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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dear NARBW Members:

I hope those of you who were able to attend our 61st National Convention in Louisville had a wonderful time. For those of you who did attend, you probably heard me actually breathe a sigh of relief into the microphone immediately before I called the convention to order, giving you an indication of where my nerves were! However, looking out into the faces of the delegates and members of the Emeritus Council, I saw support and the expressions reflected the same love of NARBW that I feel, so the rest was easier for me.

The Louisville Chapter lead by Ruth Ann Spears and Mary Jane Metzmeier are to be commended for a very smooth running convention and a memorable hospitality.

The National Board will be gathering for our Summer Board meeting and the Plans of Work will be forthcoming before the end of August and we will begin another year of business for NARBW. I trust that each of our chapters will be gearing up for a great year and that we might enjoy an increase in our membership across the board. I was privileged to be the installing officer for the incoming chapter officers for the Jacksonville Chapter at their June meeting and it was such a wonderful experience because it gave me an opportunity to

reflect on the words from the installation ceremony and I want to share them with you because these words are powerful and ring true for all of us who are joined together by this organization. *"The work of these officers will be strengthened by your cooperation and support... or be weakened without it. So let this installation be a personal rededication, to work together wholeheartedly and devotedly in harmony of fellowship, toward the fulfillment of the aims and purposes of this organization."*

As we begin another fiscal year of our beloved National Association of Railway Business Women, let it be with a renewed commitment to working together in the spirit of the founding women who knew the power and the strength of women working for the same goals and with the same purpose. Reach out for new members and bring them into this sisterhood of NARBW, sharing with them our stories of the "good ole days" and listening closely to the new interests and concerns of women who are working in or for our industry today. I wish you a very successful year and I am very proud that you have given me the honor to represent you as your president.

Sincerely,

Sandy

Sandy Hall
National President



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NATIONAL CONVENTION 2005

The 61st Annual National Convention held in Louisville, KY, May 10-14, 2005 was represented by 22 of our 25 chapters, 126 members with a voting strength of 90 delegates.

The Memorial Service remembered thirty members who have entered their eternal rest.

The District "Women of the Year" for 2005:

District I Geraldine Foster, Indianapolis Charter Chapter
District II Patricia Lewis, Baltimore Chapter
District III Doris Stromberg, Twin Cities Chapter

First Vice President Barbara Barthle announced Doris Stromberg as National Woman of the Year.

National Membership Chairman Jay Nelsen reported we currently have 848 members, including 10 members at large.

Our ten apartments at "The Residence" are currently occupied. Contact National Residence Chairman Barbara Barthle if you wish to have your name placed on a waiting list.

Revision, Page 20, Article VIII – Districts, Section (d), concerning dividing districts into two (2) districts was passed. District III will become District II.

The National Board 50/50 Raffle raised \$1,214, one half of which will go to the National's General Fund.

The Winners:

\$327.00 Karen Johnson, Cincinnati Chapter
150.00 Dorothy Parker, Saginaw Chapter
100.00 Beverly Tyree, Richmond Chapter
30.00 Elaine Perkins, Baltimore Chapter

New Officers elected were:

Second Vice President - Joyce Higgs
Third Vice President - Cynthia Chandler
National Secretary - Theresa Harper
District II Director - Elaine Moseley
District II Secretary Treasurer – Barbara Miller

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



WASHINGTON UPDATE

NIT LEAGUE NEUTRAL ON RE-REGULATION BILL

The National Industrial Transportation League, the largest shipper organization, agreed to remain neutral on the recently introduced re-regulation bills (S.919 and H.R.2047). The identical House and Senate bills seek to re-regulate the railroad industry through means such as reciprocal switching, mandated rate quotes, and the elimination of paper barriers. Industry experts believe that should the bill pass, it could cost the railroad industry \$4 billion. This comes at a time when railroads are trying to set aside additional resources for capacity enhancements and other capital investments. The industry is currently visiting all members of the House and Senate committees of jurisdiction to urge their opposition to the bill. The Senate bill, introduced by Senator Conrad Burns, (R-MT), currently has nine co-sponsors. The House bill, introduced by Richard Baker, (R-LA), has 19

TEA-21 Extended for Eighth Time

The transportation reauthorization bill known as TEA-21 was extended to July 19th. Conferees to the joint House-Senate Conference committee on the bill hope that over the July 4th Recess as well as the two weeks following, they will reach agreement on the remaining differences. Conferees reached a tentative agreement on the overall funding number of \$286 billion as well as the funding level for public transit. The conferees still need resolution of the House and Senate share of individual member projects as well as each state's guaranteed allocation. The original bill expired in September 2003.

AMTRAK Receives \$1.176 Billion in House

Last week, Congressman Steve laTourette (R-OH) and Congressman Jim Oberstar (D-MN) successfully increased Amtrak's proposed House FY 2006 funding to \$1.176 billion. Their amendment, to add \$657 million to Amtrak's Appropriations Committee-approved level of \$550 million, passed the full House by voice vote. Congresswoman Corrine Brown (D-FL) also succeeded persuading her fellow House colleagues to vote for her amendment which sought to restore funding to 15 long-distance and three short-distance Amtrak routes. Her amendment passed 269-152.

The Senate Appropriations Committee will begin its debate on Amtrak funding the week of July 11th after Congress returns from recess.

HATS OFF TO LOUISVILLE



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CONVENTION 2005



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN

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August

PLANS OF WORK DISTRIBUTED BY NATIONAL BOARD

CAPSULE DEADLINE - NAT'L CHAIRMAN LYNNE SISTO

September

CHAPTER DUES DEADLINE - NAT'L TREASURER JOAN WAITE

PER CAPITA DEADLINE - NAT'L TREASURER JOAN WAITE

DISTRICT I CONFERENCE - BAY CITY, MI - SEPT. 23-25

DISTRICT II CONFERENCE, JACKSONVILLE, FL - SEPT 30 - OCT 02

November

CAPSULE DEADLINE TO NAT'L CHAIRMAN LYNNE SISTO

December

COOKBOOK RECIPE DEADLINE-NAT'L CHAIRMAN JOYCE HIGGS

JEWELRY ORDER DEADLINE - NAT'L CHAIRMAN JAY NELSEN

PER CAPITA DEADLINE - NAT'L TREASURER JOAN WAITE

REVISIONS DEADLINE - NAT'L CHAIRMAN THERESA HARPER

February

NOMINEES - NAT'L NOMINATING CHAIRMAN DORIS STROMBERG

NAT'L WINTER BOARD MEETING, GREEN VALLEY, AZ - FEB 10-12

CAPSULE DEADLINE - NAT'L CHAIRMAN LYNNE SISTO

March

1 WOMAN OF THE YEAR - DISTRICT DIRECTORS PEGGY PELTIER, DISTRICT I;
ELAINE MOSLEY, DISTRICT II

10 PER CAPITA DEADLINE - NAT'L TREASURER JOAN WAITE

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS - NAT'L CHAIRMAN JAY NELSEN

20 DEADLINE FOR ALL DONATIONS - NAT'L TREASURER JOAN WAITE

April

1 WOMAN OF THE YEAR - NAT'L CHAIRMAN BARBARA BARTHLE

10 MEMBERSHIP REPORTS - NAT'L CHAIRMAN CYNTHIA CHANDLER

15 DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS - NAT'L CHAIRMAN THERESA HARPER

GOOD SAMARITAN NOMINEES-NAT'L CHAIRMAN CYNTHIA CHANDLER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CONVENTION - NAT'L CONVENTION CHAIRMAN
MELANIE BENNETT

REPORTS OF CHAPTER OFFICERS-NAT'L CHAIRMAN THERESA HARPER

WELFARE PROJECT REPORTS- NAT'L CHAIRMAN CYNTHIA CHANDLER

May

9 NATIONAL BOARD PRE-CONVENTION MEETING - NATIONAL PRESIDENT SANDY
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10 62ND ANNUAL NAT'L CONVENTION - INDIANAPOLIS, IN - MAY 10-12

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NATIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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In NARBW circles, Doris Stromberg is a household name! Doris is the Immediate Past National President of NARBW and continues to serve on the National Board. Doris has been selected as “National Woman of the Year” at the convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Doris has worn many hats in this organization, (no pun intended), and is very deserving of this honorable service award.

Doris was employed by the BNSF Railroad and retired June 30, 2005 from her position of Rate Analyst in their St. Paul, MN office, after 41 years of railroad service. Doris was nominated by the Twin Cities Chapter and went on to receive the District II Woman of the Year before being named as National Woman of the Year.

Doris has been a member of NARBW for 29 years, joining the Springfield, MO Chapter before transferring to St. Paul, MN in 1982.



This award is granted to women for their involvement at the chapter, district and national levels.

DISTRICT I WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Geraldine “Gerry” Foster of the Indianapolis Charter Chapter was selected as District I Woman of the Year. Gerry has served many years with NARBW and has been a very active member, involved in many projects and committees. Gerry has held chapter offices as well as the position of District II Director on the National Board and has also held the office of District Secretary Treasurer and District I Publication Chairman. Her participation in this organization continues to reach out on all levels of NARBW.

DISTRICT III WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Patricia “Pat” Lewis of the Baltimore Chapter was selected as District II Woman of the Year. Pat’s railroad career included the B&O Railroad, CSXT and Amtrak. Pat has been a member of NARBW since 1982 and held many offices in her chapter. She served on the National Board as District I Director and Convention Chairman. Pat is an Operation Lifesaver presenter and is currently secretary of the Baltimore Chapter. Pat plans on retiring from her family real estate business in August.

We are proud of these three ladies for their unselfish accomplishments and dedication to NARBW.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Some of you may have noticed that the last issue of The Capsule was mailed 1ST class US Mail rather than 3rd class mail, as we have been doing in the past. The reason for this is to have our membership receive copies in a timely manner. When using 3rd class mail, the post office did not return any issues to the sender, therefore, if your address was incorrect, I had no way of knowing this, unless I was advised by you personally or by your chapter president. 1st class mail will return copies to me if the address is incorrect (even if one number of the zip code is incorrect, it will not be forwarded to you). For this reason, I stress that we correct the addresses of our members because this is costing us money to resend issues....and you know how I like to stay under budget with The Capsule!

Chapter Presidents, please review the names below and if any of these ladies are members of your chapter, please send me their correct address, either by e-mail or US Mail.

Mabel Debaum ? Gertrude Gallagher ? Nancy Grist ? Frances Hardin ?

Thank you!

Lynne

Your Editor

WELCOME NEW NARBW MEMBERS!

Every Chapter has a goal and a big part of that goal each year is to increase membership. Some chapters are in a better position or location to do this, but it doesn't stop all chapters from trying! We would like to congratulate the following chapters and their new members!

Indianapolis Charter welcomes Gloria Jackson. Gloria is a Secretary/receptionist at the Indiana Railroad Company and enjoys reading and gardening.

Albany Chapter welcomes Tabetha Rathbone from the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad and Eunice Matacchiero, spouse of CSX employee at Selkirk, NY.

We welcome our Members at Large!

Rhonda Nicoloff. Rhonda is employed by A&K Railroad Materials, Inc., in Salt Lake City, UT.

Felicitas Garcia is employed by Amtrak in Sales, Distribution and Customer Service in Riverside, CA. She's been working for Amtrak for twelve years and loves to travel.

Denise Jacoby, also employed by Amtrak, is Secretary to the Customer Service Manager and has worked for Amtrak for fourteen years. Denise enjoys visiting museums, operas and the theatre. Denise also resides in Riverside, CA.

Mary Taylor is employed by Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC in Chicago, IL.

Amtrak is the headquarters for Dianne Carrington of Brooklyn, NY; Karen Geter of Fredericksburg, VA and Susan Miller of Selbyville, DE.

Let's keep this list growing and ladies, let me hear from you!

NEWS AND VIEWS

Albany – Our sympathy to Alice McCabe on the recent loss of her mother, Alice Bausch. Our sympathy is also extended to Marilyn House on the loss of her son who was battling cancer. Albany celebrated their 50th anniversary at Kirker's Steakhouse with members and guests attending this event. It's not often we get to congratulate one of our members on a recent birth – congratulations to Michele (and David) Mauro on the arrival of their second son, Jason Anthony. Proud Grandma Joan is President of the Albany Chapter!

Altoona – Keep Doris White in your prayers, she is currently living at a nursing home.

Atlanta – Get well wishes to Robin Ketchersid and Bobbie Pace.

Baltimore – Our prayers are extended to Lily Sanner and Pat Hinkle on their recent illnesses.

Cincinnati – Congratulations to Marie (Koch) Paner who reached 100 years young on May 30th. Marie enjoyed an elaborate party with family and friends and participated in the "chicken dance." What an inspiration to all! Our sympathy to Karen Ranger on the recent passing of her father. Please extend your get well wishes to Margie Genzman, Elizabeth Parisen, Ruth Coleman, Betty Dusing and Helen Hebel. Carmen Taliaferro is on the mend after sustaining a recent injury – and this didn't stop her from attending convention!

Houston – Get well wishes to Grace Nealon, Wynelle Akin, Mary Jane Spencer, Deborah Regan and Lynn Henderson.

Indianapolis Charter – Wishing speedy recoveries to Debbie Throckmorton, Bea Nicoson, Gerry Foster, Pat McGovern, Pat Amrhien and Pauline Larsen.

Indianapolis Circle City – Get well wishes to Agnes Mangus who is recovering from heart surgery. Our sympathy to Susan Wood on the passing of her mother.

Jacksonville – Congratulations to Jolanda Johnson on her recent promotion at CSX to Manager, Labor Relations, FMLA Administration. Our prayers to Georgia Heitkemper who is recovering from heart surgery, and Anna Mae Wright who recently fell and broke her ankle.

Kansas City – Mary Fran Lechlitter is recovering from heart surgery and Beverly Cornelison recently had shoulder surgery. Lucille Gregory fell as she was preparing to leave the Louisville convention and broke her leg. She's reported to be in fine spirits and is anxious to get back on her feet!

Louisville – If you missed the convention in Louisville, you missed a wonderful time! Ruth Ann, Mary Jane and the Louisville Chapter did an outstanding job. Thanks, ladies, it was awesome!

Pittsburgh – A 50 year celebration will take place in June 2005 for the Pittsburgh Chapter At Churchill Valley Country Club. Congratulations! Frances McBriar is on the road to recovery.

Roanoke – Barbara Craft is on the mend from recent hip surgery. Our sympathy to Arlene Hurt on the recent loss of her mother and grandmother of Connie Tyree.

Twin Cities – Congratulations to Doris Stromberg who recently retired from BNSF after 41 years of service.

Twin Ports – Get well wishes to Aine Merrill who recently underwent knee surgery.

REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS

-Obituaries -

Baltimore – Our deepest sympathy to friends and family of Elizabeth (Betty) Martin who passed away May 28. Betty was a sister to Jackie Meekins and became an active member of the Baltimore Chapter. She will be missed.

Chicago – Our condolences to the friends and family of Pearl Amft, who passed away in January. We also received notification on the passing of Florence Howard of the Chicago Chapter. Hazelle Anderson, founder of the NARBW Scholarship Program, passed away on April 15th after a lengthy illness.

Cincinnati – Mabel Hoover and Fern Ohl, of the former Columbus Chapter, passed away in March 2005.

Houston – Marjorie Murff, niece of Irma C. Schaefer, advised that Irma passed away in November 2004 at the age of 98. She indicated Irma held offices of President and Vice President in her chapter and was proud to be a member of NARBW. Our sympathy to Marjorie and her family.

Indianapolis Charter – Our sympathy to family and friends of Margaret Wright who passed away May 6 after a lengthy illness. Margaret was active in her chapter and became a member of NARBW in 1969. She attended many conventions and conferences prior to her illness.

Omaha – Faye Freel passed away in early May at the age of 86. She joined the Omaha Chapter in 1982. She worked for the Union Pacific Railroad in the Freight Accounting office prior to her retirement.

Maizie Hester passed away May 12 in Denver, CO. Maizie served as National President from 1972 to 1974. Maizie remained active after retirement from the Union Pacific Railroad. When the Denver Chapter turned in their charter in 2003, Maizie's membership was transferred to the Omaha Chapter.

Omaha also reports Shirlimae Barnes passed away recently. Shirlimae is survived by her husband Hal from Co. Bluffs, IA.

Pittsburgh – Sympathy is extended to friends and family of Elizabeth Tarr on her recent passing. Elizabeth was 95 years young.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES FOR 2005

September 23-25, 2005

District I conference will be held in Bay City, Michigan on the shores of the winding Saginaw River.

Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center
One Wenonah Park Place
Bay City, MI 48708

September 30—October 2, 2005

District II conference will be held in Jacksonville, FL.

Jacksonville Marriott
4670 Salisbury Road
Jacksonville, FL 32256

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Next issue...

- *Meet your new officers*
- *Scholarship winners*

DON'T EVER FORGET HOW VERY IMPORTANT YOU ARE!



One song can spark a moment
One flower can wake the dream
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh can conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true.
One life can make the difference,
You see, it's up to YOU!

