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Ring a Bell for Rosies National / International Event In-Progress Schedule for Labor Day, Sept. 3, 2018 12:30 p.m. - Begin Ceremonies, 1:00 p.m. - Ring Bells

Aug. 22, 2018. "Thanks!" does not know all locations that will celebrate the start of the American Rosie Movement on Labor Day by ringing bells at 1:00 p.m. Confirmed today are:

See end for bios of Rosies in PA (June Robbins): NC (Edwards): MA (Bertha Glavin): WV (Buddie Curnutte/Charleston; Anna Hess/Morgantown), OH (Neva Rees). Others available on request.

Well-Known Locations

United States:

- 1. Philadelphia, PA.** Liberty Bell, Independence National Park. Rosies: June Robbins, 92 years old (484-365-3324) and other Rosies. Several Speakers and guests (Consulate of the UK, Oliver Franklin) Point Person: June Robbins (**see bio at end**)
- 2. Quincy, MA** (Greater Boston), Church of the Presidents, 1306 Hancock St, Rosie: Bertha Glavin, 617 / 227-8246. Point Person: Anne Montague, Exec Director, 'Thanks!', 304 / 545-9818 or 304 / 776-4743. (See Boston, USS Cassin Young, below)
- 3. Frederick, MD**, Baker Park, 121 Bentz St. Rosie: Ruth Staples, age, 94, 301-834-9357, Niece is 301-790-2989, Debbi Care. (WJLA covered a project in 2013.) John Widmann will play WWII songs on the carillon and then ring a bell at 1:00. Point Person: Tim Wilson, 301/471-6613, tnw51@aol.com,
- 4. San Francisco Bay**, the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historic Park Richmond, CA. (will video tape before Labor Day to advertise the event). Point Person: Tom Leatherman, Superintendent. 510 / 778-4171 or 541-343-4225, tom_leatherman@nps.gov
- 5. Los Angeles, CA.** L.A. Maritime Museum, Berth 84, Foot of 6th St., San Pedro. 310-548-7618. Rosie: Elinor Otto, 98, 562-984-8122. Point Person: Jay Wertz, Historian. 702/308-8513, filmo10@yahoo.com
- 6. Washington, DC.** Netherlands Embassy. 4200 Linnean Ave. NW, Point Person: Carla Bundy, Press Officer. 202-274-2632 or 202-274-5300, cy.bundy@minbuza.nl, (additional locations possible).

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International: No Rosies present. Holiday for US Embassies; but they help various ways.

1. UK

- A. **London.** HMS Belfast, Captain Kevin Price. No Rosie will be present, but British war bride, Dorothy Foster, is available at 304 / 562-2257 from US. Point Person: Captain Kevin Price, 011-4420-79-40-6300, kprice@iwm.org.uk
- B. **US Embassy, London,** Sarah-Jane Mayhew, Cultural Secretary, Public Affairs, 011-44-20-7499-9000, culturelondon@state.gov mayhewsj@state.gov. [Waiting for reply.](#)
- C. **The British Consulates in Boston and Los Angeles, via Honorary Consulate Oliver Franklin in Philadelphia.** 215 / 370-2063 or 215/577-7665, ofranklin@franklinig.com

2. The Netherlands (see Washington, above)

A. Nijmegen:

- A) National Liberation Museum, Point Persons: Rense Havinga;
- B) Frank Mehring, Ph.D.,
- C) Sjoars Moolenaar, 31620015542. smoolenaar@gelderlander.nl

- B. **US Embassy, The Hague.** Sherry Keneson- Hall, 011-31-70-310-2209, will work with persons in Nijmegen and the US staff in the Hague. Keneson-HallSC@state.gov

3. Belgium

- A. **The U.S. Embassy. Brussels.** Brian Dick, 011-32-2811-5297, dickbg@state.gov.
- B. **Belgian Embassy, Washington, Gaëlle Powis de Tenbossche. 202-233-6900,** Gaelle.PowisdeTenbossche@diplobel.fed.be Myriam.Ramaekers@diplobel.fed.be

Less-known Locations

Many organizations will help across the U.S., which we will not know until after Sept. 3. Those confirmed by Aug. 20, 2018 are:

- 1. **Winchester, KY,** Home of Rosie: Sophie Adam. Point person, Michael Kindred, President of "Thanks!", 859-749-8979.
- 2. **Marietta, OH** at home of Rosie: Neva Rees, 95, 740 / 374-8425 or son Ron Rees, 740-350-3355 (See Rosie bios at end).



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3. **Buffalo, NY** at home of Rosie: Modesta Echols, 716/838-2118. Point Person: Jerry Payne, 716 / 832-0325. Modesta is African-American and worked in the same factory as Buddie Curnutte.
4. **Birmingham, AL** Vulcan Park. Rosie: Fran Carter (Founder of ARRA)..Point Person: Nel Branum. (205) 608-0898 Cell: (205)706-3447, nellbran@yahoo.com or fran.carter@juno.com
5. **Greensboro, NC**, 6100 West Friendly Ave, Rosie and Point Person: Ruth Edwards, 95 years old, a board member, with several veterans, 336-897-1718. (See bios at end)
- 6-7. **Charleston, WV (2 locations):**
 - A. **South Charleston, WV.** Naval Ordnance Center (a largest producers in WWII), also known as The Stamping Plant, F St and 6th Ave. Rosie: Bertha ("Buddie") Curnutte, 304 / 727-1649. Point Person: Katherine Antolini, Ph.D, 304 /642-5129 (or Kyle Warmack, 510-449-8116. (See bios at end.)
 - B. **Charleston, WV.** Clay Performance Center with Girl Scouts and at least one Rosie. Point Person, Angela Brown, Scout Leader. 304 / 553-2114.
8. **Huntington, WV**, at The Woodlands Retirement Center. Rosies: Pauline Gilkerson, Pauline Adkins (deaf until cochlea implant in her mid-80s), others. Point Persons: Jewell Matthews, 304 / 523-0047, Pamela McCoy (Pres. of state Women's Clubs), 304 / 736-8502, Woodlands, 304 / 679-1520.
9. **Morgantown, WV.** Fire Station, South High Street. Rosies: Anna Hess, 304 / 292-4595, age 90. Point Persons: Fire Chief, Mark Caravassos, 304/376-7515, 304/ 284-7480; Andrew Stacy, Communion Dir; and state legislator Barbara Fleischauer, 304 / 319-2423. (See end of press release and www.rosietherivetermovement.org for Anna Hess's bio and video)
10. **Glenville, WV.** Glenville City Park, 20 N. Court St. Rosie: Ruby Coberly, 96. Point Person: Marissa Fox, Girl Scout Leader, 304-266-7029. foxthrasher@gmail.com, (Capt. William Bonnett will present award to her and her troop #32394, 304/695-1094),
11. **Rowlesburg, WV.** Main Street Garden, Rosie the Riveter Memorial. Rosie: Ruth Tichnel, 94. Point Person: Jewel Reed, 304/415-5263, jbtreed@frontier.com



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12. **Grafton, WV**, The Anna Jarvis House (birthplace of founder of Mother's Day). **Rosie:** Emily Withers, 304/265-2421. Point Person, Olive Dadismond, Exec. Dir., 304-265-5549. ajhouse26354.

Places celebrating without a Rosie present:

1. **Boston, MA**. The USS Cassin Young. Point Person: Marie Cole, US Park Service, 617 / 485-9686, maria_cole@usps.gov.
2. **Blooming Rosie, WV**. Point Person: Betty Ann Williams. williamsbettyann@yahoo.com
3. **Surry, VA**. Point Person, Julie Tessiatori, 304 / 545-5641, julien@aol.com
4. **Winston Salem, NC**. Point Person: Carolyn Hatchell, daughter of Janice Wright, a Rosie, (336) 768-0148, cphatchell@gmail.com

Bios of Some Rosies Ready for Media Interviews

Others Rosie bios are available on request

Neva Reese (95 years old)

Neva grew up on a dairy farm near Fairmont, West Virginia. She was the captain of her basketball team, over six feet tall, and strong of body, mind, heart, and spirit. Her fiancé joined the service in 1939 and was sent to New Guinea, where he lived in a fox hole for almost four years. Neva worked on Goodyear Blimps (dirigibles), by to build the control room under the blimp, which were used for surveillance. She painted her tools purple, and still has some.

After the war, her husband had jungle rot and malaria, and eventually, he became paralyzed from the arms down. Today, she is a strong and prized spokesperson for Rosies who work with their communities to assure that the Rosie legacy lives on in high-quality work done by pulling together to use freedom wisely. She is in Marietta, Ohio at 740 / 374-8425 or 740 / 350-3355. She will ring a bell with her son, Ron, and friends at her home on Labor Day.

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Buddie Curnutte (94 years old)

Buddie grew up near Buffalo, NY with one parent, a father who was a railroad superintendent and often gone. She was very close to her brother who joined the service and was stationed in Europe. She was a riveter of P40 airplanes (also called War Hawks) at Curtis Wright Aircraft in Buffalo, which had problems with engine design while she was there. She then joined the Coast Guard to see the west coast, but was stationed in Philadelphia and trained at the Ben Franklin Hotel as a medical assistant. She was assigned to the Veterans Hospital, on the ward where soldiers had missing limbs, where she met and eventually married Earl Curnutte who had lost a leg and injured his foot at the Battle of Sugarloaf Hill, on Okinawa. Their love story is most compelling, and it includes that Earl had what we now call PTSD for many years. (Ask for a short story written by Anne Montague about Buddie.)

Buddie has been a key figure as “Thanks!” has worked for 10 years to create projects that Rosies and the public can do together, to leave a permanent record of Rosies. She is a good example of many Rosies who cared for veterans who were wounded in body and spirit. She will speak at the Naval Ordnance Center (see Charleston) and can be interviewed at 304 / 727-1649 or through her son, Keith Curnutte, at 304 / 444-5376.

Ruth Edwards (95 years old)

Ruth Edwards grew up with Chares Yeager, the famous pilot who broke the sound barrier. Her fiancé served in the Pacific while she worked at the Naval Ordnance Plant, for Carnegie Steel, a large steel producer during World War II in a plant that make armored steel, air-to-ground missiles, and more. Ruth used her ability to work with different functions and people as an “expeditor” at the plant, which meant she went from different production points to find and supply their needs to keep work flowing.

After the war, her husband was malnourished from being a prisoner of war at the Bataan March, from which he never fully recovered. Ruth became the head of business education for



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the State of West Virginia. Still today, she is known for her management skills, and she is on the board of "Thanks!" She is in Greensboro, NC at 336-897-1718, ruthae25303@gmail.com

Bertha Glavin (92 years old)

Bertha was born in 1926 in Dorchester, MA, (part of Boston), and graduated from the 8th grade at the first tax-supported school in the country. When she started in the 12th grade in 1942, the school gave her an address and told her to go there to work part time. The company made raincoats for the Navy and she made out payroll for stitchers, who did "piece-work", so she took track of each piece of work they did and the Navy had her add 5% to their pay checks.

In 1949, she married Martin Glavin, and she stopped working at the birth of her first child, eventually became president of the Home and School Association, was a school lunch monitor for 22 years, was Vice President of the Dorcheser Historical Society while her husband was President, and she and he we were Trustees of the Dorchester Day Celebration, then they moved to Quincy in 1985 and she volunteered at the library. Today, she is President of the local chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association.

As is often the case, Bertha did not know that she was a Rosie the Riveter, since the name implies being a worker on airplanes or ships, and had she not called to register her sister, Mary Kennedy, who worked in the Fore River Shipyard, she would not have known. (The same is true of Anna Hess, who called to register her mother). She is at Rosie: Bertha Glavin, 617 / 227-8246, townlass2003@yahoo.com

Anna Hess (90 years old)

Anna grew up on a large farm with no running water or electricity and did not know about Pearl Harbor until her family went to church. Immediately, the younger men joined the service and the other men went to Akron, OH to work in the factories. She and her mother followed when housing was available, and her mother riveted airplanes at Goodyear Aircraft, while she went to high school and worked at Mohawk Tire and Rubber making military vehicle tires. She remembers when natural rubber was becoming unavailable and man-made rubber was being introduced.

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She married a veteran who worked at the factory after the war, and who became a Lieutenant at the Morgantown, WV Fire Dept., while she worked as a seamstress in a clothing factory for more than 30 year. After she retired there she became a professional driver.

She has been a valued advisor to “Thanks!” on various projects that strive to get Rosies involved in ways that pass their legacy to the future, including making two trips to the Netherlands, meeting the Royal couple of the Netherlands at Arlington Cemetery, planting dogwood trees, and ringing bells for Rosies at the Netherlands Carillion in Arlington and the National Cathedral in Washington. She is at 304 / 292-4595. (See the press release and our website for a link to the video that the City of Morgantown, WV has made with the Fire Chief to announce the Ring a Bell for Rosies event on Labor Day.)

June Robbins (92 years old)

June Robbins grew up in Philadelphia. Like most other Rosies, life was hard during the depression. In high school, she was her request was to take drafting was refused because it was a “boys’ class”. Yet, she persisted and with the help of a few teacher, she completed the class. She then worked at the Philadelphia Naval Yard, drafting parts for ships, while her mother riveted airplanes nearby. As she and her mother dressed for work, a Philadelphia radio station played, “Bluebird of Happiness”, which symbolized hope. Now June is among many Rosies who have worked with their communities to install bluebird next boxes.

In recent years, June has been proactive in many ways to prepare for the American Rosie Movement. For example her retirement center has held events with Rosies in Media, PA, she helped when bells were rung bells for Rosies at the Liberty Bell, and she has participated in most events that the people and Embassy of the Netherlands have held. Recently, she represented Rosies when the Philadelphia Girl’s Choir sang a song created by “Thanks!” that promises to be a theme song to sing to Rosies in English and other languages.