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All Rosies Awarded Congressional Gold Medal

Wrap-up by Past National President, *Dr. Yvonne Fasold (Rosebud 1, OR)*



On April 10, 2024, the Congressional Gold Medal was awarded to all WWII Rosies, those living and those deceased. This medal is the highest civilian award in the U. S. given by Congress. It was my honor to be present at the ceremony, honoring my mother, my inspirational Rosie role models, and all of these remarkable women and their service to our country.

Twenty-seven original Rosies from across the country, ages 89 to 106, were present in Emancipation Hall at the U. S. Capitol in Washington, D. C. to represent the 6 million women who worked on the home front in WWII. Approximately 400+ others joined them for the joyous occasion, that began with a

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2024 ARRA Convention a Huge Success

Wrap-up by National President, *Laura Wright (Rosebud 2, OK)*

The 2024 ARRA National Convention was held June 13-16 at The Inn at Opryland in Nashville, against the backdrop of Tennessee's country music culture. We were honored that among the members and guests in attendance were 12 Rosies from 7 states!

On Thursday evening, entertainer **Jody Ingalls** presented favorite songs of the 1940's as everyone enjoyed seeing old friends and sparking new friendships.

During the General Session on Friday, we were excited to welcome the First Lady of Tennessee, **Marie Lee**, who spoke with words of admiration about our Rosies and gave them each a Tennessee gift.

Rosebuds **Angie Morthland** and **Linda Rogers** from our Cheboygan/Emmett Counties, MI Chapter gave a rousing demonstration of the presentation that they give to schools and other groups. A new ARRA member, Friend of Rosies **Juliette Cosh**, told us how she was inspired by Rosies, built her own airplane (painted depicting Rosies at work), and has flown it to

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What a lovely group of Rosies at ARRA's 2024 Convention in Nashville!

*Front Row: **Thelma Bryant (TN), Leigh Walker (TN), Marian Sousa (CA), Delphine Klaput (MI), Wilma Kovach (MI).***

*Back Row: **Joan Finlay (MI), Joy Moses (IA), Delores Leonard (AZ), Helen Leqve (MN), Tennessee's First Lady **Marie Lee, Marie Dingle (TN), Barbara Esler (GA).***** Pictured on page 5: **Velva Irwin (TN)**

From Our President

Dear Friends,



As we continue to celebrate the legacy of our Rosies' strength, courage and resilience during WWII, I am proud of and grateful for all of you. Your commitment to honoring and preserving the stories of the Rosies ensures that their contributions will continue to inspire new generations. We need all Rosebuds, Rivets, and Friends to continue to be dedicated to keep the "We Can Do It" spirit alive.

Over the last several months, I have had some amazing opportunities to meet with our Rosies and I am looking forward to meeting even more of our membership soon. I am honored to listen to the Rosies, read your stories, and share your triumphs within this newsletter.

Laura Wright (Rosebud 2, OK)
ARRA National President

ARRA's Student Grants

Help the students in your life apply for ARRA's 2025 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 or a specific Rosie, such as for a school assignment, a National History Day project, a civic or senior group, or other gathering. Creative, *original* methods should be used. Both girls and boys are eligible to enter. For more info contact 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, 2025**.



Join Our Honolulu Chapter To Remember Pearl Harbor



Save this date—**December 7, 2024!**

Our Honolulu, HI Chapter invites Rosies, friends, and family to come to the islands and join them for the annual Pearl Harbor memorial service and parade. Rosies from several states have participated in the last couple of years, with lots of friends and family members. It's an excellent way to honor your Rosies and have an unforgettable family vacation!

The Honolulu Chapter stands ready to help you make your plans! Look for updates at HonoluluRosies.org/home/f/save-the-date or contact Chapter President, Rosebud **Jan Davis** 808-222-6142, or email at HonoluluRosies@gmail.com.

FL Rosie Authors Book



Rosie **Milka Bamond** (FL) has authored a book called *Hear Mara's Voice*, a true story about her mother's strength and determination to flee Eastern Europe after her husband's abandonment and make a new life for herself in America. Milka worked as a riveter on B-17's in Detroit. Congrats!



Announcing for 2025!

Next year's ARRA National Convention will be in

Dayton, Ohio!

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

Welcome, New MI Chapter!

We are excited to welcome our newest ARRA Chapter!

The Southgate, Michigan Chapter

Officers are President **Brenda Presnell**, Vice President **Lenore Bolthouse**, Secretary **Debra Carver**, Treasurer **Elizabeth Turner**, and Drill Coordinator **Wendy Albers**.



These folks are already on the go! They participated in the patriotic parade and car show on June 29 in Willis, MI. Pictured are Rosebud and Friends of Rosies members **Renee Tellez**, **Brenda Presnell**, **Kate Weise**, and **Wendy Albers** with WWII veteran **Ed Glazner**, who was Grand Marshal. To connect, contact President Brenda at (734) 272-9570 or southgaterosies24@gmail.com. Welcome!

Treats in Rome

On July 24, our Rome (GA) Chapter had a meeting full of treats for all. First, Rosies **Barbara Esler** and **Jane Tucker** (right) were there. Jane, the Chapter's founder, has moved away from the area but was able to return for the day. After lunch at a local restaurant, the fun continued at Brookdale Assisted Living, with almost 30 people in attendance. Chapter President **Jennifer Kearns** shared about wartime cooking.



The next treat was a presentation by 10-year-old **Maisie S.** (above). As part of her homeschool program, Maisie wrote a paper about a prominent American. She interviewed Rosie Jane and gave an excellent presentation, dressed in Rosie attire. Next, Rosie Barbara and her daughter, Rosebud **Becky McAlister**, shared about traveling to Washington for the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony and to Nashville for ARRA's National Convention. The final treat was lemonade and blueberry pound cake baked by Jennifer! What fun for all!

TN Rosie Honored



When Rosie **Leigh Walker** (TN) heard about the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony on the news, she informed her family, "I did that." Her family had not heard this before, but Leigh produced her welder's certificate, and they were delighted to know this news. Since then, Leigh has been honored by city, county, and state officials, as well as her U. S. Congressman, and she attended the ARRA National Convention in Nashville in June. When her story aired on the local news, others began to ask how their Rosies could be recognized. What a great reminder to look in your family tree to find and recognize your Rosies, too!

Rosie Gold Medal Ceremony (cont'd from page 1)

flurry of TV cameras and Rosie interviews, family photos, viewing the medal for the first time, music by the U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own” Brass Quintet with a trio of female soldiers singing “Rosie the Riveter,” and a program of congratulatory remarks from several Congress men and women, with Speaker of the House **Mike Johnson** presiding.



Rosie **Mae Krier** (PA) accepted the medal on behalf of all Rosies (left). Mae and Rosie **Phyllis Gould** (CA), who passed away in 2021, were at the forefront of efforts that lasted for many years to gain enough support in Congress. The award was signed into law in 2020.

What joyous days! Everyone rolled out the red carpet for the Rosies. A welcome reception and a dinner of honor were arranged by the Rosie the Riveter Trust (CA), in coordination with ARRA and several partners, including the Gary Sinese Foundation and the Boeing Company. Everyone cheered as each Rosie was introduced and her story was shared at the dinner. Rosies



*Rosies **Delphine Klaput** (MI) **Earline Gaither** (GA), and **Barbara Esler** (GA) enjoying the day*

were given a special tour of the White House. Wherever they went, people thanked them for their service.

One Rosie who attended from Oregon, **Clarice Lefreniere** (right), age 102, summed up her experiences: “I am pretty good at dreaming, but a trip to Washington, DC didn’t even seem possible. We flew to DC and met with a great group of Rosies and their companions in a wonderful reception, the ceremony, then the celebratory dinner and the White House. It was all a whirlwind, but I came away with great memories! Thank you to all who helped make this whole experience happen.”



*Rosie **Clarice Lefreniere***

Clarice’s granddaughter, Rosebud **Barbara Robertson**, (OR), accompanied Clarice as her “plus one” and had this to say: “It was an epic experience to be witness to the honor given to my grandmother, Clarice, and all the other Rosies—both those present and those unable to be there. Most of them, including my grandmother, are quick to dismiss the importance of their service during WWII. It was heartwarming to see so much recognition given to the Rosies. I am deeply grateful to the Rosies who successfully pressed for this recognition, and to the sponsors and donors who made it possible for my grandmother and me to be there.”

You can view the entire ceremony at this link: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=sO0RO7H2egY>. (Note that the third character after the = mark is a zero.) Congrats, all Rosies!

GA “Watch Party”



On April 10, members of our Atlanta and Rome (GA) Chapters were treated to a live-stream showing of the Rosie Congressional Gold Medal ceremony as it happened in Washington, D.C. The event was organized by **Larry Robert** of VITAS Healthcare and his colleague **Darrell Waits**. The venue space at the Cowan Historic Mill was donated by owner **Kevin Marcy**. Honored guests were Rosie **Jane Tucker** (seated), as well as Rosebud **Judy Gaither**, whose mom, Rosie **Earline Gaither**, was in D. C. for the event. A wonderful lunch was served, and everyone enjoyed viewing the ceremony on the wide screen. What a great day!

AL Rosie Receives Replica

Rosie **Mabel Myrick** (AL) wasn’t able to attend the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony in Washington, D.C., but Rosebud **Nell Branum** of our Birmingham Chapter visited with Mabel recently to present her with her own replica of the medal. Mabel worked as a secretary in the War Department at the Pentagon during the war. She served in several ARRA national officer positions consistently from 2003-2021, the longest tenure of any ARRA officer, and was the last Rosie to retire as an elected officer. Congrats to you, Mabel!



Do you know a Rosie who needs her own medal replica?



Note: Replicas of the Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal are available for purchase at https://catalog.usmint.gov/rosie-the-riveter-bronze-medal-MASTER_MDRR.html.

OR Rosies On the Go

Rosies **Dolly Marshall** and **Clarice Lefreniere** of our McKenzie (OR) Chapter were two of the Rosies in Washington, D. C. for the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony in April. When Dolly arrived for her flight, a desk attendant asked about her Rosie shirt (top right) and apparently told the cabin crew members where Dolly was headed. Dolly was surprised when a crew member announced that Dolly was on the plane and told about the medal and the Rosies. The whole plane applauded!



When they returned home, Dolly and Rosebud Chapter President **Yvonne Fasold**, who also attended in D.C., gave a presentation about the event at the local senior center. More than 70 people attended.



In July, Rosies **Dorothy Key**, **Doreen Kilen**, **Gazena Dolphin** and **Dolly Marshall** participated in the Creswell 4th of July parade (middle right). On July 27, Rosebud **Julie Amen** shared Rosie information at the B-17 Alliance Museum and Restoration Hangar in Salem (bottom right). Way to go, all!





In Loving Memory

On Sunday morning, June 16, 2024 during our ARRA Convention in Nashville, TN, Rosebuds **Trish Woepking** (IA) and **Julia Unkrich** (CO) led a White Rose 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 forever 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 2023 through May 2024. An asterisk indicates a member who was deceased at the time their family members registered them as ARRA members during the last year.

<p><u>Alabama</u> Ella Margaret Carsrud Burson, Rosie Billie Jean Kinney Cope, Rosie Stella Ingram Gamble, Rosie Violet Hester Hopping, Rosie Lola Isom Mann, Rosie Edith Adelle Cahela Morris, Rosie Hazel Ruth Lawson Nelson, Rosie Jacquelyn Studdard Donaldson Ramsbacher, Rosie Dorothy "Dot" Katherine Roland Roberson, Rosie Lucille Hyde Robison, Rosie Margaret Norcom Sheider, Rosie</p> <p><u>Arizona</u> Patricia Marcell Adams Altenberger* Rosie Olive M. Anderson, Rosie Marie Louise Brannan, Rosie Audrey Richard Dittert, Rosie Dorothy R. Edwards, Rosie Caroline Ida Kilgore, Rosie Ruth H. McWhinney Olsen* Rosie Grace Chavez Pedroza, Rosie Sylvia Arline Rhodes, Rosie</p> <p><u>Arkansas</u> Iris E. Furne Aschim, Rosie Jean Griffith Burns, Rosie Willia Lea Fouty, Rosie</p> <p><u>California</u> Elwanda V. Baldrige* Rosie Frances Jane Freeman Fisher, Rosie Basilisa O. Garcia, Rosie Norlene Jannella Bash Hayhurst, Rosie Lois Gwenlynn Wilson Koutz, Rosie Dorothy Thelma Willburn Reid, Rosie Lelois Weathers Rutledge* Rosie Eleanor Mary Sowma, Rosie Helen L. Stevenson, 21st Century Rosie Phyllis Turnbull, Rosie</p> <p><u>Colorado</u> Lorraine Geraldine Heintz, Rosie Florence K. Patzer Tatman, Rosie</p> <p><u>Connecticut</u> Goldie Orenstein* Rosie Ena Geer Ray, Rosie Emily Skipper Scaniffe* Rosie Mary Schembari, Rosie</p> <p><u>District of Columbia</u> Mary M. Latka, Rosie</p> <p><u>Florida</u> Pansy Creamer Alday* Rosie Helen M. Anderson, Rosie Bernice Stanford Bostick* Rosie Margaret "Madge" Hester James Brabham, Rosie Dorothy Lee Calhoun, Rosie Charlotte E. Charles Chartier, Rosie Theresa Ann Pugliese DeSimio, Rosie</p>	<p><u>Florida (cont'd)</u> Helen Elizabeth Peters Emerson* Rosie Angelina DeVita Granata* Rosie Elizabeth Lea Hughart, Rosie Joy Louise Ray Landreth, Rosie June Ouida Llanes, Rosie Mattie Belle Middleton, Rosie Marie Mohlman, Rosie Marie O'Malley* Rosie Florence Troop Panaranto, Rosie</p> <p><u>Georgia</u> Bettie Louise Brown* Rosie Carrie Lee Harp, Rosie Bernice Nancy L. Klotz, Rosebud 1 Betty Corbin Mize, Rosie Louise Brown Ray, Rosie Reba Lois Bishop Scott, Rosie</p> <p><u>Hawaii</u> Muriel Maxine Bigham Jenkins, Rosie</p> <p><u>Idaho</u> Della Margaret Galbraith Merrill* Rosie</p> <p><u>Illinois</u> Mary Magalene Sykes Pullins, Rosie Mary J. Bush Rolens* Rosie</p> <p><u>Indiana</u> Dorothy E. Beard* Rosie Constance Yvonne Hartman Formsma, Rosie</p> <p><u>Iowa</u> Dorothy B. Bailey, Rosie Frances Doyle Nutter, Rosie Louise Elaine Unkrich, Rosie</p> <p><u>Kansas</u> Evelyn Elizabeth Bowman Gibson, Rosie Arliss Marie Donart Holderman* Rosie Susan C.E. Lines Noyes* Rosie Faye Marie Cochran Ronk, Rosie Gloria Jean Garrison Rump, Rosie Wanda Davis Spencer, Rosie</p> <p><u>Kentucky</u> Elizabeth Joiner Eichem, Rosie Mary "Virginia" Kramer Gerhardstein, Rosie Thelma G. Faulkner Henry, Rosie</p> <p><u>Louisiana</u> Juanita Walker Bickham, Rosie Phyllis Edholm Carper, Rosie</p> <p><u>Maine</u> Marjy E. Wentworth Sessions, Rosie</p> <p><u>Maryland</u> Frances Wenzak Baltrunas, Rosie Florence Emila Freitag Cooke* Rosie Anne Koerber Douville* Rosie Sadie Rawlings Hoyle, Rosie Anna M. Page Damico Rodriguez, Rosie Rena Van Buren, Rosie</p>	<p><u>Massachusetts</u> Antonetta DeMaio Giamei, Rosie Bertha J. Glavin, Rosie Arena Lillian Haskell* Rosie Elsie J. Comoletti LeVangie, Rosie May Louise Furnia Plumadore, Rosie</p> <p><u>Michigan</u> Virginia Alfano, Rosie Cynthia Eleanor Allion, Rosie Eleanor Polczynski Apple* Rosie Theresa Lustrea Baditoi, Rosie Arlene Rady Lorene Barrett* Rosie Virginia H. Basler, Rosie Margaret Kovach Brown, Rosie Annie Burelli* Rosie Alvena Burnison, Rosie Olympia Itofe Cucu-Cook, Rosie Mary Dobos, Rosie Clara Belle Hunter Doutly, Rosie Miriam Srodes Doyle, Rosie Mary Ellen Smith Dropulich* Rosie Jane Johnson Frost* Rosie Anne Ganoff Gareffa* Rosie Mahala Pleasant Vaught Gillis* Rosie Marjorie Sutherland Haskins, Rosie Janice Florida Lowery Henry, Rosie Genevieve Edna McCarty Keeney Hidecker* Rosie Jean Zbikowski Juszczyk* Rosie Virginia Karp, Rosie Venice E. Kazuk* Rosie Janet J. Knepper, Rosebud 1 Lethel Ann Struble Long, Rosie Beulah M. McAlister, Rosie Celia Marguerita Stoltz Metcalf, Rosie Lorraine Christian Elizabeth Goodyear Morley* Rosie Ruth Alene Robinette O'Dell, Rosie Helen Kochan Pabrazinsky, Rosie Christine "Frances" Konen Pawloski* Rosie Irene Helen Welsh Peterson, Rosie (Ethel) Cricket Wilson Poland, Rosie Irene Marie Petras Pudelek, Rosie Leola "Lee" Mae Havemeier Ross, Rosie Catheryn Almyra Heeney Rourke, Rosie Goldie Virginia Simpson, Rosie Averil Sluiter Small, Rosie Kathryn Urso Syrian, Rosie Dotsy Bess Richardson Turner, Rosie Erna G. Verschaeve, Rosie Virginia Rose Wiley Whitmire* Rosie</p> <p><u>Minnesota</u> Eileen Opatz Berger, Rosie Dorothy Mary Hyde Dalaska* Rosie Dorothy Lorraine Erdman George, Rosie Mary Magdalene Weber Konen, Rosie Elaine Gurney Nelson, Rosie Marion Roethle Roster, Rosie Lenora Belle Blackwell Samson* Rosie Norma L. Warburton* Rosie</p>	<p><u>Missouri</u> Neva Fayannell Giger Burris* Rosie Bertha Mae Shotwell Clarke, Rosie Zelna Marie Lindsey Lee, Rosie Elnora Louise Mallinson* Rosie Minnie Caroline Danforth Mallinson* Rosie Sarah Jane Short Mallinson* Rosie Emma Louise Hunter Rogers, Rosie Mabel Oleda Tandberg Short* Rosie</p> <p><u>Montana</u> Elizabeth "Bettie" Walsh Morris Matesich* Rosie</p> <p><u>Nebraska</u> Connie Lee Summers Lillie, Rosie Ellamae Spencer Moseley, Rosie</p> <p><u>Nevada</u> Kathryn Baker Beydler, Rosie Elinor Marie Otto North, Rosie</p> <p><u>New Hampshire</u> Dorothy Elizabeth Raymond Horne, Rosie Clarice Munday* Rosie</p> <p><u>New Jersey</u> Eleanor "Ellie" Borden Boyce, Rosie Dorothy G. Ludwig McCauley, Rosie Dorothy Lang Porter, Rosie, NJ Helen Rone, Rosie Barbara M. Lerit Roth, Rosie Dorothy Grace Porter Saffioti, Rosie- Mary Nolan Strocko* Rosie</p> <p><u>New Mexico</u> Harriet H.M. Tyszko Buckreis, Rosie Dorthea Eldredge* Rosie</p> <p><u>New York</u> Peggy June Smith* Rosie Dorothy Gennewein Wills* Rosie</p> <p><u>North Carolina</u> Edythe Norton Austin* Rosie Catherine Ann Beard* Rosie Tolsie Willis Lewis, Rosie Bernice Lejo Swyndroski* Rosie</p> <p><u>North Dakota</u> Myrtle C. Mason* Rosie</p> <p><u>Ohio</u> Flora Morrison Daniel* Rosie Lucille Barry Hourigan, Rosie Helen Stout Johanson* Rosie Grace Mary Lance Kresanik, Rosie Beulah Saunders, Rosie Ann Fahrni Stuck* Rosie Mary Montoni Wadsworth, Rosie Doris McKarns Watson* Rosie</p> <p><u>Oklahoma</u> AvaNell Walton Forrester, Rosie Genevieve Novak Kelley* Rosie Pheba Wright Williams* Rosie</p> <p><u>Oregon</u> Marge Langum Altman, Rosie</p>
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In Loving Memory (cont'd)

Oregon (cont'd)

Marjorie I. Ross Bean, Rosie
 Frances Louise Woods Brown* Rosie
 Dorothy M. Burnett, Rosie
 Lois Mills Daugherty, Rosie
 Doris Rosenberg Graham, Rosie
 Minnie Alta Langley Griffith* Rosie
 Bette Jane Gulliford, Rosie
 Rita Irene Hathaway, Rosie
 Margaret Hanna Marshall* Rosie
 Lorraine Minikel, Rosie
 Katherine Kary Murphy, Rosie
 Frances Radzik Neece, Rosie
 Leveta Marguerite "Boots"
 Omogrosso, Rosie
 Florence I. Rexroad, Rosie
 Alyce Moore Schneider* Rosie
 Esther Ralston Sorensen* Rosie
 E. Viola Svart* Rosie
 Frances D. Barron Tenderella, Rosie

Pennsylvania

Evelyn Kotyk Backner, Rosie
 Delores Kirkpatrick Barron* Rosie
 Myrtle M. Linderman Council, Rosie
 Bessie Shaftic Cushman* Rosie
 Kathryn Sarah Griffin, Rosie
 Yolanda Dorazio Kapalo, Rosie
 Rose Belle Simshauser Longo, Rosie

Pennsylvania (cont'd)

Marie Heffron O'Malley, Rosie
 Ruth A. Rowe, Rosie
 Alice K. Schafer* Rosie
 Barbara Elaine Peterson Strong, Rosie

South Carolina

Hester Ward Frazier Gibbs* Rosie
 Betty Mae Mixter Shoemaker, Rosie

South Dakota

Dortha Wilson Osnes* Rosie

Tennessee

Margie Young Armbruster, Rosie
 Mabel Marie Cantrell, Rosie
 Elaine Bradberry Coats* Rosie
 Martha Irene Aderhold Dempsey,
 Rosie
 Viola May Davis Freeman, Rosie
 Pauline Tunnell Jennings, Rosie
 Elsie Clara Grohs Smalley, Rosie

Texas

Mary Helen Acres* Rosie
 Barbara Jones Anderson* Rosie
 Mary Bell Burklund Anderson* Rosie
 Marguerite Light Arnot, Rosie
 Gertrude Mattingly Banks, Rosie
 Ella Marie Buss Best* Rosie

Texas (cont'd)

Thelma Crump Boland* Rosie
 Maysie Markrum Crump* Rosie
 Eileen Ipson Firmin, Rosie
 Wanda Arrington Godeaux, Rosie
 Martha Jean Ferrell Hilliard, Rosie
 Regina Holtz Kaspar, Rosie
 Cleo Fay Lee, Rosie
 Evelyn A. Lee, Rosie
 Annie Mae Burklund Nelson* Rosie
 Helen Charlotte Follet Shirley* Rosie
 Charlene Margaret Smith Singleton,
 Rosie
 Virginia Nell Lee Smith, Rosie
 Awilda "Wilda" Payne Stephens,
 Rosie
 Dorothea Isabel Shelton Taplin, Rosie

Utah

Isla Fawn Goodling Long, Rosie

Virginia

Carolyn Erdo Angst, Rosie
 Henrietta Violet Sompolski Bartos*
 Rosie
 Barbara Wise Carter* Rosie
 Lillian Griffin Childs* Rosie
 Agnes DiClaudio Elder, Rosie
 Dennis Fish, Rivet 1

Virginia (cont'd)

Bertha Mary Ryan, Rosie
 Wilma Peebles Whitaker, Rosie

Washington

Bernadine Boyles Gower, Rosie
 Beulah F. Haggin, Rosie
 Caroline Mary Swalec Larsen, Rosie
 Bernice Marquardt, Rosie
 Betty Jane Slezak Severson, Rosie
 Helen Mary Bruno Vaudrin, Rosie

Wisconsin

Mary E. Barrows, Rosie
 Connie Hammar Gray, Rosie
 (Perky) Eleanore P. Hoffman, Rosie
 Marie Slama Kozelka* Rosie
 Rose Helen Krusing, Rosie

Wyoming

Wilma M. Barlow, Rosie
 Helen Louise Blaisdell, Rosie
 Irene Blevins Rose, Rosie



ARRA Convention (continued from page 1)



Rosie Velva Irwin

almost all 50 states. Later on Friday evening, we made our way across the street for an incredible dinner and show with entertainers **Brenda Best** and **Paula Murrell**.

Saturday morning began with a breakfast for the Rosies as they enjoyed time to fellowship with each other. **Briana Tyson** gave an excellent rendition of our National Anthem to begin our Business Meeting. We heard from Chapters and states about the work they are doing to honor Rosies and educate students in area schools.



Entertainer **Preston Walden** & fans

Saturday evening, the Red Carpet Banquet was a highlight of the weekend. Each Rosie was escorted down the Red Carpet flanked by a gauntlet of an all-female Scout troop waving flags and cheering. Then

each Rosie's story was read as she posed for a picture. As dinner wrapped up, The Moonlighters Big Band started playing for a great evening of dancing the night away.

Sunday morning, Rosebud sisters and **Trish Woepping** (IA) and **Julia Unkrich** (CO) (right) conducted our White Rose Memorial Ceremony at the Tennessee War Memorial, complete with bugler **Jack Strotman**. This was followed by a nice lunch at the TN State Museum and a presentation of TN's contributions during the war. A bus tour of Nashville and a quick stop at Nashville's Parthenon wrapped up a wonderful convention, though many people stayed around the hotel lobby for hours, swapping stories and enjoying fellowship. Many, many thanks to Rosebud **Laurie Ranta**, Convention Chairman, and her wonderful helpers from the Clarksville, TN Chapter for planning such a fabulous convention! Our 2025 Convention will be in Dayton, Ohio. Watch for more information and make plans now to attend!

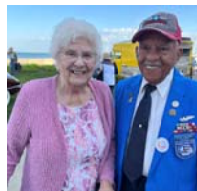


Willow Run Chapter's Exciting Days

Our Willow Run (MI) Chapter recently celebrated birthdays for Rosie **Virginia Rusch** (97), WWII veteran **George Leland** (99), and WWII defense worker **Henry Timmerman**, his 100th! They organized a community-wide Wave 'n' Walk-by



celebration for Rosie **Helen Bandyke's** 103rd birthday (above) that included US Congresswoman **Rashida Tlaib**. Chapter President **Jeannette Gutierrez** and Rosie **Delphine Kaput** presented Congressional Gold Medal replicas to several homebound Rosies, including **Vivian Litchard** (left). Members, with the Eastern Michigan (WOW) Chapter, hosted a Rosie Gold Medal Reunion luncheon. Rosies, Rosebuds, and Tuskegee Airmen



friends celebrated D-Day together at an elegant outdoor gala at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Pictured (left) are Rosie **Jeanne Breese** and Tuskegee Airman **Bill Welborne**. Rosies and veteran George were cheered on in the Ypsilanti 4th of July parade. The group enjoyed several Bingo afternoons with Bingo caller, Rosie **Virginia Basler**, and paid an honor visit to 101-year-old Rosie **Lola Ashby**.

At their Rosie Factory Lunch event, Rosies toured a modern factory and met 21st Century Rosie workers, plus girls from a local high school. Pictured (right) is Rosie **Virginia Rusch** with a young factory worker at this meaningful event. Rosies greeted an adoring public at the 7th annual Rosie Craft Show in Ypsilanti Townships. Great days!



Sun City's Dedication



In February, our Sun City (AZ) Chapter was excited to elect two Rosies as Chapter Co-Presidents, **Caroline Kilgore** (seated) and **Arlene Schindler** (standing), both age 97. Sadly, Caroline passed away shortly afterward. In honor of Caroline and other Rosies, this Chapter is committed to carrying on the Rosie legacy in many special ways. Several Chapter members participated in the city's Massing of the Colors in February, with Rosebud **Pat Norton** carrying the flag for Rosies. Chapter members were on hand for the Ring the Bell ceremony on July 4. Uncle Sam was honored to snap a picture with Rosie **Florence Carter** (left). Rosie **Erlinda Avila** rode with her granddaughter, Rosebud **Nancy Allaire**, and three young friends on an award-winning float in the 4th of July parade in Show Low, AZ (below). All four Rosies were honored last November at the Heroes Luncheon sponsored by the Veteran's Medical Leadership Council. Erlinda, Nancy, Rosebud **Carol Ruda**, and 21st Century Rosie **Alice Klobe** from Mesa's Commemorative Air Force Museum spoke to 180 students at a local middle school. More school and community presentations are upcoming. Such great things going on!



Special Happy Birthdays!

On February 26, Rosie **Marie Beard** (MD) celebrated her 100th birthday with her family at home, including her four Rosebud great-granddaughters! Marie worked as a riveter at Glenn L. Martin in Baltimore. It was a lovely day of reminiscing and sharing stories! Best to you!



On June 22, Rosie **Agnes Sciuolo** (PA) turned 107! Agnes worked as an "efficiency manager" at Penn Traffic, which manufactured airplane parts. She kept track of workers' productivity with a stopwatch. After her husband's passing, Agnes lived alone, doing her own cooking and laundry well past her 100th birthday, and even took up jewelry-making! Happy Birthday!

On February 4, Rosie **Rena Van Buren** (MD) turned 100 and celebrated with her loving family. Sadly, Rena passed away a few weeks later, but we honor her life, her legacy, and her many accomplishments. Rena worked as a shell-casing inspector at the Celanese Munitions Plant in Cumberland, MD. We celebrate her remarkable life!



THE ROSIE BOOK SHOPPE Order Form

(Add this order to the Rosie Shoppe Order Form on page 7.)

Check out these books by our amazing Rosies—and note the special pricing for sets, and for school & public libraries! Prices include shipping.



<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Book: 103 <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: 104 <i>More Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Cookbook: <i>Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook</i>	\$20.00	
	Book: <i>Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories: The Legacy Lives On!</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: <i>Rosie the Riveter Stories: How They Did It!</i>	\$17.00	
	Book: <i>Stepping Up for Victory! 100 Rosie the Riveter Stories</i>	\$17.00	
	Picture Book: <i>R is for Rosie the Riveter</i> (hardback)	\$20.00	
	Picture Book: <i>R is for Rosie the Riveter</i> (paperback)	\$15.00	
	Set of 7 books (1 each: 103, 104, <i>Romances</i> , <i>Legacy</i> , <i>How Did It</i> , <i>Stepping Up</i> , <i>Cookbook</i>)	\$114.00	
	Set of 6 story books (1 each: 103, 104 <i>More</i> , <i>Romances</i> , <i>Legacy</i> , <i>How Did It</i> , <i>Stepping Up</i>)	\$96.00	
	Any 1 story book shipped directly to a library	\$12.00	
	- Circle which book: 103 ~104 <i>More</i> ~ <i>Romances</i> ~ <i>Legacy</i> ~ <i>How Did It</i> ~ <i>Stepping Up</i>		
	<i>Celebration Cookbook</i> shipped directly to a library	\$15.00	
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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	
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	Rosie Note Cards with envelopes (package of 10)	\$12.00	
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	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	
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* Larger sizes available in these two shirts: write in 2X for \$19.00; 3X for \$20.00

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**Note: To order books by our amazing Rosies, see page 6.
One combined check can be written for orders on pages 6 and 7.**



Unless otherwise indicated, all products feature the classic "We Can Do It" design used in WW II.

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On the Go in MI

Our Cheboygan/Emmett Counties (MI) Chapter has been really busy this spring and summer! Besides keeping a regular schedule of meeting the public on board the *Icebreaker Mackinaw* Maritime Museum ship to explain how Rosies built it, Rosebuds **Angie Morthland** and **Linda Rogers** gave their Rosie presentation for several groups. These included the Bay Education Program and Campus Club (right), the Commission on Aging in Charlevoix County, a D-Day 80th anniversary program for Birchwood Women's Association, the Petoskey Sunrise Rotary Club (below), and at ARRA's own National Convention in Nashville.



They also participated in the Mackinaw City Memorial Parade in May and 4th of July parades in Paradise Lake and Cheboygan. Their Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Gardens in Cheboygan and Mackinaw City are recognized as community beautification sites, and they have planted additional rose bushes along the Children's Trail of Cheboygan, where they also present programs. Way to share!



Half-Price Sale Extended

ARRA jewelry from Hamilton Insignia is discontinued, but is still available to members at half price until stock runs out. Go online to <https://www.hamiltoninsignia.com/collections/American-Rosie-The-Riveter-Association-Insignia> to see the beautiful options, including pin bars that say "WWII Rosie" for Rosies. ARRA membership is required for purchase. Use promo code **ROSIE50** at checkout.

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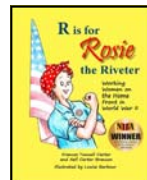


Shortly before Christmas 2023, our Worcester County (MA) Chapter visited the Alzheimer's unit at Christopher House senior residence to perform 1940's tunes and hand out small gifts. The residents heartily enjoyed singing along and sharing

memories! Pictured below is Rosie **Antonetta DeMaio Giamei**, who made parachutes in CT during the war, with her daughter, Chapter President **Tina Sundén**, granddaughters **Giuliana Valera** and **Adina Dossourian**, and **Millie Larson**, all of whom are Rosebuds and Chapter officers. Sadly, Antonetta passed away in May 2024, but we celebrate her life and the legacy this new Chapter is preserving.



Rosie Books in MD Schools



Rosebud **Kathy Streicker** of our Laurel (MD) Chapter, who is a geography teacher in a Howard County school, contacted the district Board of Education and obtained permission to place an *R is for Rosie the Riveter* book in every school in the district. The project, which is sponsored by the Laurel Chapter, has been in the making for almost two years, but now the books are being shipped for distribution. Way to share the Rosie legacy with the next generation!

If you are interested in purchasing any of our Rosie books for yourself, or placing them in schools or libraries, see page 6 or visit the Rosie Shoppe at www.rosietheriveter.net. Check out the special library price!