

Plan to attend the National Convention!

Please plan to attend the Convention in Chicago May 17-20, 2012. It will be held at the Inn of Chicago, 162 E. Ohio Street, Chicago, IL 60611, Phone: 312-787-3100. The hotel is downtown, a short distance from Michigan Avenue, "THE SHOPPING DISTRICT." A block of 50 rooms is reserved for us; however, if we need more than the 50 rooms, we have to reserve them within six (6) months from the date of the Convention. Please make your reservations soon to guarantee your stay at the Inn of Chicago Hotel. Patti Smith, Convention Chairman, is **working hard** on hosting a great Convention.

For more information, please check out website at www.narbw.org!



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Message from the National President

Dear Narbies,

Fall is here, and the leaves are beginning to display their vibrant colors, reds, greens and gold. Time is flying by. For some of us, we will soon be reaching for our winter coats, snow shovels, etc.

The Summer Board Meeting was held in Chicago in July. Due to time constraints, the Meet and Greet was not very successful. Association Headquarters (AH), the marketing firm the Survival of NARBW Committee chose, attended the meeting and gave their insight on what could be done to grow the membership of NARBW. The Board was impressed and voted unanimously to hire them. The Survival Committee worked diligently with AH to obtain a practical contract. Ida Carmouche and I have signed their contract in the amount of \$43,000. This may seem high, but if it will warrant us many new members, it certainly will be worth it. As of this writing, the Survival Committee continues to work with AH. As promised at the 2011 Convention, Chapter Presidents will be hearing from Cynthia Chandler and the Committee soon with details as to their progress.

From the newsletters I received from various chapters, our membership has increased showing the enthusiasm of the chapters to "grow" NARBW. Members-at-large have also increased significantly.

We will once again have to vote on an investment firm to manage our assets. Fidelity Investment will no longer advise us as to how to invest our money for the best return as they made a global business decision to discontinue doing so for all of their clients. Therefore, NARBW must again choose another investment firm to manage our finances. Jan Oviatt, Finance Chairman, and her committee will look for investment firms to handle our funds. The committee will make one recommendation to be voted on at the Convention in May. I hope we can finally resolve this situation, so we will see our money grow with the best return. We have approximately \$470,000 invested with Fidelity, a \$250,000 CD in Hometown Bank at a rate of 1.05% for 14 months, and roughly \$35,000 in checking account at Bank of America.

Sincerely,

Joyce Higgo

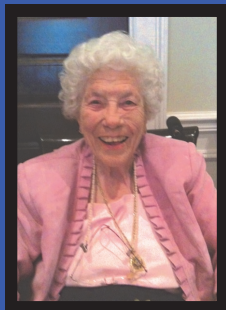


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Obituary

Dot Chumley



Dorothy Laird Chumley of Dunwoody, GA, died October 10, 2011. Mrs. Chumley was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H. Chumley, her sisters, Ruby, Virginia, Martha, Rose and her brothers, Bruce, Robert, Charles, and Chester. She is survived by her very significant other, Jeff W. Hodges, Jr., her sister, Alteen, and nieces and nephews. Mrs. Chumley was past National President of the National Association of Railway Business Women, member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Rabun Gap Nacoochee Guild School for Girls, Ansley Golf Course, Eastern Star, Operation Lifesaver and was retired from Norfolk Southern Railway. As a gift to the Masonic Dining Area in the Masonic Temple, Mrs. Chumley and Mr. Hodges gave 5 chandeliers that had previously hung in the Ansley Golf Club. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 13 at 10 o'clock at Patterson's Spring Hill Chapel; entombment will follow at Westview Abbey. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

2011-2012 Scholarship Winners

By Mary Lee Cabbler

Nicole L. Archambeau – Indianapolis—Circle City Chapter Sponsor.

Nicole is currently a student at Metropolitan State pursuing a Bachelor in Science. She is financing her education through employment, financial aid, and student loans. Nicole was sponsored by her grandmother, current Second Vice President, Jan Oviatt.

Kimberly Savannah Boylan – Atlanta Chapter Sponsor.

Kimberly is graduating from the Walker School in Marietta, GA and will attend Lehigh University majoring in both International Relations and Art History. She is financing her education through employment, family assistance, scholarships, loans, and financial aid. Kimberly was sponsored by her mother, Mary Jane Boylan.

Samantha E. Bryant – Indianapolis—Circle City Chapter Sponsor.

Samantha is currently a student at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, PA majoring in Pharmacy. She is financing her education through employment, scholarships, loans, and grants. Samantha was sponsored by her grandmother, Nancy Harmon.

Courtney M. Gutteridge – Jacksonville Chapter Sponsor / Member.

Courtney is 2010-2011 scholarship winner and is currently a student at the University of North Florida pursuing a major in Public Relations. She is financing her education through employment, scholarships, and loans. Courtney was sponsored by her aunt, current National Treasurer, Laura A. Gutteridge.

Amanda E. Paffe – Jacksonville Chapter Sponsor.

Amanda is a three-time NARBW scholarship winner, 1996-1997 and 2010-2011. She was formerly a stu-

dent at Florida State College in Jacksonville, FL, she is now a student at the University of North Florida pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is financing her education through scholarships, loans, and grants. Amanda was sponsored by her mother, Elaine Mosley.

Valerie D. Powell – Sacramento Chapter Sponsor.

Valerie is graduating from Woodcreek High School in Roseville, CA. She will be attending Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI and

majoring in Business with a minor in Special Education. She is financing her education through family assistance and scholarships. Valerie was sponsored by her grandmother, Mary S. Rexwinkle.

Emily R. Saville – Twin Ports Chapter Sponsor.

Emily is graduating from Linn-Mar High School in Marion, IA, and she will major in Biology at Central College in the Fall. She is financing her education through scholarships, grants, employment, family assistance, and academic awards.

Emily is sponsored by her grandmother, Betty A. Goman.

Applications are available for the 2012-2013 Scholarship at our website.

Madeline C. Stephen – Chicago Chapter Sponsor.

Madeline is a former Sante Fe Community College student who is now pursuing a major in Psychology at the University of New Mexico. She is financing her education through employment, scholarships, and financial aid. Madeline is sponsored by her aunt, current Chicago Chapter President, Marie Gallagher.

Safety Station



By the Atlanta Chapter

We all know that weather can be a serious safety concern, and even more so if a tornado or other severe weather event occurs at night or while you are sleeping. To improve your awareness of severe weather at any time of the day or night, consider purchasing a weather alert radio for yourself and your loved ones.

The weather alert radios are designed to pick up severe weather signals from the National Weather Service and will notify you if an alert is active in

your area. They can be programmed to alert you to one or more areas, in case you want to watch out for someone who doesn't live in the same alert zone that you do (such as an elderly parent). The alert radios can wake you up during the night or alert you during the day or at any time when you are not listening to a broadcast radio or TV station where you would get the alert. The radios range in price from \$20 - \$200 and can be purchased from retailers such as Radio Shack,

Amazon.com, Best Buy, Target and many others.

A great place to learn about weather radio features is the National Weather Service website, at <http://www.weather.gov/nwr/nwrrcvr.htm>. Some of the key recommendations are to look for a brand endorsed by the Consumer Electronics Association's public alert logo. You can also go to any trusted retailer such as Radio Shack and ask a knowledgeable salesperson about the features you would need in a weather alert radio.

Some things to consider:

- Tone alarm - feature will activate all receivers which are equipped to receive it, even if the audio is

turned off, so this is very useful when you are sleeping or not actively listening to broadcasts

- SAME technology - you need this feature to specify the areas you wish to receive alerts for, this will allow you to filter out alerts for areas you are not interested in
- Selectable alerting of events - this feature allows you to turn off certain types of events, for example, if you live deep underground and are not concerned with tornadoes, you can use the feature to eliminate alerting you for tornado warnings for your area
- Battery backup - most weather events are also accompanied by power outages, so a battery backup is a necessary feature, and some models also have a crank to generate power if the batteries fail
- External antenna jack - you may need an external antenna hookup to get good reception depending on where you live and where you will operate your radio
- Special needs - if you have special needs, you can get a radio with an external device jack for use with a strobe light or other devices for alerting

In Memoriam of Dot Chumley by Joyce Higgs

Dot was National President of the National Association of Railway Business Women (NARBW) from 1980 to 1982, and then joined the Emeritus Council. She served on the National Board for many years. She attended almost all conventions and conferences even after her health declined. The last Convention she attended was in Asheville, NC, in 2009. She was a member of the Atlanta Chapter, where she served in most all capacities of that chapter. She was a huge asset and icon of the chapter and held it together for many years. She was a wonderful asset to the NARBW.

Joyce Peak, President of the Atlanta Chapter, and 9 other members, along with Joyce Higgs, National

President, Doris Stromberg, past National President, Virginia Austin, National Welfare Chairman, attended her funeral, entombment service and visited her home after the service. We spent time with her beloved, Jeff Hodges. Jeff, though frail, spoke of their lives together and her love for the NARBW, how they met – What a Great Love Story!! Jeff Hodges passed away on October 28th.

She was a genuine Southern Lady, who spoke her mind and her opinions openly. She touched the lives of all who knew her. The National Association of Railway Business Women will certainly miss Dorothy (Dot) L. Chumley.

As always, be safe!

Operation Lifesaver

By the Dianne Koppelman, Member

Have you ever heard how Operation Lifesaver started? Here is the story behind this program.

In 1972, the average number of collisions at U.S. highway-rail crossings were above 12,000 incidents yearly. The Idaho governor's office along with Idaho Peace Officers and the Union Pacific Railroad launched an educational program to promote safety at highway-rail crossings. This program was the start of Operation Lifesaver and within the first year fatalities decreased by 43%.

The state of Nebraska heard about the results and adopted the program the following year in 1973, followed by Kansas and Georgia. Within 10 years the program spread around the country and in 1986 a non-profit national Operation Lifesaver office was created. The OL office helps to support the efforts of state and OL programs and raise awareness of the importance of safety at highway-rail crossing.

The Operation Lifesaver program consists of three (3) components; Education, Engineering and Enforcement.

Education: Volunteers from all walks of life donate their time and energy to deliver free presentations to groups of all ages. There are videos, public service announcements, brochures and numerous other means that OL uses to educate the public.

Engineering: Operation Lifesaver continues to endorse engineering research and innovation to improve safety at highway-rail.

Enforcement: Operation Lifesaver has a strong partnership with law enforcement. If highway-rail grade crossing laws are not enforced, they would be ignored and the amount of collisions and fatalities would increase. Approximately 15% of trained and certified presenters are law enforcement officers.

Operation Lifesaver has a national office in Alexandria, VA and all 50 states have state coordinators. For further information on Operation Lifesaver and/or becoming a presenter check the website at: www.oli.org. If you are interested in having a presentation you can request a presenter on the website (www.oli.org) or call 1-800-537-6224.



Indianapolis Charter Chapter. Connie Hunt (left) and Phyllis Breen (right) drop off can tabs at the Ronal McDonald House.

Atlanta Chapter: In September, the Atlanta Chapter collected cleaning supplies, snacks, and aluminum can tabs and made a sizable donation to the local Ronald McDonald House. The House was very grateful for the contributions! The Atlanta Chapter welcomes new members Donna Garner, Tina Garner, Denese Whitney, Joann Johnson, Carol Ross, and Fran Morgan. In December, the chapter will bring gifts for the Toys for Tots campaign instead of having a gift exchange between members. The ladies are very proud of that. [Editor's Note: So are we.]

Baltimore Chapter: The Baltimore Chapter is offering no dues to new members! Have any co-workers in the area? Be sure to tell them about this added membership benefit happening now.

Houston Chapter: Debbye Devore and Mark Converse now have the same last name-Converse since September 10th. The Chapter offers them best wishes for many future years of happi-

ness together. Sadly, two (2) members of the former Tucson Chapter and current members of the Houston Chapter passed away—Ruth Snow and June Miller. Polly Kleiner is recovering from total knee replacement surgery. Addie Ruth Maiden is busy taking care of her husband, Artie, as he recovers from surgery.

Indianapolis Charter Chapter: Three members were awarded Chapter Yellow Roses—Mary Lou Crocker for helping a

neighbor who had a brain aneurysm; Diane Thomas for serving as both Vice-President and Welfare Chair; and Barb Hartwell who helped with her churches effort to put together 17,000 bibles. The Chapter lost member and Phyllis Breeden's sister-in-law as Carolyn Dickey passed away. The welcomed life in Joanne and Charlie Smith's first great grandchild—Keegan Smith.

Chapter News

Here is a brief round-up of what our Chapters are up to.

Indianapolis Circle-City Chapter: The Chapter still sends care package boxes over seas. Our last box was very much appreciated, and they received a letter from Phyllis Harrison's granddaughter in Iraq thanking them. Our busy ladies continue volunteering at their churches, hospitals, and local animal shelters. They are also volunteering in nursing homes and hand-

ing out books. At present, they are planning a Railroad Dinner/Christmas Party. The Chapter was able to give

donations to help two (2) families last year at Christmas. Agnes Mangus condition continues to be fair—her family is taking good care of her. Members Kathy Burks and Nancy Harmon are leaving for Florida and plan to return in December. Melanie Bennett visits off and on and makes sure to keep in touch via e-mail

Jacksonville Chapter: The Chapter's September

Gerry Rodgers reports that the Green Valley Residence is for sale again.



Jacksonville Chapter. Chapter Members pose with the donations to PACE.

Meeting was a Meet 'N' Greet event with a great speaker aimed at increasing membership. The ladies continued their annual nut and RADA knife sales this year as a fundraiser. The Chapter is pleased to report that they are on Facebook, please make sure to stop by and "Like" their page. The ladies also donated their time at the Clothes Closet for PACE.

Omaha Chapter: The ladies are very busy there. They have a formed a committee to organize and fundraise for an Omaha Chapter

Scholarship. The Omaha Ways & Means held a successful Golf Tournament raising over \$2,000. The ladies walked together in the Nebraska Race for the Cure. The ladies have had great interest in the Meet & Greet activities they have been planning. Over 80 ladies have attended their events, and 20 have already joined!

Philadelphia Chapter: Doing something different, the members held their Summer Board Meeting after making breakfast at the Ronald McDonald

House. The Philly gals are brainstorming this year to think of new fundraising ideas. So far, they have started conducting 50/50 raffles each meeting which all the gamblers there enjoy. Fourteen of the members were able to attend the Third Annual NARBW Beach Weekend. They will be selling holiday candy and peanut brittle at the holidays. They are headed to a Women's Symposium next month which will feature Bette Midler as the keynote speaker.

Richmond Chapter: Mem-

ber Marjorie Smith passed away. Marjorie had served the Richmond Chapter as Treasurer for many years and was very active in the Chapter. Please keep her family in your prayers. We also have some positive news—our membership is increasing. We have two (2) new members Bette Banks, who is Frances Lawrence's daughter, and she is serving as our Treasurer. Also, new member Bruna Bullock, retired CSX employee. We have the prospect of another new member to join in November. We'll keep you posted.

Twin Ports Chapter: The ladies are selling Happenings books as a fundraiser for the second year in a row. Bonnie Tasky had surgery over the summer and is recovering at home.

This Issue's Railroad Question

Q: Where did the first transcontinental railroad start and end?

A: The 1,776 mile long first transcontinental railroad, originally called the "Pacific Railroad" and later the "Overland Route," (690 miles built by the Central Pacific Railroad and 1,086 miles built by the Union Pacific Railroad) that started construction in 1863 and was completed with the joining of the rails at Promontory Summit, Utah on May 10, 1869 went from Omaha, Nebraska (UPRR) to

Sacramento, California (CPRR), thereby connecting with other railroads from the east (for example, from Boston and New York via Chicago, Illinois or St. Louis, Missouri) to span the continent by rail from the east coast to the west coast for the first time.



On the Rails

Current Industry Trends

- U.S. House and Senate negotiators have agreed on a fiscal-year 2012 transportation spending bill that removes a House subcommittee's language that would have prohibited the use of federal operating funds on state-supported Amtrak routes.
- Freight railroads reach agreements with four (4) labor unions.



Editor's Note:

Please bear with us during our transition to a new Capsule format. I know that many of you have been delayed delivery. Hopefully, this will be the last "renovation" of the Capsule until 2012. As always, please send news and photos to KPohl5779@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

December 1st

Jewelry orders deadline. Any questions, please e-mail jewelry@narbw.org.

December 10th

2nd Per capita deadline. Please e-mail remember to e-mail both membership@narbw.org and treasurer@narbw.org with your reports. Diane is eagerly awaiting the results of your membership drive efforts.

December 15th

Revisions deadline. Please e-mail your Chapter's revisions to revisions@narbw.org or mail them to Theresa Harper. Her address is in the Member's Only section of the website.

December 31st

Publication deadline. Please e-mail me as many articles and photos you can at the e-mail to the right or mail them to the address below. Thanks!

Happy New Year!

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