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A Philosophy of Life for All of Us!

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by 8:00, with his hair fashionably coifed, and shaving lotion perfectly applied, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that were hung on his window.

"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged . . . It's how I arrange my mind. I already decided I love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

"Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away just for this time in my life.

"Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in."

Though the author of this story is unknown, the philosophy is a great idea, don't you think?



**The American
Rosie the Riveter Association®
WANTS YOU!**

Whom do you know who is not a member of ARRA, but would qualify? Who served as a Rosie? Whose mother or grandmother (or great-grandmother) served as a Rosie? Give that person a copy of the membership application in this newsletter!

We can STILL do it!

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Convention Agenda

Save this information sheet and get ready for Atlanta. There's so much to see in Atlanta — and so much Rosie-ing to do!

Friday, June 15, 2007

- 3:00 p.m.—Pre-Convention Executive Board meeting (for National officers and State Directors—open to all members)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m.—Registration and Rosie Shoppe open
- 6:30 p.m.—Dinner meeting (Introductions; Rosie activities; Keynote Speaker. Bring memorabilia for display or archives.)

Saturday, June 16, 2007

- 8:15-9:00 a.m.—Registration and Rosie Shoppe open
- 9:00 a.m.—General Session (Greetings; roll call by states; business session; “Rosie the Riveter” award-winning presentation written and performed by students in Wheeler County High School, Mrs. Renae Evans directing; other program events)
- 12:30 p.m.—Lunch (on your own); tours; free time

7:15 p.m.—USO-type entertainment with heavy refreshments; special music; talk by Louise Austin, a real USO official; talent sharing of all types by Rosies, Rosebuds, and Rivets (music, poetry, crafts, etc.) Don't forget to wear apparel from the 1940's, a Rosie T-shirt or *something* Rosie; or something red, white, and blue.

Sunday, June 17, 2007

- 8:30 a.m.—Brunch (hot breakfast); non-denominational worship service; futuristic thinking and planning, courtesy resolutions. (Please send to Jo Thomas at the address on page 2 the names of any members who have expired since the last Convention.)
- 10:30 a.m.—Adjournment
- 10:30-12:00 noon—Post-Convention Executive Board meeting

Driving Directions to the Hotel

To reach the Crowne Plaza Hotel from Atlanta, get onto I-75/85 South and stay on I-85 until Exit 73 at Virginia Avenue. Go on Virginia Avenue until you see the hotel on your right. If coming from the south, get onto I-85 North and exit at Exit 73-B onto Virginia Avenue. Go through two traffic lights and look for the hotel on your right.

Sights and Sounds of Atlanta!

Bring all your family, relatives, and friends! See all of Atlanta that you haven't seen before! Special hotel prices will apply for 3 days before and 3 days after the Convention, if reserved before May 25 (see page 3). You'll find these special places and more!

Six Flags Over Georgia

(770) 948-9290 www.sixflags.com/parks/overgeorgia

World of Coca-Cola

(404) 676-5151 www.woccatlanta.com

Georgia Aquarium

(404) 581-4000 www.georgiaaquarium.org

Stone Mountain Park

(770) 498-5690 www.stonemountainpark.com

Zoo Atlanta

(404) 624-5600 www.zooatlanta.org

Turner Field, home of the Atlanta Braves

(404) 522-7630 atlanta.braves.mlb.com

National Museum of Patriotism

(404) 875-0691 www.museumofpatriotism.org

Atlanta Cyclorama and Civil War Museum

(404) 624-1071 www.webguide.com/cyclorama.html

Underground Atlanta

(404) 523-2311 www.underground-atlanta.com

Kick-Off for Rosie Monument

Our national President, Sadie Holt, has declared this 9th Convention as the Kick-off Time for starting a fund-raising movement for a Rosie monument to some day be placed in Washington, D. C.

Sadie is asking on behalf of the Association that members, relatives, and friends join in the effort by making a contribution to this Monument Fund. Donations and pledges may be sent to Mabel Myrick, Treasurer, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091. Be sure to designate the gift for the Monument Fund. Donations may also be made at the Convention.

Also, Sadie asks that each person bring to the Convention a gift of some sort (jewelry, purse, bedroom shoes, etc.) neatly wrapped, to be auctioned off for the Fund. The American Rosie the Riveter Association is recognized by the IRS as a non-profit organization, and contributions to it may be deducted for income tax purposes.

Sadie says, “Wear your big smile and help in this big cause of purchasing land and building a Rosie monument in Washington. We're moving on . . .”

We can STILL do it!

2007 ARRA National Convention/Reunion

Registration/Food Package/T-Shirt Form

**The Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel, 1325 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA
June 15 -17, 2007 (third week-end in June)**

*Mail this form to: Mrs. Mabel Myrick, P. O. Box 188, Kimberly AL 35091
(Must be postmarked by May 25 in order to get discount prices)*

By each name, please put (Ro) for Rosie, (Rb) for Rosebud, (Ri) for Rivet, or (G) for Guest

Name of person making reservation _____

Address _____
Street Address
City
State
Zip code

Telephone _____ Email _____

Names of others on this registration: _____

	Postmarked <u>May 25 or before</u>	Postmarked <u>after May 25</u>			
Registration fee , full convention	\$10.00	\$15.00	X	number registering _____	= \$ _____
Registration fee , one day only	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	X	number registering _____	= \$ _____
Food package (Friday dinner, Saturday night USO heavy snacks, Sunday brunch)	\$45.00	\$50.00	X	number registering _____	= \$ _____
If food package is not purchased, individual meals and USO may be reserved at the following prices:					
Friday dinner	\$30.00	\$35.00	X	number registering _____	= \$ _____
Saturday USO (heavy snacks)	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	X	number registering _____	= \$ _____
Sunday brunch	\$18.00	\$20.00	X	number registering _____	= \$ _____
Convention T-shirts @ \$15.00: (Give number of each) (S____) (M____) (L____) (XL____) Total = \$ _____					

Note: Registrations and meal reservations received after June 10 and “walk-ins” who have not pre-registered will be accepted on a space-available basis. Requests for refunds must be received by Mabel Myrick by June 10. Saturday meals are on your own.

Can you share a talent at the USO night? If so, give your name and talent: _____

Cut and save for your reference: Make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel by calling 1-866-750-3365 or 1-404-768-6660. Ask for a room in the American Rosie the Riveter block. Reservations must be made before May 25 to obtain the special ARRA rate and availability. Special ARRA rates are \$79 per night plus tax (\$86.90 total) for 1-4 in a room. You may have the same \$79 rate for 3 days before and 3 days after the event if space is available. Parking is free for registered overnight guests; get a permit when you register at the desk. The hotel provides a free shuttle from the airport. Collect your bags first, then call the hotel, or follow instructions for the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel at the hotel phone bank in the airport.

2005-2007 National ARRA Officers Elected and Appointed

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Our 4th Book Has a Name Change

The *Rosie Romances* story book (that we hope to publish soon) is now named *Rosie Romances and Other Stories*. That's because only about 20 of us felt romantic enough to send in a story about our war-time romances! So we're expanding the scope, and we need your story, romantic or not, about your experiences during World War II. If you already have a story published in one of our other books, this one must be different.

Rosebuds and Rivets, you may send us a story about your Rosie.

All stories will be published, but you must follow these rules:

- All authors must be ARRA members.
- Stories must be typed and double-spaced.
- Send one or two clear photographs, preferably one "then" and one more recently. Photographs will be kept for Archives.
- Word limit with one picture is 450 words; or 350 words with two pictures. Try to make the total word count near the word limit, to avoid blank space on the page.
- You must include a **signed statement**, "I give permission for this story to be published by ARRA."



You will receive an author's discount to purchase books when they are published, so do not send any money with your story. Please wait patiently; publication will take about four months after we receive the 100th story.

Send story, pictures, and permission statement by mail (no e-mails) to:

**Mrs. Lucy Lewis
1013 Liberty Park Loop
Vestavia Hills, AL 35242**

Medical Data

Leave one copy of this form at home, and carry one as you travel.

Name _____ Sex: ___ M ___ F

Address: _____

Doctor: _____ Telephone: _____

Pharmacy: _____ Telephone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Relationship: _____

MEDICAL DATA - AS OF MONTH _____ YEAR _____

Special Conditions/Remarks: (Use pencil for ease in making changes)

Medical Problems	Medication	Dosage	Frequency

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Blood Type: _____ Religious preference: _____

Health Care Proxy on file at: _____

Living Will on file at: _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Medical Insurance Co.: _____ Policy #: _____

Other Medical Insurance Co.: _____ Policy #: _____

Medicaid #: _____ Medicare #: _____

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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?

65th Anniversary

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

December 7, 1941—2006

Remember the day that four of eight U. S. battleships were sunk in the vicious surprise attack, with two more badly damaged. More than 2,400 Americans were killed.

We May Not Know Where You Are!!

Let us know your new information!
(To be sent to Jo Thomas only)

Name of member _____

New address _____

Old address _____

Current E-mail _____

Current telephone _____

Or

Report of Death

Deceased member's name _____

Date of death _____

Former address _____

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

Rosie Convention T-Shirts!



You'll love wearing this Convention Special that sports the "We Can Do It!" logo on the front and Convention 2007 info on the back!

Orders must be placed by May 25, 2007.

Cost is \$15.00 if delivered to you at the Convention in June, or \$17.00 if shipped to you via Parcel Post.

Please send check and desired size (S, M, L, XL) to Mabel Myrick, P.O. Box 188, Kimberly, AL 35091.

Sorry, no returns or refunds on Convention shirts.

See you at the Rosie Convention! You gotta be there!