Annual Benefit Dinner
Stories to Inspire!
Saturday, April 6 2019
Berkeley Country Club, El Cerrito
5:30 pm Cocktails & Silent Auction
7:00 pm Dinner
Join us in an evening entertaining with special guest Jonathan Jarvis. Enjoy gorgeous views of San Francisco Bay. 1940’s ambiance, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a viewing of images of WWII Rosies and raise funds to inspire new generations with the We Can Do It! spirit.
Tickets / Sponsorship / Contributions to our Silent Auction: Go to rositheriveter.org/events/annual-benefit-dinner or contact Marsha at (510) 507-2276 or mmather@rosietheriveter.org

Challenge grant update
We did it! Once again. Thank you to our generous 2018 Challenge Grant donors for your wonderful support. We surpassed our goal of $20,000 in matching funds to secure a generous donor’s gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders in matching funds to secure a generous donor’s gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift. Your support helps ensure fourth graders from underserved Bay Area classrooms have the gift.

Lost and Found Photos Tell Stories of World War II
Original photos of hundreds of U.S. navy ships in San Francisco Bay; a candid shot of Henry J. Kaiser, laughing while listening to a female accordionist; and a color transparency of an unidentified “Rosie” with a cutting torch in front of the Haiti Victory ship before launching in July 20, 1944. These are only some of the images from a treasure trove of World War II photographys, many depicting scenes from the Kaiser Richmond shipyards, discovered in 2017 by Fresno photographer Dan Nadaner. Many had not been seen since the mid-1940s. Dan was donating pictures to the curators from the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Park in Richmond, California, located on the former site of the Kaiser Richmond shipyards. He discovered extra cartons of photographs while clearing out a storage locker, many worthy of display at the park’s visitor center, with one currently on exhibit directly across from the front desk.

The photos were taken by Dan’s father, Hugo Nadaner (1915–2009), a real estate developer, contractor, private airplane pilot, and Hollywood photographer. During World War II, he turned his lens to marine vessels, working with the U.S. Navy to document construction, launch and shakedown cruises.

Hugo Nadaner’s trove of 4x5-inch negatives and photos include images of hundreds of U.S. navy ships. Many are copy shots of other photos, while others are originals from San Francisco Bay. A cluster of photos reveal how neighboring factories and yards prefabricated ship components for final assembly in the Kaiser yards. Among the Oakland subcontractors documented between June 24 and 26, 1943, were the Graham Ship Repair Company (foot of Washington St.), the Herrick Iron Works, and the Independent Iron Works. Other nearby factories included Berkeley’s Trailer Company of America and the Steel Tank & Pipe Company, as well as the California Steel Products Corporation in Richmond and the Pacific Coast Engineering Company in Alameda. One contractor documented was the Clyde W. Wood Company in Stockton, over 50 miles from the Richmond shipyards. Many photos are of the Kaiser Richmond shipyards. One set shows the launching of the patrol frigate USS Tacoma from shipyard No. 4; a happy sponsor, Mrs. A.R. Bergerson, and two young women, ready with a champagne bottle; another photo catches three white-bloused singers; while a third photo is of Henry J. Kaiser at a dinner table—and is he really singing along to an accordion? Kaiser shipyard workers are shown on commuter boats that eventually will bring thousands of visitors across the bay to our unique site on the San Francisco Bay waterfront.

But along with the promise of the ferry launch, the government shutdown postponed the festivities of all kinds which challenged us in new ways. Although it’s not apparent that a color transparency of an unidentified “Rosie” with a cutting torch in front of the Haiti Victory ship before launching in July 20, 1944. These are only some of the images from a treasure trove of World War II photographys, many depicting scenes from the Kaiser Richmond shipyards, discovered in 2017 by Fresno photographer Dan Nadaner. Many had not been seen since the mid-1940s. Dan was donating pictures to the curators from the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Park in Richmond, California, located on the former site of the Kaiser Richmond shipyards. He discovered extra cartons of photographs while clearing out a storage locker, many worthy of display at the park’s visitor center, with one currently on exhibit directly across from the front desk.

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Luckily, we reopened our park just in time for our first Every Kid in a Park program. But we will need you, our donors, more than ever this year to ensure that our public education programs, exhibits, and youth programs continue to carry the legacy of Rosie the Riveter to all generations.

—Marsha Mather-Thrift
Honoring Women’s History Month and National Rosie the Riveter Day...spring 2019

In celebration of Women’s History Month and National Rosie the Riveter Day, we honor the women of the World War II Home Front. Various forms of propaganda motivated women across the nation to join the labor force. Hundreds of thousands answered back by leaving their homes, with few skills, to enter a male-dominated work place. Facing opposition from various groups, they managed the duties of motherhood AND brought home the bacon. These trailblazers unknowingly sparked a female movement for generations succeeding WWII and ultimately helped changed the trajectory of lives for American women. Their stories, much like the iconic ‘We Can Do It!’ changed the trajectory of lives for American women. Their stories, much like the iconic ‘We Can Do It!’

Stories from the Riveter Trust supporting the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park