about a bunch of cards? Or how about involving your children or grandchildren in writing letters or drawing pictures for the troops? ARRA will forward them for you to our partner organization, Operation Gratitude, who includes them in goodie boxes for currently deployed troops, first responders, recent recruit graduates, veterans, and wounded heroes and caregivers. We hear that the *letters* are the favorite items in the boxes!

Just start with a greeting like "Dear Hero," then share words of encouragement. Tell about your hometown and your interests, but avoid politics. Above all, say **Thank You!** Mail your cards (without envelopes) to:

Rosies Rally 'Round the Troops  
c/o **Linda Wallace**, Chair  
P. O. Box 124  
Cobalt, CT 06414

In 2022, ARRA members sent hundreds of letters. Let's make it thousands of letters in 2023!

# Rosies Take Part in Pearl Harbor Remembrances



At the invitation of our Honolulu (HI) Chapter, five Rosies from four states took part in Pearl Harbor remembrance events, culminating with the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade on December 7. Many friends and

family members accompanied the Rosies to a variety of events leading up to December 7.

Rosies **Marian Sousa** and **Marian Wynn** from CA arrived in time to attend Pacific Aviation's Gala event. Rosie **Louise Unkrich** from IA joined them for a meet-and-greet event at the Arizona Memorial Visitor's Center, where they met many interested people, signed posters, and shared stories. Rosies **Delphine Kalput** from MI and **Cille MacDonald** from HI joined the group for a memorial at the *USS Utah*.



On December 7, all took part in the Memorial Service at the Arizona Memorial (which started at 6:30 a.m. sharp!). The veterans and Rosies were seated at the front, with approximately 2,500 people in attendance to honor those who lost their lives during the Pearl Harbor bombing of 1941. A Missing Man Flyover Formation was a highlight, as well as a speech given by veteran **Lou Conter**, age 101, who is one of only two remaining survivors of the *USS Arizona*.



But the day wasn't over! That evening, the Memorial Parade ran along Kalakaua Avenue. The Honolulu Corvette Club escorted each Rosie in a shining Corvette convertible, as the crowd cheered and friends and family members marched alongside, like Rosie Louise's daughter, grandchildren, and great-grands, who carried banners (right).



It was truly a day of remembrance and tribute! Many thanks to the Honolulu Chapter and Chapter President, **Jan Davis**, for organizing such a special time and inviting all Rosies to come! Mahalo!



## Special Rosie Birthdays



Our Orange County (CA) Chapter celebrated two special Rosie birthdays in September. Rosie **Lorraine Eisenbeisz** (left) turned 100 and **Phyllis Turnbull** (right) is now 101. You go, ladies!



This past summer, Rosie **Hester Crawford Hudspeth** (left) celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday, and Rosebud **Bette Kenward**, President of our Eastern Michigan (WOW) Chapter, was on hand to help her celebrate. And this fall, our Willow Run (MI) Chapter helped Rosie



**Clara Doutly** (right) celebrate her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday, along with Representative **Debbie Dingell**. Congratulations!

## A Presidential Visit



On October 15, ARRA's National President, **Luella Larsen**, and her mother, **Rosie Florence Rexroad**, received a delightful surprise. While attending an event in Portland, Oregon where **President Joe Biden** was speaking, they were unexpectedly ushered to a place where they could meet the President personally!

"Miss Florence, it is an honor to meet you," said the President, and he visited with them for several minutes. What an extraordinary opportunity!



## Cheboygan/Emmett Counties, MI Chapter Reaches Out

During the fall, this busy Chapter, including Rosebuds **Angie Morthland** and **Linda Rogers**, participated in Ring a Bell for Rosie at Conklin Park on Labor Day, and also helped to guide participants during the Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk (right).



The Chapter dedicated a brick for Rosies at the Veterans Memorial in Cheboygan and marched in parades in St. Ignace, Paradise, Cheboygan, and Mackinaw City.



In addition, they presented educational programs to the

Manistique Women's Club (above), the Petoskey Rotary Club (left) and The Roundabouts, a woman's club in Cheboygan. They welcomed drivers from the Michigan Old US 27 Vintage Motor Tour, and placed a metal and wood art piece along with an educational plaque saluting Rosies on the Children's Trail of Cheboygan (left).

The Chapter also continued their monthly letter-writing to MI Rosies, their social media presence supporting Rosies, and their monthly outreach to the public as they greeted and shared with visitors at the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum (left). Way to share that Rosie spirit and legacy!



## Rome Rosies and Kids



On October 8, our Rome (GA) Chapter sponsored a table at the Fiddlin' Fest in Rome. They distributed ARRA brochures and membership applications, and provided supplies for kids to paint American flags. Attenders were also able to purchase the young adult novel, *Becoming Jestina*, which is based on the experiences of the Chapter's founder, Rosie **Jane Tucker**, when she worked as a welder in the Savannah shipyard during the war. And everyone could meet the book's author, Rosebud **Merrill Davies** (on right), pictured above with Chapter President, Rosebud **Brittany Sorrells**.

Sounds like a ton of fun!



## National Rosie the Riveter Day Is Just Around the Corner!

Is **Tuesday, March 21** circled on your calendar? That's the day set aside as Rosie the Riveter Day! Make plans now to celebrate it in your own unique way. Here are a few ideas:

- ◆ Visit a Rosie or take her to lunch.
- ◆ Plan a potluck brunch or lunch for Rosies and veterans. A cake or flowers might be nice!
- ◆ Plan a restaurant outing with Rosies, veterans, and family members. Wear Rosie t-shirts, coveralls, and red-and-white polka dots — people will ask you questions!
- ◆ Work with the Activities Director at a senior facility to plan a brief program for residents. Recognize all Rosies and veterans with a flower or other remembrance.

Let us know what you do! Send a description and photos to Editor Nell Branum at [nellbran@yahoo.com](mailto:nellbran@yahoo.com).

# Eastern MI (WOW) Chapter On the Go



This active Chapter started the fall with Ring a Bell for Rosie. They displayed a photo board of Rosies who have passed away, then rang a bell for each of them as their names were read. Pictured are Rosies **Fran Masters** and **Audrey Bolton** with Chapter President, Rosebud **Bette Kenward**. Several members who could not attend the ceremony rang bells individually and shared their photos.



The Chapter was also on hand for the dedication picnic of a bench at Belle Isle Park in Detroit in honor of Rosie **Clara Doutly**, pictured on right with Rosie **Virginia Basler** and Bette. And they turned out in a big way for the Richmond Good



Ole Days Parade, in which Rosie Fran rode in a sporty red convertible and other Chapter members and supporters walked with her. Speaking of parades, the Chapter also participated in the Caro Pumpkin Festival parade, the Detroit Veterans Day Parade, and the Rochester Christmas parade. In each parade, many in the

group carried large tribute banners bearing photos of their Rosie mothers and grandmothers.



The Chapter is connecting with children in a unique way, as two young girls have been interviewing several Rosies, including **Beulah McAlister** (pictured at right) over the last several months, and are writing books for other children.



President Bette spoke to a DAR group, then the Chapter rounded out the season by hosting a Soup and Stories event at the Michigan Military Historical Society Museum. They shared Rosie stories, displayed 12 beautifully informative banners, and enjoyed delicious soup.

What great happenings!



# Tennessee Rosie Front & Center



On November 10, Rosie **Thelma Bryant** (TN) was honored with free tickets for a special Veterans Day Concert at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. ARRA's State Director for TN, Rosebud **Laurie Ranta**, was an honorary committee member for the event. Other Rosebuds in attendance were **Wanda Burnett, Sherry Coate, Jan Watts, Carla Sanders, Mollie Davis, and Peggy Jernigan**. It was a great night! And a new Chapter is in the works!

# Orange County Celebrations



Our Orange County (CA) Chapter was thrilled to participate in two Veterans Day programs in November, one in La Mirada, the other in La Habra. The Chapter had a table display and shared information about Rosies and ARRA membership. As a result,

the Chapter was asked to schedule presentations for a 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, a group of homeschool children, and a Girl Scout troop. Pictured above are Chapter President **Michele Pisa-Jones** and Rosebud **Christie Ciccarelli** with some young visitors.



Congrats to this Chapter on their growing membership! Pictured above are Rosies **Alice Dyer, Helen Stevenson, Rusty Young, and Phyllis Turnbull**.

Keep up the good work!

# GA Rosie Shares Her Story



When Rosie **Eleanor Stark** (GA), age 98, visited DisneyWorld in Florida, she missed nothing! Eleanor and her two daughters camped there during the week of Halloween, and she set up a display about Rosie the Riveter and Merrill's Marauders, the unit in which her husband served and was killed during the war. People flocked to see her display and meet her, even in the parks, as she walked 5-6 miles each day and was a people magnet. In between telling Rosie stories, she was riding roller coasters and enjoying other

DisneyWorld attractions. What an amazing example of the Rosie spirit! Keep on keeping on, Eleanor!



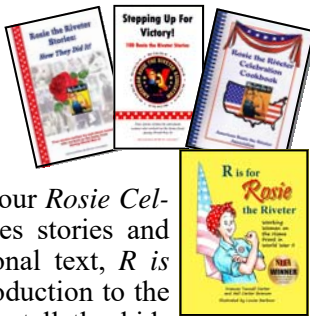
## TX Rosebud Writes for Homeschool Blog

Rosebud **Susan Stewart**, President of our Central Texas Chapter, is helping preserve the Rosie legacy through homeschool channels. Rosie makes an excellent homeschool topic or project, and Susan, who writes for homeschool publications, wrote an article about Rosies for Veterans Day 2022. It was published on This Old Schoolhouse blog. You can read the whole enlightening article at [www.theoldschoolhouse.com/rosie-the-riveter-world-war-ii-veterans/](http://www.theoldschoolhouse.com/rosie-the-riveter-world-war-ii-veterans/). Congrats, Susan!

## Great Resources for Students



Great educational resources to help you share the Rosie legacy with the younger generations are found on our ARRA website, [www.rosietheriveter.net](http://www.rosietheriveter.net). You'll find Rosie stories, newsy "This Month in History" spots, word search printables, and more. Click over to the Rosie Shoppe and order some of ARRA's six story books, each containing 100 or more personal Rosie stories that are great primary source material for students, or our *Rosie Celebration Cookbook*, which includes stories and recipes. Our illustrated informational text, *R is for Rosie the Riveter*, is a fun introduction to the Rosie legacy. And don't forget to tell the kids about ARRA's Student Grants for grades 6-12! (See page 2).



## CAF Salutes Rosies



The Commemorative Air Force (CAF), a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and showing vintage aircraft, paid a wonderful tribute to Rosies everywhere in the September 2022 issue of their magazine called *Dispatch*. Rosebud **Jeannette Gutierrez**, President of the Willow Run (MI) Chapter of ARRA, was quite helpful in the production, providing articles, photos, information, and advice. The article includes not only educational information about Rosies and their accomplishments, but also personal stories and quotes from many Rosies, a reprint of a letter home from Rosie **Peggy Hood** (CT), and a tribute to ARRA's founder, **Dr. Fran Carter** (AL). The CAF generously included much information about ARRA. It is a beautiful issue! Check it out at this link: <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/b8e1f838#/b8e1f838/1>.

Jeannette was also interviewed by **Steve Buss** of the CAF on their "Warbird Tube" broadcast. View it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_nL\\_uWxz43Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nL_uWxz43Q). Way to go!

## Willow Run Chapter Is Busy



Our Willow Run (MI) Chapter dedicated a Rosie Rose Garden in Dearborn, with five Rosies and a WW II veteran in attendance. Pictured (left) are Rosies **Gladys Trimper**, **Helen Kushnir**, **Helen Bandyke**, **Clara Doutly**, and **Amy Langdon**. Chapter officers continued to pay Rosie Honor Visits to homebound Rosies. Pictured (left) is Rosie **Phyllis Jones** with Chapter Officers **Audrey Parmentier**

and **Jeannette Gutierrez**. The Rosebud generations enjoyed several Rosebud Rambles, including attending an art exhibit and an Elvis Fest. The Chapter's regular potluck luncheons are a favorite of both Rosies and WW II veterans.

In July, the Chapter enjoyed their fifth annual Ypsilanti Township Rosie the Riveter Craft Show. At this event, Rosies and vets greet an adoring public in distinctive polka

dot tents. In August, Rosies and veterans were special guests of the Friends of the Rouge (River) at an elegant Gala at the historic Phoenix Mill. Pictured (right) are Rosie **Betty Hinzmann**, Rosebud **Edie Hinzmann**, Rivet **Henry Timmermann**, and Rosie **Emma Timmerman**.



Willow Run Chapter Officers gave several Rosie presentations to senior centers and DAR groups, and joined in a picnic celebration on Belle Isle to celebrate a special bench dedicated in honor of Rosie **Clara Doutly** by Ford Motor Company.

The Chapter's Ring a Bell for Rosie event on Labor Day (right) was featured on local television news. The event and the Rosies were profiled on



Michigan Public Radio's prestigious "Stateside" program. The warm weather ended on a high note with a very lovely tea in partnership with the historic Newton House Inn in Ypsilanti, where Rosies and their veteran friends were honored guests. Pictured at right are Rosie **Clara** and Rosie **Virginia Rusch** with 21st Century Rosie **Rose Davis**. In November, Chapter President Jeannette delivered a basket of greeting cards made by the Chapter to a local VFW post.



Great job, everyone!



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Send Rosie-related items for the newsletter, including photographs, to Editor Nell Branum at nellbran@yahoo.com.

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!

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## 2023 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, or email: [membershiparra@gmail.com](mailto:membershiparra@gmail.com).** Telephone: (918) 697-9112.

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

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

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

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

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

**OR**

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

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

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### Sun City Rosies Stepping Out



On November 10, the Sun City (AZ) Rosies were honored at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual VMLC (Veterans Medical Leadership Council) Heroes Patriotic Luncheon, held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort. In attendance were Rosies **Erlinda Avila, Florence Carter, and Caroline Kilgore**, as well as Rosebuds **Nancy Allaire, Barbara Cook** (Chapter President), **Linda Lundberg, Pat Norton, Diane Paulson, Rose Marie Pawlak, Carol Ruda, and Dana Stone**. They are pictured with **Kennadee Riggs**, Miss Rodeo Arizona 2022.

Rosie Caroline (right) designed and crafted a beautiful patriotic-themed quilt that she donated to raise funds for the VMLC. What an inspiring and memorable event!



### Preserving a legacy



Rosebud Nicolette Szymanski shared this photo showing the wonderful way the late **Edythe "Edie" Papadakis** is being honored.

Edie is featured in an exhibit at the Baltimore Museum of Industry in Maryland. Edie was one of the first women workers at Bethlehem Steel. We are

so glad to see her legacy preserved!

