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# Make Plans to Come to ARRA's Convention!



*... But Hurry!*

*Meet us in Portland, Oregon, June 9-11, 2023!*

*Deadlines for reservations are approaching!*

*Don't miss greeting Rosies and ARRA members, experiencing the Portland Rose Festival, and seeing Rosies (or being one!) on the Rosie float in the Grand Floral Parade! More info in this issue!*

## 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)  
7:00 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)



**Rosie Assistance Available!** Rosies, we want you to come to Portland! If you are a World War II Rosie, ARRA will reimburse you for \$200 of your travel expenses. And family members, friends, or employers may help *sponsor* a Rosie to come to Convention— perhaps a specific Rosie, or perhaps a general donation for a Rosie you haven't met. Mail donations to Treasurer **Stephanie Davis**, 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).



## Welcome, Two New Chapters!

### *The Worcester County, Massachusetts Chapter*

**Tina Sundén**, President  
**Rosaria Giamei**, Vice President  
**Millie Larson**, Secretary  
**Giuliana Valera**, Treasurer  
 Contact Tina at [tsundencptaux@gmail.com](mailto:tsundencptaux@gmail.com).

### *The Clarksville, Tennessee Chapter*

**Laurie Ranta**, President  
**Sherry Coate**, Vice President  
**Wanda Burnett**, Secretary  
**Peggy Jernigan**, Treasurer  
 Contact Laurie at (615)945-1879 or [lranta00@gmail.com](mailto:lranta00@gmail.com).

If you would like to start a Chapter in your area, contact  
**Bette Kenward**, VP Expansion, [expansionarra@gmail.com](mailto:expansionarra@gmail.com).



## Honoring an IL Rosie

Congratulations to Rosie **Rose Penrod** of IL for being named Valentine's Day Queen at her senior living facility! Rose's great-niece, **Lisa Huddleston**, wrote to let us know that Rose turned 103 on October 11, 2022. Lisa also mentioned that Rose is very active and doesn't look a day over 80! Congrats, Rose, we're so proud of you!

## Nominating Committee Report

Our Nominating Committee would like to nominate the following ARRA Rosebud members as officers for the 2023-2025 biennium: President: **Laura Wright** (OK); VP Expansion: **Bette Kenward** (MI); VP Membership: **Jan Davis** (HI); Recording Secretary: **Jackie Harding** (IN); Corresponding Secretary: **Jeannette Gutierrez** (MI). The Committee is still accepting nominations for Treasurer. Elections will take place on June 11 during Convention. Send nominations to **Dr. Yvonne Fasold**, [fasold@uoregon.edu](mailto:fasold@uoregon.edu).

## 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 Convention 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 AND PARADE INFORMATION:** 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.

You will not need a car during the Convention. On Saturday, a bus will take Rosies to the parade staging area. The Rosie float is accessible and has safety rails. Helpers will be onsite. The bus will take everyone else to the Coliseum, where we will enjoy pre-parade festivities, then watch the floats as they parade right through the Coliseum. The bus will return everyone to the hotel.

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

## Extend Your Time in Portland!

Explore these exciting destinations before or after Convention!

**Mount Hood:** [www.travelportland.com/region/mount-hood/](http://www.travelportland.com/region/mount-hood/)

**Pittock Mansion:** [www.pittockmansion.org](http://www.pittockmansion.org)

**Powell's City of Books:** [www.powells.com/locations/powells-city-of-books](http://www.powells.com/locations/powells-city-of-books)

**Lan Su Chinese Garden:** [www.lansugarden.org](http://www.lansugarden.org)

**Portland Japanese Garden:** [www.japanesegarden.org](http://www.japanesegarden.org)

**Multnomah Falls:** [www.travelportland.com/region/multnomah-falls/](http://www.travelportland.com/region/multnomah-falls/)

**Oregon Museum of Science and Industry:**  
[www.evergreenmuseum.org](http://www.evergreenmuseum.org)



## How Benevity Helps ARRA

Does the company you work for use Benevity to manage their employee volunteer incentive programs? Then YOU can help raise funds for ARRA! ARRA is now registered as a non-profit with Benevity, so if your company offers matching funds for your donations, or provides you with donation bucks when you log a certain number of volunteer hours, you can now direct those funds to ARRA! Many corporations partner with Benevity, including UPS, Apple, Microsoft, and Coca-Cola, so call your HR Department and ask. It's a wonderful way to help ARRA!

# 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](http://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</u> <u>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: Women's sizes: M _____ L _____ XL _____ Men's: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2X _____ 3X _____ <b>*Note:</b> Rosies who previously registered and paid for a shirt, your \$20 will be refunded.	(WWII Rosies free, this is a gift*)  All Others \$20	(WWII Rosies free, this is a gift*)  All Others \$20	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**



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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!

## It Will Soon Be Time for Our 2023 Convention—See 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**OR**

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

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

### ARRA Insignia Jewelry

Did you know that ARRA has a membership pin? Or that a "WWII Rosie" bar can be attached to it? How about an insignia necklace? All these items and more are available by placing an order directly with Hamilton Insignia at:



[www.hamiltoninsignia.com/categories/American-Rosie-The-Riveter-Association/](http://www.hamiltoninsignia.com/categories/American-Rosie-The-Riveter-Association/)

or call (800) 786-5890



If using the website, click on the "Insignia" and "Jewelry" tabs on the left of the screen to see all options. ARRA membership is required for all purchases. Wear them proudly!

*Join us in beautiful  
Portland, Oregon  
for our ARRA Convention!  
June 9-11, 2023*

### Grant Awarded to MI Chapter



We are excited to announce that our Willow Run, MI Chapter was awarded a 2022 Mini Grant in the amount of \$1,500 from the MotorCities National Heritage Area, a nonprofit historical organization dedicated to preserving Michigan's automotive heritage, and operating under the auspices of the U.S. National Park Service. The Chapter is looking forward to putting the funds to use providing a year of Chapter programming aimed at honoring the living Rosies and WWII Veterans, preserving their legacy, and educating communities. Congratulations!



### ARRA at the National Veterans Awards Dinner

On November 10, 2022, ARRA was represented at the National Veterans Awards Dinner in Birmingham, AL by Rosebuds **Gloria Parvin** (right), past VP of the Birmingham Chapter, and **Nell Carter Branum** (left), past Chapter President. Veterans Day began in Birmingham, and for many years, ARRA's founder, Rosie **Dr. Fran Carter**, represented ARRA at the Awards Dinner's head table. This year, after the death of Dr. Carter, her daughter Nell was asked to step in to represent ARRA, and she was honored to do so!