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Have You Made Your Convention Reservation?

There's Still Time, But Y'all Hurry!

You sure don't want to miss all the fun and fellowship with other Rosies, Rosebuds, and Rivets that will be going on at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 25-27, 2010 ! The cost of the convention is discounted until May 25, so send in your reservation today! See page 3 for a Registration Form.



Convention Schedule

Millennium Maxwell House Hotel

2025 Rosa L. Parks Blvd., Nashville, TN 37228

Friday, June 25, 2010

Note that Registration for the Convention will not be open until Saturday morning.

- 3:00 p.m. Board of Directors meeting (State Directors and Executive Committee members)
- 5:45 p.m. Meet in lobby near main entrance (Rosa L. Parks Blvd.) facing parking lot, to go to Grand Ole Opry

Saturday, June 26, 2010

Please bring memorabilia for display, or for donation to Archives.

- 8:00 a.m. Registration opens
Rosie Shoppe opens
- 9:00 a.m. First General Session
- 12:00 noon Lunch and program in hotel
- 1:45 p.m. Meet in lobby near main entrance (Rosa L.

(Saturday, cont'd)

Parks Blvd.) facing parking lot to go on Nashville City Tour. We will drive by points of interest, such as the Parthenon and Ryman Auditorium, with stops at the World War II Memorial and Country Music Hall of Fame (with gift shop and restroom break).

- 3:30 p.m. Return to hotel
Free time until dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner and program in hotel

Sunday, June 27, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Registration opens
- 9:00 a.m. Second General Session
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 noon Lunch and program in hotel
- 2:00 p.m. Convention adjourns
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting

Things to Know About the Convention

Important information about Convention Hotel: ARRA has reserved a block of rooms at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel for a special price (see page 3), and we must pay for them, even if they are not rented. When they are gone, we *may* be able to obtain more, **but only if they are available**, so get your reservation in early. The special rates are also available for two nights before and two nights after the Convention for those who would like a longer stay. **Anyone registering after May 25 is advised to FIRST call Mabel Myrick at (205) 647-9233 to check on room status.**

Overnight parking at the hotel is free to overnight guests.

The hotel provides free shuttle service to and from the Nashville International Airport. Call the hotel at (615) 259-4343 when you arrive at the airport, or use the phone bank in the baggage area at the airport. Wait for pick-up in the shuttle area just outside the baggage claim area on the ground level.

The hotel allows you to cancel a reservation up to 72 hours before your scheduled arrival without penalty. **However, if you do this, ARRA will have to pay for your room.** Also, if you check out early, ARRA will have to pay for the night you reserved but didn't stay. We had to agree to this in order to get the special room rates, so please try **NOT** to cancel or leave early.

From Our President. . .

Dear Members,

May 29, 2010, is American Rosie the Riveter Day. Please do your part by honoring our Rosies. Place a newspaper article in your local newspapers (see sample article below). Recognize local Rosies by planting a rose bush in their honor at a senior citizen home, a park, or in your own front yard. Petition your city's mayor to proclaim American Rosie the Riveter Day in your community. For a sample proclamation, call 888-557-6743 or send an email to AmericanRosietheRiveter@gmail.com.



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National ARRA
President

We need your support to promote finding Rosies and hearing and preserving their stories. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Here's a sample news article for your local newspaper:

SEARCHING AND REMEMBERING: ROSIE THE RIVETER of WWII

Sixty-five years ago, the end of World War II was declared, and our brave soldiers came home to a justly deserved hero's welcome. The working women who had helped win the war on the home front—known collectively as Rosie the Riveter—just went home. At the end of the war, they put down their equipment to return to their homes. No fanfare was given to these women. That is why the American Rosie the Riveter Association® is honoring these women on their annual American Rosie the Riveter Day, which is Saturday, May 29, 2010.

About six million women workers helped build planes, bombs, tanks, and other weapons that would be used to win WW II. In all, about 18 million women worked in some way for the war effort, in every sector of the economy. They came forward without hesitation and learned to do many things that only men had done in the past. They drove streetcars, operated heavy machinery, worked in lumber and steel mills, and much more. They proved to themselves (and to the country) that they could do "a man's job" and could do it well.

Every day the women—young, old, from every walk of life—would punch in to begin working at the shipyards, factories, and munitions plants across America. Others volunteered by helping the American Red Cross or the local USO. Some who had never before left their small towns moved to the big city to work.

Do you have a Rosie in your family? Would you like to register your Rosie, so her effort will not be forgotten? For information, please contact the American Rosie the Riveter Association® at 888-557-6743, or email us at AmericanRosietheRiveter@gmail.com, or visit our Web site at www.rosietheriveter.net.



Many Thanks, Pat Dunlap!

With hearts of gratitude, ARRA members thank you, Pat Dunlap, for being our Webmaster for five years! You didn't charge us for your services, even though you were not a member of ARRA, but as the owner of Dixie Studios of Web Design, you maintained ARRA's Web site in the same professional way as you did your paying clients.

We understand how it is now necessary, because of your increased volume of business, to curtail the *pro bono* services that you had been providing. Your contribution to our organization has been a great one. Please accept our gratitude for your wonderful services and our wish for continued success as your company grows!

Welcome, Erin Stevens!



As of April 1, 2010, ARRA's Web site was placed under the direction of a new Webmaster, Erin Stevens, a recent graduate of Auburn University, now working in Birmingham, Alabama. Erin was oriented to the site by the previous Webmaster, Pat Dunlap.

Welcome, Erin, to your new relationship with ARRA! We're grateful that you've agreed to help establish the legacy of Rosie through your service.

And members, have you "tuned in" to the Web site lately? It's a good way to keep up with things related to Rosie and to ARRA. Find it at www.rosietheriveter.net! Download a membership form and pass it on to a friend who might be qualified to join. State Directors and members are invited to submit news items and pictures for the site by sending them to Executive Director Fran Carter via email at fran.carter@juno.com.

Hooray, State Directors!

State Directors all over the country are quietly doing things to promote ARRA and preserve the legacy of Rosie. For instance, Roma Tuttle, Kentucky's newly appointed SD, called her local newspaper and asked to write a short article for Rosies in the area. Within a week, seven Rosies had called her to ask for membership forms! Nell Young, Georgia's SD, is the 24-hour caretaker for her dear husband, who is quite ill. However, when a lady who had just discovered ARRA called her, Nell sent her some material and helped her know how to start a chapter. If this chapter materializes, it will be the fourth one that Nell has started or helped to start as SD.

Convention Registration Form

2010 ARRA National Convention/Reunion

June 25-27, 2010 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee

Mail this Registration/Food Package form to: Mrs. Mabel Myrick, P.O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091.

By each name, indicate (Ro) for Rosie, (Rb) for Rosebud, (Ri) for Rivet, (R21) for 21st Century Rosie, or (G) for Guest.

Name of person making reservation: _____

Address _____

Street Address City State Zip code

Telephone(s) _____ E-mail _____

Names of others on this registration _____

	<u>Postmarked</u> <u>May 25 or before</u>	<u>Postmarked</u> <u>after May 25</u>		<u>Total</u> <u>amount</u>
Registration fee, all participants	\$20.00	\$25.00	X number registering =	_____
Food package (Sat. lunch, Sat. dinner, Sun. lunch; includes program at each meal)	\$63.00	\$69.00	X number purchased =	_____
Individual meals may be reserved:				
Saturday lunch	\$17.00	\$19.00	X number purchased =	_____
Saturday dinner	\$28.00	\$30.00	X number purchased =	_____
Sunday lunch	\$21.00	\$23.00	X number purchased =	_____
Grand Ole Opry, Friday evening (show and transportation)	\$50.00	\$55.00	X number purchased =	_____
Nashville City tour, Saturday afternoon	\$18.00	\$20.00	X number purchased =	_____
	Total payment enclosed (make checks payable to ARRA)			_____

- - - - - *Cut here and send the above form to Mabel Myrick* - - - - -

Note: Meal reservations received after June 20 and “walk-ins” who have not pre-registered will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Reservations for Grand Ole Opry must be received by May 25 in order to guarantee a ticket.

A minimum of 30 participants is required for these prices on both the Grand Ole Opry and the Nashville City Tour. If fewer than 30 register for either of these, money will be refunded and we will try to assist anyone who wishes to arrange to go on their own.

If it is necessary to cancel after sending registration, requests for reimbursement must reach Mabel Myrick by June 20. No reimbursement for Grand Ole Opry tickets can be guaranteed after May 25.

Special hotel room rates at the Millennium Maxwell House hotel for this Convention, for 1-4 persons per room, are \$79.00 plus tax per room per night. To be assured of this price, your reservation must be made with the hotel by Tuesday, May 25, 2010. After that date, regular hotel rates will prevail on a space-available basis. **Call the hotel directly at 1-800-457-4460 or (615)259-4343 and give group code 1006AMRORI to make a reservation. Anyone registering after May 25 should first call Mabel Myrick at (205)647-9233.**



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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 _____ Date of death _____

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

Members, please supply ARRA with an updated email address—it will help us help you stay up to date! Send to AmericanRosietheRiveter@gmail.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, how about sending one to a friend, especially a prospective member?

For Memorial Day...



Let us prayerfully and gratefully remember, especially as Memorial Day approaches, those veterans who gave their lives for us in battle, those whose lives are permanently altered by injuries they received, and those who are serving today, away from their loved ones and home.

Our Thanks to Vanessa

Several hundred new members who have joined ARRA recently have received certificates created and mailed by Vanessa Blough, a Rosebud 2 of Auburn Hills, Michigan. Thanks to Vanessa and all the other volunteers who keep our organization on track!

Rosie the Riveter Float Wins Blue Ribbon

The Rosies of the Sun City (AZ) Chapter created a float for the parade on March 13, 2010, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Sun City. The theme of the parade was "As Time Marches On," so with this in mind, Rosies decorated a trailer with chicken wire and worked red and white table napkins into the holes, as was the style 50 years ago. They decorated with the word "Rosie," as well as pictures of Rosies working on airplanes as they did in WW II, and used the Rosie slogan, "We Can Do It!" on the back of the float.



Ten Rosies rode in the float, wearing red polka dot scarves. Two Rosies walked the 3-mile route and handed out red paper roses to people viewing the parade. Twelve-

year-old twin boys, wearing red, white, and blue patriotic shirts, carried the U.S. flag and the chapter's Rosie banner. Two pick-up trucks, decorated with pictures of Rosies, were also in the display. One was used to pull the float, and the other carried two Rivets, who were husbands of Rosies.

Rosies riding in the float were Frances Ellis, Bonnie Smith, Margie MacNeill, Eileen Blackler, Cathy Terrell, Happy Sargol, Hilda Oker, Arkie Huffman, Betty Johnson, and Wilma Rees. Rosies who walked were Arlene Crary and Jody Powers. The Rosies won the Blue Ribbon in their division of the parade. —Article submitted by Chapter Secretary, Wilma Rees