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ROSIE'S MAIL CALL



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Our National Officers for 2009-2011

Congratulations to these national officers who were elected at the 2009 ARRA Convention in Las Vegas! They will serve through the 2011 Convention.



President

Donnaleen Lanktree
Rosebud
Rochester Hills, MI
Joined ARRA 6-14-03



Vice President
Opal Nelson
Rosie
Cottage Grove, OR
Joined ARRA 8-3-02



Secretary
Carol Peters
Rosebud
Maxwell, TX
Joined ARRA 3-13-02



Treasurer
Mabel Myrick
Rosie
Kimberly, AL
Joined ARRA 9-6-03

Bylaws Change Alert

The following changes to the Bylaws were recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership attending the general business session of the Convention on June 19, 2009 in Las Vegas:

- 1. Article III, Section 2. The increase in membership fee for Rosebuds from \$10 to \$20 was delayed, to become effective December 31, 2010. (The increase had been mandated by action of the members attending the 2008 Convention in Baltimore.)
- 2. Article III, Section 1-E. The requirement for Auxiliary Members (Rivets) to attend one meeting prior to being accepted for membership was deleted.

3. Article III, Section 3. Allied members, Auxiliary members, and Honorary members are eligible to hold appointive office at the national level.

You might notice that now is a *great* time for Rosebuds and Rivets to join ARRA (Rosies, too, of course)! The Rosie membership fee is still just \$10 for a lifetime membership. But join now for all your Rosebuds, too—daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, and even great-granddaughters—for just \$10 before the price increases to \$20 next year. There is no charge for Rivets to join ARRA. For more information, see the membership application on page 6.

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National Officer Info

ARRA is fortunate to have a fine group of women (along with a few good men) giving leadership to our organization on the national level. All of these officers, both elected and appointed, serve as volunteers. Many thanks to them for their hard work and dedication!

Elected National Officers (2009-2011):

President Donnaleen Lanktree

Vice President Opal Nelson Secretary Carol Peters Treasurer Mabel Myrick

National Executive Committee:

The National Executive Committee is composed of the following: All elected national officers, currently serving (see list, above)

All past Presidents Dr. Fran T. Carter

Dr. Floreine Hudson

Sadie Holt

Liaison Officer Mary Thrash

National Board of Directors:

The National Board of Directors is composed of the following:

- All National Executive Committee members (see list, above)
- All State Directors (see list on page 4)

Appointed National Officers (2009-2011):

Chaplain Database Administrator Director of Books & Products Sales	Wilma Rees Jo Thomas Mabel Myrick	Librarian Parliamentarian Partnership Coordinator	Lucy Lewis John Carter Diane Quimby
Director of Media Marketing	Karen Hicks	Education Director Speakers Bureau	Mila June George Lora Black
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E-mail Coordinator Fundraising Advisor Grant Advisor Historian	Dr. Charlotte Mayo John Powell Renee Conner Dorine Hamilton	Trustee of Books Webmaster Webmaster Associate Executive Director	Nell Branum Pat Dunlap Wanda Cronauer Fran Carter

Appointed Committee Chairs (2009-2011):

A Note from Our President

We have been notified that the following states have followed our recommendation to proclaim an annual Rosie the Riveter Day: Arizona, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Connecticut. In addition, Texas and Montana indicated that they do not make such proclamations, but were honoring Rosies, anyway.

How about your state? Any member, and especially the State Director, in states that haven't proclaimed a Rosie the Riveter Day, might contact the Governor or a member of the Legislature with that proposal.

If you'd like, call our national 1-800 number (888-55-ROSIE, 888-557-6743) for suggestions. That could be a way to fill the "space in the puzzle" that only you can fill.



Donnaleen Lanktree National President Volume 10, Issue 3 Page 3

Wow! If You Weren't There, You Should Have Been!

Yep, the 2009 ARRA Convention, held in June of this year in Las Vegas, is now in the historical past—but it was also a "historical blast!"

Thanks to preparations made by Carol Peters, Convention Chair, and her onsite colleagues, Carmella Wood and her nephew, Julio Schembari, Jr., things went smoothly throughout. In addition to the program and business sessions in the hotel, there was an informative tour of nearby Nellis Air Force Base, home of the famed Thunderbirds, and a Broadway-type show, "Human Nature," featuring non-stop "Motown Music" and choreography by a live-wire foursome from Aus-

tralia. (In case you're forgotten, Motown is a type of music that was born in the 1960's in Detroit, the "Motor City.") After the concert, one Rosie in her late 80's was heard to remark, "I feel so young and invigorated, I feel like I ought to be taking birth control pills!"

ARRA members came from eleven states and two foreign countries, Canada and Sweden. Tentative plans call for us to meet in Nashville, Tennessee next year. So start making plans to come. Maybe you could even get a credit card sponsored by your favorite airline and start saving frequent flyer miles for the trip!



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For several years, ARRA held a poetry contest. Following is the First Place winning poem from the very first contest, held in 2001. It was written by Faith Lee of Nevada.

Women's Work

We watched the boys go marching off.
We heard the factories call.
We volunteered for any job,
Just any job at all.

They finally let us get to work; They let us be a nurse. They even let us sub for men, And then the war got worse.

And now they let us ferry planes,
And be mechanics too.
We started doing heavy jobs
To see the country through.

We patched the planes; we made the bombs;

We bucked the rivets too.
We did the jobs they'd said so long
That women couldn't do.

The US won the war all right
The boys came home (less a few)
And now again we stepped aside
From jobs we 'couldn't do'.

- Faith Lee

In Memoriam



Our Ohio ARRA State Director, Mary Tunnell Robinson Talley, expired on July 7, 2009, at the home of her son in Jackson, Mississippi. Mary had served as ARRA State Director for Mississippi for two years before moving to Ohio. During her eight-year tenure as State Director in Ohio, she helped to found two chapters, one in Dayton and one in Cincinnati. From her hospice bed, just a few days before she died, Mary filled out membership forms and wrote the check for four new ARRA members. Mary was the beloved sister of Fran Carter, ARRA Executive Director.

ARRA State Directors

Here's a list of State Directors who are ready to answer your questions and help you connect! If your state has a vacancy and you are a Rosie or a Rosebud who will volunteer to fill that vacancy, please call 205-822-4106.

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AK AZ	Happy Sargol	623-933-0741	hasargol@juno.com
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WY	Vacant		

THE ROSIE SHOPPE Order Form

These items may be ordered from:

ARRA c/o Mabel W. Myrick, Treasurer, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091, 205-647-9233 * * * * * All prices include shipping! * * *



Quantity	Item (circle size or type where applicable)	Price	<u>Total</u>
	Rosie poster, 20" x 28"	\$13.00	
	Rosie stickers, 3½" x 2½" (package of 5)	\$2.50	
	Rosie picture post card, 4" x 6"	\$.75	
	Rosie note cards with envelopes (package of 10)	\$7.00	
	Rosie afghan/wall hanging, all cotton, 48" x 58"	\$65.00	
	Rosie tote bag, sturdy cotton, 18" x 19" x 4½" - large	\$16.00	
	Rosie tote bag, sturdy cotton, 14" x 14" x 3" - small	\$14.00	
	Tote bag, sturdy cotton - Uncle Sam OR Soldiers Without Guns - specify which	\$14.00	
	Rosie T-shirt (circle size) S M L XL	\$18.00	
	Rosie T-shirt XXL	\$21.00	
	Rosie sweatshirt (circle size) S M L XL	\$27.00	
	Rosie sweatshirt XXL	\$29.50	
	Rosie night shirt (one size fits all)	\$23.00	
	Rosie head scarf (triangular shape, long end = 36")	\$8.00	
	Rosie scarf for blouse (45" – ring not included)	\$8.00	
	Rosie coffee mug	\$15.00	
	Rosie tin sign, 16" x 12"	\$20.00	
	Rosie counted cross stitch kit (makes picture 7½" x 10") frame not included	\$17.00	
	Rosie counted cross stitch book mark kit (makes bookmark 3½" x 11")	\$6.00	
	Rosie luggage tag, 4" x 2½"	\$6.00	
	Rosie book mark with gold plate charm, $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ "	\$6.50	
	Rosie key chain (circle size) large-3" x 13/4" or small-13/4" x 1 3/8"	\$6.50	
	Rosie metal snack box, 7 ¹ / ₄ " x 5" x 3"	\$12.00	
_	Rosie water bottle	\$14.00	
	Rosie coasters (set of 4), 4" x 4"	\$8.00	
	Rosie night light, includes bulb	\$4.00	
	Rosie refrigerator magnet, 2½" x 3½"	\$5.00	
	Rosie stamp pin, 1 5/8" x 1 3/8" (circle type) bar clasp or tie tack clasp	\$4.00	_
	Rosie car tag (license plate type), black and white, sturdy plastic, 12" x 6"	\$5.00	
	Rosie button, metal, 3" diameter	\$2.00	
	Book: 103 Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	Book: 104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	Book: Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook	\$20.00	
-	**NEW**Book: Rosie Romances and Other Rosie the Riveter Stories	\$17.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of 4 books (1 of each)	\$68.00	
	SPECIAL - Set of 3 story books (1 each of 103, 104 More, & Romances)	\$48.00	<u> </u>
	SPECIAL - Set of any 2 story books plus Celebration Cookbook	\$50.00	

Unless otherwise indicated, all products feature the classic "We Can Do I	t" design used in WW II. TOTAL			
Please enclose check or money order made payable to ARRA. Price	ces include shipping.			
Name Telephone ()				
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WHAT IS ARRA? The American Rosie the Riveter Association is an organization established to honor the contribution of women workers on the home front during World War II and to promote patriotism and responsibility among all Americans.

WHO MAY BELONG? Women whose work was designed to contribute to the war effort (including women who did volunteer work) and their female descendants are eligible for active membership. Spouses and male relatives may become auxiliary members.

Women in occupations today that, prior to World War II were considered to be "men's work" may join as 21st Century Rosies.

Women who performed the work are known as **Rosies**. Their female descendants are known as **Rosebuds**. Male auxiliary members are known as **Rivets**. A woman is eligible for membership as a **Rosie** if her work or volunteer services occurred during 1941-1945 and consisted of **any one** of the following:

- 1. Employment of any sort in an industry or government agency that was directly related to the war effort, **or**
- 2. Employment (or self-employment) in a capacity usually held by a man, thus releasing a man for military duty, **or**
- 3. Participation on a sustained basis in one or more volunteer activities related to the war effort.

Examples of qualifying work are: work in any capacity in a munitions plant, airplane manufacturing plant, shipyard, etc.; work for the Department of Defense, local rationing board, etc.; work as a truck driver, service station operator, etc.; independent work, such as farming; or volunteer work, such as collecting critical materials, rolling bandages, serving with USO or Red Cross, etc. Work that was customarily done by women and was not related to the war effort does not count

AMERICAN ROSIE THE RIVETER ASSOCIATION® MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership type (check one): Rosie: Working woman of WWII: \$10.00 Type of work done by Rosie: Rosebud: Female descendant: \$10.00 Type of work / Volunteer work Rosie or Rosebud outside U. S. \$30.00 Rivet: Male relative (no cost) Approximate Dates Location 21st Century Rosie: \$50.00 Rosebuds / Rivets: Name: Second or Maiden Last Print compete name of your Rosie: Address: What is your relationship to Rosie? Telephone: Is your Rosie living? yes no

Is your Rosie a member of ARRA?

___ yes __ no

Enclose check for amount shown under your membership type made payable to ARRA and mail with completed application to:

Mrs. Mahol W. Myrick

Email:

Mrs. Mabel W. Myrick P. O. Box 188 Kimberly, AL 35091 Volume 10, Issue 3 Page 7



Welcome To These New Members

who have joined since our last issue of Rosie's Mail Call

Please send any corrections to Jo Thomas,

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2801 Rebecque de Fontes		Rb2	2822 Susan Mathews Dollar	AL	Rb1	2845 Lou Ann Mills Ellis	UT	Rb1
2802 Maxine Conley Lewman	OK	Ro	2823 Ruth Wooten Adams	NC	Ro	2846 Shea Elizabeth Underwood		Rb2
2803 Katie McRorie Van Duser	FL	Rb1	2824 Margaret Marie Hellinger	ID	Rb1	2847 Barbara L. Miller	CA	Rb1
2804 Tracy Van Duser Dugas	FL	Rb2	2825 William Lex Templin	OR	Rivet	2848 Mary Lou Forsyth Dollar	AL	Ro
		Rb2	2826 Brian Paul Spencer	WA	Rivet	2849 Jeannie Dollar	AL	Rb1
2806 Ann Merritt Flower	CA	Rb1	2827 John Earl Spencer	WA	Rivet	2850 Lani Dollar Morgan	AL	Rb2
2807 Raquel Elena Moreno	CA	Rb2	2828 Joan H. Rychwalski	MD	Ro	2851 Angela Blake Calhoun Tink	er FL	Rb2
2808 Julianna Lynn	CA	Rb2	2829 Irene A. DeLauney	OR	Ro	2852 Danielle Tinker	FL	Rb3
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2809 Veronica Ann	CA	Rb2	2831 Sybil Rothkow Slate	OR	Rb1	2854 Sophronia Kirk (deceased)	TX	Ro
Buehnerkemper			2832 Linda M. Slate	OR	Rb2	2855 Rose Brooks	TX	Rb1
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2811 Grace Pinner Henninger	MD	Ro	2834 Julia Glaze Elder	OK	Ro	2857 Brittany Burleson	TX	Rb 3
2812 Mildred Ledbetter McDaniel	MD	Rb1	2835 Tera Elder Lyons	OK	Rb1	2858 Margaret Brown	TX	Ro
2813 Tammy McDaniel Butler	MD	Rb2	2836 Karen Clark Blosser	MI	Rb1	2859 Linda Tarrant	WA	Rb2
2814 Dorothy Johns Becker	TN	Ro	2837 Renee Clark Boteler	MI	Rb1	2860 Loralee Crockett Brunelle	TX	Rb2
2815 Daniel Dale Henry	WA	Rivet	2838 Dorothy Emerson Appleto	n NV	Ro	2861 Donna Lee Wood Brown	NV	21 C
2816 Mark Anthony Henry	WA	Rivet	2839 Violet Irene Johnson	MD	Ro	2862 Patricia Shaw	NV	21 C
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2819 Julie Anthoine Bailey	GA	Rb1	2842 Dorothy Meinke Fleming	CO	Ro	2865 Elise Michelle Rose Mayfie	eld IL	Rb2
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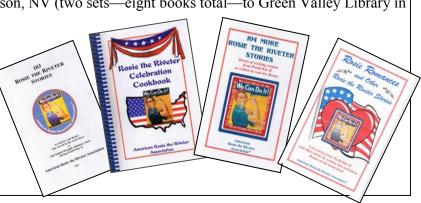
From Mabel, the Treasurer... (...and Books/Products Manager)



Many thanks to all those who volunteered their help at the Sales and Registration tables at the Convention in Las Vegas. Jody Powers and Tricia Patterson, Roebuds from Arizona, did a great job at the Sales table. Betty Taylor, Rosebud from Georgia, and Happy Sargol, Rosie from Arizona, were a much-needed help at the Registration table. Carmella Wood, Rosie from Nevada, received and stored the books and products to be displayed or sold, then shipped back the "left-overs" after the Convention. Thank you, ladies, for a job well done!

We have some new names to add to our "Friends of Libraries" participants. The following two members have recently ordered books to be sent to local libraries: Joyce Croker of La Habra, CA (set of three books to Lompoc, CA Public Library); and Donna Childs of Henderson, NV (two sets—eight books total—to Green Valley Library in Henderson.

Remember, we have special pricing for books that are mailed directly to libraries—\$12 each for any of the three story books, \$15 for the cookbook, or the complete set of four books for \$51. You can use the order form on page 5, but be sure to indicate that it is a gift from you to the library, and include the library's shipping address.



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Membership Update

If you have moved or if you know a member who is deceased, will you please give us the information? Please print carefully in CAPITAL letters.

Name of member	
New address	
Old address	
Current E-mail	
Current telephone	
	OR
Deceased member's name	
State of last residence	Pate of death

Send ALL information to: Mrs. Jo Thomas, Database Administrator, 1975 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124; Email: cahabathomas@gmail.com

Postman Delivers Letters & Love

Rosebud and new ARRA member Evelyn Boozer tells us about the wartime romance of her parents. Her mother, Elizabeth Morgan, was working at a garment factory in Birmingham, Alabama, making military uniforms. Little did she know that her co-workers had written her name and address on a piece of paper and slipped it into one of the uniform pockets.

Meanwhile, a young soldier named George Fitzgerald from New York state was serving in France. When he reached into the pocket of his new uniform, he found that piece of paper and decided to write to Elizabeth. Imagine her surprise when she received his letter! She sent him a return letter, and the two of them continued to write throughout the war.

When the war ended, George went home to New York to visit his family, but it wasn't long before he was on his way to Alabama to meet Elizabeth. After a time of courtship, the two were married and had many happy years together as they raised five daughters in Alabama, of which Evelyn is the third.

And it all started with some mischievous friends and a single letter!

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, how about sending one to a friend, especially a prospective member?

Honey Fudge Cake

Many Rosies remember when sugar and other items were rationed during WW II, and creativity made up for items that were hard to get. This typical recipe from the war years uses honey instead of sugar.

Sift together:

2 c. cake flour

½ c. cocoa

1½ tsp. baking soda

½ tsp. salt

Place these ingredients together in mixer and mix well:

½ c. shortening

2/3 c. water

1 tsp. vanilla

1½ c. honey

2 unbeaten eggs

Sift dry ingredients into liquid. Bake at 350° to 375°.

Note: This recipe was included in the Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook by Rosie Lela McDaniel of Virginia. To find more great recipes from the war years and later years, as well as stories written by Rosies about their work, order your own copy of this special cookbook using the order form on page 5!