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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2005 ROSIE CONVENTION

At ARRA's 7th Annual Convention at Callaway Gardens, June 10-12, '05
Rosies, Rosebuds, and Rivets "kept on movin'....."

First Lady, President Sadie Holt, presided with a flair.

Attendees came from 12 states; first-time attendees were especially welcomed.

Great singing and even yodeling from Rosie June Tinker...the National Anthem and moving renditions by Rosebud Gloria Parvin...a video sing-along featuring World War II-era songs...all kept the group "in tune" throughout the convention.

The Color Guard, furnished by a local Scout troop stirred a mood of patriotism that seemed to permeate the Convention.

At the short business meeting on Saturday morning, national officers for the new biennium were elected...last year's action which required Rivets to pay \$10.00 membership fee was rescinded; and the group voted to accept the invitation to meet in Wichita, Kansas, for next year's convention.

Our keynote speaker, Janice Law, was a tremendous hit. Not only is she a Rosebud from Louisiana; she is a "21st Century Rosie" --a woman in construction work who credits us "old Rosies" with opening the door for women today to enter all kinds of professions.

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Interviews with all Rosies present (using the microphone) helped us learn each other better.

Documentary videos helped us re-live the experiences of World War II

On Saturday afternoon we were guests at our honorary national headquarters, Roosevelt's Little White House in Warm Springs, thanks to Director Frankie Mewborn and our Liaison Officer, Mary Thrash. Rosebud Carol Cain's dramatic presentation of Rosie impersonations is given there once a year, and we made it!

"USO night" brought tons of refreshments provided by Georgia merchants, thanks to efforts of President Sadie Holt and her Rivet husband Charles. Great music by June and Gloria, as well as some canned juke-box type and a video on the "Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter" rounded out the evening.

And things kept movin' Sunday morning with an impressive devotional by the Rev. Charles Holt, a memorial service conducted by Rosie Fran Carter and Rosebuds Pam Belrose and Brittany Adams for those who have left us during the year, resolutions presented by Rivet John Powell, installation of officers, and a word by Vice President Dorine Hamilton encouraging us all to join her in Wichita for next year's convention.

Then we were free to enjoy beautiful Callaway Gardens, including the renowned Butterfly Center, as free guests.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the convention a success. See you in Wichita!

In Memoriam

Maxine Lawley Sutherland
1920-2005
National Treasurer

Maxine, who lived in Birmingham, Alabama, was completing her second two-year term as national treasurer when she passed away just six days before the national convention. She had planned to attend and bring the financial report.

Maxine was a riveter on B-29s during the war.
ARRA will miss her!

President Sadie Holt Gravely III

As this goes to press we've just received word that ARRA National President Sadie Holt has sustained a very serious illness that has required her spending two weeks in her hospital's intensive care unit. Her husband, Charles, reports that this was due to a blood disorder in which the red corpuscles were being destroyed. Charles states that at one point the doctors had given up hopes of her recovery, A complicating factor was the extreme difficulty of finding blood suitable for transfusion.

"She is now on the mend," Charles writes, "but her voice hasn't come back yet. We are waiting and praying."

The family would appreciate your prayer in Sadie's behalf; and if you send her a note of support you may use the address on page 3.

OOOHHH LOOK!

ARRA has two new chapters

The Maxwell County, Texas, chapter was founded March 11, 2005, with these officers:

President: Carol Peters

Vice President: Zulena Monk

Secretary-Treasurer: Sharon Peters Stich

The Texas State Director is Evelyn Davis.

The Greater Cincinnati Chapter was founded May 27, 2005, with these officers:

President: Donna Stillman-Smith

Vice President: Mary Womack

Secretary-Treasurer: Linda Ipp

Advisor: Nancy Thomas

The Ohio State Director, Mary Talley, and husband Dave of Dayton, were present for the founding.

Chapters are "the way to go," and the chapter reports make it clear that the Rosies, Rosebuds, and Rivets are having fun!

Who'll be next? Look at the brochure reprinted on the back of the order blank and see how chapter presidents and state directors can help each other. If you need additional information or help, contact Fran Carter, Executive Director. See addresses, phone number, etc. on page 3.

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Mary Elizabeth "M.E." Yeager (Rosebud, Wichita, KS) for earning her master's degree from Wichita State University.

Linds Dale Cartmall (Rosebud, Waco, TX) for earning her high school diploma and for going to Texas Tech University this fall.

June Tinker (Rosie, Waverly Hall, GA) for being crowned Queen of Columbus, GA, Senior Ms. Pageant, and going on to the Georgia Pageant and winning "Most Talented" singing, yodeling, and playing the guitar and autoharp.

Gloria Parvin (Rosebud, Birmingham, AL) for performing as guest soloist with Birmingham Symphony.

Janice Law (Rosebud, Westlake, LA) for founding two construction companies and is currently the CEO of one that builds roads and bridges.

Anna Di Bella (Rosie, New York, NY) for being President of the National League of American Pen Women (comprised of professional writers, artists, and composers). While serving as President she resides in the organization's headquarters building in Washington, DC..

Sun City, AZ, Chapter for participating in the July 4 city-wide Ring the Bells ceremony.

Mary Nichols and **Lorreta Simon** (Rosies, Baltimore, Md.) For the seven-column story in the *Baltimore Beacon* written about them. It is entitled, "We're still riveted by WWII Rosies."

Eugenie Thrapp and **Peggy Cook** (State Directors of Oregon and Washington) for being the first two to get in their State Directors page for the website.

Brittany Adams (Rosebud, Kimberly, AL) for being a published poet at age 10. Her poem, "I Am" dealt with her love for Jesus and for her country.

Ida Mae Mason (Rosie, Birmingham, AL) for being the oldest person (89) at the ARRA Convention. She never missed a thing and was the subject of an article in the *Birmingham News* while she was there.

Jessica Elizabeth Luncelford (Rosebud, Jonesboro, GA), for being the youngest ARRA member when she joined in March, 2000. She joined with her Rosebud mom, Margaret, and her great-grandmother Rosie, Polly Ebbett, when she was 40 days old. (Jessica held the record then, but she may have to move over for younger ones joining later!)

More accolades coming later...let us know...

Remember the 1940's motto? "Use it up; wear it out; Make it do, or do without!" (June Tinker)

THE STORY ABOUT BOOKS

Published by ARRA

June, 2001 *103 Rosie the Riveter Stories* published. Now in its 6th printing.

November, 2004 *Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook* published. Now in its 2nd printing.

Late fall, 2005 *104 More Rosie the Riveter Stories* will be published. Watch the next edition of *Mail Call* for announcement and prices.

Sometime in 2006 the third volume of Rosie stories is planned. We've already begun receiving stories.

Please read carefully, and send us a story!

Any Rosie may submit a story about her WWII experiences for publication; Rosebuds and Rivets may submit stories about their Rosie. All authors must be ARRA members. Only one story about each Rosie. If you have a story published in a previous book, *this must be about a different event*.

Stories must be typed, double spaced. Send one or two pictures, preferably one "then" and one "now." Word limit with one picture is **450 words**; with two pictures, **350 words**. Total words should be near the limit, in order to avoid too much blank space on page.

Be sure to include a **signed statement**: "I give permission for this story to be published by ARRA."

You **must** follow these instructions:

Story--proper length

Pictures: one or two

Permission statement must be signed

Otherwise your space may be given to someone else and your story not published.

Do not send any money. You will be notified about your author's discount when it is published. And please wait patiently; publication takes time!

Send story, pictures, and permission statement to:

Mrs. Lucy Lewis (no e-mails)

1013 Liberty Park Loop

Vestavia Hills, AL 35242

Please save these instructions to use.

HOW ABOUT A DIRECTORY?

We've had several requests for lists of our membership. We think this could help in communications, so we are contemplating publishing a "Directory" - for members only. It would contain names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. **If you prefer not to have this information about you published, please contact Fran Carter, Executive Director, by September 1, 2005, in writing and let her know.** (See list of officers on page 3.)

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