

ROSIE'S MAIL CALL



Words to Remember...

*"Freedom Isn't
Free!"*

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From Our President

Dear members,

Recently, we had several Rosie executive meetings in Birmingham, Alabama, to review our roles and goals in our association.

Much appreciation to Fran Carter and Jo Thomas in making arrangements for these meetings. They made this event very special for all of us. In the coming year, I will share some of the ideas we discussed.

My family would like to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Best regards,
Donnaleen Lanktree
National President

Some of the officers participating in the October meetings were (front row) Carol Peters and Fran Carter, (back row) Jo Thomas, Donnaleen Lanktree, and Mabel Myrick



Rosies in the Birmingham area gathered for a luncheon welcoming the out-of-town officers. Here they are enjoying a song by Gloria Parvin.

From Our Vice President

Howdy, y'all,

If you are a Rosie, you have a story. If you are a Rosebud, your mother or grandmother has a story. So far we have about 300 stories in four books, and many more living, unpublished Rosie members. Please sit down today and write a story, 350-450 words long, include a picture or two and permission to publish it in our next book, and mail it to: Lucy Lewis, 1013 Liberty Park Loop, Vestavia Hills, AL 35242 by Christmas. What a great gift to ARRA on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. *Rosie Romances and Other Stories* will hopefully be available at Convention 2008. You still have time to send your story.

Many thanks to the Birmingham Chapter for hosting the Executive Committee meeting in October. I learned a lot about the association and the Rosie cause and goals.

ARRA Chapter Presidents and State Directors,

here is a suggestion for a program for a Chapter to sponsor at your local community theatre. "War Bonds" is a musical review about the WW II era, and how the war was financed. Check it out at this Web site: www.cbzb.org.

See you at Convention 2008, Baltimore, Maryland, June 20-22, where we will meet FDR and Eleanor, have tours, ride on a Duck, etc. I have five extra beds available at \$25 per night to those who might like to share a bathroom with a stranger to save money. Call (512) 357-2627 for more information.

Finally, find my Rosie on page 19 of the *Rosie the Riveter Celebration Cookbook*, and please pray for my nephew, Jason Hawkins, a U. S. Marine stationed in Iraq.

Sayonara,
Carol Peters
National Vice President

Chapter Chatter

Sun City, Arizona Chapter

The members of this great Chapter are still coping with the loss of their outstanding President, Kay Carroll, who died of cancer in July. Here is part of her last report: "June 5, 2007. Today was Crazy Hat Day. Ladies had a great time with this. Bottles of sparkling cider on each table to the one with the craziest hat. Next month to ring the bell for July 4th with meeting after at Triolie Gardens. Another new member." We're thankful that Vice President Bonnie Smith has been available to fill the office of President and carry on.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Chapter

Kate Grant sent a great report, along with a picture of the people in attendance at their meeting on November 3, 2007. They elected the following as offi-



cers: Kate Grant, Elizabeth Ward, Russell Morrison, Marcia Thomas, Clara Hass, Betty Wilburn, Marcia

Thomas, Violet Boyd, and Calia Gose. Kate's husband Melvin, who is a Rivet, was the model for the new bronze statue that was recently dedicated, honoring the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) for the state of Oklahoma.

Birmingham, Alabama Chapter

Pictured here are members of this Chapter with the Director of the Southern Museum of Flight, with part

of a Rosie the Riveter display area that will open on December 1, 2007. The display contains tools, helmets, shoes, etc., used by Rosies, models of aircraft that Rosies helped to build, photographs, documents, a mannequin dressed in Rosie coveralls, and a "boom box" showing a documentary on Rosie the Riveter, provided by Professor Ray Edwards and Jefferson State Community College. The display is a joint undertaking of the local ARRA Chapter and the national ARRA organization, with the museum providing the display space free of charge. The Chapter will hold its next regular quarterly meeting at the museum.



L to R: John Powell, Doris Adamson, Fran Carter, John Carter, with Museum Director.

Way to Go, Donnaleen!

Here's something you need to know. Before she was elected as ARRA's National President, Donnaleen Lanktree served as the State Director for Michigan. She set a goal of recruiting 36 new members before the Convention last summer, and here's how she did it: She visited senior citizens' retirement centers and took cookies and invited women who remembered World War II days to meet with her. They would meet together and share experiences, and Donnaleen would tell them about her mother, who was a Rosie, and also tell them about our organization. Then she'd give them membership application forms and help them decide whether they were eligible for



membership. If they were eligible and wished to join, she helped them fill out the application right then, and also suggested that they might want to join for their daughters or granddaughters as Rosebuds.

"I had to go back several times," says Donnaleen, "but I got my quota!" She is pictured here with a poster depicting a rose for each person who joined.

We think this was a GREAT IDEA! Almost any of us can do it. So bake some cookies and contact the activities director in a retirement center, and let's get to work!

And after you sign them up, see if they wouldn't like to form the nucleus of a new chapter.

We can STILL do it!

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

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	Rosie stickers, 3½" x 2½" (package of 5)	\$2.50	
	Rosie picture post cards, 4" x 6" (package of 3)	\$3.00	
	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, 17" x 14" x 4"	\$12.50	
	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	
	NEW! Rosie head scarf (triangular shape, long end = 36")	\$7.00	
	NEW! Rosie scarf for blouse (45" – ring not included)	\$7.00	
	Rosie dish towel, 16" x 25" (circle type) terrycloth or linen	\$5.75	
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	Rosie tin sign, 16" x 12"	\$18.00	
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	Rosie counted cross stitch book mark kit (makes bookmark 3¼" x 11")	\$6.00	
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	Rosie book mark with gold plate charm, 2¼" x 6½"	\$6.50	
	Rosie key chain (circle size) large-3" x 1¼" or small-1¾" x 1 3/8"	\$6.50	
	Rosie snack box, 7¼" x 5" x 3"	\$10.00	
	Rosie air freshener for car, hanging, 2½" x 3½"	\$2.00	
	Rosie coasters (set of 4), 4" x 4"	\$7.50	
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	Rosie refrigerator magnet, 2¼" x 3¼"	\$5.00	
	Rosie stamp pin, 1 5/8" x 1 3/8" (circle type) bar clasp or tie tack clasp	\$4.85	
	Rosie car tag (license plate type), black and white, sturdy plastic, 12" x 6"	\$4.90	
	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	
	SPECIAL - Set of 3 books (1 of each)	\$50.00	

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Why not give a Rosie book, cookbook, apron, mug, nightshirt, coasters, poster, keychain, night light. . . or another Rosie product as a gift! See order form on page 3!

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First Official Welcome to the 2008 Convention!

What: Annual Convention/Reunion celebrating the 10th anniversary of ARRA

Who: Rosies, Rosebuds, Rivets, guests, family members (all ages) and prospects . . . everyone!

When: June 20-22, 2008 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Where: The Berkshire Marriott Conference Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland

Why: Fellowship, food, fun, sharing stories, Rosie performance, tour, USO-type night, and more!

Hosted by the Baltimore Chapter and their officers:

President: Mary Nichols

Vice President: Debi Wynn

Secretary/Treasurers: Julia and Carl Yoder

More specific details and registration forms will be in the February issue of the *Mail Call*, but mark the date on your calendar and save it for a great 10th anniversary Convention!

Membership Search

We want you to really, really find and recruit some members—Rosies, Rosebuds, and Rivets. And I'm happy to tell you that we have processed 128 new members since our 3rd quarter issue of the *Mail Call*! Can we make it as many—or even more—before the end of 2007?

Think of possible Rosies, near and far, and their Rosebuds, and give them a membership as a Christmas gift. Where else can you get a lifetime gift for \$10.00?

Keep me busy processing names!

- Doris Adamson, Membership Coordinator

312 La Prado Circle, Birmingham, AL 35209

News Wanted

Your news is needed . . . from Chapters or individual members. For the time being, continue to send it to Fran Carter, 3470 Loch Ridge Drive, Birmingham, AL 35216. Try to write about 150 words and send articles often. Here's the schedule for sending news to meet publication deadlines:

First quarter: January 1

Second quarter: April 1

Third quarter: July 1

Fourth quarter: October 1

Remember, we can't have a newsletter without news!