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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dear NARBW Members:

The 71st National Convention in Savannah was a "Rollin on the River" event. Thank you to the Atlanta Chapter for an awesome convention. It began with the pre-convention Savannah City trolley tour and continued with a formal opening (standing room only); a Presidents Lunch recognizing our leaders; the Candidates Reception on the Savannah River Queen with "Messages in a Bottle"; a fun night full of "Pirates and Sassy Sea Ladies"; a "Sunset on the River" memorial service tribute; a Member-

ship Luncheon focusing on our accomplishments, goals, tools, and a soon to be **Central Florida Chapter**; and concluding with a "Starry, Starry Night" formal banquet with the announcement of Scholarship Awards and entertainment by the Norfolk Southern band, "The Lawmen".

The National Board will be gathering for our Summer Board Meeting in Lake Mary, Florida, to plan for and to review the goals and accomplishments of our association. In conjunction with the Board Meeting, our new chapter, **Central Florida**, will be installed. The **Central Florida Chapter** will be our 83rd Chapter with installation on Friday, July 10th, 2015. The Plans of Work will be forthcoming by the middle of August and I trust that each of our chapters will be planning for a great year with a focus on our goals: welfare, scholarship, and membership. Listed below are the 2015/2016 Board and Committee Chairs.

Laura Gutteridge – 1st VP
Sylvia Long – 2nd VP
Melanie McKim – 3rd VP
Kay Leslie – Secretary
Julie Lane – Treasurer

Pat Prillaman- Publication
Diane Huntington – Convention
Colleen Brabec – Scholarship
Tamela Kubicek – Revisions/Jewelry
Ida Carmouche – Welfare
Cynthia Chandler – Nominations
Sandy Hall – Emeritus Council

In 1921, NARBW was the vision of a group of outstanding women who knew the power and strength of their working together for the same purpose. In 2015, NARBW is an association that is 95 years' strong with outstanding women from all over the United States who know the power and strength of working together for the same purpose.

I am honored to serve as your President and look forward to the second year of my term.

Warmest Regards,

Theresa Harper
National President

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NATIONAL BOARD NEWS



RESUME OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION May 15-16, 2015

The 71st NARBW Convention was opened on Friday, May 15th at the Springhill Suites in Historic Savannah, Georgia by President Theresa Harper. Welcomes were received by City of Savannah Honorable Mayor Edna Branch Jackson and, Nina Dean, Atlanta President.

Laura Gutteridge Años presented the nine outstanding Chapter Women of the Year.

Diane Huntington introduced the Chapter and Past National Presidents at the Presidents' Lunch. Laura Gutteridge Años announced Mary Lee Cabbler of the Roanoke Chapter as the National Woman of the Year. Ida Carmouche announced the fifteen chapters who donated \$300 or 300 hours to welfare/charity projects and the sixteen Good Samaritans who volunteered 300 or more hours towards welfare projects in their communities. An award was presented to the Jacksonville Chapter for its 2014-2015 accomplishments.

The business meeting began with a quorum of 56 and was represented by 15 of our 19 chapters and one member-at-large.

The budget for 2015-2016 was approved as presented. Joyce Peak presented three proposed amendments to the National Bylaws. Two of the revisions were withdrawn and the third was defeated.

Saturday, May 16th began with a beautiful tribute to our deceased members at the Memorial Service conducted by Melanie Mckim. At the Membership Luncheon, many positive thoughts and ideas were shared to help NARBW's future growth. Melanie announced our newest chapter. The Central Florida Chapter will be installed during the National Summer Board Meeting in July.

The newly elected officers for 2015-2017, installed by Past National President Patricia Cohen, are:

National Second Vice President	Sylvia Long, Roanoke
National Third Vice President	Melanie McKim, Indianapolis Circle City
National Secretary	Kay Leslie, Omaha

Jacqueline Litzinger, Chief of Police, CSX Transportation gave a very informative and interesting talk on the challenges of being female in this male domineering profession.

The 2016 convention will be hosted by the St. Louis Chapter.

The 2017 convention will be hosted by the Cincinnati Chapter.

During the annual Banquet, Colleen Brabec announced the ten Scholarship winners and acknowledged donors to the National Scholarship Fund..

Submitted by:

Diane Huntington, National Second Vice President

NATIONAL BOARD NEWS



Meet the Members of our new **CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER** who were installed Friday evening, July 10, 2015, in Sanford, Florida:

Front Row Seated L-R—Melanie McKim (Nat'l. 3rd VP & Membership Chairman), Ingrid McLaughlin, Sandy Booz Allen, Tiffany Tunstall, Jaleesa Singly (Chapter VP), Liz Jimenez (Chapter Secretary.).

Back Row L-R—Nancy Harmon, Lynne Sisto (Affiliate Member), Myrna Santiago, Gail Hendrix, Judy Reed, Libby Kinnard, Daphne Duhart, Sandy Marple, Lois Boatwright, Yvonne Touchtone (Chapter President).

Members Unable to Attend: Velma Stanley (Chapter Treas.) and Sandy Kirby



Installing Officer was Sandy Hall of the Emeritus Council (pictured far right). Officers present and installed were:
L-R—Liz Jimenez, Chapter Secretary.; Jaleesa Singly, Chapter VP; and Yvonne Touchtone, Chapter President.



Proudly displaying the Central Florida Chapter Charter is its President Yvonne Touchtone, following presentation by National President Theresa Harper (on left). Melanie McKim, National 3rd VP & Membership Chairman (far right) will continue to assist with Chapter Start-up.

NATIONAL BOARD NEWS (Cont.d)



*Mark your calendars now to save the dates for the
National Association of Railway Business Women*

*72nd National Convention - May 13-14, 2016
at the Sheraton Westport Plaza
hosted by the St. Louis Chapter*

*A pre-convention tour is being planned to include a trip to
the top of the Gateway Arch on Thursday, May 12th*

Additional details will be shared soon.

CHAPTER WOMEN OF THE YEAR



BONNIE CROWLEY, ALBANY CHAPTER—Bonnie has been a member of NARBW for 41 years. At the chapter level, she has held every office with the exception of Secretary and has been President for 8 years. She has been active in her church with Billy Graham's Samaritan's Purse, coordinates donations to Ronald McDonald House, organized a knitting group at a local senior citizen residence, taught neighborhood children how to knit and donated these items to Ronald McDonald House, transports 5 Hindu children to Christian church services every week and arranged Vacation Bible School for them. Bonnie aids the refugee community, providing citizenship instruction in her home, aiding in helping them find acceptable living arrangements, and assisting with paperwork and transportation for employment. She also helps in the refugee families' communications with schools and health care providers, even though English is her primary language. She motivates others to assist in procuring an ongoing list of basic necessities for daily life: furniture, bedding, lamps, pots, pans, clothing, food, etc. Bonnie paints, sews, and repairs donated items for refugees, senior citizens, battered and underprivileged women. Bonnie has organized many train excursions as well.



NINA DEAN, ATLANTA CHAPTER—Nina has been a member of the Atlanta Chapter for six years, serving for two years as Secretary, one year as Vice President and is currently serving her second year as President. She volunteers and supports her community through chapter service projects, working in her local church, monthly donations of food to the Lawrenceville Co-op, and supporting two missionaries in the Atlanta area. She also has a 15 year relationship with the Boy Scouts of America serving in leadership roles such as den mother, secretary, pack/troop committee member, and advancement chairperson. Her guidance and support helped numerous exceptional young men achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, including all four of her own sons. Nina has worked for Norfolk Southern in the NSCORP- IT Waybiling group for 14 years. She is relentless in her daily pursuit of excellence as she supports many inter-departmental IT needs as well as servicing some high profile external customers such as UPS. Nina brings valuable insight and a keen attention to detail to complete successful IT projects. She supports existing legacy systems and also develops new processes to improve her company's performance.



SUZI HAMBY, CINCINNATI CHAPTER—Suzi saw an opportunity for the women in her office to make a difference in the community and contacted NARBW about the possibility of starting a chapter. She helped arrange a meeting of several CSX and other railroad affiliated women, which resulted in a new Cincinnati chapter. She was elected President and, in this position, encouraged and participated in several runs for charity. She spearheaded a campaign for the collection of items for Rob's Kids, a local charity, and a safety boot drive that provides gently used boots for men just starting out in the work world. Under her leadership, many of the chapter members have participated in these same events. Suzi started her career with CSX in 1999 and currently serves as the Manager of Product Development for the Louisville Division Service Start-up Team under Market Strategy, assisting customers to learn more about railroad operations through customer workshops across the Louisville Division. These workshops have proven so beneficial that they are now held across the network on a regular basis. Suzi is married to Louisville Division Manager David Hamby and has one daughter, Alex, and two sons, Joey and Drew. She also has a stepdaughter, stepson, granddaughter, and another grandchild on the way!

CHAPTER WOMEN OF THE YEAR (Cont'd.)



CONNIE PROKUPEK, OMAHA CHAPTER—Connie has been a member of NARBW for four years, serving as Chapter President for two of those years. She started with UP in 2004 and currently holds the position of Insurance Coordinator, managing compliance of vendor insurance. She volunteers as an Operation Lifesaver presenter and is a member of UP's Lead Educate Achieve and Develop (women's employee resource group). She earned her Bachelor's degree in 2006 while working full time. Connie is an active participant in the Omaha Chapter's outreach activities, which include meals at Ronald McDonald house and pop tab collections for the House, hosting holiday parties at a local homeless shelter, collecting, 'stuffing', and delivering purses to an abused women's shelter, and collecting box tops for education for a local school. She also initiated a new community outreach program for an assisted living residence. She works to recruit new members and makes sure they become involved. She has attended three conventions and encourages all to attend. Connie helps members understand trying things in a different way and having fun while doing it. She doesn't say no; she asks members how they can find a way to show support. She is leading the chapter in a positive direction.



MELBA COOKSTON, ST. LOUIS CHAPTER—Melba joined NARBW back in 1981. She has held multiple positions in her chapter—Treasurer, Secretary, Chair for Scholarship, Public Affairs, Membership, and, currently President. She started attending conventions in 1986 and only missed two conventions until her husband developed Parkinson's Disease. In many of these years, she served as a delegate. In the earlier years, she attended most of the District Conferences within her district. She willingly gives items for the chapter's two big raffles of the year, monthly gifts for "50/50 Plus" and the white elephant booth, as well as donating to their charities. The two board meetings each year are held at her home, following a lunch and ending in "gab" time. She loves to take pictures and gives copies to those photographed. Melba was active at Shaw Avenue United Methodist Church, holding the office of Treasurer, as well as serving on the Trustees Board. She also volunteered to transport members to church for about 10 months until it closed for renovations. Currently, Melba volunteers one day a month at Concord Trinity United Methodist Church to stuff bulletins. She has five groups of friends meeting regularly for lunch besides NARBW. When one of the friends needs a ride to these lunches, she takes them. Melba cares about people and is an asset to the chapter.



CHAPTER WOMEN OF THE YEAR (Cont'd.)



GINGER STANBERY, HOUSTON CHAPTER—Ginger began her railroad career with the Missouri Pacific Railroad in 1971, where she hired on as a clerk. She retired from UP in 2012 as the Manager of Safety Reporting. Ginger joined the Houston Chapter in 2002 and afterward volunteered with such charitable organizations as M. D. Anderson Children's Art Project, Ronald McDonald House, Toys for Tots, Wounded Warriors, and Star of Hope Mission. Presently, Ginger also volunteers at least two days a week at the Legend Oaks Rehabilitation Facility in Houston. Ginger has served at the national level as District Director and National Welfare Chair and the chapter level as Recording Secretary, Vice President, Welfare and Revisions Chair. She is currently serving her second term as President of the Houston Chapter, assuming this position when President DeBruhl passed away while still in office. Ginger easily transitioned into the position leading the Houston Chapter to accomplish all that had been previously planned, including hosting

the 2014 National Convention. Since beginning this past term as President, Ginger has also employed a team to plan activities in addition to regular meetings, helping increase membership by 41% to date. Ginger has been married to her husband, Richard, for forty-three years and has two sons and five grandchildren.



CONNIE HUNT, INDIANAPOLIS CHARTER CHAPTER—Connie has served as Chapter President for the past eight years. She has also served as Treasurer for six years and Finance Chair for six years. On the District level, she served as part of the Auditing Committee and, on a National level, as a member of the Minutes Approval Committee. Connie is always the first to volunteer her time for many organizations. The chapter donates tabs to the Ronald McDonald house and Connie organizes the chapter "Drop off". She also helped to provide a dinner for the parents at the house. She has participated in the 500 Festival Mini-Marathon to raise funds for Riley Hospital and the chapter matches her donations. Riley Hospital was also the recipient of "Linus Project" blankets, another of Connie's ideas. She always looks forward to "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army, and coordinates the volunteers in December of each year. Connie and her husband Bob have been very active in the Kiwanis Club in Carmel, Indiana. They also volunteer their time as drivers for the Red Cross of Hamilton County. You've heard it said "that if you want something done, give it to the busiest person" and that describes Connie Hunt. She is always willing to donate her time, her support and her heart to chapter causes and to her community.



DEBBIE CHARPIAT, JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER—Debbie Charpiat, as Chapter Vice President, is responsible for chapter meeting programs and dinners. She has presented a variety of speakers on such topics as health, hearing, voting, refugees, and disabilities, such as blindness and learning. She also ensures we have delicious food and beverages at our meetings. At the same time, Debbie has co-chaired the Ways and Means Committee, being responsible for the sale of Rada knives and nuts. She is also a Pampered Chef consultant and donates a portion of the proceeds to our chapter. Meanwhile, she works full time, is a wife to Brian, and mother to three children, Steven, Courtney, and Brian, Jr., all of whom have some form of disability. She is actively involved in their schooling, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts, as well as being an advocate in the disability communities to which they belong. Her son Steven just became an Eagle Scout, which is a great accomplishment. Debbie is the current chair of the Disability Inclusion Group at CSX, a position she has held for five years. She is also involved with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (as chair of the CSX team), MS, and numerous other fundraising projects for worthy non-profits. Debbie has been a member since January 2012, but it seems much longer, because she became involved immediately and hasn't stopped.

NATIONAL WOM-

Mary Lee Watkins Cabbler Roanoke Chapter NARBW 2015 Woman of the Year

Mary Lee Watkins Cabbler joined NARBW on November 4, 1997, and has held multiple positions. At the chapter level, she has served as President, Vice President, and Chair for the Arrangements, Audit, Convention Credentials, Convention Hospitality, Coordinating, Finance, Nominating, Press and Publicity, Public Affairs, Residence, Revisions, Scholarship, Telephone, and Welfare (Co-Chair) committees. She has also served as a delegate and is a member of the Historian, Membership, and Sunshine committees. At the National level, Mary Lee served for three years as Scholarship Chair.



She retired from Norfolk Southern with 33 years of outstanding service after a fruitful and most rewarding career. She worked in a variety of departments including Personnel, which led to her becoming a Personnel Officer of the company.

She is an active member in her church, currently serving as Financial Secretary. She also volunteers with Meals on Wheels, Rescue Mission, voting polls, and Harrison Museum, as well as participating in American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Alzheimer activities and walks. She is active with the AARP, assisting seniors with food, tax aid, health fairs, and abuse protection.

Mary Lee states being a member of NARBW has played a vital role in her life. It has afforded her the opportunity to meet and be a part of a group of women who are caring and giving – those who share of themselves. She has enjoyed the time spent at conventions, where she has met people from different chapters. Mary Lee is a person who is willing to give of her time and efforts toward the help and need of others as she moves with the vibrancy of an energized bunny!

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Cassidy Miller – Nominated by the Jacksonville Chapter and her aunt, Barbara Miller. She is a previous winner of this scholarship. Cassidy Miller is currently a freshman at Towson University in Maryland. She is pursuing a dual major in dance and business management at her Aunt Barbara's Alma Mater. Cassidy has made a smooth transition from high school to college. She achieved straight A's her first semester and was admitted to the Honors College. Her most recent accomplishments include being a member of the Towson University Dance Company as a 1st semester freshman performing "Legends" in November 2014 and performing in "Interludes" this spring. She has become involved with various volunteering programs on campus including "Project Serve" and is now on the committee for "The BIG Event", which is the largest day of service at TU. Cassidy's biggest passion is dancing, she began at the age of two. Her early years of training concentrated in ballet, but then her dance world opened to include hip hop and contemporary. She has been lucky enough to dance professionally in Danielle Sten-Guillermo and Lance Guillermo's original production of "Working America" in July of 2013. She also recently earned the title of Top Soloist in the first World Dance Pageant in Orlando, Florida.



Alyssa L. Bolt – Nominated by the Roanoke Chapter and her Great Aunt, Shirley Stanton. Alyssa is from St. Augustine, Florida and is a freshman at the University of Miami, majoring in Creative Writing and Secondary Education. She is so passionate about writing that she had created a comic book as a young girl, called Puff Man, a giant cotton-candy man. She then wrote 3 novels before graduating high school, one of those was based on a coming-of-age that dealt with racism in the south during the 1950's. Her professor writes in her recommendation letter "She has the high intelligence and diligence of an excellent student, the written skills of a potential literary prize-winner, and the communication skills that will enable her to go far in her career." She plans on teaching abroad (already learning Chinese) and eventually come back to the United States to pursue her graduate degree in English, working her way up to becoming a professor at a university.



Shannon Peak – Nominated by the Atlanta Chapter and her mother, Joyce Peak. Shannon has just finished her undergraduate degree at Georgia College and State University and will be attending American University Law in the fall. She is pursuing her J.D. in International Humanitarian Law. She has been on the Dean's List, President's List and is a member of the Pre-Law Society as well as a member of the Political Science Society. Her letter to the scholarship committee explains how she found her fascination in Political Science. "I realized that I couldn't even begin to understand why people focused on differences between others without understanding the fundamental similarities we all share. We all crave connection, and that connection drives human behavior." Her goal is to live abroad, advocating internationally for those who are not able to voice their needs, furthering global connectivity, regardless of individual circumstances. Her professor writes "Her performance has been consistently towards the top of the class and her ability to formulate arguments has been superior to many of her peers."



Krista Rogers – Nominated by the Jacksonville Chapter and her mother, Mia Rogers. A previous winner of the 2014 NARBW Scholarship, she is attending Southeastern University in Florida and is studying Organizational Leadership and Business Management. She is a member of the Honors Program and was selected to be an Assistant Project Manager within the Department of Student Experience and she was selected to serve for the presentation team which will represent Southeastern University at the Enactus National Exposition held in St. Louis in April. She plans to pursue an MBA after obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree. Her professor writes "As a student in the Honors Program, she has a rigorous set of courses and extra-curricular activities and she invests herself fully in everything she does, whether academically or in business leadership activities."

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (Cont'd.)



Ethan Paffe – Nominated by the Jacksonville Chapter and his Grandmother, Elaine Mosley. Ethan will be attending Florida State College in Jacksonville, Florida. He is majoring in Computer Engineering with a minor in Electrical Engineering. He volunteers at his brother's school, North Florida School of Special Education and worked part time during his senior year. His grandmother says he is the "computer whiz" and go-to person for any type of technology issue. His letter of recommendation from PhD. Of Mathematics says "He has demonstrated maturity of judgment and an active interest in scientific topics. He is articulate and poised. I would judge Ethan to be among the top ten percent of secondary and first-year college students with whom I have worked during my long career as a mathematics professor."



Victoria Joan Bryant – Nominated by the Indianapolis Circle City Chapter and her aunt, Nancy Harmon. Victoria is attending the University of Maryland in the fall, majoring in Animal Science/Preveterinarian. She is a volunteer at the National Aquarium in Baltimore and works at the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS). At BARCS, she invests her time improving the socialization of neglected and abused animals so they may be adopted successfully. She also serves as Cantor at her church. She serves as Treasurer and member of the National Honors Society, her school's Ethics Team, President of the Music Honor Society, section leader for Concert Band and plays JV soccer, basketball and track and field.



Madeline Saville – Nominated by the Twin Ports Chapter and her grandmother, Betty Goman. Madeline is from Cedar Rapids, Iowa and will be attending Missouri State University to major in English Education, desiring to become a high school English teacher. She writes in her letter "I remember I would come home from school and go up to my room, where my little sister and I would play school for hours. I took attendance, had lesson plans, and even made up papers just so I could "grade" them." She works at a daycare and is charged with creating lesson plans and crafts for the kids to do. She is also a member of a Division I Cross Country and Track team, a year round sport. Her teacher writes "It's been my good fortune to have Maddie on my Cross Country team. Being a two-time individual state qualifier, and leading our team to two state runner-up finishes only describes part of her athletic accomplishments. She can better be defined by her unforgettable character, effort and leadership."



Josh Prokupek – Nominated by the Omaha Chapter and his mother, Connie Prokupek. Josh won a scholarship last year from NARBW and has finished his freshman year at Central College in Pella, Iowa. He is a member of the A Capella Choir, Campus Activities Board, Dean's list and the Varsity Boys Soccer team. He is pursuing a double major in Business Administration and Information Systems and minor in Computer Science. His professor writes "As his adviser I have enjoyed working with him because he wants a well-rounded education. He looks for classes that will help him improve, not just the easy way through. He is not afraid of an academic challenge. He is in our honors program and will likely end up double majoring by the time he graduates."

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (Cont'd.)



Kylee Allison Kruse - Nominated by the Omaha Chapter and her Grandmother, Winnie Sage. She lives in Mesa, Arizona and will be attending Grand Canyon University pursuing a degree in Forensic Science. She is a member of the student council, National Honors Society and the choir. She lettered in softball and is graduating with honors, receiving the Scholastic Diploma. She is a supervisor at Dairy Queen in addition to her scholastic achievements. She regularly volunteers with the Gilbert Arizona Optimist Club through their different service opportunities. She also baby sits, house sits and dog sits and volunteers at two elementary schools doing bulletin boards, organizing office and classroom supplies and answers phones. She accumulated over 220 service learning hours and will receive the Service Learning seal on her Diploma. Her teacher writes "As a student, Kylee is the type that every teacher cherishes. She is bright and self motivated. Her work and effort are always of the highest caliber...Kylee continues to excel outside of her commitments at school...At a time when so many people find excuses to not get involved, Kylee finds the need and steps in."



Chelsea Pitts - Nominated by the Twin Cities Chapter and her aunt, Ella Jo Friendt. Chelsea will be attending the University of Wisconsin in the fall pursuing a degree in Secondary Education. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Luck High School band and she was chosen to represent her school at the Badger State Girls Conference. Her teacher writes "Ms. Pitts moved to our district two years ago, I just recently learned that Chelsea called our district months before arriving to ensure that we would be able to offer her desired upper level classes. While taking these upper level courses, Ms. Pitts has excelled, never attaining anything lower than an "A", pushing an already high achieving group of students to levels that they otherwise would not have reached... Along with a challenging course load, Ms. Pitts currently holds three part time jobs in order to help her family pay the mortgage...As a parent of two school aged children myself, I cannot think of a better way to express my high regard for Ms. Pitts than to say that if my children could possess her kindness, maturity and drive, my wife and I would be nothing short of ecstatic."

CONGRATULATIONS JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER!

Congratulations to the Jacksonville Chapter for winning the 2014-2015 Welfare initiative. The Chapter was presented with a big check in the amount of \$100 for their stellar contributions towards National Welfare. They accumulated an outstanding 2,188 hours of welfare service and \$8,965.00 in monetary donations. Fifteen members of the chapter were in attendance at the President's Brunch and received the special recognition during the National Convention held in May 2015.

Ida Carmouche
National Welfare Chairman



CHAPTER NEWS

ALBANY CHAPTER



Past Nat'l. Pres. Alice McCabe (front) was the installing officer on June 9th for Albany's new officers: Chapter President Bonnie Crowley (far right), Vice President Ellie Scanlon (2nd from left), and Secretary Regina Merola (far left). Missing from the photo is Jane O'Keefe, Treasurer.

Chapter meetings are held on the second Tuesday each month from September through June. They do not meet in July or August. The four Albany delegates and one guest that attended Convention In Savannah had a great time (loved it). Following is a group photo taken during the pre-convention tour.



President Crowley was their 2015 Chapter Women of the Year. Members took a bus trip in June to Arkville, NY, where they boarded the Rip Van Winkle Flyer, a 1948 Art-Deco Steam liner train, and had a 2+ hours' trip through the legendary Catskill Mountains along the Delaware & Ulster Railway. They were served a hot meal with era-aged china on linen tablecloths in a beautiful mahogany-paneled dining car. Bonnie, on left in following photo, and Ellie (in photo on right) were each granted per-



mission to ride in the locomotive during the last half of the train ride which was very exciting. Members left the station for state of art exhibits and interactive power displays at the visitors center, ending their tour by stopping at the Lansing Manor, built in 1819, by John Lansing, who represented NY as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. Welfare Chairman Diana Ham asks members to bring non-perishable food items to their meetings, after which, she delivers the items to the pantries of Bethlehem Food and St. Patrick's Food in Ravena, NY. Diana was the recipient of a Good Samaritan Award for her chapter. A 50/50 drawing is held at each meeting. By holding most of their meetings at member homes, they raise their general fund money by each hostess providing the meal and those attending paying \$10 each.

ATLANTA CHAPTER

The Chapter congratulates Shannon Peak, daughter of member Joyce Peak, for being awarded an NARBW National Scholarship. The Chapter's next meeting will be on July 11 at the Ansley Golf Club. Following are a few of the photos members took at Convention:



Mrs. Edna B. Jackson, a lovely lady and Mayor of Savannah, welcomes NARBW to her city.



Atlanta group gathers around NARBW logo image displayed in light on the floor of the hotel lobby. Very impressive!



Waiting to board shuttle for transport to dinner cruise aboard the Savannah River Queen.



Aye, ye landlubbers, ye don't want to mess wit this group on "FUN NIGHT"! And naught wit Anna Mae Wright either! Wot is that on 'er head?! And do we have a new name fer 'er? Ow about "Cap'n Hook?!"

Get well wishes are extended to Claudia Camp, Estella Churn, Patricia Smith and Carol Ross.

CHAPTER NEWS (Cont'd.)

CHICAGO CHAPTER



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Chicago Chapter President Marie Gallagher who passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, June 21, 2015.

Marie was retired from the Rock Island Railroad after 38 years of service. In addition to her membership in NARBW, she was also a Gold Circle member of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary in Midlothian, Illinois, and a member of the Rock Island "Rocket Chorus", the St. Christopher Chorus and the Rosary Altar Society. Marie served as a Cook County Election Judge from 1938 to 2012 and never missed an election.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, June 24, from 2:00-9:00 PM at Hickey Memorial Chapel in Midlothian. A funeral mass was held on Thursday, June 25, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Christopher Church with interment following at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Alsip, Illinois.

When Marie left this life, she took with her so much knowledge and experience from her years in NARBW. She will be sorely missed in that regard, but the hole she left in our hearts is greater and can never be mended. We miss you already, Marie...



CINCINNATI CHAPTER



President Susie Hamby enjoying the Savannah Convention.



The Chapter's April meeting was hosted by Linda Kovac at Soto's Mexican Cantina. Their May meeting was a Texas style barbeque at the home of "Mama" Grace Nowlin. Their June meeting was hosted by Virginia Rodriguez at the White Flamingo, and new officers for 2015-2016 were installed. Ginger, Debbye and new member Carla Carlson had lunch on May 2 and toured the Holocaust Museum; a reminder of prejudice, hatred and violence and the danger these traits can inflict on society even today. Ginger asks members to continue bringing donations for homeless pets to each meeting. Virginia Rodriguez is collecting used plastic bags for a ladies group that recycles them in some manner for veterans returning home.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Welcome to new members, Carla Anne Wallace (on right). And Debbie Trotter (on left). Other new members to be



welcomed include Brenda Bryant, Brenda Bob and Cindy R. Jolly (No photos available). Chapter President Ginger Stan-



bery was honored with a crown and banner at their March meeting after being named Chapter Woman of the Year. On April 15, members shown below were recognized with awards by the MDAnderson Cancer Center for its Children's Art Project.



(L-R) are Ginger Stanbery, Lou Ann McClenodon, Debbye Converse and Cheryl Chambers. Each volunteers once a week every week for five hours. The 2015 MDAnderson Cancer Center Luncheon for Volunteers was a great success, too, with Debbie, Ginger, Cheryl and Lou Ann in attendance and accompanied by two grandchildren. (See photo in next column).



The Chapter had a lot of good-lookin' pirates at the Savannah Convention's "Fun Night".

Speaking of good lookin', isn't this little fellow the cutest thing you ever did see? Say "Hello" to Benjamin Joseph Hall, Ida Carmouche's first grandbaby, born June 7 and weighing in at 7 lbs., 3 oz., and 20-1/4 inches long. Baby, Mom and Grandmother are all doing fine! No spoiling here, right Ida?



CHAPTER NEWS (Cont'd.)

HOUSTON CHAPTER (Cont'd.)

Get well wishes are extended to Darlene Brown who is home recovering from open-heart surgery. Mary Knox's hip surgery went well. After leaving the hospital she will go to a skilled nursing facility to recuperate. Pam Gleason, twin sister to Tamela Kubicek, has been diagnosed with breast cancer which has already spread to her lymph nodes. Deborah Regan's daughter Michele is dealing with traumatic times and trying to raise three young children. Please keep all of these members and their families in your prayers.

INDIANAPOLIS CHARTER CHAPTER

The Chapter's annual Silent Auction in April was hosted by Margaret Elston and Mary Romerowicz Hill and netted the Chapter \$210. May's meeting was joint with the Indianapolis Circle City Chapter as part of a community fund raising event ("Culinary Collage") held at the University of Indianapolis campus to benefit Fletcher Place Community Center. Each attendee brought a \$10 gift card to donate to the families. Members celebrated "Women in Transportation Day" and obtained a proclamation from Governor Pence. Although unable to attend the Savannah Convention, they look forward to attending next year's in St. Louis. The Chapter's 68th anniversary was held in the Sassafras Tea Room and included installation of the new officers shown below.



L-R—Margaret Elston, President; Joanne Smith, Treasurer; Gloria Jackson, Vice President; and Barb Hartwell, Secretary

On July 17, the Chapter will meet for lunch and drop off saved pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House on the Circle in downtown Indianapolis. The Chapter is planning its annual casino trip which will be at the Rising Star Casino

in Rising Sun on August 6. Currently on their "Get Well, Stay Well" list are Patty Stewart, Helen Scaringe and Nina Goins. Please keep these ladies in your prayers.

For Sale Past President Jewelry

Indianapolis Charter Chapter has the below pictured 10K Gavel Guard with Pearl for sale - \$127.00. If interested, please contact Chapter President Margaret Elston via email at maelston5@yahoo.com to purchase directly from the chapter.



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National Jewelry Chairman
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JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER

Welcome is extended to new member Erin Homan (left). Erin is a leader in Employee Services for CSXConnect. Another welcome is extended to

new member Krystal Alford, shown here with Kathy Needham. Krystal is an analyst in CSX's Tax Department.

The Chapter's April and May meetings were held at CSX HQ. Their Welfare project for this quarter is the Clara White Mission and members are requested to bring donations of men and women hygiene items to their meetings. It is also planned to donate any unsold nuts left over from Ways & Means to the Mission. The Chapter is still taking orders for shirts and RADA cutlery. Their first membership activity for the new year was a happy hour on June 11 at Bahama Breeze. Members also have reservations for the musical "9 to 5" at the Alhambra in October.

OL Chair Mary Baldwin reported on Operation Lifesaver events that were being held at St. Mary's RR Excursions during May, June and July. April's OL presentations were at St. Johns County Employee Wellness Expo, Shadco Zone 2 Safety Fair and Callahan RR Festival. Mrs. Mary's Boutique for the PACE Center for Girls supplied prom dresses for their upcoming prom in April and was also



open in May for other shopping. The Chapter submitted six Scholarship Applications to National, all of which were approved and each applicant awarded \$1,600 to assist with their college tuition. A Meet and Greet was held on June 11 at Bahama Breeze, Town Center. Following are Convention photos submitted by the Chapter:



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JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER (Cont'd.)

Another Jax Convention photo:



Elaine Mosley asks our help in locating a potential donor for her daughter Amanda Paffe. Please log on to <http://join.bethematch.org/amanda>. We are sad to report that Barbara Barthle's mother has passed away. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

Secretary, Megan Wilbur, who married Josef Cibulski in June. The couple honeymooned at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL.



\$200 (sponsored by Connie Prokupek). Connie's other son, Jace, will be working in New York City for one year as a tenant services coordinator for Common Ground, a nonprofit dedicated to providing affordable housing for those less fortunate. Most of his cost for housing, food and transportation will be provided by the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, an organization that places recent college grads at non-profits across the country; however, Jace is expected to raise a small portion of these living expense funds himself and would appreciate any donation we members of NARBW can make. The website is <https://jesuitvolunteers.myetap.org/fundraiser/smts2015/individual.do?participationRef=1141.0.200435737>. Following are some of Omaha's Convention photos:

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

The Chapter held a "fun" night for members and guests at the Parkville Art Studio where they enjoyed wine and snacks while mastering their works of art.—lots of fun and laughter!



Left: Bonita Grant

Right: Evelyn Matz



Left: Susan Steffen

One fundraiser involved selling over 195 geranium plants which netted a profit of \$385 (see photo below).

Helen Everley furnished the hearty geraniums.



New officers installed are President Gloria Marshall, VP Rhonda Gomez, Secretary Megan Cibulski and Treasurer Chrystal Tonkin. Congratulations to their

OMAHA CHAPTER

The Chapter's April meeting was held at Jimi D's. Kay Leslie, Golf Chairman, is busy planning their next golf tournament scheduled for August 7 and is asking for prize donations. Members held an Easter egg hunt for the children at Stephens Center in April. President Connie Prokupek was their Chapter WOY and members presented her with a plant and a silver frame. Their May meeting was held at El Aguila and members were asked to bring Box Tops for Education and Campbell's soup labels to the meeting for donation to the Bloomer School in Council Bluffs, IA. Members are very proud of Kay Leslie who was elected National Secretary at the Savannah Convention. Members voted at their May meeting to donate \$200 to the Purse Project and \$800 to the Crossroads of Western Iowa. Colleen Brabec, who is on the Crossroads board will ensure the money is donated on the Omaha Day of Giving so that matching funds from the community can increase the donation. Their June meeting was held at Lo Sole Mio Ristorante Italiano. Winners of their Chapter Scholarships are: Katherine Elsasser—\$600 (sponsored by Julie Lane), Kylie Kruse—\$400 (sponsored by Winnie Sage, and Josh Prokupek—



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OMAHA CHAPTER (Cont'd.) Another Omaha Convention Photo:



PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

The Chapter made a tidy little profit from the sale of Bergin's candy at Easter. In May, Renee Strolis and Joan Waite participated in the Ronald McDonald Plane Pull at the Philly International Airport. Monica Rodan, Ellie Cain and Joan were able to attend the Savannah Convention, and each thanks the Atlanta ladies for putting on one of the best and most well attended conventions in recent memory. Their Marketplace sales were great, and once more Jessie from Roanoke snagged Joan's husband for the "Nose to Toes" 50/50 measuring! How tall is Walt anyway? Kudos to Atlanta again for having the NS Lawmen Band at the banquet, as they kept everyone on the dance floor 'til almost midnight. The Chapter's June meeting was held at the Sweetwater Bar & Grill in Cinnaminson, NJ, where its new board (photo below) was celebrated and given an official ceremony following the luncheon.



L-R—Roxanne Williams, Secretary; Michele Detrick, Vice President; Rae Huebner, President; and Krista Pohl, Treasurer.

Their August board meeting will be held at a local swim club, so members can enjoy the last of the hot northeast summer and make a splash in planning next year's activities.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Rita Morton's husband Robert suffered a heart attack in March, but Chapter President Betty Halligan is happy to report that he is at home after rehab and doing well. Their "spiritual leader" Loretta Kocaya broke her shoulder in March while out walking her dog. She is doing well following surgery and rehab. Former member Helen Pavlic who was a very talented person, an avid skier, an excellent cook and a world traveler, passed away recently. She was also a caregiver for her brother who preceded her in death. Helen's many health issues prevented her from attending meetings, and members certainly missed her. Former Chapter President Johanna Kinney attended their June meeting, along with her sister Becky. Johanna had moved to Durham, NC, to live with her daughter, but this summer, spent some time with her sister in Pittsburgh and brought her to meetings. Johanna looks great, and it's always good to see her. She plans to attend their July meeting.

ROANOKE CHAPTER

The Chapter remains saddened that some of their members' jobs are being transferred to Atlanta or Norfolk, due to the closing of General Offices in Roanoke by NS. Following is a photo of four such great members:



L-R—Lisa Washington, Pam Custis, Sherry Chambers and Carol Meador. The Chapter's April meeting was held at Club Friendship, after which members stuffed 180 plastic eggs with Easter candy and

donated them to the Salvation Army. Their April Board Meeting was held at Ronald McDonald House where members threw a dessert shower for families staying there. Fourteen members worked the St. Patrick's Day Party for V.A. veterans on March 17. Welfare Chair Pat Prillaman thanks Member Linda Koester for her \$200 donation to Welfare. The money will be included in next year's Welfare planning and used for a very deserving cause. Jessie Swiercinski's grandson, Mark Krucke was one of 10 artists selected to display their art work in the 3rd Temporary (18 months) Art Exhibit in the Art in Roanoke (AIR) Program being held in Elmwood Park. His entry (Peak Between the Trees II) was one of 10 chosen out of 104 entries. Members are encouraged to visit the exhibit and support Mark. In addition, Mark just became engaged to Katie Lyons after a sunset proposal on a beach in Florida. The ring was made from gold melted down from his mother's old jewelry and the setting, a sapphire, was hand carved by Mark. The ring was presented in a box he made from an oak tree in his parent's yard. The Chapter's May meeting was at Holiday Inn-Roanoke Valley View. Ways & Means Chair Joyce Higgs reports the sale of nuts netted the Chapter \$2,800 this past year. Congratulations to Member Mary Lee Cabbler who was selected as National's Woman of the Year. What an honor—what a woman!



1st VP Laura Gutteridge Años pins Mary Lee Cabbler 2015 National Woman of the Year as National President Theresa Harper looks on.

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ROANOKE CHAPTER (Cont'd.)
 Congratulations to Sylvia Long, also, as she was elected National 2nd Vice President.



Sylvia Long, Nat'l. 2nd VP

Congratulations, too, to Shirley Stanton, whose niece, Alyssa Bolt, was the recipient of one of the ten \$1,600 National Scholarships. Welcome is extended to new member Martha Irvin (on right). Relay for Life's "Team Narbies" participated in Roanoke's event on May 29, raising over \$2,600 for cancer research.



Congratulations to Team Captains Brenda Hale and Joyce Higgs. Members bought 15 tickets to the June 19th LOA "Let's Do Lunch" to benefit Meals on Wheels and, in addition, donated \$175 to the cause. Donations of school supplies and cash were accepted at their June meeting for delivery to the Baptist Community Center. The Chapter's summer outing was a luncheon cruise on Smith Mountain Lake's Virginia Dare. It was a beautiful day, made even more striking when members noticed two deer swimming across the lake at a very wide location. On May 30, the O. Winston Link Museum welcomed home the recently restored J611 steam engine. Wanda



Centers, OWL Co-Chair, was the point of contact for members who volunteered and worked that day at the Museum. On June 10, members set up a Narbie display (thanks to Kylie

Mclaughlin) in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Roanoke during a Trade Show. Narbie brochures and membership apps were handed out to possible recruits. Following are some Chapter photos from Convention:



Looks like Pam Custis has joined the Lawmen Band as a singer!



Jessie, we know that's you on the left, but what about the one on the right?



Angelia "Boochie" Legans fell on ice and fractured her tailbone. Her mother, Frances Clayborne has recovered from emergency surgery. Joyce Mills' brother, Jim Sult, who has lost a portion of his right foot and almost all of his sight, is still in rehab and has developed pneumonia. Also, Don Fines, the father of Joyce's daughter-in-law had heart catheterization in March following a heart attack. Her granddaughter, Olivia Mills, performed with

the National Choir in Tyson's Corner in spite of a broken foot. Carla Fawley's father, Ken Groves is back home following stomach surgery. Joanne Perry has had some health issues (similar to a TIA), but is doing better. She is also experiencing back problems. Alverta Steptoe had walking pneumonia in April, but is feeling much better. Linda Waggoner's son, Richie, had a hip replacement in May. Alzie Kesler, sister of Joyce Higgs, was hospitalized recently. Sympathy is extended to Gloria Dowe and family on the loss of her uncle, Frank Otis Johnson, who passed away on May 1. Sympathy is also extended to Brandi Smith and family on the death of her father-in-law, Harry L. Smith, on March 15.

SAGINAW -GREAT LAKES

On National Train Day, the Flint Amtrak Station boarded more people than all other stations on the Blue Water Line. Chapter members passed out coloring books, crayons and other train info to all who came that day. The MMRHS, another train group, had a model train on display in the station. Chapter President Barb Spalding-Westcott advises that they will also have a display at the Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad during Railfan Weekend on August 1 and 2. Doris Hermes, a long time NARBW member passed away on May 14. She became a member of the Saginaw Chapter after the Detroit Chapter turned in its charter. Doris served several terms as Detroit Chapter President and has been an active, enthusiastic member of the Saginaw Chapter since joining there. Her daughter, Barbara Alexander, became a member of the Saginaw Chapter after coming to the meetings with her mother. Get well wishes are extended to Fran Minnich-Dye who is currently ill.



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TWIN PORTS CHAPTER

President Pat Cohen reports chilly breezes off lake Superior, with temps barely out of the 40's and frost warnings. But spring is in the air in the "Tropical Northland" as trees are sprouting their leaves and the lilacs are finally blooming. Their April meeting was at Sammy's in West Duluth and hosted by Aine Merrill, Britny Bergson and Kendra Lohman, who furnished some very cute door prizes. Marie Jordahl and Claire Downs hosted their May Birthday Meeting (39th Chapter Anniversary) at the Pickwick (Joe's Room), and Aine chaired for President Cohen. Pat Jordahl deliv-

ered member donations of items (18 lbs. worth) and money (\$115) to the Safe Haven Women's Shelter. President Cohen was the Installing Officer at Convention for the incoming National officers. She was happy to see 22 new convention attendees and the highest attendance at a convention in several years. She is also very proud that Madeline Saville, granddaughter of Betty Goman, was the recipient of a \$1,600 National Scholarship. Since Aine and Marie have stepped up to serve as Chapter President and Vice President, respectively, for the 2015-2017 term and Barb Johnson and Sue Peer will continue for one more year

as Treasurer and Recording Secretary, it was decided that an election of officers was not necessary. Linda Anderson hosted their June meeting at the Proctor Black Woods Grill and Bar and Claire Downs arranged for members to tour the Proctor Historical Museum. Get well wishes are extended to Bunny Bohlmann who has been under the weather recently and to Barb Johnson who is recovering at home from foot surgery. Sincere sympathy is extended to Bonnie Tasky and Monica Rissanen on the passing of Bonnie's father, who was also Monica's grandfather, on March 20th.

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