

CAPSULE

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The New Year has begun. It came too fast. I hope everyone had wonderful Holidays and are looking forward to a successful 2011!

It is with much regret and sadness that I must report that the Cincinnati Chapter turned in their charter. The chapter was more than 82 years old. Most of the members joined other chapters and will participate in the activities of that chapter. I am sure the members will be an asset to any chapter.

We gained one chapter last year (Kansas City) and lost one (Cincinnati). We stand at 22 chapters.

Now we must concentrate on the convention in Omaha that is only about 4 months away. It will be upon us before we know it. All the exciting information about the Convention is contained in this issue. Please take advantage of the discounts offered with early registrations. Amy Schapp, Convention Chairman, and all the members of the Omaha chapter are working hard planning a successful and fun event that will be imbedded in our memory for a lifetime. At the last convention, I asked that we have at least 200 members to attend. Ladies, please mark your calendars and plan to come.

We have important decisions to make – major bylaw changes and once again decide on a financial advisor. You will receive information in March concerning both of these decisions from the respective chairman.

We also have three vacancies to fill: 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Secretary. Nominating Chairman, Jay Nelson, is working to ascertain candidates for these offices. Until you have actually served on the National Board do you realize how much knowledge you gain and what a rewarding experience it is to be a part of this great organization.

The Winter Board Meeting will be held on February 19, 2011 in Fort Worth, Texas. Third Vice President Krista Pohl is planning a meet and greet for a possible new chapter. There is much to offer in Fort Worth with the headquarters of the BNSF. We will continue to have meets and greets across the country to increase our membership.

Let's keep up the good work of increasing our membership!

Sincerely, *Joyce*



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CHAPTER BULLETINS...

Albany The Albany Chapter adopted two families providing gifts for five children, and a Christmas dinner and fruit basket to each family during the holiday season. They also donate canned goods to a local food pantry on a monthly basis. Welcome new member Sue Russo. Sunshine wishes to Marilyn House recuperating from knee replacement and to Alice McCabe recovering from an automobile accident.

Altoona The Altoona ladies continue to get together on the first Saturday of the month for lunch and a small meeting after.

Atlanta The Atlanta ladies have a new President: Joyce Peak. Congratulations Joyce! Welcome new member Donna Garner! The Atlanta chapter donated \$140 to sponsor a Ronald McDonald family for a week and donated cleaning supplies to the Ronald McDonald House. For December, instead of gifts to each other, members brought a gift for Toys for Tots. In December they had a fun social at the Regal Cinema for "Unstoppable". Keep up the wonderful work ladies! Our Sympathy is extended to Estella Churn on the loss of her husband. Sunshine wishes to Dot Chumley who is recovering from hip surgery.

Baltimore The Baltimore Chapter is struggling and trying desperately to hold onto their charter. We wish you luck ladies and are hopeful that you can find a way to remain a chapter of NARBW.

Chicago The Chicago ladies continue to volunteer their time and money to museums, food banks, Kenosha Hospital and the Senior Center. The Chicago Chapter will host the 2012 National Convention and are busy making plans.

Houston The Houston Chapter welcomes its newest members: Debbye Devore and Cynthia Vanderwilt. Their pecan fundraiser was a great success. At their Christmas "Tea", they collected food basket items for the Food Bank and Toys for Tots. They collected toiletry items for the Homeless and Battered Women's Shelter and helped with the Muscular Dystrophy Children's Christmas Card Project. Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Patricia Lyle; Ida Carmouch on the loss of her beloved niece, Danielle Anderson; Carol Spretz on the loss of her husband, Steve; Ouida Debruhl on the loss of her brother; and to the family and friends of long-time member Scharless Grimes formerly of the Tucson chapter who passed away on November 22nd.

Indianapolis Charter The Indianapolis Charter ladies had a wonderful holiday season. They helped an immigrant family of four from Burma; several items were donated to the food drive for Servant's Heart, they were bell ringers for Salvation Army, they enjoyed the musical program at St. Luke's Methodist Church, and enjoyed the holiday exhibit "Jingle Rails" at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis. Our Sympathy is extended to Wilma Cooks on the loss of her husband, Earl and to Pat Strauss on the loss of her mother.

Indianapolis Circle City The Indianapolis Circle City chapter did two fund-raisers to raise money for needy families during the holidays. In October they had a Euchre Party and in November they had a Pampered Chef Party. They collected cell phones and sent care packages to Soldiers overseas and made a contribution to Southside Animal Shelter. They continue to collect canned goods for Gleaners Food Bank, support cancer and kidney foundations and volunteer their time to churches.

Jacksonville The Jacksonville Chapter donated gifts to the girls at PACE during the holidays. They had several fundraisers: a Premier Designs Jewelry party, they sold RADA knives, nuts and chocolate bars and participated at the Empty Bowls Luncheon. Congratulations to Barbara Miller who retired from CSX after 26 years and to Jacksonville's Scholarship winners Courtney Gutteridge and Lindsay Wright. Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ruby Davis.

Kansas City The ladies of our newest chapter, Kansas City, are off and running! They held a Pumpkin Patch social event, sold nuts as a fundraiser, held a canned food drive, sorted food at a local food bank and adopted a needy family for Christmas. Way to go ladies—keep up the good deeds! We are hoping to visit with you at Convention in Omaha in May 2011.

Louisville The Louisville Chapter Welfare donations included The Center for Women and Families, Habitat for Humanity, Noah's Ark Children's Village and Wayside Christian Mission each receiving \$100. They also made \$50 donations to the National Scholarship and Welfare funds.

Omaha The Omaha ladies are busy as ever; they held a Mitten Tree and collected toys for Toys for Tots, held a food drive for the Food Bank, were bell ringers for Salvation Army, held a Scentsy candle party and sold World Finest Chocolates. In addition to all of these fundraisers, they are finalizing all the plans for a wonderful Convention in May. Details are included in this issue. Sunshine wishes to Convention Chairman, Amy Schapp recovering from her surgery. Congratulations to Cynthia Chandler on winning the Salsa contest again this year. Our Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Marilynne Wendel and Loretta Champency.

Philadelphia The Philadelphia ladies continue to donate their time to local churches, hospitals, and the Ronald McDonald House. Our Sympathy is extended to Ellie Cain on the loss of her mother, Laura Simpson.

Pittsburgh The Pittsburgh ladies are all retired but continue to have monthly luncheons where they socialize and conduct business. Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Betty List.

Richmond The Richmond chapter continues to volunteer at local hospitals and the Virginia Home for disabled adults. They make monetary contributions to Henrico County Rescue Squad and the Henrico Christmas Mother fund.

Roanoke The Roanoke ladies welcome their newest member, Pam Lemon. These ladies continue to shine in their communities; they stuffed over 150,000 envelopes for the Rescue Mission, they held a Premier Jewelry party, sold many cases of nuts, collected canned food items for the local "Soup for Seniors" and they continue to have raffles and 50/50's at each meeting. They also purchased gifts for a boy and girl from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree and they delivered fifteen pair of eyeglasses to the Lions Club. Sunshine wishes to Pat Broadneaux recovering from knee surgery and to Linda Barlow who had foot surgery. Our Sympathy is extended to Virginia Austin on the loss of her sister, Ruth Sweeny.

Sacramento Like our Baltimore chapter, the Sacramento Chapter is struggling to hold on to their charter. Hang in there ladies, we don't want to lose you. Sunshine wishes to Rozan and Tony Prizmich who continue to recover from a broken knee and hip replacement surgeries respectively.

Saginaw-Great Lakes The Saginaw-Great Lakes ladies continue to volunteer their time to local churches, hospitals, and senior centers.

St. Louis The St. Louis Chapter continues to hold 50/50 drawings, white elephant sales, and collect canned goods at each meeting to raise money for their Treasury. They held an Avon fundraiser in October and had a Christmas raffle in December. They made monetary donations to the Sunshine Missions, Feed My People, Restoration Ministries and the Salvation Army.

Topeka Heartland The Topeka ladies continue to collect items for the Topeka Rescue Mission and sell See's Candy. They also volunteer their time at local churches, food pantries, and churches.

CHAPTER BULLETINS continued...

Twin Cities The Twin City ladies welcome a new President, Loreli Miller. These ladies sold Herberger's Department Store coupon books the month of November and held a garage sale at the GOB in St. Paul. They found time for fun at the St. Croix Winery at Aamodt's Apple Orchard where they toasted to "Good Friends, Good Fellowship and Good Food". They sold pecans just in time for holiday baking and they sold decorated wine bottles to raise money for their Treasury. At their annual Christmas party, they brought non-perishable food items and made a donation to Neighbors, Inc.

Twin Ports The Twin Ports ladies will continue to sell Happenings Entertainment coupon books and See's Candies as fund-raisers.

With the dissolution of Districts it is even more important for you to share your chapters news for input into the Capsule. Be proud of the good you do! Thank you in advance for sending your Chapter newsletters and correspondence.



Amanda E. Paffe was one of eight scholarship winners at the 2010 annual convention in Roanoke, Virginia. At the publication of our last Capsule, a photo of Amanda was unavailable. We again congratulate Amanda for her hard work and apologize for omitting her photo. Amanda had her "pinning" from the nursing program at Florida State College at Jacksonville on December 13th and is looking for a position and applying to colleges to continue her nursing education. She is financing her education through scholarships and hoping to qualify for federal and/or state funding. Amanda was sponsored by her mother, Elaine Mosley, of the Jacksonville Chapter.

Upcoming Deadlines...

February 2011

- 1 National Nominations Deadline—National Chairman Jay Nelsen
Pre-Convention tour (EARLY) registration deadline—National Chairman Amy Schapp
Post-Convention tour required DEPOSIT deadline—National Chairman Amy Schapp
- 18 National Winter Board Meeting—Ft. Worth, TX February 18-19

March 2011

- 1 National Scholarship Deadline—National Chairman Mary Lee Cabbler
- 10 National Per Capita Deadline—National Treasurer Laura Gutteridge
- 31 ***Deadline all donations***—National Treasurer Laura Gutteridge
Capsule Deadline—National Publications Chairman Diane Huntington

April 2011

- 1 Woman of the Year Nomination Deadline—National 1st Vice President Cynthia Chandler
Pre/Post-Convention tours (FINAL) deadline—National Chairman Amy Schapp

NARBW's 67th Annual Convention

"O! What a Convention" is the theme of the 67th Annual Convention of the National Association of Railway Business Women on May 20-21, 2011. The Omaha Chapter is excited to be hosting the convention at the Embassy Suites – Downtown/Old Market, 555 South 10th Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Special negotiated rates of \$139.00 single/double, \$149.00 triple, and \$159.00 quadruple have been secured for our group. The Embassy Suites offers complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and daily Manager's reception every evening. **Hotel reservation must be made no later than 4/18/2011 12:00 a.m.** In order to receive the special rate, please mention NARBW. The direct number to the Embassy Suites is (402) 346-9000. The self parking rate at the hotel is \$8.00 per day and valet is \$14.00 per day.

We are pleased to offer discounts for early registration on both the convention registration and pre-convention tour. In order to qualify for the discounts the form(s) and check must be post marked by the deadline. No exceptions to the deadline will be made. **Also new this year a separate registration form must be completed for each attendee or guest.**

On Thursday, May 19th, the pre-convention tour will be held and will include a trip to Boys Town, tours of the Union Pacific Center and UP's Harriman Dispatch Center and a riverboat cruise on the Missouri River. The post convention tour will be a trip to Mount Rushmore and the South Dakota Bad Lands. In order to have a post convention trip we must guarantee 30 persons; therefore, a \$100 refundable deposit is due February 1, 2011 with the balance due April 1, 2011.

The Embassy Suites has a complimentary shuttle to and from Eppley Airfield. Additionally, they provide free transportation within a three mile radius of the property, which includes the Council Bluffs, Iowa gambling establishments.

The Omaha Chapter will be rolling out the Red Carpet as the theme for Fun Night. Please prepare to dress to impress as you walk the Red Carpet and pose for paparazzi.

Also the Omaha Chapter is holding a raffle on March 15th. The Grand Prize is reimbursement for the Convention Registration fee and all meal functions valued at approximately \$250.00. The tickets cost \$5.00 each or three tickets for \$10.00. Tickets were mailed to the chapter Presidents. Please have the tickets postmarked to JoAnn Flood by March 5th.

We will have a dedicated space for chapters to set up the Market Place. On the registration form please indicate if your chapter would like to reserve a table.

Key Dates to Remember

2/1/11	Early Registration Discount for Pre-Tour \$50 to Julie Lane Required Deposit Due for Post-Tour \$100 to Julie Lane
3/15/11	Raffle Drawing held for Convention Fee and Meal Functions
4/1/11	Early Discounted Convention Registration \$35
4/1/11	Registration due for Pre-Tour \$60 to Julie Lane and Post-Tour balance due of \$450
4/15/11	Convention Registration Due

If you have any questions or need assistance with any aspect of the convention, please contact Amy Schapp, National Convention Chairman at (402)544-9088.



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN
SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION**

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May 19 - 21, 2011

Embassy Suites - Downtown/Old Market Omaha, NE

Hostess Chapter: Omaha, Nebraska

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Convention Board Meeting
Registration

Thursday, May 19, 2011

08:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Pre-Convention Tour
Registration
Hospitality Suite

Friday, May 20, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Registration
Formal Opening
Presidents' Lunch
Business Meeting
Candidates' Reception
Fun Night

Saturday, May 21, 2011

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Memorial Service
Business Meeting
Elections
Recognition Lunch
Business Meeting
Post Convention Board Meeting
Reception
Banquet

Sunday, May 22, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Post Convention Tour

Pre-Convention Tour - Page 1

Omaha Pre Convention Tour Thursday, May 19th, 2011

The day will begin with a bus trip to Boys Town. The one square mile City made famous by the Spencer Tracy & Mickey Rooney movie. Boys Town welcomes all boys and girls from all over Omaha and beyond. We will tour the Boys Town Hall of History, Chambers and Dowd Chapels, the Father Flanagan House and the Rose Garden.



We will have lunch at the employee cafeteria in the Union Pacific Headquarters. We can tour the public areas, check the display cases filled with NARBW info and check out the bargains in the UP store. You pay for your own lunch.

After lunch we will tour the Harriman Dispatch Center, where the movement of over 850 trains over 36,000 miles of track are monitored and controlled. The "bunker" was built in 1897 as a freight depot and has been repurposed to continue to serve UP.



Pre-Convention Tour - Page 2

The afternoon will be spent cruising the Missouri River. You can sit inside in air conditioned comfort or on the open air top deck for great views of Kenefic Park, the Bob Kerry Memorial Bridge, Friendship Park, etc. The busses will return us to the hotel for a chance to refresh before enjoying the Hospitality suite.



===== REGISTRATION =====

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ e-mail _____

Chapter _____

Make Check payable to NARBW Omaha Chapter

Mail \$60 check along with registration form by April 1, 2011

Julie Lane
3702 Rainey Circle
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

*******EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT*******

If check and registration received by 2/1/2011 - The cost is \$50

Please note lunch is not included - you buy your own at UP Center

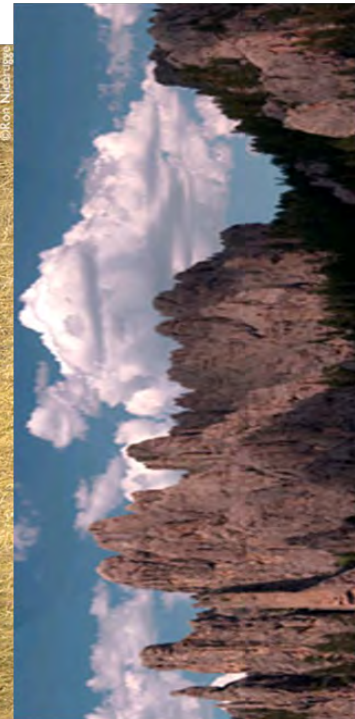
Post-Convention Tour - Page 1



Omaha Post Convention Tour

Join us on a trip to Americas' Shrine to Democracy - Mount Rushmore, as well as the Badlands, Buffalo, Crazy Horse Monument, Wall Drug, the Corn Palace, and so much more

Sun. May 22 thru Wed May, 25



Post-Convention Tour - Page 2

Join us for a trip to the World's largest sculpture - Mount Rushmore and it's environs. Our tour will take us along the scenic Peter Norbek Byway which spirals through the rocky crags of Black Hills National Forest, Custer State Park, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial, defying imagination and providing access to some of the most beautiful landscapes in South Dakota.

The price includes chartered motorcoach, 3 nights stay (1 in Deadwood and 2 in Hill City, SD) breakfasts, 1 lunch and a dinner and admission to the 3 parks (Crazy Horse, Mount Rushmore and Badlands).

Itinerary

Sunday 5/22, 2011
 08:30 - Depart Embassy Suites
 12:00 lunch at somewhere scenic
 17:00 Deadwood, SD (casino and Hotel)

Monday, 5/23
 09:00 depart hotel
 10:00 - Crazy Horse Monument
 14:00 - Mt Rushmore
 17:00 - dinner at Hill City, SD (hotel)

Tuesday, 5/24
 09:00 depart Hotel
 10:00 - Tour of Mt Rushmore Winery
 11:00 Corn Palace in Mitchell, SD
 12:00 Lunch & scenic drive of Badlands
 18:00 Back to hotel

Wednesday, 5/25
 09:00 Depart Hotel
 12:00 Lunch
 17:00 back in Omaha

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ e-mail _____
 Chapter _____

Make Check payable to NARBW Omaha Chapter
 By February 1, 2011 \$100 deposit to secure your reservation
 By April 1, 2011 balance of \$450 due

Julie Lane
 3702 Rainey Circle
 Plattsmouth, NE 68048

We must have 30 reservations to conduct the Post Convention Tour

N.A.R.B.W. Convention Registration Form

67th Annual Convention in Omaha, Nebraska - May 19 - 21, 2011

All registrations must be postmarked by April 15th. No refunds after May 16th.



Use a separate form for each attendee. There are three sections to this form, please be sure to complete them all. This Registration Form may be photocopied or it can be printed from the NARBW Web site (WWW.NARBW.ORG)

SECTION ONE: Personal Information

Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Telephone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Chapter: _____ Railroad Affiliation: _____

Please check one:

☐ Delegate
☐ Alternate
☐ National Board
☐ Emeritus Council
☐ Guest
☐ Other _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____
 Phone: _____

SECTION TWO: Registration Fees and Meals

Convention Registration Fee (for attendance on Friday and/or Saturday)

Please enter: \$50 Member (\$35 early registration), \$5 Host Chapter, \$0 Emeritus Council or Guest

Note: If registration form is postmarked by April 1st then early registration fee is only \$35.

\$ _____ - Convention Meals (check all that apply and enter total)

_____ \$40 Presidents' Lunch
 _____ \$55 Fun Night
 _____ \$35 Membership Lunch
 _____ \$65 Reception and Banquet

Hostess Chapter pays only for charms
and meal functions.

Emeritus Council pays only for the Fun
Night and Banquet.

\$ _____ - **Registration Total (check should be made payable to NARBW)****SECTION THREE: Survey**

Please check all that apply to you.

_____ This is my first NARBW Convention.
 _____ I require vegetarian meals.
 _____ I have mobility issues require special accommodations.
 _____ Request Market Place Table for _____ Chapter.
 _____ Interested in a roommate.
 _____ Special Needs/Requests _____

If you have any questions, please call Amy Schapp (402) 544-9088 or email aemclean@up.com

Mail your check and this completed form to:

2011 NARBW Convention Registration
Laura Gutteridge
6956 Roundleaf Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32258

Be sure to complete Sections 1-3 and keep a copy of this form for your record.

Your check should be in the amount of the Registration Total in Section 2.

The Check should be made payable to "NARBW."
All Registrations must be postmarked by April 15th.

National Association of Railway Business Women

National 50/50 Drawing

<p style="text-align: center;">National Association of Railway Business Women 50/50 Drawing – May 20, 2011</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Chapter _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donation – One Dollar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">National Association of Railway Business Women 50/50 Drawing – May 20, 2011</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Chapter _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donation – One Dollar</p>
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The National Board of Directors is continuing the tradition of the National 50/50 Drawing to be held at the National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska May 20, 2011. The proceeds from the drawing will be divided in half, with half of the proceeds donated to the National General Fund and half of the proceeds being divided among the winners, based on the number of tickets sold. Please take time to fill out the raffle tickets above and mail your check (Payable to NARBW) to our Finance Chairman Jan Oviatt. Act now to begin building the fund. The more you enter the more chances to win!!!!

Please duplicate the tickets and sell to your friends, co-workers, neighbors and family!!

Jan Oviatt, 1978 Shellbark Court, Columbus, IN. 47201

Legislative Issues...

Legislation Reduces Payroll Taxes and Extends Unemployment Benefits for Rail Workers

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, recently passed by the Congress and signed into law by President Obama on December 17, 2010, affects current railroad workers in two key ways. Specifically, the law provides a 1-year reduction in employee payroll taxes and provides more extended unemployment benefits for railroad employees.

Payroll Tax Cut—The Act provides a reduction of 2 percentage points in social security payroll taxes paid by employees. Railroad retirement benefits are divided into two tiers, with tier I being equivalent to social security benefits.

As a result, the tier I tax rate on railroad employees will drop from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent during 2011. Employees will continue to pay a 1.45 percent tax for Medicare hospital insurance, for a total tier I payroll tax rate of 5.65 percent. The maximum amount of earnings subject to the new rate of 4.2 percent remains at \$106,800, although there is no maximum on earnings subject to the Medicare rate. The employer tier I tax rate remains 7.65 percent.

For a railroad employee making \$70,000 a year, the payroll tax reduction provides \$1,400 in savings, while someone making the maximum taxable amount of \$106,800 would have savings of \$2,136. On an industry-wide basis, this reduction should provide more than \$300 million in tax savings to about 250,000 railroad employees.

The Act also provides for the transfer of money from the general fund to the Social Security Equivalent Benefit Account, one of the trust funds from which the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) pays benefits, in an amount equal to the revenue lost due to the reduced payroll tax rate.

Extended Unemployment Benefits—Under previous law, railroad workers with less than 10 years of service were eligible for up to 65 days of extended unemployment benefits, while workers with 10 or more years of service could receive up to 130 days of extended benefits. To qualify for these benefits, the employee had to claim regular unemployment benefits between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2010. In addition, the latest date that an extended benefit could begin was December 31, 2010.

The December 2010 law provides a 1-year extension, offering extended benefits to anyone who claims regular unemployment benefits through June 30, 2011, and exhausts rights to regular benefits. The new law also extends the cut-off date for beginning extended benefits to December 31, 2011.



NARBW Welcomes Kansas City

On July 11, 2008 the National Board hosted a Meet and Greet at the KCS headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. Then National 3rd Vice President, Ida Carmouche and National 2nd Vice President, Theresa Harper had networked their contacts with the many railroads at Kansas City to convince the KCS to allow us to talk to their female employees in the lobby of the KCS building. We had ladies from the BNSF drive over to meet us. From that initial contact we had a list of 19 ladies who were again invited to meet us in July of 2009, when Krista Pohl, National 3rd Vice President held a 2nd meet and greet in the Amtrak Depot in Kansas City. We had a small turnout but a real opportunity to sit and talk to the ladies who attended. After this second meet and greet, Krista Pohl, National 3rd Vice President, kept in close contact with the ladies and encouraged them to begin meeting as a group. They met in the KCS headquarters and at the offices of Unit Rail. They attended Kansas City Royal games in the skybox of Unit Rail; they held elections and formed committees and Krista walked them through the requirements to apply to become a chapter.

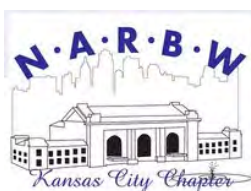
Krista was able to combine work and NARBW to attend some of their formative meetings. Cynthia Chandler, Director District II and Jay Nelsen, then National President were able to drive down from Omaha and attend a couple of meetings. These ladies were focused on the task of writing their chapter bylaws while reaching out to other eligible women in the area to increase their membership. Their questions to Krista, Cynthia and Jay showed they wanted to understand NARBW's history and our organization and were proud to be associated with us.

On August 13, 2010 a charter was issued to Chapter #81 the Kansas City MO Chapter.

On Thursday, October 7, National President Joyce Higgs installed their chapter officers:

President	Melissa Collins
Vice President	Mechelle Pouncy
Treasurer	Michelle Kelly
Secretary	Tammy Hardge Stephenson

Joyce officially welcomed all the women of the Kansas City chapter into the National Association of Railway Business Women. Before the installation, they held their business meeting. These ladies are conducting a canned food drive for their community, spending time sorting food at the local food bank and planning to adopt a needy family for Christmas. They planned a social event at a Pumpkin Patch with a hayride for their families and were talking about a function for Christmas. They have a facebook page for their chapter to improve communication ([N.A.R.B.W. Kansas City Chapter](#)). They voted on a design to print NARBW Kansas City Chapter T-shirts. They are taking orders to sell nuts as a fundraiser. It was wonderful to observe the meeting and feel the enthusiasm they have for their activities.



It is inspiring to have a new chapter of the National Association of Railway Business Women. **Welcome to the charter members of the Kansas City Chapter #81:** Mickie Blank, Sue Brazelton, Melissa Collins, Marie Ducoulombier, Lori Gilmore, Rhonda Gomez, Tammy Hardge-Stephenson, Angela Renee Hatfield, Lillie Hontz, Michelle Kelly, Anne Marie McLaughlin, Sherri Monroe, Joy Musa-Gabel, Michele Owens, Diana Peters, Mechelle Price-Pouncy, Sharon Reeves, Susan Strong, Angie Thompson, Chrystal Tonkin, Beverly Winders and Beth Wyatt.

We look forward to seeing you at our National Convention in 2011, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Please send Chapter news and photos to your National Publication Chairman.

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The remaining quarterly deadline is March 31.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN

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Heartfelt sayings...

- ♥ Make little decisions with your head and big decisions with your heart.
- ♥ Simple things are often the most satisfying.
- ♥ If you smile at someone, they will almost always smile back.
- ♥ It doesn't cost anything to be nice.
- ♥ Friendship isn't a big thing. It's a million little things.
- ♥ No matter how thin you slice it, there are always two sides.
- ♥ The secret of success is surprisingly simple: give more than expected and do it cheerfully.
- ♥ There is nothing more peaceful than a sleeping child.