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Our Wildest Dreams Were Exceeded!

Convention Wrap-up by Rosebud Dr. Yvonne Fasold (OR), Convention Chairman



During ARRA's National Convention in Portland, OR, June 8-11, our goal was to honor the Rosies for four days, and along with our partners, we really did a good job of it!

Fifteen World War II Rosies attended, ages 94-101! Family and friends shared the excitement, and two Rosies had five generations present! Our Rosies were (left to right, front row): **Doris Graham (OR)**, **Louise Unkrich (IA)**, **Florence Rexroad (OR)**, **Dorothy Key (OR)**, **Virginia Basler (MI)**, **Lorraine Minikel (OR)**; (left to right, back row): **Dolly Marshall (OR)**, **Jennifer McMullen (CA)**, **Dolores Leonard (AZ)**, **Doris Bier, (WA)**, **Romaine Smith (OR)**, **Clarice Lafreniere (OR)**, **Nita Eggers (OR)**, **Caroline Kilgore (AZ)**, and **Marcella Von Tangen (WA)**, not pictured). The weekend was planned and coordinated with



the Portland Rose Festival and Grand Floral Parade. The Rose Festival Foundation created a spectacular float (left) for our Rosies, while the Boeing company sponsored the float and walked in the parade with us.

The Foundation invited the Rosies to Thursday's military reception that they host traditionally as part of Portland's Fleet Week festivities. Ships from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and Royal Canadian Navy were in town. Our Rosies were honored guests as they met military brass and received a standing ovation from attendees, and it was announced that the Rosies would be the parade's Grand Marshals!

At our Friday Open House the room was packed, as convention participants, four TV channels, and the community honored our Rosies, gave gifts, and took photos. There was

enough electricity in that room to power the universe!

On Saturday, our Rosies looked splendid, arrayed on their beautiful parade float. They received another standing ovation from parade participants and attendees as they passed through the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum to begin the parade, and the parade route was lined with people cheering, waving, and thanking them for their service.

Saturday night we honored the Rosies by introducing each one individually, telling what she did during the war. At our business meeting on Sunday morning, we shared ARRA Chapter activities from around the nation and elected new national officers (see page 3). Then we remembered those we lost during the last year and were inspired at our Memorial Service (see pages 4-5). Our Grand Finale on Sunday afternoon was a champagne brunch cruise on the Willamette River aboard the *Portland Spirit*.

It was an exhilarating weekend! We thank all who came and all who worked so hard to make it a success. We hope to see an equally great turnout in **Tennessee** in 2024!



Amy Frazier photo



Steve Dipaola/Boeing photo

From Our New President



Hello! It is my honor to have been elected as President of ARRA. I am blessed with the incredible opportunity to lead this organization, dedicated to preserving the legacy of our Rosies. This new role fills me with immense pride and a deep sense of responsibility. Together with the Executive Committee, State Directors, and local Chapters, I will do my best to ensure ARRA's continued success and impact.

Every interaction with a Rosie is a humbling experience. Listening to their stories and witnessing their unwavering spirit is a reminder of the legacy we are entrusted with. I am dedicated to preserving the Rosies' history. My grandmothers are not here to witness me as President, but I will do this in their honor. I know they would be proud! Thank you for this opportunity that allows me to connect with extraordinary Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, and Friends.

~ **Laura Wright** (Rosebud 2, OK)
ARRA National President



Coming in 2024!

Next year's ARRA National Convention will be in the great state of

Tennessee!

More information is coming soon, but start thinking about your plans now! You won't want to miss it!

Time to Get a Head Start and Plan for ARRA's Student Grants

As a new school year begins, it's time for students to begin making plans to apply for ARRA's 2024 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, or other gathering. 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. Both girls and boys are eligible to enter. Request an application from Student Grants Chairman, Rosebud **Carol Cain**, 112 Sunny Point Circle, LaGrange, GA 30240, email carolcain007@gmail.com. The deadline to submit applications is **March 1, 2024** but the time to make your plans is now!

Two Important New Helpers



Clarissa Castillo (Friend of Rosies, TX) is our new ARRA Social Media Coordinator and comes with a rich background in customer service and community involvement through her work with veteran support groups and other nonprofits. Welcome and thanks, Clarissa!



Jeannette Gutierrez (Rosebud, MI) has graciously agreed to become our new Website Coordinator. Her expertise in graphic design, technology, and web design is a tremendous asset for us. Many thanks, Jeannette!

So Chapters, State Directors, and members, send all of your exciting news and photos for social media sharing to info@rosietheriveter.net.

We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Oregon Rosies Out Front

Rosies **Florence Rexoad**, **Dolly Marshall**, and **Dorothy Key** from our McKenzie (OR) Chapter were in the Creswell Fourth of July parade (left). Those three ladies plus Rosies **Doris Graham** and **Gazena (Jean) Dolphin** (all pictured right with a familiar face!) were in the Bohemian Mining Days parade in Cottage Grove on July 15. Looking good, ladies!



Join Our Honolulu Chapter To Remember Pearl Harbor

Save the date—**December 7, 2023!**



Our Honolulu, HI Chapter is inviting all Rosies, friends, and family to come to the islands and join them as they participate in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony (early that morning) and the Memorial Parade (that evening)!

Last year, five Rosies from four states, with lots of friends and family, were part of these and other wonderful events, with as many as four generations of family members participating. So check out discounts or packages you may find through airline loyalty programs, AAA, AARP, COSTCO Vacations, etc. and come on over!

Additional event plans are still being made, but the Honolulu Chapter stands ready to help you make your plans! Chapter President, Rosebud **Jan Davis**, recommends staying from about Dec. 2-9, if you can. Look for updates on their website at HonoluluRosies.org/Dec7, or contact Jan by phone at 808-222-6142, or email at HonoluluRosies@gmail.com.

Keeping the Rosie Legacy Bright



Rosebud 3 **Maecy Carter** (AZ) shared how her 13-year-old daughter, **Trystan**, is keeping the Rosie legacy prominent at the Lake Havasu Museum of History. When Rosebud 4 Trystan participated in a Young Curators program, the final assignment was to make a mini-exhibit. Trystan chose to do hers on Rosies! As a baby, Trystan accompanied her mom and her great-great-grandmother, Rosie **Nora Willis**, to ARRA Chapter meetings in OR, and the Rosies who visited her Girl Scout troop in 2015 made a great impression. The exhibit quickly brought amazing response. Awesome, Trystan!

Welcome To Our ARRA National Officers, 2023-2025!



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These officers were elected at our National Convention in Portland and are already hard at work! We are still in need of a Treasurer. If you would like to nominate someone (or yourself), contact President Laura Wright.

From Our Outgoing President



I want to thank the wonderful people who made it possible for me to have a memorable experience as your President! My Rosie mom and I have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing people who will always be in my future. The plain truth is this has been such an education and an opportunity to teach as many people as possible the importance of our Rosies. What an honor!

Now, with Laura at the helm, I see an even bigger future for our remaining Rosies and our organization. Again, thank you!

~**Luella Larsen** (Rosebud 1, OR)
Immediate Past National President

Special 100th Birthdays!



Rosie **Mary Torres** (CA) celebrated her 100th birthday in May, surrounded by family, friends, and ice cream! On Saturday mornings for more than 10 years, Mary told her story of welding Liberty Ships in Oakland at the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Park in CA. Happy Birthday, Mary!

This spring, our Willow Run (MI) Chapter celebrated with style the 100th birthday of Rosies **Marge Haskins**, **Virginia Basler**, and **Vivian Litchard** (below), with custom satin sashes and Congressional Honors for each, presented by U. S. Representative **Debbie Dingel**. Happy Birthday to all!



Busy Days in Cheboygan/ Emmett Counties, MI



Our Cheboygan/Emmett Counties (MI) Chapter has been busy in lots of ways! They participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Mackinaw City, as well as the Paradise Parade in Carp Lake and the Fourth of July Parade in Cheboygan (left). Rosebuds **Angie Morthland** and **Linda Rogers** made several Rosie presentations for groups



in the area, including the Lavender Ladies in Gaylord, the Rotary Club in Cheboygan (left), the DAR of Grand Rapids, and at the *USS Silversides*

Submarine Museum in Muskegon (below) on July 6. They helped with setup and were ambassadors at the Wings Over Muskegon Air Show, July 7-9.

In addition, the Chapter maintains two Rosie Memorial Rose Gardens as well as displays at the *Icebreaker Mackinaw* Maritime Museum and the Cheboygan History Center. Way to keep that Rosie legacy front and center!





In Loving Memory



On Sunday morning, June 11, during our ARRA Convention in Portland, Oregon, Rosebuds **Trish Woepking** (IA) and **Julia Unkrich** (CO) led a special Memorial Service honoring Rosies and other members who had passed away since our last Convention. We honor and celebrate their lives and service, and the special place they hold in our hearts.

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).

Listed below are ARRA members whose families notified us of their deaths, June 2022 through May 2023. The list also includes Rosies who were deceased at the time their family members registered them as ARRA members during the last year.

<p><u>Alabama</u> Dazie Wilson Akers, Rosie Imogene "Jean" Spencer Bringham, Rosie Elsie Kipple Culbreath, Rosie Rebecca Moore Earnest, Rosie Margaret Colby Bashaw Moyer, Rosie Joan Irene Stidham Nist, Rosie Alice Jo Turner Olive, Rosie Eleanor "Nora" Orosan Ousley, Rosie Myrtle Marie Lemons Parsons, Rosie Grace Ann Moon Rabb, Rosie Ruby Howell Scott, Rosie Susie "Sue" Pierce Evaughn Steele-Mahaffey, Rosie Martha Lillian Whitman Taul, Rosie Gaynelle Gillespie Turner, Rosie Janie Elizabeth Wood, Rosie Missouri Webber Yarbrough, Rosie</p> <p><u>Arizona</u> Eileen Opatz Berger, Rosie Venita Hammontree, Rosie Barbara A. Melanson Meegan, Rosebud 1 Sylvia Arline Rhodes, Rosie Ruth Lusk Leaverton Riley, Rosie Esther G. Slager, Rosie Zenna Snowden, Rosie Lois Maxine Wolcott Urion, Rosie</p> <p><u>Arkansas</u> Jimmie Lee Simpson Nichols, Rosie</p> <p><u>California</u> Gladys Goon Choi, Rosie Mary J. Fierros, Rosie Margaret "Peggy" Nannerl Hood, Rosie Arlene Olga Lang Hopper, Rosie Maria Consuelo Kidder, Rosie Lorraine June Koop Lazerus, Rosie Shirley Mercer Madronich, Rosie Betty Mosher-Samson, Rosie Signe Esther Olson Gallaher Nakashima, Rosie Margaret Meekins Osborn, Rosie Ada Wyn Parker-Loy, Rosie Fannie "Eleanor" Watson Shaffer, Rosie Glenora Whitlock Sharrow, Rosie Maxine Ellen Nelson Tiffany, Rosie Mary Jane Stauber Wellever, Rosie Arlene Frances Barron Word, Rosie</p> <p><u>Colorado</u> Frances Evelyn Seaborg Carl, Rosie Rachel Elizabeth Hunt, Rosie Hazel Scott Lackey, Rosie Anna Stephens Page, Rosie Margie Louise "Tiny" Bowling Rainbolt, Rosie Mildred Basara Sturgis, Rosie</p> <p><u>Connecticut</u> Mary Jo Madaloni Cornell, Rosie</p>	<p><u>Connecticut (cont'd)</u> Marjorie Lucille Jones Eckert, Rosie Rose Williams Fralick, Rosie Marcia Luella Allen Stewart, Rosie Thelma Sophia Andersen Swody, Rosie</p> <p><u>Florida</u> Lyla Aileen Whisenant Brandon, Rosie Patricia Tetlus Derecas, Rosebud 1 Cecilia T. E. Garcia, Rosie Helen Uhaus Jenkins, Rosie Beverly Roberts Koenitzer, Rosie Gloria Wassung Morrisette, Rosie Ann Ruth Pittman Nalley, Rosie Edythe "Edie" Rodriguez Papadakis Butler, 21st Century Rosie Dorothy Mae Mohler Proudfoot, Rosie Ethel Lynn Zellner Radford, Rosie Nora Kathleen Smith, Rosie Lorraine C. LaPlante Tyree, Rosie Norma Bowden Wubbels Welty, Rosie</p> <p><u>Georgia</u> Geraldine Dorothy Purcell Britt, Rosie Virginia D. Burns, Rosie Margaret Inez Carter, Rosie Otho Pearle Cooley Crisler, Rosie Sadie W. Holt, Rosie Louvenia Kerns Jordan, Rosie Beatrice Mae McCullough, Rosie Mary Howell McJunkin, Rosie Frances Nevada Moynihan, Rosie Katherine Jane Kimsey Secrist, Rosie Selma Godbee Shannon, Rosie Thelma Fenn Stephens, Rosie</p> <p><u>Hawaii</u> Ella Umeno Fujie, Rosie</p> <p><u>Idaho</u> Betty Inez Delzell Tidwell, Rosie Frances "Fran" Louise Bennett Tully, Rosie Elizabeth "Betty" DeAnn Dalton Wellard, Rosie</p> <p><u>Illinois</u> Rose Stone Coulson, Rosie Dolly Hiller, Rosie Helen Caithamer Nielsen, Rosie Dorine Adalinda Enderle Uhrhan, Rosie Martha E. Vernon Wahe, Rosie</p> <p><u>Indiana</u> Aletha Joy Whitmyer Holloway, Rosie Johana Bischof Vaal, Rosie</p> <p><u>Iowa</u> Ihlene G. Elness Stockel, Rosie</p> <p><u>Kansas</u> Ethel Mary Solomon Cundiff, Rosie Mary Bogard Gann, Rosie Luann Kizer, Rosebud 1 Juanita Ouverson Manning, Rosie</p>	<p><u>Kansas (cont'd)</u> Marjorie Lancaster Morasch, Rosie Bonnie Lee Rutledge Shaw, Rosie Helen Irene Emmons Townsley, Rosie Alleta "Mickey" Maxine Ginn Rogers Wiseman, Rosie</p> <p><u>Kentucky</u> Mable Wagers Cawood, Rosie Myrtle Vest Rechenbach, Rosie Flossie Mae Duvall Smith, Rosie Thelma Isabel Robbins Sturgeon, Rosie Mary "Hope" Midkiff Wright, Rosie</p> <p><u>Maine</u> Elaine Blaisdell Cannell, Rosie</p> <p><u>Maryland</u> Margaret E. Cappolloni, Rosie Veronica L. Clark, Rosie Sadie Rawlings Hoyle, Rosie Viola Louise Palamaras Schmick, Rosie Theresa Elizabeth Somers, Rosie Rita Appel Stemler, Rosie Rose Forte Strzelczyk, Rosie Kathryn R. Wolford Turner, Rosie Norma Botelchuck Warnekow, Rosie</p> <p><u>Massachusetts</u> Sylvia Clary Sofinowski, Rosie</p> <p><u>Michigan</u> Gloria C. Gustafson Anderson, Rosie Helen Bentley, Rosie Florence "Flossie" Campbell, Rosie Rose Smith Chesney, Rosie Angela Lopardo Coletta, Rosie Christine Elizabeth Conway, Rosie Martha L. Ranville Darrow, Rosie Dorothy Mahonsky Dettloff, Rosie Irene Baillie Dobbyn, Rosie Marian Patricia "Pat" Duncan, Rosie Maggie Rosaline Fellows, Rosie Anita Flood, Rosie Betty Jean Hinzmann, Rosie Betty Ann Hawkedahl Hoernschemeyer, Rosie Bettie Archer Johnson, Rosie Phyllis Brown Jones, Rosie Helen Edith Kushnir, Rosie Phyllis Rosaline Gill Lenhard, Rosie Mihalina Mary Lewiski, Rosie Mary Elizabeth Davis Liebner, Rosie Dorothy Leone Mabery Martus, Rosie Florence Marie McCarty, Rosie Betty D. Motyka, Rosie Marjorie Essenmacher Murawske, Rosie Hazel Marie White Nelson, Rosie Mary Elizabeth Pearson, Rosie Phyllis Madeliene Roullier, Rosie Catheryn Almyra Heeney Rourke, Rosie Wanda Olechowski Rudzki, Rosie</p>	<p><u>Michigan (cont'd)</u> Shirley Metivier Seewald, Rosie Ida Bussell Simmons, Rosie Jean Kent Sitracki, Rosie Dorothy Isanhart Swan, Rosie Rita Emma Tanner, Rosie Florence "Flo" A. Spencer Tracy, Rosie Marge Elsie Anderson Walters, Rosie Anna Maria Cetrone Wasmund, Rosie Margaret A. Wentz, Rosie Virginia Maxine Shaver Whiting, Rosie Bette Welch Wolvin, Rosie Willie Dee Wooley, Rosie</p> <p><u>Minnesota</u> Eileen Opatz Berger, Rosie Marvel J. Person Moen Olson, Rosie Sonia Stroman Peterson, Rosie</p> <p><u>Mississippi</u> Jimmie D. Parker, Rosie</p> <p><u>Missouri</u> Erma Henson Motley, Rosie Marjorie Jean Lyons Swaim, Rosie Mary Mildred Turner Woodruff, Rosie</p> <p><u>Montana</u> Edwina Elaine Shelley Cross, Rosie Thelma Louise Ruffatto Hollingsworth, Rosie Anne Brink Krickel, Rosie Bettie Walsh Matesich, Rosie Maxine Love Gates Robinson, Rosie</p> <p><u>Nebraska</u> Frances Marie Spencer Scott, Rosie Margie Elizabeth Lorange Kitt Shackelford, Rosie Dorothy May Hargens Halsted Waldron, Rosie</p> <p><u>Nevada</u> Ruth "Kitty" May West Heard Taylor, Rosie Mary Elaine Kean Van Acker, Rosie</p> <p><u>New Jersey</u> Helen Cyzewski Bennett, Rosie Josephine M. Henne, Rosie Dorothy Lang Porter, Rosie Dorothy Grace Porter Saffioti, Rosie Dorothy M. Lozowiecki Shapley, Rosie</p> <p><u>New York</u> Marjorie Peacock Tomasi, Rosie</p> <p><u>North Carolina</u> Grace Gavin Clark, Rosie Pauline Finnegan, Rosie Rosanna Mary "Rosemary" Wallace Johnson Busey, Rosie Helen Ann Kramer, Rosie Jacqueline "Jacky" Cunningham Skipper, Rosie</p>
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In Loving Memory (cont'd)

North Dakota

Marjorie Berndt Robinson, Rosie

Ohio

Kathy George, Rosie
 Frances June Malicote, Rosie
 Eva Prlenda Muir, Rosie
 Thelma E. Nagy, Rosie
 Rose Marie Pasquale Sculli, Rosie
 Beulah Sebastian Sizemore, Rosie
 Eileen Hedden Marsh Tench, Rosie
 Viola "Vi" Marie Beeler Carson Williams, Rosie

Oklahoma

Sammy Dee Laughlin Beck, Rosie
 Mary Jane Hunter Frieburg, Rosie
 Marjorie Ann Hobbs, Rosie
 Juanita Schultz Mauldin, Rosie
 Marina Ann Balafas Metevelis, Rosie
 Ivon Ruth Taylor Neal, Rosie
 Bertha Rogers Owen, Rosie
 Ruby Mae Shelton Pendergraft, Rosie
 Lucretia L. Raines, Rosie
 Betty J. Gibson Rosenburgh, Rosie
 Rhonda Francis Short, Rosie
 Lucille V. Smith Williams, Rosie

Oregon

Ann Bjornstad Barrie, Rosie
 Margaret Mellinger Denison, Rosie
 Arvilla Eldora Meister Hume, Rosie
 Martha Jane Phelps Lynch, Rosie
 Lorraine Daniels Mosier, Rosie
 Phyllis J. Hope Oeltjen, Rosie
 Ethel Evelyn Perry, Rosie
 Eulalia "Lola" Atencio Ragan, Rosie
 Zelia Aletha Barney Scott, Rosie
 Irene Ann Kroupa Shelton, Rosie
 Angela Marie Watson, Rosebud 1

Pennsylvania

Caroline Sunday Holben, Rosie
 Marie Cawley Palefsky, Rosie
 Eleanor Boothman Thompson, Rosie

South Carolina

Elsie Burr Ledbetter, Rosie
 Sara Ethel Mongan, Rosie
 Elizabeth Miller Radford Thompson, Rosie

South Dakota

Eileen Lillian Hofer Iverson, Rosie

Tennessee

Clara Bodnar, Rosie
 Mamie Weber Cook, Rosie
 Mary Shirley Johnson Nicholson, Rosie
 Syble Smith Patterson, Rosie
 Mary Josephine Trigg Pearce, Rosie
 Bessie Crane Speakman, Rosie
 Corrine Rider Ward, Rosie

Texas

Leona Mae Box, Rosie
 Mary K. Davidson, Rosie
 Helen McCann Foster, Rosie
 Doris DeBrock House, Rosie
 Bonnie Lee Saltzman, Rosebud 1
 Mary Earlene Jennings Saltzman, Rosie
 Zell McClellan Shewbert, Rosie
 Madge Carr Smith, Rosie
 Eva Maxine Shoemaker Suhar, Rosie

Utah

Laura Hoisington Becker, Rosie

Vermont

Margaret Louise Nault, Rosie

Virginia

Marie Doris Robarge O'Neill, Rosie

Washington

Patricia McKee Bauer, Rosebud 2
 Bonnie Lee Reeves, Rosie
 Billie Bernita Brown Salick, Rosie
 Adeline "Tiny" Struble, Rosie

West Virginia

Cora McNeely Chafin, Rosie
 Helen "Delores" Fitzpatrick Ward, Rosie
 Emily Albertine Kunz Withers, Rosie
 Sheila "Janice" Eberhart Wright, Rosie

Wisconsin

Laurel M. Nett, 21st Century Rosie
 Marian Ritter Schnell, Rosie
 Marion Elinor Wienke, Rosie



Orange Co Rosies Greet Author

A couple of years ago, Rosies **Phyllis Turnbull** (age 101), **Rusty Young**, and **Helen Stevenson** of our Orange County (CA) Chapter were interviewed by author **Nicola Harrison** as she was researching her third fiction book. The



novel, *Hotel Laguna*, is about a young woman who moved to CA to build WWII bombers, and follows her story after the war ended.

Recently, the Rosies and Nicola were reunited, as Nicola visited again to present each Rosie with her own signed copy of the newly-released book! Congrats to all!

Rome Rosies Give a Surprise

When our Rome (GA) Chapter met on June 29 at The Spires, (the senior adult living center at Berry College), they viewed a powerful video about a WWII veteran. Pictured is Rosie **Barbara Esler** with others present. Then they did something unique—they gave their Chapter President, Rosebud **Brittany Sorrells**, a baby shower! Brittany is due in November, on Veterans Day!



Our best to all of you!

A Busy Willow Run Chapter

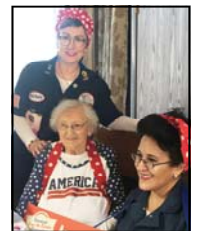
December 2022 found our Willow Run (MI) Chapter in the Garden City Santaland Parade. More than 50 people from the Chapter participated, including Rosie **Emma Timmerman** with her husband, **Henry**, Rosies **Flo McCarty** and **Virginia Basler** and WW II veteran **George Leland**. 2023 continued the fun with regular Rosie gatherings (left), Rosebud



Ramble get-togethers, and writing letters and cards to hundreds of Rosies and veterans. The Chapter expanded three existing Rosie rose gardens and started two new ones. They introduced Rosie Honor Banners (left), which are used in many ways.

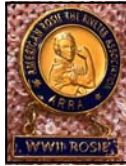
Rosies **Virginia Rusch**, **Virginia**

Basler, and **Delphine Klaput** (right) were guests of honor at an elegant Fireside Chat Tea. Chapter officers gave seven educational Rosie presentations. **Jeannette Gutierrez** and **Audrey Parmentier** paid an Honor Visit to Rosie **Vera Gobeski**, age 100 (right). On National Rosie the Riveter Day, the Chapter partnered with the Michigan Manufacturing Council, General Motors, and the UAW to celebrate Rosie at the state Capitol in Lansing. Over 700 people attended, and everyone cheered as Rosies' names were announced from the Capitol steps. The Chapter partnered with the Yankee Air Museum to bring WWII veterans to a gala dinner, wrote cards, honored homebound Rosies, and more! Keep up the good work!



It's a Half-Price Sale!

Hamilton Insignia will no longer be selling ARRA insignia jewelry after **October 31, 2023**. But until then, you can purchase items at *half-price*! Go online to <https://www.hamiltoninsignia.com/categories/American-Rosie-The-Riveter-Association/Insignia>. Click on "Insignia" or "Jewelry" on the left side of the screen to see all of the beautiful options. ARRA membership is required for purchase. Note that Rosies may purchase a "WWII Rosie" hanging bar to attach to the pin. Others may have their Rosie's name inscribed on a bar. Use the promo code **ROSIE50** at checkout. *But don't delay!*



Baltimore Celebrations



Our Baltimore (MD) Chapter celebrated National Rosie the Riveter Day (March 21) at the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum with Rosies **Virginia Cassidy** (age 99) and **Susan King**, plus Rosebuds, Riveters, and Baltimore County Councilman **David Marks**. They marked the 20th anniversary of the Chapter's partnership with the museum. Each Rosie and Rosebud received a certificate of appreciation.

On July 8, the Chapter celebrated Susan's 99th birthday with flowers, cake, and songs. **Gregory Cooke**, producer of "Invisible Warriors," a documentary on African-American Rosies that features Susan, was present, and many others. Susan has been inducted into the museum's online Rosie the Riveter Heritage Trail. She is pictured above with her grandson.



The Chapter is also celebrating the 103rd birthday of Rosie **Mary Jones** in August. Exciting days!

Hall of Fame Rosie



Rosie Clara Dootley (MI) is featured in an exhibit at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, MI. Willow Run Chapter President **Jeannette Gutierrez** and Clara's Rosebud, **Katie Moylan**, helped with the exhibit, titled "Achievement: African American Accomplishments and Contributions in Automotive." Congratulations!

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	Book: 104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
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	Book: Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
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	Book: Rosie the Riveter Stories: How They Did It!	\$17.00	
	Book: Stepping Up for Victory! 100 Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	Picture Book: R is for Rosie the Riveter (hardback)	\$20.00	
	Picture Book: R is for Rosie the Riveter (paperback)	\$15.00	
	Set of 7 books (1 each: 103, 104, Romances, Legacy, How Did It, Stepping Up, Cookbook)	\$114.00	
	Set of 6 story books (1 each: 103, 104 More, Romances, Legacy, How Did It, Stepping Up)	\$96.00	
	Any 1 story book shipped directly to a library	\$12.00	
	- Circle which book: 103 ~104 More ~Romances ~Legacy ~How Did It ~Stepping Up		
	Celebration Cookbook shipped directly to a library	\$15.00	
	Hardback R is for Rosie sent directly to a library, or several to one ARRA Chapter	\$18.00 ea	
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	ARRA logo pin (words and circle with stitch design)	\$8.00	
	Rosie Stickers, 3½" x 2½" (package of 5)	\$5.00	
	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: S M L XL	\$20.00	
	Rosie T-Shirt w/ white "We Can Do It" Circle: Navy or Red Heather * S M L XL	\$17.00	
	ARRA T-shirt w/ ARRA's 20 th Anniversary Logo Circle: S M L XL	\$8.00	
	Rosie T-shirt w/color "We Can Do It" Circle: Daisy Yellow or Sport Gray * S M L XL	\$17.00	
	Rosie Apron, yellow with blue trim, Rosie image in center, neck & waist straps	\$15.00	
	Rosie Pot Holder, 8" x 8" yellow w/ blue trim, Rosie image in center, silver backing	\$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: Adult or Child	\$6.00	
	Rosie Playing Cards	\$7.00	
	Rosie Socks (size 9-11, women's shoe size 6-10) Circle: Yellow or Black	\$10.00	
	Rosie Women's Cat Socks, "We Can Mew It" Circle: Berry or Yellow	\$10.00	
	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 Poster, 20" x 28"	\$20.00	
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A Spectacular Unveiling

On July 8, our Ft. Worth (TX) Chapter unveiled its new Rosie the Riveter Mural at the Rosie Memorial Rose Garden at the Vintage Flying Museum in Ft. Worth, with approximately 200 people in attendance.

The garden was created in 2019 to honor Rosies of North Texas. There are currently 12 rose bushes, each dedicated to a Rosie. The mural was created by a local mother-daughter team of artists, **Lisa Hanson** and **Nicole Damon**, and features the iconic Rosie, as well as several aircraft that were built in North Texas.



Local Rosie **Grace Brown** (age 101), pictured at left with Lisa and Nicole, joined the celebration, as well as several Rosie families. Guest speakers were

Haltom City Mayor **An Truong** and Ft. Worth Council member **Carlos Flores**. A flyover by a C-47, a T-6, and the Ft. Worth Police helicopter capped off a great event. Chapter President, Rosebud **Leslie Garvis**, invites us to visit their website at www.rosiememorialgardenftw.org, and to see local news coverage at <https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/rosie-the-riveter-mural-unveiled-at-rosie-memorial-rose-garden>. What a fabulous way to honor our Rosies!

GA Rosies in Warm Springs

On June 3, five GA Rosies participated in the 30th anniversary of "Rosie Day" at Roosevelt's Little White House in Warm Springs, GA. It was also the 30th year that storyteller and Rosebud **Carol Cain** had presented her one-woman Rosie portrayal at the event. After each of Carol's three performances, Rosies told their stories and answered questions. Between performances, many museum visitors stopped to have their pictures made with the Rosies and ask them to sign their programs. Pictured are (kneeling)



Farah Dewsbury of American Legion Post 330 in Columbus, and **Carol Cain**. Standing are **Patricia Liddell**, American Legion Post 330, with Rosies **Liz Minton**, **Barbara Esler**, **Eleanor Stark**, **Earline Gaither**, and **Jane Tucker**.

The event was coordinated by **Jonnie Clasen** of the Columbus, GA/Phenix City, AL Chapter. Such a great day!

Birmingham Bustles

Our Birmingham (AL) Chapter celebrated National Rosie the Riveter Day (March 21) at a local restaurant.



Pictured (left) are Rosies **Mabel Myrick** and **Jackie Ramsbacher** with Rosebuds **Nell Branum**, **Kay Deering**, **Janay Deering**, **Pam Belrose**, and **Gloria Parvin**.

It was so much fun they got together again for Memorial Day! Pictured (right) are Rosie **Mabel** and a Rosie member who attended for the first time, **Hazel Phillips**, with Rosebuds **Pam**, **Mary John James**, **Lynn Sedwick**, and **Gloria**.



The good times continued in July when **Gloria**, **Lynn**, and **Nell** drove to have lunch with **Hazel** in her hometown, about an hour away (left). What fun!