

# THE CAPSULE

June 2019

The 75th National Convention in Atlantic City was another great convention for the books.

The convention officially began with the formal opening. We held our President's Brunch where we recognized our past national presidents, current chapter presidents and our National Woman of the Year. This year we had several Life Skill sessions; our first one was Budgets (personal and chapter). We visited the Jubilee by the Sea for Candidates Receptions and Fun Night. The chapters displayed their shoes and presented some amazing skits. We have very creative and talented ladies.

Tuesday was our touching memorial service. The Roanoke chapter gave a PowerPoint presentation on NARBW's display that is in the Virginia Museum of Transportation. The presentation is now available on our NARBW website. Our Membership Luncheon focused on using social media to promote membership, honoring our membership chairman and our first-time convention attendees.

Our afternoon Life skills covered Personal Health and Effective Meetings. Tuesday concluded with a formal banquet that included the announcement of our scholarship winners

For those that attended this convention, we know that Renee Noble, the Philadelphia chapter ladies, and her committee members did an outstanding job! Well done ladies!



The National Board will gather in Memphis for our Summer Board Meeting to plan for and to review the goals and accomplishments of our association. We are working on setting up several Meet and Greets while in Memphis. Our Plans of Work will be sent to the Chapter Presidents mid-August so please keep a look out for them and make sure to review with your chapters.

I encourage each of our chapters to plan for a great year ahead and be inspired to help others and join in friendships around the country. Let us continue to revitalize our chapters by building on our strengths and reaching out to our railroad sisters.

I am continuing my goal of increasing communication between the chapters and the national level; learning from each other and motivating members to go out and recruit new members. Let us mentor our new members and reconnect with those that may have not renewed their membership.

I have attached the 2019/2020 Board and Committee Chairs.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL SUMMER BOARD MEETING

JULY 20, 2019

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MID-AUGUST

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I am truly honored and excited to serve you as your National President. Thank you for your support and I am eagerly looking forward to another successful term.

Sincerely,



Melanie McKim  
National President

# NATIONAL BOARD NEWS



## National Association of Railway Business Women

### RESUME OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

May 20-21, 2019

The 75<sup>th</sup> NARBW Convention formal opening was on Monday, May 20, 2019, at Bally's Atlantic City, Atlantic City NJ. The President, Melanie McKim, opened the meeting, followed by the invocation given by, Rae Huebner, National Scholarship Chairman, of the Philadelphia Chapter. We were honored to have the Presentation of Colors done by the Cape – May Detachment, Marine Corps League - 194, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Rhonda Gomez, National Jewelry Chairman, Kansas City Chapter.

The First Vice President, Sylvia Long, introduced the eleven women nominated by their chapters for National Woman of the Year.

The Second Vice President, Joan Waite, introduced the Chapter and National Past Presidents at the Presidents' Brunch. Sylvia Long announced Diane Huntington, St. Louis Chapter, as the 2019 - Woman of the Year. The Welfare Chairman, Julie Nelson, announced fourteen chapters donated more than 300 hours or \$300.00 during the past year. In addition to the chapter, twenty-one ladies were recognized as Good Samaritans, donating more than 300 hours or \$300.00 during the past year. Rae Hueber announced that eight scholarships, \$2,000.00 each will be presented at the 2019 NABW Convention Banquet.

The business meeting on May 20, 2019 had a quorum of 56 members, on May 21, 2019 quorum was 57 members, with thirteen chapters represented out of 16 chapters and one member-at-large.

At the conclusion of business on May 20, 2019, Julie Nelson, National Welfare Chairman, Omaha and Michele Williams, National Treasurer, Chicago made a life skill presentation on how to create Budgets, for both business and personal use.

On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, Third Vice President, Houston Chapter, Ida Carmouche, lead a wonderful tribute to our deceased members at the Memorial Service.

At the business meeting on the morning of May 21, 2019, there was a presentation from Jasmine Manley, National Publications Chairman, Chicago, explaining the new NARBW website. Kathy Barbour followed with an update on the NARBW display at the Roanoke Railroad Museum. Thank you Roanoke Chapter for all you do to get the word out about our wonderful organization.

The Membership Luncheon was hosted by Ida Carmouche; the luncheon was recessed to the business meeting room for her guest speaker, Alexis B. Pierce, who shared her knowledge on how to traverse the Social media websites safely, using your phones. Our Public Affairs Speaker, Todd Hirt, NJ State Coordinator for Operations Lifesaver, gave a wonderful presentation on railroad grade crossing safety. Then we had two Life Skills sessions, first was an informative health care session, given by Rose Smith, ATC – Health & Wellness Coach. Followed by Krista Pohl-Keene, Philadelphia Chapter, presented an informative leadership presentation, how to run a successful meeting and be a good leader for your chapter, that can be found on the NARBW.org website.

The business meeting continued with the installation of new officers, conducted by Jay Nelsen, Emeritus Council:

National Second Vice President	Renee Noble, Philadelphia
National Third Vice President	Chrystal Tonkin, Kansas City
National Secretary	Yolanda Barbosa, Chicago

During the presentation of the National Proposed Budget there was discussion on a new line item, showing \$2,000.00 for National AV and insurance costs. After continued discussion, the line item was amended to show National insurance costs for the 2019-2020 year. There was a motion made and approved to form a research committee to investigate liability insurance for NARBW (National) activities. There were no revisions to the By-Laws.

The 2020 convention will be held in Chicago and 2021 will be hosted by Jacksonville Chapter. No chapter volunteered to take 2022 convention.

Melanie McKim  
NARBW – National President

Renee Noble  
NARBW – Second Vice President

# 2019 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Hanna Saville is a Junior at Iowa State University. As the highest scoring applicant, Hanna's scholarship honors our 9<sup>th</sup> Past National President Evelyn Pierce (1956–1958, Twin Cities). Hanna is majoring in Elementary Ed and hopes to teach at a public school in Iowa after graduation. She is minoring in Spanish and is studying abroad in Spain this Summer. Hanna wants to become a teacher: she loves to learn and help others. Teaching allows her to constantly do both. Hanna's goal is to provide an inclusive classroom environment for her students where diversity and learning can flourish. Hanna volunteers at schools in Ames and Des Moines, Iowa. She is involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters and has a little sister she loves hanging out with. Hanna loves to listen to music and spend time with her friends. She has a new nephew she loves to visit.

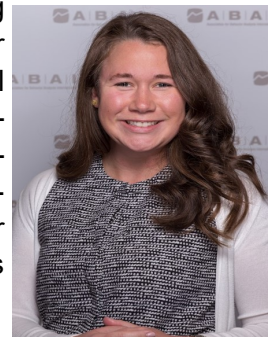
Kaylie Donahoe will be a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as an Athletic Training major. This will be Kaylie's second year in the program. She will be working with the Nebraska Husker football team for the 2019-2020 school year. Kaylie is also a member of Phi Mu - Zeta Gamma Fraternity and a peer Mentor for the College of Education and Human Sciences. This will be Kaylie's second year receiving the NARBW scholarship.



Darian Fugate is attending Cincinnati State Technical and Community College enrolled in Graphic Imaging. Her passion is art in any form, drawing, painting, sculpting to name a few. Darian thought she only wanted to do her art as a pastime and for relaxation and fun, but found doing it for a living can be not only fun and interesting, but lucrative as well. Shortly after Darian received the scholarship award, she was offered a position with CIP Retail, located in Cincinnati, wherein she could spend her internship. Not only did they offer Darian an internship, but also an offer of permanent employment after graduation in the Spring of 2020. Needless to say, she is so excited to have both of these, the NARBW award and the internship, come almost simultaneously! Darian's grandmother, Doris Stemmer, encouraged her to join the NARBW Charter Chapter, and while

they can't make all the meetings, since it's a 200-mile round trip, when the weather is good and if it's a Saturday, they try to attend meetings.

Megan Ledoux, M.A., BCBA, is currently a second-year doctoral student in the Special Education program at University of California, Riverside, focusing on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and a graduate student researcher at the SEARCH Family Autism Resource Center. She earned her M.A. in Special Ed with an emphasis on Autism from San Diego State University. While earning her M.A., Megan served as a researcher and coach for the CSESA Project (Center on Secondary Education for Students with Autism), collaborating with high school educators to support their students with autism in the classroom. Her current research interests include early intervention, the transition from high school to adulthood, and training for parents, therapists, educators, and paraprofessionals in evidence-based practices to support individuals with ASD. Megan hopes to use her education and experience to continue supporting individuals with ASD, as well as their families, teachers, and other professionals in the field.





# 2019 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Clare Gutteridge was nominated by her aunt, Laura Gutteridge Años, from the Jacksonville Chapter. This is Clare's first NARBW Scholarship. Clare is from Jacksonville, Florida and is graduating May 2019 from Bishop Kenny High School. In the fall she will attend Tallahassee Community College in Tallahassee, Florida. Over her four years in high school, she has been involved in various service clubs such as Spanish Club, Anchor Club, Interact Club, Zip Club and Catholic Athletes for Christ. She played on her high school tennis team for four years and was Co-Captain the last two years. Besides playing tennis, in her free time she volunteers for the United Service Organization (USO).



Nia Robinson is from Chicago, Illinois. Nia is a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania studying Business Economics and Public Policy at Wharton School of Business. She is a Benjamin Franklin and Joseph Wharton Scholar. Nia is a member of the Wharton Dean's Undergraduate Advisory Board where she creates and implements initiatives to improve the undergraduate experience. Nia worked with Penn Leads the Vote where she helped improve voter turnout for the midterm elections and helped run an event to encourage Penn students to vote (Joe Biden even came!). Nia is a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters which she loves since she can engage in the local Philadelphia area.

Hannah Steelman is from Chester, Virginia and will be a Junior at Christopher Newport University located in Newport News, Virginia next fall. Hannah is a Social Work major and wants to help people in any way she can. Hannah is the Vice President for CNU Club Cheer and is Vice President of the Sigma Alpha Omega Christian Sorority, Alpha Delta Chapter.



Rebecca Hunt was nominated by her grandmother, Connie Hunt, of the Indianapolis Charter Chapter. This is her first NARBW scholarship. Rebecca is graduating from Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville, Indiana and is one of the valedictorians of her class. She is very excited about attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall and will major in chemical engineering and Spanish. She is active in high school theater and most recently directed the production of Little Shop of Horrors. She also participated on the Guerin Catholic Mock Trial Team and Comedy Sportz Team. She sings in the school choir and volunteers at her church food pantry. Last summer, she was part of the week-long Duke Energy Academy at Purdue University. She was also a senior leader for the school junior retreat in the spring. Rebecca is also a member of the National Honors Society and tutors other students.



## CHAPTER WOMEN OF THE YEAR

### Atlanta Chapter - Tina Garner

Tina has been an active member of the Atlanta Chapter since 2011. She assisted in the 2015 Convention held in Savannah, which was hosted by the Atlanta Chapter. She assisted in updating the financial reporting for the Chapter and helped establish the Chapter budget. Tina is currently the Assistant Treasurer and Safety chair. She has served at the Ronald McDonald house for multiple years, has worked multiple years at Hands Across Atlanta, and collected clothes for Our Sister's Closet and toys for various club charitable drives. Tina has supported mission work to help communities in the Tennessee mountains and World Changes Mission with her children in Arkansas and Georgia. Tina has served as a Sunday School teacher for elementary school age children. She is a proud financial supporter of Avant Ministries reaching Poland. While not a railroad employee, her employer has worked with CSX and NS Railroads helping to advance their technology infrastructure and security needs over the decades. Tina has a long railroad genealogy. Her grandfather, great grandfather, great-great grandfather worked for the Atlanta Railroad. One grandfather was president of the AAR surgeons.



### Central Florida Chapter – Debra Dubois

Debra is the Chapter's cheerleader and never hesitates to get involved in the Chapter's many projects, especially fundraisers. She is currently co-chair of the Ways and Means Committee. Debra was so enthusiastic about NARBW that she petitioned the Chapter to lower the enrollment age so that her daughter could join. They have been members for over two years.



Debra is not a railroad worker, but has a great love of trains. Her former employer served railroad passengers. She received a 5-star award for her great customer service. She has several railroad connections: her father was a conductor, then an engineer; her husband is a railroader; her mom worked for the old Auto Train; two aunts worked for the old Auto Train, then Amtrak; her grandfather was an engineer; and her grandmother was a cleaner. Debra is now a stay at home mom; she and her husband, Jon, have 5 children and 10 grandchildren. She enjoys helping others, including those less fortunate and those in her community; she is a caring neighbor. She will stop what she is doing to help a person in need. Debra is currently working on gathering items for the Chapter's annual garage sale and is working on ideas for future fundraisers for the Chapter.

### Chicago Chapter – Jasmine Manley

Jasmine has been a member of the Chicago Chapter since 2015. She has been the Chapter Secretary for five years. When asked to fill a board vacancy, she replied "I'll serve any position where I am needed." She promotes NARBW and has recruited several new members. She has worked for her employer (the parent company of six railroads) for five years. Jasmine has told each railroad's president about NARBW and encouraged their employees to join. She has coordinated a Lunch and Learn for senior leadership at her company. She serves as the National Publications Chair and will serve as Chair of the 2020 Convention, to be held in Chicago. Jasmine volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House and participates in the Avon Breast Cancer Walk. She has volunteered to clean a community center and to feed the hungry. She donates to the Chapter's annual Winter Wear Drive for school kids. In 2018, Jasmine's husband became a church pastor and she the first lady. She nurtures young boys and girls as a youth mentor. She teaches Sunday School and Baptist Young Peoples Training, is a youth volunteer coordinator, and is a leader in the Women's Ministry.



### Houston Chapter – Ginger Stanbery

Ginger Stanbery began her career with Missouri Pacific in 1971 as a clerk in the Mechanical Dept. She was also secretary to the Superintendent and to the VP as well as Manager of Safety Reporting. After 41 years, she retired from Union Pacific in 2012. She joined NARBW in 2002. She has served as President, Vice President, Parliamentarian (current), Revisions and Welfare (current) Chairs. She is a charter member and current president of Altursa International of Montgomery County. Ginger has a giving heart, which shows through her support of Angel Gowns by Diane; Ronald McDonald House; Walk to End Alzheimer's; Montgomery County Women's Shelter; Goodwill; Toys for Tots; The Woodlands Library; Hurricane Harvey Relief; Little Free Library; Remington Park Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation Centers; and Friends of Montgomery County Animal Rescue (to name a few). She devotes her time and energy, as well as her money, to assist all these organizations. Her passion is literacy for her community. She is a driving force in both NARBW and Altrusa. Her favorite saying is "I do what I can when I can." She has been married to her husband Richard for 47 years and they have two sons, Jason and Jeffery, and five grandchildren.



### Indianapolis Charter Chapter – Mary Lou Croker

Mary Lou has been a member of NARBW for 42 years and joined in 1977. She began as Chapter Reservations Chair and Ways and Means Chair and continues to serve in those positions on the board today. She has also served on the Chapter Auditing Committee. Throughout the years, Mary Lou has participated in a variety of activities that have benefited the chapter from making crafts to sell at bazaars to acting in plays. She once played the role Baby in the play "Seven Nuns in Las Vegas" and Nan in "Breath of Spring." She rarely misses a dinner meeting or a board meeting and is always willing to assist in any way needed. She helps every year with the casino bus trip fundraiser by taking reservations. She has attended conventions and district conferences in the past. Mary Lou attends First Baptist Church of Beech Grove. She started her railroad career with the New York Central, then Penn Central, and ended her career with Amtrak. Her career spanned 23 years and 8 months. Mary Lou worked 10 years without taking a sick day and was awarded Beech Grove Amtrak Employee of the Year honors in 1988. She is a positive role model and a rich source of history and traditions.



## CHAPTER WOMEN OF THE YEAR

### Jacksonville Chapter - Nancy Von Dolteren

Nancy joined NARBW in September 2015. She has served as Membership Chair since September 2017. Our membership has increased by 20 from a year ago. She volunteers at PACE Center for Girls, Three Grains of Rice and delivers our donations to other charities. She coordinates social activities and served on a Steering Committee that suggested changes for our chapter, including a change to our meeting location, using teleconferencing for certain board meetings and holding Lunch and Learn sessions to generate interest to increase our membership. She is a member of the 2021 Convention Planning Committee. Nancy began working at CSX Technology in 1982. During her 33-year career, she worked in both Applications and Operations. She worked on special projects including the New Zealand Railway project, the Year 2000 project, and the creation and implementation of the SOX guidelines for CSX Technology. During her career, Nancy was active with United Way, JDRF and American Heart Association. She and husband Larry have two daughters, Emily and Maggie. Larry also retired from CSX with 41+ years of service.



### Omaha Chapter - Kathy DuVall

Kathy joined NARBW in 2011, the year Omaha NARBW hosted the National Convention. She helped planned and executed the Convention and was on the Tour Committee. Kathy is the currently the Ways and Means Chair. She is an NARBW advocate and has recruited several new members. She attends chapter meetings and encourages others to do so. She participates in Chapter welfare activities at the Ronald McDonald House; Restore, the Habitat for Humanity outlet; and Stephens Center, a homeless shelter. Kathy buys supplies for the Pass the Purse project, which supports a domestic abuse center. She helps in the community by making quilts for local hospitals, domestic abuse shelters, and the Omaha Home for Boys. Kathy collects pet food for Feline Friendz, a local non-kill shelter. She retired from Union Pacific in 2017, where she worked as a senior project engineer in the IT department. She designed a new ordering system and designed and implemented a material reservation system, Kathy redesigned UP's locomotive warranty contracts and how parts that were under manufacturer's warranty were processed. The first year of its implementation, Kathy's project saved UP \$60 million!



### Kansas City Chapter – Megan Cibulski

Megan joined the Kansas City Chapter of NARBW in 2013 and is currently the Chapter President. She created the Chapter's Facebook page, where Chapter news and pictures are posted. Her passion for volunteering started while she was in elementary school and has evolved. Megan helps with the BNSF Kid's Christmas Train, which gives train rides to kids from various communities. She has volunteered with the local Harvester Foundation's mobile food giveaway events, mentored with Awesome Ambitions, helping the KVC Health System's family training outing events with foster kids, prepared dinner for Ronald McDonald House, participated in Susan G. Komen walks and Autism Speaks Walk and helped with other charitable events. At work, she participates in the Employee Advisory Board where she helps organize events, activities, and spirit days. Her hobbies include reading, attending local KC sporting events, attending concerts, creating artwork, and watching movies. Megan also enjoys spending time with her husband, parents, siblings, and extended family. She spends time with her 87-year-old grandmother and has been instrumental helping to update her bathroom and kitchen fixtures.



### Philadelphia Chapter – Renee Noble

Renee joined the Philadelphia Chapter in 1990. She jumped right in, attending her first convention in Roanoke in 1991. She has been president a total of seven years, treasurer for two, and chair of Public Affairs, Publications, and District Conference of 2002. She has also been on all standing committees. As President, Renee initiated a membership drive at Conrail where we gained six new members. She was a level one Operation Lifesaver presenter in six states and Washington, DC. For 30 years, Renee has organized her class reunions. She participated in Special Olympics, Race for the Cure, and Juvenile Diabetes. She was the primary caregiver for her mother, her mother-in-law, and her husband. When her caregiving days were over, she returned to the chapter and attends meetings (a two-hour drive). Renee is the 2019 Convention Chair and is throwing her hat in the ring for 2nd VP when her term as Convention Chair ends. Renee was manager of Media at Conrail. In her 31 years at Conrail, she worked in Quality Council, was a member of the Recognition Team, the Safety Committee, and Bring Your Daughter to Work Day Committee, as well as Operation Lifesaver.



### Roanoke Chapter – Carolyn Shovelty

Carolyn joined NARBW 2011. She is currently the Hospitality Chair and has been Public Affairs and Arrangements Committee Chairs; she has served on other committees. Carolyn volunteers at the Rescue Mission and reads to young children at TAP's Head Start Program. She is a member of The Altruist Club, which has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships to high school senior girls; Roanoke Chapter of Girl Friends, Inc.; Ladies United Aid Society, and Women's Auxiliary of the Valley Baptist Association (Treasurer). She attends Jerusalem Baptist Church where she is an officer in various ministries. She also sings on the Voices of Jerusalem Choir. After 39 years in government service, Carolyn retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs. She also worked at the GSA, the EPA, and NASA. Her husband, Don, worked for Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern for 31 years. They have been married for 43 years and have two children, Michelle and Donald, Jr. Their two grandsons, Rashad and Donald, III "Tre" give them unspeakable joy and love. She is a fraternal twin to Marolyn. Carolyn's motto is "to help somebody along my way then my living will not be in vain."





# 2019 NATIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The National Association of Railway Business Women has selected Diane Huntington of the St. Louis Chapter as its 2019 National Woman of the Year. Diane has been a member of NARBW for over 30 years. She has held every office in her Chapter and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer on the District level. Nationally, Diane has been 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice Presidents, as well as Convention Chairman in 2016. She served as Publication, Jewelry, and Residence Chairmen and was on other Committees. She attended her first Convention in 2000 and has not missed one since.

In her community, Diane spends much of her time on programs for special needs adults. She helps with bowling and bocce practices, and she chaperones Special Olympic tournaments. She also chaperones a weekend vacation to Branson, movie nights, quarterly dances, and Cardinal baseball games. She has worked the red-carpet runway for the Night To Shine event for 125 special needs adults. Diane donates hundreds of hours to the AMVETS (American Veterans) Ladies Auxiliary. She initiated the Field of Glory at her Post, which now flies 200 American flags in memory or honor of a Veteran. Her organization raised funds for Veterans in her community and she has held other fundraisers and donated funds to VA Medical Centers in Missouri.

Diane began her railroad career with the Missouri Pacific Railroad in 1969 as a keypunch operator. She spent over 34 years in the St. Louis Accounting offices and the last 5-1/2 years in DeSoto, MO Car Shop. She retired from the UP in February 2010 with 40 years of service. She received awards from the UP in Safety, Operation Lifesaver, United Way, Training, and for her dedication and diligence to the Friend to Friend Network, one of Diane's proudest accomplishments. She was one of five employees who worked to establish this Network. It is a 501-c-3 organization that financially assists Union Pacific employees and retirees with dwelling and medical emergencies. The Network began in 2003 and now donates an average \$800,000 annually. Diane is a member of the Board of Directors and Secretary for the Network. She volunteers a minimum of 170 hours annually to this cause.





# 2019 CONVENTION





# CHAPTER NEWS

## ALBANY CHAPTER

Eight members attended the convention in Atlantic City, and it was the first convention for four members. They traveled by limo, photo attached



## ATLANTA CHAPTER

Nothing to report.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER

Chapter 83 prepared and delivered 25 Mother's Day tote bags to the Outreach Mission in Sanford FL. Each bag was filled with personal care items and small gifts to be given to the ladies in residence at the Mission.



Pictured above are members: Ramona Sanmoogan, Melanie McKim, Debbie Dubois, and Sherrie Cook,

## CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER, continued

Pictured below with Mr. Fritz Voltaire the Outreach Mission Director are Gail Hendrix, Madonna Neal, Melanie McKim and Debbie Dubois.



Several members, friends and family joined together to compete in the Rescue run 5K at Ft. Mellon Park in Sanford, FL on June 1st.

The run was a benefit for the Outreach Mission in Sanford. Even the littlest legs finished the whole race.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## CHICAGO CHAPTER

Yolanda and Joy represented the Chicago Chapter at the Homewood Annual Rail Fest. May 18th. They were on a mission to inform and recruit new members.



During the Convention, the Chicago Chapter had the honor of inducting and pinning Amy and Courtney, new members (and first time convention attendees). Courtney opted to do a first and wear her pin as an earring.



Nine of our ladies attended the convention in Atlantic City.



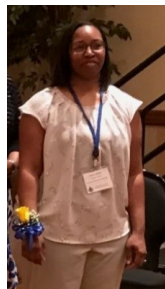
After returning to Chicago, it was back to business. Chapter and 2020 Convention Committee meetings, Woman of the Year BBQ Celebration for Jasmine Manley, which was graciously hosted by Treasurer Michelle Williams and her husband at their home.

Courtney, Amy and Cle attended their first convention and received gifts from Philadelphia Chapter.



A few of the Chicago Chapter ladies took a break from business and took a day trip to Milwaukee aboard the Amtrak Hiawatha Line. After walking the Third Ward, shopping, having lunch, attending the Milwaukee Summerfest, and ending the day with more shopping, the Sisterhood is stronger than before.

Two members had great achievements: Jasmine Manley Chapter Woman of the Year, and Yolanda Barbosa Secretary, National Board





# CHAPTER NEWS

## HOUSTON CHAPTER



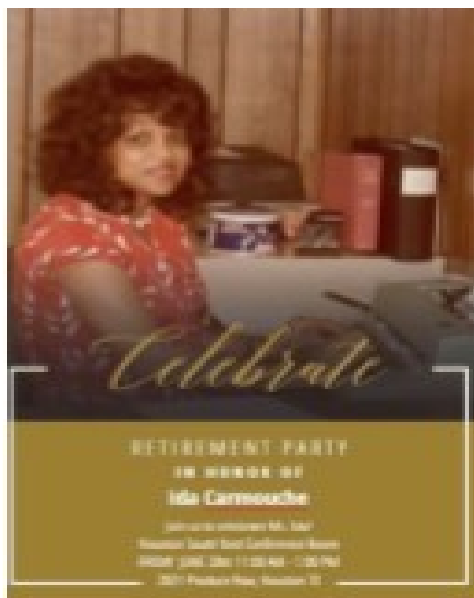
Theresa Harper, Cynthia Chandler, Cookie Grant, Ida Carmouche, Ginger Stanbery, Peggy Cuellar and Debbye Converse, representing the Houston Chapter at the convention. Photo credits to Theresa Pair

Houston Chapter took first place in two categories at the 2019 NARBW National Convention in May .

First for their rendition of Beauty School Dropout: Pictured below is Ginger Stanbery aka Frankie Avalon, Peggy Cuellar aka Frenchy, Cookie Grant, Theresa Harper (not pictured) and Debbye Converse as Beauty School patrons.



Second for the Show us your Shoes' Contest, Of Course Houston Chapter had the advantage, since most of our shoes are boots !



Congratulations Ida Carmouche, who is retiring from BNSF after 40 years in the railroad industry



# CHAPTER NEWS

## INDIANAPOLIS CIRCLE CITY

Circle City Chapter #74 and Charter Chapter continue our tradition of meeting jointly to celebrate May's Women in Transportation month. This year we attended a tasting fund raiser for Fletcher Place Community Center – one of the organizations in Indianapolis who try to help lift folks out of poverty. The event is called Culinary Collage and it features a sampling menu from local restaurants and coffee houses along with other vendors. Admission for the event is a \$10 gift card to a local supermarket (Kroger's). Everything from general admissions to the vendors' offerings become donations to take a bite out of poverty.

Circle City and Charter Chapters demonstrate NARBW's generous participation in community outreach programs.

Circle City also voted in our last meeting to sponsor a hole in the Michael Alvis Memorial annual golf outing. Michael Alvis was the brother of our long-time NARBW sister, Michele Harmon. Proceeds from the outing support scholarships for local Southport High School graduates. This is another community outreach on behalf of NARBW.

## INDIANAPOLIS CHARTER CHAPTER

We had a great June brunch meeting at the Rustic Root Tea Room in Beech Grove. It was pouring rain outside but sunny inside. We celebrated our Chapter Woman of the Year, Mary Lou Croker and our Chapter Good Samaritans. We also installed our officers for 2019 - 21 - President, Jan Oviatt; Vice President, Gloria Moore-Jackson; Secretary, Barbara Hartwell and Treasurer, Connie Hunt. Congratulations all!

Our chapter only had one member who was able to attend the National Convention in Atlantic City this year. Thank you, Doris Stemmer, for representing Charter Chapter with style and creativity! She and her husband Jerry won the best dressed male and female costumes.

Our joint meeting hosted by Indianapolis Circle City Chapter was on May 19. We celebrated Women in Transportation at the Culinary College at the University of Indianapolis in the Schwitzer Student Center. At the same time, we were helping to take a "bite" out of poverty in the Indianapolis area. Admission was a \$10 Kroger gift card. Food samplings and beverages were offered by many different local eateries. All Kroger gift cards will be used by Fletcher Place Community Center food pantry.

We are currently planning our annual casino bus trip to Rising Star Casino on August 8.

Our members will be meeting for lunch on July 26. We'll be collecting our saved can tabs to donate to the "Drop Off on the Circle" for Ronald McDonald House.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER

At our April meeting, we welcomed Stefani Fletcher, Executive Director of Hope at Hand, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides therapeutic poetry sessions for at-risk youth populations in North Florida. Poetry is everywhere from childhood memories to song lyrics to advertising jingles. Hope at Hand programming provides a safe environment for youth to explore feelings through writing poetry, reflect on love and life, increase self-awareness, process pain and release transgressions which allows attendees to experience joy and success!

Our April Welfare project was collecting donations for Growing Together Behavioral Center a "school for children with autism and development disabilities where they can become the greatest version of themselves.

We held a social outing on June 8<sup>th</sup> at a local art studio called Creative Grains. Several members attended for fellowship and fun and created beautiful wooden signs for their homes/offices.



The NARBW Jacksonville Chapter is proud to announce that two of our scholarship submissions were selected to win the National Scholarship ( Clare Gutteridge and Megan Ledoux.)

Our Welfare Chair, Mary Warner, was nominated for the Jacksonville Florida Times-Union EVE Awards which honors women within North Florida and South Georgia whose contributions and efforts have made lasting improvements within their community.



The new officers for the Jacksonville Chapter installed by our Nominating Chair Elaine Mosley on June 27<sup>th</sup> are:

President - Dana Robles  
Vice President - Debbie Charpiat  
Treasurer - Barbara Miller  
Secretary - Sandra Merwin





# CHAPTER NEWS

## KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Four of our members attended the 75th Annual Convention in Atlantic City, NJ where the Philadelphia ladies hosted a wonderful Jubilee by the Sea. Everyone had a great time! We heard some very interesting speakers and even learned a few things. We also had a great time at the post-tour in Cape May, NJ. It was a perfect day!



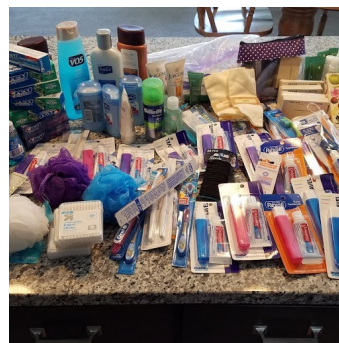
Chrystal Tonkin, Rhonda Gomez and Megan Cibulski taking time out to volunteer for the Tower 2 Tower Run/Walk held Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Lenexa Water One. They distributed water and also gave out apples, bananas and milk drink boxes to the many participants attending the walk/run event.



Our new officers for the 2019-20 year are as shown: Susan Steffen, Treasurer; Megan Cibulski, President; Sarah Wilbur, 1VP; Bonnie Jameson, Secretary. Our officer installation was held Union Station, Kansas City, MO.



Our chapter has donated various toiletries to an organization helping women who have been battered.



We are currently set up to help our Mobile Harvester's Food Giveaway in Kansas City, MO, followed by our monthly meeting, the 29<sup>th</sup> of June.

The Kansas City Chapter is looking forward to a year of donating our time to help out various organizations as well as getting together for a few fun events!

# CHAPTER NEWS

## OMAHA CHAPTER

The Omaha ladies who attended the 75 National Convention in Atlantic City were impressed. The attention to detail the Philadelphia chapter gave to our comfort and good times as well as the setting for professional meetings was obvious and we add our voices to the others "Well Done!". It was great to have our membership chairman's daughter awarded her second National Scholarship. Congrats to Kaylie Donahue!

Omaha is preparing for our largest annual fundraiser, the golf tournament to be held August 16. Kayde Leslie is our golf chairman and under her leadership the 10th annual tournament is ready for another successful year.

We gathered on June 25 to assemble 100 purses with wallets and all the other items women carry in our purses. They will be donated to the Catholic Charities center for abused women. This has been a chapter project for the last 8 years. We are preparing to "run" in the More Than Pink race for the cure on October 6.

Omaha takes the summer off and will be ready to go at our next meeting in September.

## PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

The Pittsburgh Chapter held our June meeting at the Springfield Grill. There were five members present and seven guests.

We were delighted to see Johanna Kinney present. Johanna lives in Raleigh, North Carolina but spends the summer with her sister in the Pittsburgh area. She along with her sister and brother-in-law attend our meetings whenever possible, and we really enjoy their company. Johanna looks good but is having some back problems.

We were also glad to welcome back Loretta Kocaya along with her nephew Ed. Loretta does not drive and relies on Ed. We enjoy his company and always his little tales. Ed brought a ten-year-old boy that he was babysitting (sorry I missed his name) and all the ladies were enthralled with his good manners and behaviors. He was invited back.

The ladies brought coloring books, crayons and reading books for the Abused children's shelter. Rita Morton offered to deliver the books to the shelter in the name of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Thanks, Rita, for being the delivery person. We will keep up the donations to the Shelter and maybe something more for Christmas. Good Cause.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

The Philadelphia Chapter is happy to report that all our members have recuperated after planning, gathering, creating, and finally executing our 75<sup>th</sup> National Convention held in Atlantic City. We had a blast hosting all the events and loved the surprise visit of Elvis at our Fun Night. Our pictures proved that the members attending really enjoyed themselves.

Now we have a new slate of officers with Monica Rodan president, Michele Detrick 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Kay Bolich treasurer. We had no takers for secretary so we are relying on a tape recorder. We are meeting at the Free Library of Springfield Township, Montgomery County every third Saturday from 10:30 until noon.

We are also having a free conference call number for those members who cannot make the drive to the meeting. Philadelphia is looking forward to another productive and enjoyable year.



Ellie Cain entertained with trumpet and clarinet during the talent show.



Philadelphia entry in the Show us Your Shoes adorned with awesome vintage photographs shoes.



Mrs. Newlywed NARBW Faye Mucolski and Gypsy Rae Huebner





# CHAPTER NEWS

## ROANOKE CHAPTER

### Sunshine Committee

Norris Cabbler, Mary Lee's husband, spent a night in the hospital around the first of the month for a kidney stone and was sent home the next day. Prior to our Membership meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>, Joyce Mills fell and injured her foot. After the meeting, she stopped by Urgent Care, had her foot x-rayed and it's broken. Update: Joyce had surgery on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Welfare

Our May project included supporting the American Cancer Society. Members were asked to make a monetary donation and/or participate in Relay for Life on May 17, 2019, 6p.m.- Midnight at the Berglund Center parking lot. Our June project includes supporting LOA's "Let's Do Lunch", June 14, 2019 at 11:00am at North Roanoke Baptist Church 6402 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019. In addition to LOA's luncheon, is the purchase of school supplies for the Baptist Mission Center, along with our chapter donation of \$100.

Our on-going welfare projects continue. Don't forget to collect tab tops for Ronald McDonald House (Joanne Perry); toiletries to be divided between the Rescue Mission, RAM House, St. Francis House and the Salvation Army (Linda Taylor); books and magazines for the first-floor coffee station at the VA Hospital (Wanda Corbin) and collecting used eyeglasses for the Lions Club.

### Membership

We had two guests from Commonwealth Catholic Charities at our May membership meeting. Joining us were Nadiyah Thomas-Mitchell, Housing and Finance Counselor (Roanoke) and Michelle Jones, Program Supervisor (Richmond), who was our guest speaker. They were invited by Amy Sheetz, First VP.

### Scholarship

Chapter 19 had seven scholarship applications submitted to the National Scholarship Committee for scholastic year 2018-2019. Chapter 19 received one WINNER: Hannah Steelman, great niece to Virginia Austin was selected and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be used toward her 2019-2020 education. Our other six applicants, who had excellent credentials were: Cody Hawkins, great nephew to Linda French; Ebony Hopkins, great niece to Linda Taylor; Trevor Johnson, great nephew to Virginia Austin; Noah Mills, grandson to Joyce Mills; Gabe Reynolds, great grandson to Frances Lowe and Olivia Sweeney, great grandniece to Virginia Austin. For the fourth year in a row, Chapter 19 has received the Platinum Award for 2018-2019.

### Summer Outing . . . Chapter 19 Style!

**Starkey Park, Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**11 a.m. – 5 p.m. - Potluck!**

# CHAPTER NEWS

## ROANOKE CHAPTER, continued

Olivia Mills, daughter of Norfolk Southern's Track Supervisor Jeremy Mills and his wife, Cheri Mills, and granddaughter of NARBW Roanoke Chapter 19's Joyce Mills and retired NS Machinist Harold Mills, was in the Academic Spotlight at her school, Culpeper High, in Culpeper, VA.

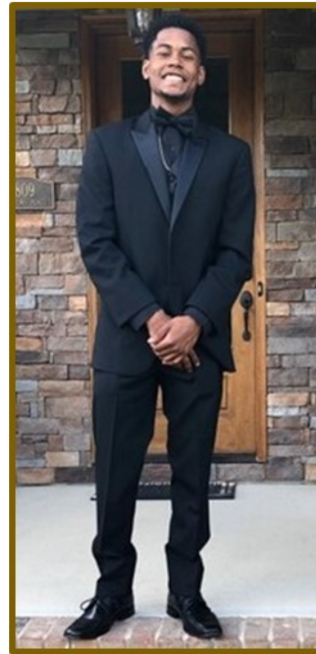
Olivia is a 10<sup>th</sup> grade honor roll student who received this high honor from her school due to her academic and extracurricular achievements. The school noted not only did she shine in the classroom but, also on stage and in the community. She is the founder and organizer of "Homework Helpers", where a group of high school students tutor middle schoolers. Olivia also attended Fauquier Hospital Med Camp this year and is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. She was First Chair Alto 2 for All District Choir and is a member of the school's top female choir, Women's Acapella.

In Olivia's words, "I plan to graduate with honors. I would then like to attend a 4-year university and eventually medical school. I hope to become a doctor while continuing to find opportunities to perform music." Needless to say, her family is incredibly proud of this beautiful and smart young lady. Way to go Livi!



Sylvia Long is so proud of her grandsons.

Blake Staunton is graduating from high school in Wake Forest, NC. He plans to attend UNC-Greensboro in the fall.



Britton Henderson is being promoted from middle school to high school in Chattanooga, TN.





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### SAGINAW CHAPTER

Nothing to report at this time.

### ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

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### TOPEKA CHAPTER

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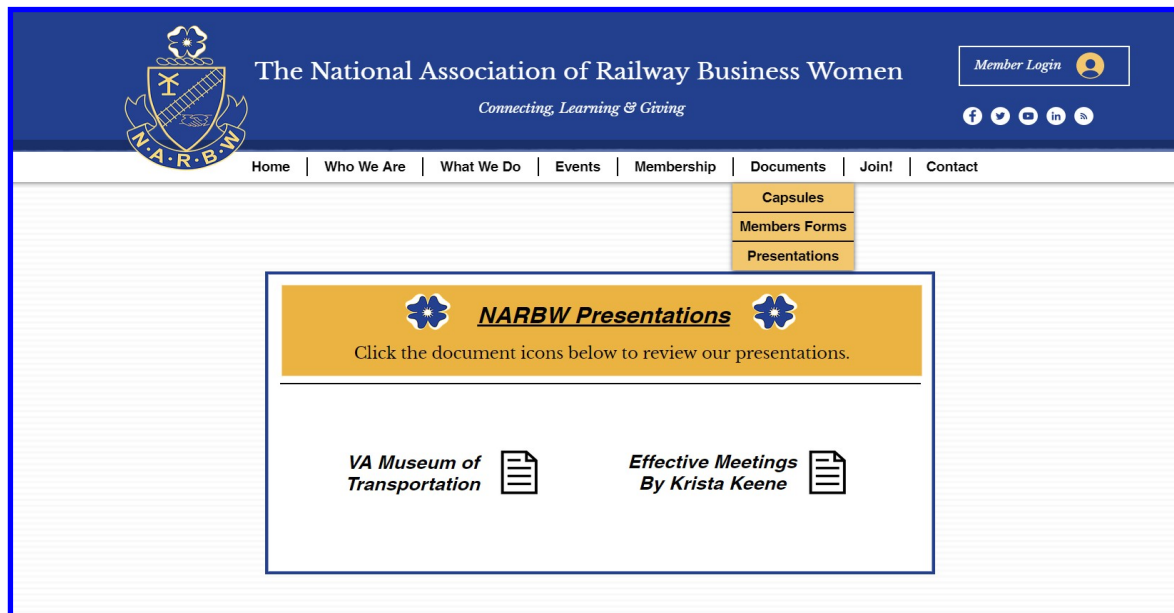
## Presentation Section added to NARBW.org

Our website has a **new tab** that contains information presented at our national conventions.

**Navigation:** From the Home Page select the Documents tab, then select the Presentations tab, then click the presentation to view.

Two presentations from our 2019 Atlantic City convention are available.

Continue to check back for additional topics!



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