News from Rosie the Riveter Trust supporting the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park

20th Anniversary Dates to Save

20 Years of Rosie Spirit, the Rosie the Riveter Trust Annual Benefit Dinner
Sunday, April 26 • 4:00 pm
Craneway Pavilion
1414 Harbor Way South, Richmond

The event benefits youth programs of the Trust and Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. Enjoy Bay views from the Craneway’s waterfront location, 1940’s ambiance, a wonderful silent auction, and more. Our distinguished keynote speaker is Mark S. Zemelman, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. Mark will showcase the historic links among the Richmond WWII Kaiser shipyards where our national park began, the Kaiser Permanente organization as they celebrated the birth of the national park, the exciting story the “Rosie” spirit embodied by the home front workforce, and how that spirit is relevant today. For sponsorship details and tickets, go to our website: rosieriveter.org/events

2020 Rosie Rally
Home Front Festival
Saturday, August 15
Get your bandannas ready for a big celebration and attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Records! We’ll announce more details in the summer Riveter.

In their honor
Jeanne Atkins
In honor of Josephine Lico
Rhysa and Jan Brown
In honor of早点 March Mather-Thrift
Karen Eckert
In honor of the Clara Wright
Ann Esinfund
In honor of Kay Morrison, Marian Wynn, Marian Sosnovits and Agnes Moore
Paul and Michelle Ried
In honor of Mary Hofstad and Ruth Ried
and In honor of Mar Marsha Mather-Thrift
Joy and Michael Farni
In memory of Farni Farni
Brian Fay
In honor of Verna Abesia and Maria Avila
John Freels
In honor of Wilfred W. Freels
Harries Eardith
In honor of Mary Thompson
Martha Henderson
In honor of Marsha Mather-Thrift
Nancy, an account of the Whole Stone
Adam Koss
In memory of Stella Arnold Knos
Calvin Kortz
In honor of Paul Knos and Reid Knos
Howard Leavitt and Wendy Schettens
In memory of Ralph Schettens
Timothy Luce
In memory of Angelika Lucca
Lucia Manders
In memory of Édina and Teresa Martinez
Marsha A. Mather-Thrift
In honor of Josephine Lico and
In honor of Elise Stroke
Ann Nutt
In honor of March Mather-Thrift
John J. Pimentel, Jr.
In honor of Rose-capitré
Laura Recluse
In honor of Mari Recluse
Robbink
Ronald Rogers
In honor of Arthur Reid Stroke
Randy Schettens
In honor of Nancy WU A
Andres Smith
In honor of Elise Stroke
Alma Quindt
In honor of Betty Reid Stroke
John J. Pimentel, Jr.
In honor of Rose-capitré
David L. Tucker
In honor of Elizabeth Tucker
Claudine Deneva Vanega
In honor of Frances D’Worcas
Jame WU A
In honor of Elise Stroke
Audrey Yee
In honor of Betty Reid Stroke

Let’s Get Kids Outdoors!

D o you think there is life in this bottle of water? Karen Fong, Park Guide at the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park, asks her group of fourth graders. Every year, over 4,000 fourth graders tour the Visitor Education Center as part of the Every Kid Outdoors program (formerly known as Every Kid in a Park).

Her small bottle of water from the San Francisco Bay may look murky and as if it doesn’t hold living creatures, but it sparks an exploration of the Bay and the food web it supports. As she and the kids walk along the waterfront on the S.F. Bay Trail, they learn about the plants and animals that live in and around the Bay. Later, students create a food web of plants and animals of the S. F. Bay using photo cards to show what they have learned.

In addition to their outdoor activities, the fourth graders also learn about the WWII Home Front. “We try to connect the home front experience of kids during WWII to their lives today,” I ask students, “What would your role have been as a kid during WWII?”

They watch the film Home Front Heroes, and then talk about ways that kids mobilized on the home front to support the war effort, such as recycling and helping in victory gardens. “We talk about what kids can do today to ‘mobilize’ their community to reduce the amount of human-sourced greenhouse gases.”

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For nearly 9 years, building Rosie the Riveter Trust from a volunteer-based organization to an active, effective, and recognized National Park partner, with a stable base of contributors and exciting new programs, has been my challenge and delight.

Now, as I step down, I am handing off the reins to my very capable successor, Sarah Pritchard. Please welcome her and feel free to contact her at sarah@rosieriveter.org.

In my time at Rosie, I am proud to have expanded programs that enable young women to build skills and independence, just as women did during WWII. I have enjoyed introducing our Rosie’s Girls to our Rosie docents, now in their 90’s, who are the living embodiment of what brave women and men can achieve.

Our Every Kid Outdoors program, now kicking off its fifth year, has brought more than 4,000 under-served Richmond fourth graders every year to study a vital moment in U.S. history. Not least, Betty Reid Soskin’s programs have inspired us all to understand the power that authentic story-telling wields. My proudest achievement has been to complete our new documentary film, No Time to Waste, bringing Betty’s compelling vision of a “more perfect union” to the screen.

I send my sincere thanks to all of you who have supported the Trust. You can be proud, as I am, of the work that makes Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park an exceptional, engaging place filled with our collective American past and a vision of what we can be in the future.

— Marsha Mather-Thrift

Kaiser Permanente Heritage Resources
As we settle into 2020, “transition” seems to be the theme. In addition to the Trust’s transition to a new Executive Director, Sarah Pritchard, the Park has finally been able to select a new lead ranger to replace Elizabeth Tucker, who left last year. We are excited to announce that Kathryn Daskal is on board to manage the Visitor Education Center operation and to explore new opportunities for programing and projects for the Park. Kathryn is an experienced manager and supervisor in the field of interpretation and learning the story of what happened here in Richmond during WWII. She is knowledgeable about the themes and objectives dedicated to building a community and Park Visitor Education Center site, and to honor the women and men of all backgrounds who worked on the Home Front, inspiring some of the most profound social changes in our history.

Kathryn Daskal
Visitor Education Center Manager
March 1, 2020

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No Time to Waste, our new documentary about Ranger Betty Reid Soskin, is inspiring Bay Area audiences. We especially want it to be seen by college and high school students around the country. You can help by making a contribution at rosietheriveter.org/support-us. Thank you!