

THE CAPSULE

December 2020



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UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY 2021

- 1 National Nominations Deadline
Cynthia Chandler
- 13 National Board Meeting
Via ZOOM

MARCH 2021

- 1 National Scholarship Application
Deadline - Rae Huebner
- 10 National Per Capita Deadline
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- 31 National Scholarship Donations
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Nancy Von Dolteren
- 31 Welfare Report Deadline
Vanessa Estell

Dear NARBW Members:

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays and celebrations were a grand time. I enjoyed seeing pictures of our NARBW Sisters and chapters celebrating the holidays on our social media pages. Ray, Jax, and I had a wonderful holiday spending time with friends and family. This past year has been a hard one on us as Americans and as NARBW Sisters. My condolences to those that have lost loved ones to Covid-19 and prayers for those that are recovering from this virus.

The National Board is preparing for our Winter Board Meeting next month. I was hoping that we would be able to meet in person, but I believe the best course of action is to continue to hold our board meetings via Zoom. This will allow us to keep our board members as safe as possible. Look for additional information on our Website and Social Media accounts. The resume of our board meeting will be in the next issue.

In reviewing our per capita reports, our membership numbers overall are down. Due to Covid-19 and chapters not having actual meetings, it seems quite a few chapter membership numbers are down. I know it can be hard to reach out to co-workers or to vendors about NARBW, but let's make it our New Year's resolution to discuss

NARBW with non-members and bring them into our organization. With our newer members, make sure they feel welcome, that someone from our chapters reaches out to them, mentors them and shows them that NARBW can be social, even during a pandemic, and can also help assist with educational and networking opportunities. On a happier note, the following chapters celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2020: Pittsburgh 65 years in January, Albany 65 years in March, Indianapolis Circle City 40 years in April, Kansas City 10 years in June, Central Florida 5 years in July, and Chicago celebrated 95 years in November. We welcomed Southern California and I am so proud of our Board and our members for reaching out to our newest members and welcoming them into this wonderful organization. Great job ladies!!!!

Our next National Social Event is here! Renee Noble has done a great job of putting our annual Founder's Day event together. Please make sure to read about it in the next section and make sure to check out this event on our National Facebook page as well as on our website. I am so excited to see your responses.

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During the fall, the National Board reached out to our Chapter Presidents and Chair positions and hosted several conference calls. This is one way that I feel we can stay connected with our chapters and members. During the next few months, the board will be hosting several more conference calls. If you are not a chapter president or a chair position, but would like to do more for NARBW, please let your chapter president know, and join a sub-committee of a chair. If you are a Member-At-Large and want to become more involved, please reach out to Renee Noble at 2vp@narbw.org. The more women that are involved, the more ideas we can come with (to increase membership, welfare projects, fundraising ideas, and mentoring) and use these ideas for the betterment of NARBW. As hopefully many of you know, I love to hear all kinds of ideas and especially love the “out of the box” thinkers. We want to keep this organization alive, but we need ALL of you to help your chapters and your National Board.

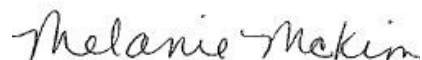
May will be here before we know it and I for one am excited for this year’s convention. I pray that it will be safe enough for us to travel and hold our National Convention this year. We will continue to follow the CDC Guidelines as it pertains to gatherings of more than 50 people. The convention is to be held in Jacksonville, on Friday, May 21st and Saturday, May 22nd, 2021 with a Pre-convention tour being a trip to Fernandina Beach and a historic boat ride around Amelia Island, lunch is included. This year’s theme is Follow the River to Sun, Sand, and Sisters and Fun Night’s theme is We bring the beach to you Luau; I am excited to see our members dressed in their luau attire on Fun Night. I am thrilled to say that this year our convention will include dynamic speakers and a panel discussion which will add value to our members. I am looking forward to the fun and fellowship I have

with my NARBW sisters at each convention. Please make plans to join us in Jacksonville.

Attending conventions can be cost prohibitive to our members and the National Board is working with our convention chairs to keep the cost as low as possible. To help cover the cost of convention, think of ways your chapter can raise money to help cover the registration cost for members attending (garage sales, flea markets, candy fundraisers, etc.). Remember, thinking outside the box is how we can sustain this organization. I believe that the experience of attending a convention is something every member should partake in; you learn more about this organization and feel the bonds of sisterhood deeply during these days.

As a reminder, if you have any Chapter Welfare events, please send to Vanessa Estell, at welfare@narbw.org and she will make sure these are posted to our National Website under the Welfare Warrior Section. Any other events, stories, or photos from NARBW events, please send them to Nancy Von Dolteren at publications@narbw.org. We love seeing what our NARBW sisters are doing in their communities. Do not forget to like our National Facebook page, National Association of Railway Business Women. Make sure to check out our NARBW.org website, Presentations section, as we continue to add helpful information for chapters to review.

Thank you again for your support and I am truly honored and excited to serve you as your National President.
Sincerely,



Melanie McKim
National President

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN

NATIONAL SOCIAL EVENT - FOUNDERS DAY

2021 – The Year to Ignite a New Era for the NARBW

Our Founder's Day (February 14th) theme is '2021 – The Year to Ignite a New Era for the NARBW!'

The criteria will be the same, create a theme for your chapter meeting (ZOOM or in person) through the end of February, share your pictures via social media and send to 2vp@narbw.org so chapter event pictures can be posted on the National Facebook page.

Remember this is a fundraiser - don't forget to send chapter contributions to 'I Love NARBW'.

Here is a short summary of the history to kick off our 3rd Quarter event.

20+80=100 years of Railway sisters together!

December 1920 - The Vision from a sign 'Railroad Men Only'...thank you Hazel Cornell!

January 1921 - The Predecessor group elected Sarah Miles as the first president of Railway Business Women's Association!

March 1925 - Incorporation of Railway Business Women's Association.

July 1940 – This Meeting to create the National Association of Railway Business Women, electing Hazel Cornell as first National President.

February 14, 1941 - The Growing years begin, the incorporation date of the NARBW!

February 14, 2021 - The Year to Ignite a New Era for the NARBW!



NATIONAL BOARD CORNER

U.S. Railroad Retirement Board
844 North Rush Street Chicago, Illinois 60611-1275
www.rrb.gov
877-772-5772 general information

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No. 20-14

Railroad Retirement Benefits Will See Increase in 2021

Most railroad retirement annuities, like social security benefits, will increase in January 2021 due to a rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the third quarter of 2019 to the corresponding period of the current year.

Cost-of-living increases are calculated in both the tier I and tier II benefits included in a railroad retirement annuity. Tier I benefits, like social security benefits, will increase by 1.3 percent, which is the percentage of the CPI rise. Tier II benefits will go up by 0.4 percent, which is 32.5 percent of the CPI increase. Vested dual benefit payments and supplemental annuities also paid by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) are not adjusted for the CPI change.

In January 2021, the average regular railroad retirement employee annuity will increase \$30 a month to \$2,936 and the average of combined benefits for an employee and spouse will increase \$42 a month to \$4,263. For those aged widow(er)s eligible for an increase, the average annuity will increase \$16 a month to \$1,453. However, widow(er)s whose annuities are being paid under the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001 will not receive annual cost-of-living adjustments until their annuity amount is exceeded by the amount that would have been paid under prior law, counting all interim cost-of-living increases otherwise payable. About 54 percent of the widow(er)s on the RRB's rolls are being paid under the 2001 law.

If a railroad retirement or survivor annuitant also receives a social security or other government benefit, such as a public service pension, any cost-of-living increase in that benefit will offset the increased tier I benefit. However, tier II cost-of-living increases are not reduced by increases in other government benefits. If a widow(er) whose annuity is being paid under the 2001 law is also entitled to an increased government benefit, her or his railroad retirement survivor annuity may decrease.

However, the total amount of the combined railroad retirement widow(er)'s annuity and other government benefits will not be less than the total payable before the cost-of-living increase and any increase in Medicare premium deductions.

The cost-of-living increase follows a tier I increase of 1.6 percent in January 2020 and 2.8 percent in January 2019, the latter of which had been the largest in 7 years. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will announce Medicare Part B premiums for 2021 later this year, and this information will be available then at www.medicare.gov.

In late December the RRB will mail notices to all annuitants providing a breakdown of the annuity rates payable to them in January 2021.

KATE SHELLEY

Catherine Carroll "Kate" Shelley (December 12, 1863 – January 21, 1912^l) was a midwestern railroad heroine and the first woman in the United States to have a bridge named after her, the Kate Shelley High Bridge.

On the afternoon of July 6, 1881, heavy thunderstorms caused a [flash flood](#) of Honey Creek, washing out timbers that supported the railroad trestle. A pusher [locomotive](#) sent from Moingona to check track conditions crossed the Des Moines River bridge, but plunged into Honey Creek when the bridge fell away at about 11pm, with a crew of four — Edgar Wood, A. P. Olmstead, Adam Agar, and Patrick Donahue. Kate heard the crash and knew that an east-bound express passenger train was due in Moingona about midnight, stopping shortly before heading east over the Des Moines River and then Honey Creek. She found two surviving crew members, Edgar Wood and Adam Agar, and shouted that she would get help, having to cross the Des Moines River bridge along the way. Although she started with a lantern, it went out, and she crawled the span on her hands and knees with only lightning for illumination. Once across, she had to cover about two miles on ground to the Moingona depot to sound the alarm. She then led a party back to rescue Edgar and Adam. The passenger train was stopped at [Scranton](#), with about 200 aboard. The passengers who had been saved took up a collection for Kate. The "little girls" of [Dubuque](#) gave her a medal, and the state of [Iowa](#) also gave her a medal crafted by [Tiffany & Co.](#) and \$200. The Chicago and North Western Railway gave her \$100, a half barrel of flour, half a load of coal, and a lifetime pass. The [Order of Railway Conductors](#) gave her a gold watch and chain. News of Kate's bravery spread nationwide; poems and songs were composed honoring her.

The Chicago and North Western Railway built a new steel bridge in 1901 and named it the Boone Viaduct, but people quickly nicknamed it the Kate Shelley Bridge or Kate Shelley High Bridge. It was the first and, until the [Betsy Ross Bridge](#) in [Philadelphia](#) was opened in 1976, perhaps the only one in the country named after a woman. A second viaduct was built alongside the old one by the [Union Pacific Railroad](#) from 2006 to 2009. It can accommodate heavy trains, features two tracks, and can handle two trains simultaneously at a speed of 70 mph. It was opened on October 1, 2009, as the new Kate Shelley Bridge, and is one of North America's tallest double-track railroad bridges.



CHAPTER NEWS

ALBANY CHAPTER

The Albany Chapter is keeping a low profile over the holidays, due to the ongoing pandemic. We are optimistic that the vaccine will be our savior in 2021 and look forward to getting back to our meetings and socializing with members again. Some of the Albany girls got together for a small Christmas luncheon at a local restaurant. Below: Kathy Judge, Bonnie Crowley, JoAnn Powers, Pat Marra, Joan Mauro, Penny Jones, Betty Jean Kaufman, Marianna Maffeo, Jan Darling.



Our deepest sympathy to Diana Ham who lost her partner Tom after a long battle with cancer. They were together for over thirty years. Tom was a retired pilot for the NYS Governor. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom.



The Albany Chapter of NARBW has been a great supporter of “Toys for Tots” over the years and has participated in the CPRail/D&H Train to deliver toys to less fortunate children on the Albany Mainline, stopping at six towns along the way. Pictured above Alice McCabe, (former National President), Joan Mauro, (current Albany Chapter President), Bonnie Crowley, Diana Ham, Kathy Judge, Barbara Smith, Lynne Sisto, (former National Publication Chairman/CP Rail Coordinator).

Lynne Sisto tells us ‘As an Albany Chapter member, (residing in Florida), I would like to commend the chapter’s officers, members, and new members for keeping this chapter together. We were chartered in 1955, one of the oldest chapters remaining, and hopefully we can keep it going.’

We wish everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year!

ATLANTA CHAPTER

Everyone in the Atlanta Chapter is doing well.

CHAPTER NEWS

CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER



Chapter 83 Central Florida was busy making blankets for Project Linus! We were honored to donate these wonderful hand-made blankets to the cause!

Central Florida was honored to donate after their Thanksgiving Food Drive, a trunk full of nonperishable food items and a monetary gift to The Neighborhood Center in DeLand Florida.



Chapter 83 Central Florida was excited to purchase several Christmas gifts for Bright Start Pediatrics in Sanford Florida. We made this wonderful facility that cares for underserved children in our community the focus of 2020 Christmas Project!



Chapter 83 Central Florida held their outdoor, socially-distanced Christmas Party on December 5th at Gemini Springs Park in DeBary Florida. We were blessed with a beautiful day!

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CHICAGO CHAPTER

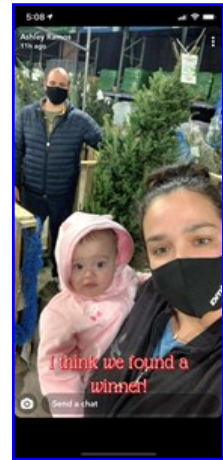
Out with the old and in with the new! The Chicago Chapter hopes that all had a safe and happy holiday!

2020...we all experienced many highs and lows but when we look back and reflect on this past year, I'm sure you'll find that the good outweighed the bad. The Chicago Chapter invites you to take a look back at 2020 as we strut into 2021..

Member Esther Medina cooking Thanksgiving Turkey in her new home.

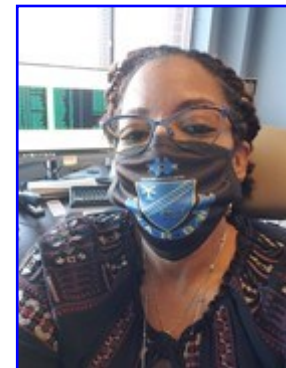


Member Ashley Ramods and Family picking out their first tree during COVID...staying safe.



Yolanda Barbosa with her Granddaughter Kennedy. (left)

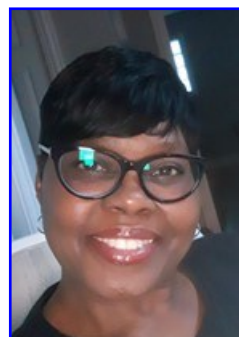
Essential Worker Cle Shaw representing NARBW. (right)



New Membership Chair Jackie Watkins (left).



Yolanda Barbosa & Husband celebrating their 14th anniversary in an empty restaurant during COVID.



New Membership Chair Jackie Watkins (left).



Member Madison Manley celebrating Sweet 16!

Michele Williams Promoted!

CONGRATULATIONS MICHELE

NARBW Chicago applauds Michele Williams on her recent promotion to Manager of Payroll and Employee Benefits at Anacostia Rail Holdings. Michele is excited about the challenges ahead as she oversees payroll and benefits for approximately 450 employees. Michele's first goal is to automate systems and create measures to improve efficiency and streamline processes. Working in payroll for 23 years and at Anacostia for five years, Michele says, "I love my job, but the best part is the great people I work with at Anacostia."



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CHICAGO CHAPTER, continued



Madame President Sharon Slaton and her Son visiting Chicago Union Station Xmas displays.

Chicago Chapter Essential Workers...
THANK YOU!



Chicago Union Station...
no bustling passengers during COVID.

2021...you are hereby charged with compensating our Sisters with life, abundant health, loving families, peace, joy, righteousness, love, promotions, successes, breakthroughs, and many happy moments and blessings!

NARBW...YOUR GREATNESS IS ON THE HORIZON!!!

HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FROM THE CHICAGO CHAPTER!!!

Pre-COVID Induction of new members.



KANSAS CITY CHAPTER



We donated Christmas stockings that were delivered to Operation Breakthrough. They were very appreciative to receive these and said Thank you to our organization!

We also sent Thank You cards to our US Military Troops.

Our newest member in the KC Chapter is Felicia Mosenfelder, Trainmaster at BNSF Railway. We welcome her to our group and look forward to working with her.

Chapter News

HOUSTON CHAPTER



NARBW Houston Chapter Christmas Party - pictured Peggy Cuellar, Angie Whitlock, Brenda Bob, Ginger Stanbery, Dixie Estep, Bridget Hammons and Debbye Converse.



Angie Whitlock, Houston Chapter Christmas Party

Valentines Fundraiser!

Steve Estep (Dixie Estep's husband) is donating a beautiful handmade Charcuterie Board for the club to raffle! It is truly beautiful!!! We hope all chapters will consider promoting and purchasing a chance to win (raffle ticket) this beautifully made charcuterie board.



Dixie Estep Hosted our Houston Chapter Christmas Party.

Brenda Bob - Houston Chapter Christmas Party



Ginger Stanbery Houston Chapter Christmas Party.



The Houston Chapter also raised funds by selling Honey Baked Ham gift cards and also adopted a family for Christmas.

It has been a blessed year for the Houston Chapter!

CHAPTER NEWS

INDIANAPOLIS CHARTER CHAPTER

It is coming up on a year since our chapter had a dinner meeting or even a board meeting due to Covid restrictions and concerns about our members' health.

All chapter activities have also come to a halt. We miss being together and being able to participate in community events but we are hoping for a return to "normalcy" later this year.

We hope all our NARBW Chapter sisters enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and we hope 2021 brings all of us good health and good times.

INDIANAPOLIS CIRCLE CITY CHAPTER

In October, we contributed to "Crop Walk" to end local and world hunger. November and December are heavy charity months for our ladies, although we defer meeting until February. In November, we gave items for cleanup and food to our area No-Kill Animal Shelter. We also donated canned goods and other non-perishable items to a local food bank. Our Christmas family had a grandmother and 4 little girls. Except for the baby, the 3 girls received boots. We provided \$250 for additional shopping for wish-list items, and the grandmother also received a restaurant card. We enjoy spreading holiday cheer in the name of the National Association of Railway Business Women. We wish all the ladies a wonderful, prosperous New Year!

JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER

It is our custom at our **December** Holiday event to collect toys or donations for the various organizations that we support. As we were unable to hold our event this year, we provided a list of suggestions for charitable giving for 2020.

1. Florida School for the Deaf Blind in St. Augustine serves children from 18 months to 22 years old from all across Florida at no cost to their families.
2. Linus Project uses monetary donations to buy supplies to make blankets for children in hospitals.
3. Henderson Haven is a non-profit which provides care, training and advocacy for developmentally disabled individuals.
4. Hope Ranch Learning Academy - a school for children with special needs
5. PACE girls - Grocery store gift cards from Winn Dixie, Publix and Wal-Mart will help with food insecurity over the school break

Some of our members attended a packing event at Feeding Northeast Florida in October and were part of a group of volunteers that dry sorted 4,658 pounds of food and prepared 3,882 meals!



COVID-19 has greatly restricted our activities as a Chapter in 2020 so in the following section, our Chapter members would like to share some of our holiday events with you! Enjoy the pictures on the next page.

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JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER

From **Lori Ledoux** - We've already eaten dinner and are tackling dessert & some presents.

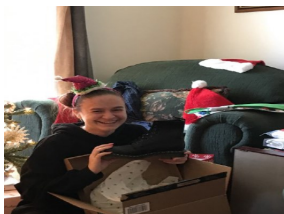
Bob (husband) is in Ireland with a daughter but here I am with my daughter Emily and husband Brad, their son Copeland, Brad's mom, sister and dad. My other daughter, Alli, was supposed to be here but her husband Joe was exposed to COVID and had minor symptoms himself so we'll celebrate with them in a few weeks.



This is much later in the evening after umpteen games of Tenzi (losers take a drink)! Daughter Emily & her husband Brad and his dad Jay.



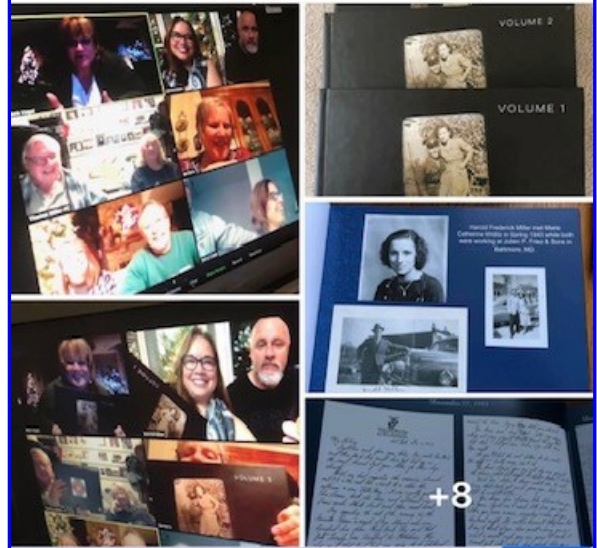
From **Debbie Holmes** - Celebrating our oldest granddaughter's, Samantha, 18th birthday at Roy's Hawaiian Fusion. Then Christmas day events with our sons, granddaughters, Derek's (husband) mom at dinner. Fellow NARBW member, Joann Clark joined us as she could not travel home due to COVID this year!



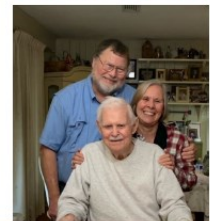
Barbara Miller is with Terry Miller Capp and 3 others.

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Last night we had a sibling zoom call for four of my six siblings to open a special package containing the end product of a project that my sister Paula and I completed these past few months. Definitely a special memory for the six Miller siblings! There were over 300 letters adding up to more than 800 pages. We added photos, our Dad's military info and more. It was a labor of ❤️ and a gift for future generations.



From **Theresa Pair** - Merry Christmas from our family! My husband, Jon and I are celebrating Christmas with my 92 year old father, Hilary Rohmer. My two sisters, one brother in law and a niece were helping with the celebration, also.



CHAPTER NEWS

OMAHA CHAPTER

RIP to Joann Flood
1945 – 2020

Our past chapter President, Joann Flood passed away from Covid-19 on November 26. Joann worked at Union Pacific in the accounting department. She retired in 2007 with 41 years of service. She was our Chapter Woman of the Year, The District 2 Woman of the Year and National Woman of the year in 2001. She had served 10 years as Chapter President. She loved her daughter and grandsons as well as bowling, GNO (girls night out) and the Huskers.

Our sympathies to Jackie Fee, her daughter and to Jacob and Joshua Fee, her grandsons, Jackie was hospitalized with Covid-19 but has been improving. She was moved to rehab and then was able to go home Wednesday, 12/22. She is still on oxygen but is making great strides.

Anne and Joe Menichetti are both on the mend from COVID and thankfully neither had to be hospitalized. Please keep them on your prayer list.

Welcome to [Riley Donahoe](#), Rosie's daughter. She is in college and hope she will apply for a scholarship!

[Jeena Coolbaugh](#) is also a new member. She is Kathy DuVall's cousin's daughter. Jenna is enrolled in a nursing program at the College of the Rockies Cranbrook Campus. Her hobbies include softball, cooking, and an enormous love of cats! Welcome!

In December we collected new and unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Our Pittsburgh ladies are not able to hold our regular meetings these days, but we did hold a holiday luncheon with a grab-bag event that was very enjoyable.

We are happy to report that Audrey Santel had hip replacement surgery December 18th and is doing great in her recovery. Who knew you would only need one day in the hospital for this type of surgery!

Our ladies are staying safe and doing well.

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

The St. Louis ladies have not met in person since March due to the COVID pandemic. The ladies are doing well and will be glad when the virus is over so they can see each other again.

TOPEKA CHAPTER

Nancy Lord reports that the Topeka ladies are doing well during the pandemic. They would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

Our Fall Festival was an Oktoberfest Lunch at Otto's in Horsham, Pennsylvania attended by 12 members. After conducting an outside meeting, we enjoyed a lovely lunch from an authentic German and American menu in the Outdoor Bier Garten. It was pretty cold but we are a resilient group and were there for several hours! We all wore masks, gloves and winter coats, hats and scarves! While there, we befriended a group of uniformed National Guardsmen, the only other outside diners. The group, who were working at the base a half mile down the road, were roundly cheered and our dear Marianne bought their lunch, a truly wonderful gesture that brightened up everyone's spirits during these crazy times of Covid. Also brightening spirits was our dear Helena, who responded to a Meals on Wheels plea – Rae sent an email in early November asking if anyone had an “extra” microwave and in minutes Helena had ordered and sent one to Rae for 2-day delivery! Truly we are a group of women who share our good will and give so easily especially during times of crisis!

In November we held a conference call meeting and finalized the constantly changing details for our Christmas Luncheon and Toy Drive. Members were asked via email and at the meeting, on behalf of Meals on Wheels, to write Christmas and Holiday cards for the approximately 120 clients at Rae's local site, to be included in a holiday “goody” bag. The women of Philadelphia are awesome and provided the lion's share of cards enjoyed by clients twice (!!) during the holiday meal deliveries. The handwritten messages brought tears to the volunteer's eyes, the sweetest holiday goody of all. Eight of our ladies and their guests attended a wonderful luncheon and displayed the tons of toys and gifts collected for our annual toy drive benefiting the Salvation Army's Eliza Shirley House in downtown Philadelphia. A fun tradition of a fundraising silent raffle was also held during the luncheon. While at the luncheon and during toy pickups and drop offs, members were able to get their Bergin's candy and Marion Kay spice orders - two of our more consistent fundraising efforts.

Please help us welcome our newest member **Ellyn Kravette** who joined in November.

We are sad to report the passing of Neil J. MacLure. He and Marianne were married for 54 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

While the trying times did hit very close for members over the last few months, we have all managed to still join our hearts and extend our good will as often as possible.

The women of Philadelphia are a joy to behold!

We wish everyone a good year ahead – hoping and praying that 2021 be more joyful and full of blessings and lessons for everyone.



Rae Huebner, Renee Noble and our honored Woman of The Year Maryann Pettit!

More pictures on next page Oktoberfest and Christmas

CHAPTER NEWS

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER



Harry selling raffle tickets



Oktoberfest Outdoor Meeting! Helena wearing our Founder's Day Award!; Kay; Group: Kathy, Kay, Maryann, Krista; Michele



Donna & the Dinosaurs



Christmas: Harry, Monica, Kay

Krista, Donna and nephew/grandson Jude.



Toys and Gifts



Neil and Marianne (and Neil's spiffy shoes!)

CHAPTER NEWS

ROANOKE CHAPTER



November 12, 2020 marked the 23rd wedding anniversary of NARBW member Kathleen Claytor and her husband Curtis. They celebrated by getting away for a week to Virginia Beach

Roanoke welfare projects included support for the Angels of Assisi 'no-kill' animal shelter, the Alzheimer's Association, the LOA (Local Council on Aging) December project "Be a Santa to a Senior". Ongoing projects continue as well (tab tops for Ronald McDonald House; toiletries to be divided between the Rescue Mission, RAM House, St. Francis House, the Salvation Army, greeting cards for Service Personnel, and collecting used eyeglasses for the Lions Club

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

A summary of Southern California Chapter's first year in NARBW

First meeting Feb 25, 2020

Officers installation April 18, 2020

Dress for Success event June 20th- (raffle raised \$265)

June 2020- Facebook page went live

August 1 Virtual baby shower

September 19 In person meeting, Covid Mask contest

Oct 11. Susan G Koman Fundraising Walk- Raised \$882.72

November 11- Donated three Thanksgiving baskets to Foothill Family Shelter

Nov 18th Thanksgiving basket raffle. Raised \$140. Winners donate food from basket to The Food Pantry

December 5th—Holiday party with Gingerbread house, trivia and ugly sweater contests



2021 NARBW CONVENTION – MAY 21-22, 2021

Follow the River to Sun, Sand and Sisters May 21 – 22, 2021

The NARBW Jacksonville Chapter is proud to host the 77th National Convention in Jacksonville Florida.

<https://www.narbw.org/convention>

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Jacksonville Riverfront

Reservations by phone (available 24 hours a day) call 1-800-222-8733

Group rates are available until April 19, 2021.

Ask for “NARBW National Assoc Railway Business Women” or Group Code NAR

Standard double room with king bed or two doubles \$125 / \$141.25 with tax

Standard riverfront room with king bed or two doubles \$145 / \$163.85 with tax

Riverfront Junior suite with king bed \$165 / \$186.45 with tax

The parking daily rate is \$5.00 plus tax self-parking or \$20.00 plus tax valet parking, No in-out privileges.

Travel

Jacksonville International Airport (Approximately 16 miles from the hotel)

Delta, United, American, Southwest, Air Canada, Jet Blue, Allegiant, Silver
2400 Yankee Clipper Dr,
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Amtrak Station (Approximately 8 miles from the hotel)

3570 Clifford Lane
Jacksonville, FL 32209-2123

Amtrak Auto Train Station – Sanford, FL 130 miles from hotel

Convention Schedule

May 19 – National pre-convention Board Meeting

**May 20 – Pre-Convention Tour: Fernandina Beach with boat tour and lunch
Hospitality Reception**

**May 21 – Business Meetings and President’s brunch
Candidate’s Reception**

Fun Night (We Bring the Beach to You Luau)

**May 22 – Business Meetings, Membership Luncheon, Election
Post-convention Board Meeting**

Banquet (Dinner with DJ for dancing)

May 23 – Check Out

NARBW Convention Registration Form

77th Annual Convention in Jacksonville, FL May 21 - 22, 2021
 DoubleTree Downtown of Jacksonville - 1201 Riverplace Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL 32207, (904) 396-8844

All registrations must be postmarked by April 1st. No refunds after May 5th.



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 website (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: _____
 Emergency Contact
 Name: _____
 Phone: _____

Please check one:

Delegate
 Alternate
 National Board
 Emeritus Council
 Member
 Guest

SECTION TWO: Registration Fees and Meals

Please enter the dollar amount(s).

Members:

_____ \$305 by April 1st
 _____ \$325 after April 1st

Covers registration and four convention meals.

Emeritus Council:

_____ \$195

Emeritus Council pays for Membership Luncheon, Fun Night and Banquet

Non-Members (Guests):

Guest Name: _____
 Convention Meals only (enter all that apply)
 _____ \$45 Presidents Brunch
 _____ \$75 Fun Night
 _____ \$45 Membership Luncheon
 _____ \$75 Reception and Banquet

Host Chapter Members:

_____ \$245

\$0.00 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 require gluten-free meals
 _____ Request Marketplace Table for _____ Chapter.
 _____ Interested in a roommate.
 _____ Special Needs/Requests/Food allergies _____

If you have any questions, please call Dana Robles (904) 610-7306 or email convention@narbw.org

Mail your check and this completed form to:

2021 NARBW Convention Registration
 Michele Williams
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NARBW National Convention Chairman
 Dana Robles
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 Jacksonville, FL 32244
convention@narbw.org

Payments now accepted through Zelle and PayPal by using email address: Treasurer@narbw.org

Complete Sections 1-3. Keep a copy of this form for your record. Your payment amount should match the registration total in Section 2.

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2021 PRE-CONVENTION THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

We travel by motor coach to Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island, the northernmost city on Florida's Atlantic Coast. First inhabited by the Timucuan Indian tribe and known as the "Isle of 8 Flags", Fernandina has had the flags of the following nations flown over it since 1562: France, Spain, Great Britain, Spain (again), the Patriots of Amelia Island, the Green Cross of Florida, Mexico, the Confederate States of America, and the United States. It is the only municipality in the United States that has flown eight different national flags.

At 10 AM, we take the Cumberland Island boat tour, which offers an extensive and rich history of Amelia and Cumberland Island with views of wildlife along the way. As we cruise by Fernandina's shrimp boats, historic Old Towne and Ft. Clinch, a historian will share colorful stories that define the character of this unique area.

We will have lunch at Captain Jack's Smokehouse before returning to our hotel.

The price per person is \$95 (\$93 if over 65) and includes transportation, the boat tour, and lunch.

We will leave the Doubletree Hotel at 8 AM and the bus will take us to Fernandina, where we will have our boat tour and lunch. We will be back to the hotel by 4:00 PM.

Number of Tickets _____ Number of Tickets (over 65) _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

CHAPTER (or Member-at-large) _____

Amount enclosed _____

Please make check payable to NARBW Jacksonville and mail to

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