



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN





Our History

“For Railroad Men Only”

- In 1921 Hazel Cornell saw men at Chicago Union Depot going into a room with a sign on the door indicating “FOR RAILROAD MEN ONLY.” She heard conversation and laughter. Hazel worked for the great Northern Railroad, wanted to enter, but couldn’t.
- She spoke with her railroad friend, Sarah Miles. They knew they had to create an option for railroad women and began hosting at-home meetings for railroad women.
- In March 1925, the women requested and received a Charter from the State of Minnesota and became the Railway Business Women’s Association. The second chapter was formed in Chicago in November 1925.





NARBW Chapters

Fast Forward to 2020.... 16 Chapters and 400+ Members

- Albany, NY
- Atlanta, GA
- Central Florida
- Chicago, IL
- Houston, TX
- Indianapolis Charter
- Indianapolis Circle City
- Jacksonville, FL
- Kansas City, KS
- Omaha, NE
- Philadelphia, PA
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Roanoke, VA
- Southern California
- St. Louis, MO
- Topeka, KS



Our Purpose

- To stimulate **interest** in the railroad industry.
- To foster **cooperation** and better understanding within the industry and its affiliates.
- To create **good public relations** for the railroad industry.
- To further **educational, social and professional** interests of its members.
- To undertake **charitable, benevolent and social welfare** projects.



The NARBW Crest



- The Wild Rose is the symbol of **femininity**.
- The linked chain at the top characterizes **strength through unity**.
- The crossbuck signifies **alertness**.
- The track represents the **railroad industry**.
- The clasped hands indicate **friendship**.



The Chicago Chapter Invites You to Join Us





Scholarship

Each year, NARBW presents scholarships to deserving students. In 2020, NARBW presented eight scholarships totaling \$16,000.

The first \$1000 scholarship was awarded in May 1978. Only one scholarship was awarded at that time and recipients were required to use the scholarship for transportation-related studies.

In 1985 the program was changed to include any field of study and a total of four \$1500 scholarships were awarded.



Scholarship

In 1990 the program was expanded to include relatives of NARBW members and a total of 11 scholarships were awarded.

As of May 2020, NARBW has awarded scholarships to 330 students, totaling \$385,000 in financial aid since the program's inception.

The scholarship program continues to grow thanks to the donations of the many dedicated members of NARBW.



Scholarship

Chicago Chapter 2020 Scholarship Winners

Chapter Raised \$1,000 for National Scholarship fund.

Christopher Brownlee is the brother of a Chicago chapter member Jasmine Manley and is pursuing a Master's degree at DePaul University.

Nia Robinson is a junior at Univ. of Pennsylvania and daughter of Chicago member Tracy Robinson.





National Welfare Efforts

A cornerstone of NARBW is to “undertake charitable, benevolent and social welfare projects.”

National Welfare Efforts

American Cancer Society

Alzheimer’s Association for Research

Wounded Warrior Project



Chapters Give Back

- Individual chapters support programs and organizations in their local communities.
- Members give their time and money to support worthwhile causes and assist those in need.
- During FY 2019-2020, our chapters and members donated more than **\$55,000** and volunteered over **10,000** hours.



Chapters Give Back



So. Florida Chapter gives Mother's Day totes to homeless shelter ladies



Houston Chapter Walk to End Alzheimer's



Chapters Give Back



Jacksonville, Fl., Chapter
Volunteers at the Food Bank



Omaha Chapter Purse Drive for the
Catholic Charities Shelter for Abused Women



National Convention

77th National Convention

Follow the River to Sun, Sand and Sisters

- May 20 - 22, 2021
- DoubleTree, downtown Jacksonville, FL
- Hosted by the Jacksonville Chapter

78th National Convention

- May 2022
- Chicago, IL
- Hosted by the Chicago Chapter



National Convention





Chicago Chapter Highlights

**Break for
Trivia Fun**



Chicago Chapter Highlights

The Chicago chapter meets on the third Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Our chapter represents several railroads: Anacostia Rail Holdings, Inc., Amtrak, BNSF, Canadian National, CSX, Illinois Central, Metra, NY & Atlantic Railroad and Union Pacific.

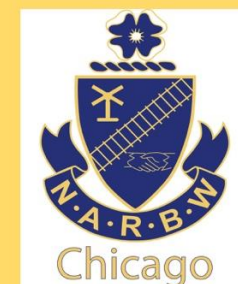
Our chapter members primarily reside in Chicago, but we also have members who live in California, Delaware, Indiana, Michigan Minnesota, New York and Wisconsin.

We host activities that offer personal and professional growth, volunteer opportunities, networking, fun and friendship.



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NARBW Chicago Recognizes Our Essential Workers





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NARBW CHICAGO PRESENTS...

Sip & Fashion Event



Featuring
Mixologist
Cleatha Shaw &
Wardrobe Consultant
Shelly Molaschi

Get confidence building
wardrobe & style tips.
And...learn how to make
delightful cocktails.



Saturday, May 16 5pm-7pm CT

A PRIVATE NARBW EVENT

Attend by Zoom video or conference call.

Check your email for details.

RSVP by noon, Saturday May 16 at
NARBWChicago@gmail.com.

Join us on Zoom for a Special Presentation
**Protecting Your
Financial Health**

Presented by

**Noah
Robinson**



**Private NARBW Event
Saturday, April 18
11am-12pm (CT)**

ALL NARBW MEMBERS WELCOME

Attend by video or conference call

Check your email for details.

RSVP by Friday, April 17 - NARBWChicago@gmail.com

Topics Include:

Establishing a Budget, Building an Emergency Fund
Becoming Debt Free, Retirement Planning &
Current Financial Challenges and Opportunities

Hosted by the
National Association of Railway Business Women
Chicago Chapter

Follow NARBW Chicago on LinkedIn and Facebook.

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Questions?
Call/text
708-695-4669



Chicago Chapter Highlights

**NARBW CHICAGO INVITES
ALL NARBW FAMILY & FRIENDS**



FUNDRAISER

Saturday, September 26, 2020 - 5:00-7:00 PM CT on ZOOM

\$5 per player

Includes Two Bingo Cards

Purchase More Cards for \$3 each

The Same Cards Can be Used in All Bingo Games

- Zoom access, directions & rules will be emailed with purchased BINGO Cards the day before the event (Friday, September 25).
- Buy your BINGO cards through the Chicago chapter's Zelle or PayPal account using our email: narbwichicagotreasurer@gmail.com
- Great E-Prizes and much more fun for all

For questions or comments, please contact Jasmine Manley at: narbwichicago@gmail.com

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

**UNPRECEDENTED
TIMES**

**HOW TO COPE AND
FIND MEANING**

PRESENTED BY

BEATRIZ RODRIGUEZ
AMTRAK EAP COUNSELOR

SPECIAL ZOOM
PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020

6:30PM-8PM CT

Over the last four months, we have experienced events that we never expected or prepared for. A worldwide pandemic has impacted what we do and how we interact. The number of cases and deaths are all over the news and social media. Social distancing and masks are the new norm. Sickness and loss has touched many. Added to that, all of America recently witnessed the murder of George Floyd, and the subsequent protests, looting and national discussions on the unjust treatment of Blacks.

This has been a hard time for a lot of us. To help NARBW members navigate these challenging times, the Chicago Chapter is delighted to host a presentation and discussion led by Amtrak Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Counselor, Beatriz Rodriguez. With over 20 years of experience, Beatriz helps employees manage challenges that affect their day-to-day life.

This event is open to all NARBW chapters. Check your email for Zoom information. If you plan to attend, RSVP at NARBWChicago@gmail.com.

Connect with us on LinkedIn at Chicago Chapter, National Association of Railway Business Women.
Like us on Facebook @NARBWChicago





Chicago Chapter Highlights

New Member Induction





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WE VOLUNTEER **Pre-COVID activities**

Friends of 261/Railroading
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
AARP
American Cancer Society
Arthur A. Burgess Jr. College Trunk
Charity
Hours of Code
iMentor
One Million Degrees
Meals on Wheels
Monarch Awards Foundation
Ronald McDonald House

La Casa Norte
West Pullman Cleanup
West Pullman Feed the Hungry
Kids Winter Wear Drive
Year Up Program
Feeding the homeless,
Volunteering at homeless shelter
Arise Africa
EAF Fund
For Keeps Ministries
Friends of Jones
Women's Transportation



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**Ronald McDonald House
Volunteer Activity**





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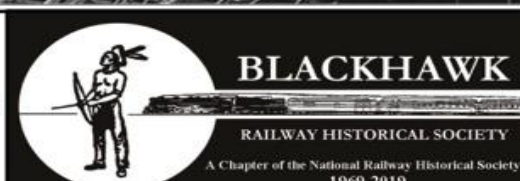
The Chicago chapter has raised over \$1,000 this year for the American Cancer Society.





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*A PRESENTATION ON
THE HISTORY OF RAIL IN CHICAGO
HIGHLIGHTING WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION TO RAIL
AT CHICAGO UNION STATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 5PM - 6:30PM*





Chicago Chapter Highlights

Confidence-building Exercise



Homewood Railfest





Chicago Chapter Highlights

Having Fun - Building Camaraderie





Chicago Chapter Highlights

2020 In-Person Events

- January - Downtown Chicago Networking Event
- February - Founder's Day Event & New Member Induction
- March - Rail History Event Highlighting Women in Rail

Virtual Events

- April - Protecting your Financial Health
- May - Sip and Fashion Event
- July - Essential Workers and Welfare Champions Recognition
- July - Unprecedented Times – How to Cope and Find Meaning
- September - Back to Basics – Parliamentary Presentation
- September – Family and Friends Virtual Bingo Fundraiser
- November - Be NARBW Be Happy – Virtual Membership Event
- December - Family and Friends Virtual Bingo Fundraiser
- January 2021 - “New You” Make-up demonstration event



How Do I Join?

- Women who are current or former railroad employees, or relatives of railroad industry employees are invited to join.
- Annual dues are \$25 when making payment directly to the Chicago chapter and \$35 when joining online at NARBW.org
- The Chicago chapter accepts payments through Zelle and PayPal. Use NARBWChicagoTreasurer@gmail.com. We also accept cash or checks.





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Questions & Networking