

# THE CAPSULE

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## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dear NARBW Members:

I hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and that the year 2016 will be filled with health and prosperity for your families and for NARBW.

It is the time for setting RESOLUTIONS and establishing GOALS. Let's kick off this New Year by **RESOLVING** to energize our commitment to NARBW, along with remembering the many friends that we have made through our NARBW association. Let's continue to support the

**GOALS** of NARBW by meeting the deadlines that are in place by our Plans of Work; remember those deadlines will be here before we are ready. Let us look for ways to promote the growth of NARBW by reaching out to prospective members, asking them to attend our meetings and influencing them to join our organization. Take time to reach out to a past NARBW member who failed to renew her membership. A single personal contact can establish a friend for life.

The National Board is preparing for our Winter Board meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 20-21, 2016.

Our Membership Chairman, Melanie McKim, has focused on a revitalization of the Chicago Chapter and is planning on another trip to the "Windy City" to attend the March Chapter meeting. To date, Melanie has secured 12 new members in the Chicago Chapter. While Chicago is her immediate focus, there are plans for re-establishment of the Richmond, VA Chapter.

In a short four months, we will be attending the 72nd convention in St.

Louis, Missouri—May 13-14, 2016. "Meet Me in St. Louie" is the theme and the details are posted on the website NARBW.org. Convention Chairman Diane Huntington and the St. Louis Chapter have been hard at work to make the convention both memorable and successful. I hope you have considered attending the convention and have marked your calendars. Please take advantage of the early registration discounts. Join us for the pre-convention tour—a trip to the top of the Gateway Arch and a city tour of downtown St. Louis. The plans are for a "Masked Ball" Fun Night.

I truly believe that NARBW will continue to be served by dedicated members who bring diversity as well as the common bond and goal that is still enjoyed in our industry today. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 72nd<sup>nd</sup> National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

Sincerely,

Theresa Harper  
National President

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# NATIONAL BOARD NEWS (Cont.d)

## WANTED

Looking for nominations for National President,  
1st Vice President and Treasurer.

Deadline is February 1, 2016.

Send To Nominations Chairman Cynthia Chandler



**NARBW CONVENTION  
ST LOUIS - FUN NIGHT**  
**Bring your Ball Gowns and  
Masquerade Masks and  
Get Ready to Party!!**  
**Friday, May 13, 2016**

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

We can now make our hotel reservations for the NARBW annual convention to be held in St. Louis, May 2016.

For our convenience, the Sheraton has created an online website to self register for this convention. You may make your reservations anytime (24/7) using this website. You can also view photos, features, amenities and a hotel overview on this site. To access the site search: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/narbwatassocrailwaybusinesswo>

If you prefer, you can make your reservation by phone **888-627-7064**. Be sure to reference National Association of Railway Business Women or NARBW to get the group rate of \$129 per night.

There are two Sheratons at Westport. If phoning in your reservation - be sure to register at the **Sheraton Westport Plaza Tower**.

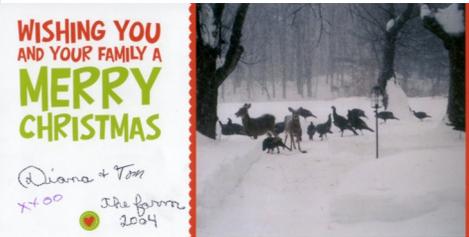
For questions, call Diane Huntington at 636-789-4203 or email [convention@narbw.org](mailto:convention@narbw.org)

2016 Pre-Convention Tour Registration Form and Convention Registration Form are located on pages 10 and 11, respectively, of this newsletter. It's not too early to make your plans to attend. Complete the registration forms and forward with your payments today.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## ALBANY CHAPTER

The Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer, and usually at member homes. The hostess provides the meal and members pay \$10 each to their General Fund. Ways and Means Chair Nancy Brucklier also held a bake sale of member goodies at their October meeting, which was a fun way to add to their funds. In addition, a 50/50 raffle is held at most meetings. Welfare Chair Diana Ham collects non-perishable food items from members at meetings and takes them to two local food pantries. She is also involved with the ART saves Animals Program which benefits those that have lost their homes. Their November meeting was held at the Garden Buffet at the Saratoga Casino and Raceway where some walked away as winners; others "not so much!" Their December meeting was a Christmas dinner at a local restaurant, ending with a Chinese Gift Exchange (always fun). A White Elephant Auction is planned for their January meeting. Diana Ham also sends "Merry Christmas" wishes to everyone via her Christmas card "The Farm". She also tells of how she and



her son changed a small broken window on the second story roof of their barn around Halloween time and what a beautiful view it was from way up there. Of course, I understand that her son owns the pellet gun that was involved in breaking the window!

## ATLANTA CHAPTER

The Chapter's Membership Meetings for September and November were held at the Ansley Golf Club. The Chapter did not meet in October account "Hands Over Atlanta" volunteer day. Their nut fundraiser orders and monies were due at their November 7 meeting. Get well wishes are extended

to Estella Churn who is recovering from eye surgery and to Carol Ross who is also recovering from surgery.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER

The Chapter's first 50/50 fundraiser was a big success. The winner was Marilyn Martinex from the Amtrak Ticket Office (on the left with Chapter President Yvonne Touchtone). Marilyn won \$180, leaving the Chapter with a profit of \$185. I'm not sure how they got the extra \$5, but "Way to Go!" Their October 22 meeting was held in the Administration Training Room at Sanford Auto Train. Members are collecting plastic caps and lids for "Caps of Love", a Florida nonprofit charity that



collects and sells these items to purchase wheelchairs for children. Pictured on left is Chapter Welfare Chairman Gail Hendrix with the items collected. Welcome is extended to new members Andrea Barr, Kristi James and Madonna Neal. Sunshine Chairman Tiffany Tunstall attended a Newsletter Class on November 1-6, and National Membership Chair and Central Florida Chapter Member Melanie McKim traveled to Chicago to hold a Meet and Greet on October 16. Pictured left to right are Gail Hendrix, Yvonne Touchtone and Andrea Barr after delivering over \$400 in Christmas gifts for the "Stocking Stuffer" Program at the Meth-



odist Children's Home in Enterprise, Florida. This donation was the result of a very successful bake sale fundraiser held in October at the Amtrak Auto Train Facility. Congratulations to all who participated. The Chapter's "Caps of Love" project is ongoing, and members have also begun collecting "Pennies for Paws" for future donation to an animal shelter. Their first annual Holiday Celebration was held on December 9 at Logan's Restaurant in Sanford, Florida. Following are photos taken during the celebration:

Two gift baskets were raffled



off with Daphne Duhart (below) winner of the "spirits" basket



and Ray McKim (Melanie's husband) winner of the coffee/tea basket; however,



Ray gave his basket back for re-raffle and James Schwass (right) was the new winner.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER

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The Chapter cleared an overall profit of \$158 for both baskets. Congratulations to Lois Boatwright whose daughter, Michelle Duckworth, was married to Greg Gaddy on October 9.

## CHICAGO CHAPTER

We are sad to report the passing of one of the Chapter's life time members. Florence Leitz passed away on November 28 at the age of 92. She had just moved to a nursing facility in Rice Lake, Wisconsin and was hoping, through "The Capsule" to hear from her Narbie sisters. Florence will definitely be missed. In addition, we have just been notified that Chapter President Pat Dunham has also passed away, following a fall at home and a two-week hospital stay. Pat's funeral service will be held on January 16 at St. Edna's Church in Arlington Heights, IL.

## HOUSTON CHAPTER

The Chapter's October 17 meeting was held at Soto's Mexican Cantina in Houston, hosted by Linda Kovac. Member Martha Haun, their Parliamentarian, is the New National Editor of the National Association of Parliamentarians' professional magazine. Chapter President Debbye Converse urges everyone between the ages of 18-44 to join the "Be The Match" program for bone marrow transplants. Someone out there is a perfect match for Amanda Paffe, the daughter of Jacksonville Chapter's Elaine Mosley. Debbye, who volunteers at the Texas Children's Hospital, hopes that others will do the same. Associate Member Gerry Rogers advises that she is still watering the NARBW former Residence's median tree and clearing out around it (ants, gofers, etc.). She reports that it is growing larger and blooms nicely in the spring and summer. The Chapter's November meeting was held at Smart Pipe Company, Inc. and was a "Champagne & Pearls Brunch" to honor their retired ladies. The meeting was hosted by Peggy Cuellar, and members brought tabs for Ronald McDon-

ald House, clean used plastic bags for Wounded Warriors, canned goods for the Food Bank, old linens and towels for SNAPS (Spay and Neuter Assistance Program), and gently used coats and clothing for Star of Hope. Several members volunteered during the November 7 Houston Walk to End Alzheimer's held at Minute Maid Park. Pictured here left to right are: Rebecca Serres, Debbye Converse and Ginger Stanbery. Not pictured is Tyler Spurlock (Debbye's granddaughter) who walked. The Casino bus trip that was planned for the holidays has been postponed until March 2016. The Chapter's Christmas Party was held at the White Flamingo Restaurant in Spring, Texas, on December 19. Members brought Toys for Tots and exchanged Christmas ornaments. President Debbye Converse thanks Houston members for their contributions this past year—31 pounds of tabs to Ronald McDonald House (partnering with PTRAs); towels and linens to the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP); clothing and food to Star of Hope for the homeless; weekly volunteering at the MD Anderson Children's art Project; volunteering, donating and walking in the Fight to End Alzheimer's; sending 76 Christmas cards, each addressed to "A Recovering American Soldier", and the miscellaneous good will deeds that they perform throughout the year. We are saddened to report that former member Helen Cook, daughter of member Carolyn Cook, passed away recently after celebrating her 90th birthday in June. Tamela Kubicek's twin sister, Pamela Gleason, is now cancer free, but must begin radiation treatments soon. Our prayers are with both of these ladies. Virginia Rodriguez's husband Leo is recovering from a bad fall. We wish him a speedy recovery. Get well wishes are also extended to Mary Jane Spencer, Grace Nowlin, Helen Faour,



Mary Knox, Gerry Rodgers and Carla Anne Wallace.

## INDIANAPOLIS CHAPTER

Their September 21 meeting was held in the Pope Room at Buca Di Beppo's. Guest speaker was James Reisert of Edward Jones, who spoke briefly about the current market and took questions concerning investments and finances. Since the Chapter did not meet during the summer months, several 50/50 drawings were held and winners of \$25 each were Marian McClure, Helen Scaringe, Pat Hulett, and Ann Carrico. Door prizes were won by Mary Lou Croker, Pat Hulett, Debra Throckmorton and Margaret Elston. Their October 19 meeting was held at McAlister's Deli in Greenwood where members wore pink in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and honored the Chapter's past presidents. Current Chapter President Margaret Anne Elston reminded members to have a yearly mammogram, as breast cancer is a growing concern. The Chapter again sold Terri Lynn nuts, candy mixes and chocolates, as a fundraiser spearheaded by Marian McClure. Members secured a table at St. Roch's Christmas Bazaar on November 7 and reminded everyone what wonderful Christmas presents these goodies would make. Members volunteered again with the Salvation Army as bell ringers during Christmas. Their Christmas party was held at Dye's Walk on December 7. The Chapter is always looking for new members and seeks to invite prospects to their meetings. Get well/stay well wishes are extended to Helen Scaringe and Patty Stewart.

## JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER

The Chapter held a schooner sailing event in St. Augustine, Florida, on September 19, with dinner at O. C. White's. Along for the ride was one member of the Central Florida Chapter. A good time was had by all, as you can see from the next page's photos.

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## JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER (Cont'd.)



Below is a photo taken at the Chapter's September 24 meeting in CSX HQ.

Chapter President Elaine Mosley is on the right.



On October 9, the Chapter's Membership Outing was held at the Alhambra (See photos in next column). With 16 in attendance, looks like another good time, right?



The Chapter continues to sell Rada products through the year and sold



the hottest topics today on Emotional Intelligence at 12:00 noon in Acosta A&B - CSX HQ. They were encouraged to bring a "brown bag" lunch and their copy of "Cool Change: Turning Emotions into Leadership Strengths" by author Dr. Patricia Baxter, Ed.D., MS, CSA, their speaker that day (pictured on right). The presentation was sponsored by the CSX Women's Network Inclusion Group. Krystal Alford, who became a Narbie in March 2015, was spotlighted in the Chapter's October newsletter and is pictured here. Krystal works in the Tax Department of CSX. On October 30, Mary Warner appeared on WJXT Channel 4 TV at 8:00 a.m. in Jacksonville to receive the Positively JAX Award for her volunteering at PACE Center for Girls. Congratulations, Mary, you certainly deserve it! Also on the WJXT Morning Show in October was Amanda Paffe, Elaine Mosley's daughter, who appeared with Mike Tyre, Pastoral Care Minister, from Christ's Church Mandarin. On December 12, the Chapter held its annual Christmas Party at Hidden Hills Country Club. Members played the Chinese Gift Exchange with gifts they had purchased and also brought new, unwrapped toys that were age-appropriate for children 12 and under. The Chapter received a thank-you letter from Amanda Paffe for her much-needed gift and gas cards. Members also held a fundraiser for her on September 26. Amanda is still in need of a bone marrow donor match, and members are encouraged to join the "Be The Match" registry at <https://bethematch.org/>. Also, please check out <http://www.gofundme.com/amandapaffe>. Pictured here is Courtney Charpiat. Read her remarkable story on the next page.



The Gift of Hearing

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## JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER (Cont'd.)

On the day she was born, Courtney failed a hearing test. After more tests at Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville, her parents received the stunning news that Courtney was profoundly deaf. Courtney's mom, Debbie, remembers the day she learned that her daughter was deaf. "All we could think was she'll never hear us say, 'I love you' and she'll never be able to say it to us." When hearing aids didn't work, the family came back to Nemours to explore the option of cochlear implants. At just one year old, Courtney received her right implant. A year later, she received her left. Nemours formed a team of experts from audiology, speech pathology, education of the deaf, genetics, psychology, and auditory therapy to treat Courtney. Now ten years old, Courtney visits Nemours for routine mapping appointments and is flourishing. She is fluent in two languages and enjoys reading and drawing. Courtney has made so much progress that her mother notes, "You would never know she's deaf." You have the power to give kids like Courtney the gift of hearing. Donate now; go to <http://igg.me/at/DsJ3fmK2y9Yn>. Get well wishes are extended to Betsy Williams, a long-time member, who has been coping with a health issue, but is beginning to improve.

## KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

The Chapter focused on smaller charitable organizations in need during the Christmas season, such as Hillcrest Transitioning Housing for Teens (who are homeless) and the Gardner Food Pantry. Pictured is Gloria Marshall,



Chapter President, getting ready to deliver some of the 157 items donated by members at a champagne brunch held at Beth Wyatt's home. See photo below:



L-R Front Row—Hudson Teel (Beth Wyatt's grandson) and Chrystal Tonkin. L-R Back Row—Megan Cibulski, Beth Wyatt, Gloria Marshall, Katrina Sims, Sue Steffan, Rhonda Gomez and Savanna Hubbard.

It's hard to believe that the average age of a homeless person in Missouri is 7 years old!



Megan Cibulski is shown here with new hubby Joe Cibulski. Congratulations you two! We wish you many years of happiness. Also, on a romantic note, Clair Wyatt and Alex Taylor have announced their engagement. Congratulations are extended to them. When's the happy day???

Members Savanna Hubbard and her mother, Chrystal Tonkin, volunteered for the 2nd Annual Kansas City Renaissance Festival, walking the lanes in special-made costumes and greeting visitors in English accents as the wife and daughter of Canterbury's spice merchant. The event is part of the Wy-



lotte County Bureau of Travel and Tourism and hosted over 900,000 visitors over eight weekends this past fall. Here is another photo of Jan Hedges who passed away August 30. Beth Wyatt describes Jan as loving, friendly, supportive and gracious. Her loss is truly tragic for the Chapter and again our prayers go out to Bill and the family.



## LOUISVILLE CHAPTER

At the Chapter's October meeting, distribution of their Welfare Fund was made to The Center for Women and Families, Noah's Ark Children's Village, Wayside Christian Mission, the National Scholarship Fund and the National Welfare Fund. The Chapter did not meet in November. Their Christmas luncheon was held on December 8 at Buck's Restaurant. No gifts were exchanged this year, but a good time was had by all who attended.

## OMAHA CHAPTER

At the Chapter's October meeting, plans were made to take the first available slot at The Pizza Ranch where volunteers bus, greet and serve with a percentage of the proceeds for the evening. They would also be allowed to solicit donations for a charity, such as Pass the Purse. Concerned with rule changes for using the Bridge to fundraise, members agreed to reserve a date and then conform to any rule modification. It was decided to continue with the golf tournament, as it has been a major fundraiser. Youth Emergency Services (YES) contacted Colleen Brabec about the Chapter's past volunteerism where baby showers were hosted by members for homeless youth and teens. Sue Hess and Molly Frazier will check with them about volunteer opportunities. The Chapter continues to collect cleaning supplies for ENCAP. Their November 5 meeting was held at Johnny's, AKA

## CHAPTER NEWS (Cont'd.)

### OMAHA CHAPTER (Cont'd.)

Johnny's Original Omaha Steakhouse. Members brought mittens, gloves, scarves, etc. for the Salvation Army "Warm the Night" program. December's Christmas gift exchange and social hour was held at Julie Lane's home on December 3. Members paid \$15 per person for the meal, with leftover funds from meal costs donated to the mitten tree. New, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots were also brought for donation by the members. January's meeting will be at Tish's in Council Bluffs, IA, on January 7.

### PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

In October, members met at the Erin Pub in Southeastern PA, an area central to members traveling from MD, DE, NJ and PA. The meeting place was open to other diners and a large bridal shower, but nonetheless, several members gathered afterwards to learn how to knit, hoping to gain enough knowledge to knit hats for Amtrak's Empire Division's Toys for Tots and Hats for Tots Train. Maryann Pettit and Roxanne Williams amazed everyone with their knitting ability and creativity while other members looked to the "Nifty Knitter" for help. In November, 11 members traveled over 100 miles to their annual gathering at Renee Noble's home in Hanover, PA. A quick meeting was held and members then formed a caravan and visited the Hanover factory outlets for Utz and Snyder's snack foods, as well as Hanover Foods, to stock up on treats for the holidays. On December 2, Chapter President Rae Huebner traveled to Albany, NY, from Philadelphia, to present Amtrak employee Rose Igneri with the last of over 160 hats collected for the Hats for Tots initiative. Then on December 4, Rae, along with Chapter Treasurer Krista Keene and member Renee Strolis (both with Amtrak) manned an NARBW table at Amtrak's 30th Street Station's annual Holiday Bazaar. With assistance from Melanie McKim, National 3rd VP and Membership Chair, the NARBW banner was displayed along with membership materials for potential new mem-



bers. A good number of women (and men) were spoken to about NARBW, resulting in one new member who paid her dues on the spot! Their annual Christmas luncheon was held at La Casa Pasta in Newark, DE. An auction



of beautifully wrapped, anonymous gifts was held, with bidding by members that sometimes had hilarious results, but a very generous outcome—\$500 was added to the treasury. Members also collected hundreds of toys, games and gifts for the *Eliza Shirley House for Women, and Women and Children Only*, a Salvation Army safe house in Philadelphia. The generosity, sharing and selfless acts of giving by Chapter members continue to grow and sustain them year after year. They are so thankful for the railroad industry that brings them together, and members wish all of their NARBW friends and fellow members and their families a very happy, healthy 2016!

### PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

At the Chapter's November meeting, members honored one of their very own military veterans. Lois Kelly was in the WAVES during the Korean Conflict and is still very active in several organizations of retired military women. Members are very proud of Lois, just as they are of all military men and women, past and present. Good job, Lois! The Chapter held its Christmas meeting at one of their favorite restaurants, Scoglio's, which is located in the plaza that houses their Division offices. Loretta Kocaya attended with her entourage—a nephew, a grand nephew and two of her neighbors. These are the gentlemen who helped Loretta when she was laid up with her shoulder injury. Way to go, Loretta!!! Members continue to collect socks for the homeless in the Pittsburgh area, and Rita Morton delivers them to a local church that works with the homeless. Members also give to local food banks through their individual churches. In addition, members give to the Center for Abused Women. They feel fortunate to have gained a new member—Rene Foley from the Cumberland, MD area. When Chapter President Betty Halligan learned of the new member, it was too late to invite her to their Christmas meeting. She did send Rene a Christmas card signed by the members, however, and reports that they are all looking forward to meeting her. The Chapter sends everyone wishes for a joyful, healthy and prosperous New Year.

### ROANOKE CHAPTER

A Mary Kay Makeup Party was held at the home of Joyce Higgs on September 29, with member Gloria Dowe, an M.K. Rep, donating 25% back to the Chapter. The Chapter's "Team Narbie" JDRF website reported a grand total in members' and friends' donations of \$465. Member donations collected for Angels of Assisi, an animal no-kill facility, at their September meeting, totaled \$143, along with contribution of numerous pet supplies. The Chapter's October meeting had to be cancelled due to rain and uncertain flooding.

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## ROANOKE CHAPTER (Cont'd.)

Spotlighted in their October newsletter was Bonnie Witt who is shown here with her husband Charlie. The couple celebrated their 41st anniversary in November. Congratulations, guys!



A very warm welcome is extended to new member, Carol Gentilini (pictured on left). Welcome aboard, Carol!

The Chapter's sale of nuts for Thanksgiving and Christmas remains their chief money-making fundraiser, thanks to Ways & Means Chair Joyce Higgs. Members stuffed envelopes for the Rescue Mission's Christmas mailing



(170,000 to do), under Virginia Austin's leadership, during two weeks in mid October, and hosted a Halloween



party for veterans at the V.A. Hospital on October 28, thanks to Alverta Steptoe's leadership.



That last picture is Joanne Perry with a cheese doodle in her mouth and Joyce Higgs in background filling a veteran's plate with goodies. Some members work; some play! Just kidding, Jo! Their November meeting was held on the 3rd (Election Day) at Montano's Restaurant. Due to cancellation of the October meeting, member donations were accepted at the November meeting for the October 17 "Walk to End Alzheimer's. Sylvia Long was kind enough to handle late distribution of \$165 in member donations to this charity. Members brought paper products and tab tops to the November meeting and donated \$90 to Ronald McDonald House. A budgeted Chapter donation of \$50 for the Bradley Free Clinic was also handled at this meeting. Shirley Mills (pictured here) was the member spotlighted in their November newsletter. You may notice a resemblance to Bonnie Witt, the Chapter's spotlight member for October, as Shirley is Bonnie's mother. Some good-lookin' Narbies, right?! Members have been asked to save "Box Tops for Education" for Rita Murphy's school. The Chapter's Christmas meeting was held at Holiday Inn-Valley View with Uneita Mathews as guest singer (Wow, what a voice!). One project scheduled for December was volunteering during O. Winston Link Museum's Santa Train event; however, the Museum notified the Chapter that the event had been cancelled. Another December project was to grant the wishes of two Salvation Army Angel Tree children—Alexandra, a 7-year old girl, and Terrance, a 7-year old boy. With budgeted funds of \$100 and another \$200 donated by member Linda Koester, Joyce Higgs, Doris Underwood and Pat Prillaman were able to shop and fulfill these children's wishes. Joanne Perry, a Co-Chair of the Welfare Committee, multitasks with "Moneyless Missions" collecting toiletries provided members' and friends' during hotel stays for do-



nation to women shelters; collecting eyeglasses and cases for the Lion's Club; collecting tab tops that Member Brenda Hale delivers to Ronald McDonald House; collecting used greeting cards for the daughter of Member Helene Martin to use in her public school art classes; and collecting magazines that Member Wanda Corbin delivers to the V.A. Medical Center in Salem. Spotlighted in their December newsletter is Mona King, pictured here with her husband Greg. Mona comes



from a long line of Railroaders. She retired in 2011 from NS and Greg, in 2012 from his job as Captain with the Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department. Prayers and get well wishes are extended to Linda Taylor's daughter, T.J., who is at the V.A. Medical Center for rehab and therapy. Sympathy is extended to Gloria Dowe on the loss of her brother, Elwood Williams. Get well wishes are extended to Muriel Bray who had a lumbar puncture procedure on October 30 and to Linda Waggoner who had cataract surgery for both eyes. Get well wishes are also sent to Joyce Mills' husband, Harold, who had a cancerous place removed from his right ear on November 9 and to Joyce's brother, Jimmy, who has had a partial leg removal and has been fitted with a catheter full time. Mike Prillaman, Pat's husband, seems to be doing fine following a defibrillator implant on September 2. Alzie Kesler, Joyce Higgs' sister, is home after a brief stay in a nursing home. Boochie Legans' mother's colostomy reversal has been postponed due to some severe complications. Joanne Perry had a squamous cell growth removed with no further treatment necessary, and Linda Barlow had foot surgery back in September. Dorcas Lofland has had

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## ROANOKE CHAPTER (Cont'd.)

eye problems and Linda French's mother, Nancy Gunn, had a procedure to remove a blockage from her right femoral artery on October 7. Get well wishes are extended to all of these members and their families.



L-R—Mary Ann Kight, Coletta Burski, Bernice Killian and Laura Halweg

## TOPEKA HEARTLAND CHAPTER

In December, members met at Café Holiday and brought blankets for donation to the Topeka Rescue Mission. The Chapter will not be meeting in January or February. Sympathy is extended to Jette Dorr on the passing of her husband, Jack, on October 1.

## TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

The Chapter's Board Meeting was held on October 17 at Yarusso's Restaurant in St. Paul, with 33 attending

In lieu of a 50/50 drawing, members donated cash, collecting \$200 for the Angel Foundation, an organization that assists families experiencing financial issues due to sickness. Karen Brennan's daughter, Melissa Molitor, was able to attend after having a lung removed recently due to cancer. Get well wishes are extended to Melissa as she recovers. Also, Daisy Parslow and her daughter were unable to attend the luncheon as Daisy had fallen and spent 4 days in the hospital. We wish her well as she recovers at home.



L-R—Patty Helling, Mary Ann Ronkainen and Norma Perna.

an "Elvis Party." Pat Cohen and husband Danny attended from Twin Ports Chapter. Mary Ann Ronkainen and Norma Perna brought Elvis memorabilia to display. Mary Ann also made up a beautiful gift basket and had 10 door prizes for raffle. Joan Schmit won the basket and Mary Ann Kight, the 50/50. Everyone had a good time. Their annual Christmas luncheon was on December 6 at Axel's Supper Club in Mendota Heights, hosted by Karen Brennan and Carole Dahlquist, who had ornaments and Hershey kisses for all and raffled off a 4' Santa Claus, won by Patty Helling.



## TWIN PORTS CHAPTER

The Chapter's October 8 meeting was held at Blackwoods, and hosted by Jean Breemeersch and Bobbie Thorsvik, who provided beautiful fall decorations. Rose Leslie won the 50/50. You probably remember reading a short account of Rose in last quarter's newsletter. Well, as Paul Harvey would say, "Here's the rest of the story." Members are very proud of Rose. She is a long-time member of their Chapter and a veteran of the Korean War. Rose joined the Army in 1949 at age 20, completed basic training at Ft. Lee, VA, and was deployed to Japan for 2 years and 2 months as a medic at the 155 Station in Yokohama. Before leaving Japan, she and another soldier climbed Mt. Fujiama. On June 6, 2015, Rose flew on an Honor Flight from Duluth, MN, to Washington, DC. She was the only woman out of 88 attending and had the honor of walking up to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. What a fascinating lady! Claire Downs advised that the Proctor



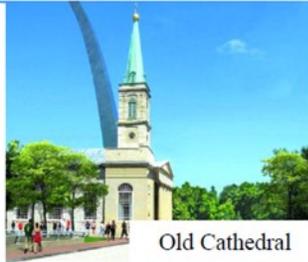
Historical Society held an Open House on November 14 to honor all veterans. Aine Merrill, after checking with the operator of the St. Louis River Excursion, advised that they had shut down for the winter and that reservations would not be taken until next April. Their November 12 meeting was at the Pickwick in Duluth and hosted by Marie Jordahl and Claire Downs. Cathy Beebe, who was a guest at October's meeting, will be joining the Chapter. Members sold See's Candy as a fundraiser this year. The Chapter thanks Barb Johnson and her son-in-law, Wayne Swor, for their help in unpacking the candy at Wayne's church. Their December 5 meeting was held at Grandma's, after which, some members attended the play "Mary Poppins" at the Duluth Playhouse, receiving \$10 off admission from the Chapter. At Marie Jordahl's request, members brought soup labels and box tops for education to the December meeting. Donations for the Salvation Army were also collected. The Chapter will not meet in January or February. Jean Breemeersch had a brief stay in the hospital back in September, Bunny Bohlmann is taking radiation treatments and Barb Johnson had surgery on her arm in October. Get well wishes are extended to these ladies and to Danny Cohen, husband of Past National President Pat Cohen. Betty Goman will undergo hip replacement surgery in January. Our prayers are with her for a fast recovery. It is with sadness that we report the passing of one of Twin Ports' members. Edna Ann Kibbe passed away October 17. Her obit read, in part: Edna Ann Kibbe passed away Saturday, October 17, 2015, 2 weeks before her 96th birthday. She was at home in Ely, MN, with her family near. She was born in Buffalo, NY where she grew up and attended school. She was elected class president and was also class valedictorian. She married Harold E. Kibbe I in 1944, moved to Ohio and lived there for 60 years. Harold passed away 5 years ago. She worked for over 30 years for the NY and PC railroads. She loved to travel and go to Railroad Business Women's conventions. She was always young at heart, so she would have liked the picture we chose of her. She is survived by her son Harold E. (JoAnne) Kibbe II of Ely, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren:



National Association of Railway Business Women  
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 Thursday, May 12, 2016



Gateway Arch



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Clydesdales



Anheuser Busch Brewery

Join us in Saint Louis for a tour of historic landmarks! For over 50 years, the **Gateway Arch** has welcomed visitors with its awe-inspiring shape; you will have the option to ride a tram to the top followed by an award-winning documentary on its construction. You will also have the option to tour the **Old Cathedral** and will marvel at one of the largest collections of mosaic art in the western hemisphere. Lunch will be held at a famous Italian restaurant on **The Hill**. Following lunch you will tour the historic **Anheuser Busch St. Louis Brewery** where you will see the history-rich architecture and cutting-edge brewing technology of one of the largest and oldest breweries in the nation plus the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales. Time permitting a brief stop will be made at Union Station on the return to the Sheraton.

**The price per person is \$85** which includes transportation, lunch, and admission fees.

**The bus will depart the Sheraton at 8:15 am.**

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NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to NARBW St. Louis and mail to address below by APRIL 1, 2016.**

Cheryl Horne  
 NARBW Pre-Convention Tour  
 4401 Gordon  
 St. Louis, Mo 63134

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

72nd Annual Convention in St Louis, MO May 13 - 14, 2016  
 Sheraton Westport Plaza (Tower) Hotel 900 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO (888) 627-7064  
 All registrations must be postmarked by April 15th. No refunds after May 6th.



**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](http://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  
 Member  
 Guest

### Emergency Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION TWO: Registration Fees and Meals

Please enter the dollar amount(s).

### Members:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250 by April 1st  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$265 after April 1st  
 Covers registration and four convention meals.

### Emeritus Council:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$170  
 Emeritus Council pays for  
 Membership Luncheon, Fun Night  
 and Banquet

### Non-Members (Guests):

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Convention Meals only (enter all that apply)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 President's Brunch  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 Fun Night  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Membership Lunch  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$70 Reception and Banquet

### Host Chapter Members:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$220

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ - **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.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Request Marketplace Table for \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in a roommate.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs/Requests \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions, please call Diane Huntington (636) 789-4203 or email [convention@narbw.org](mailto:convention@narbw.org)**

Mail your check and this completed form to:

**2016 NARBW Convention Registration**  
**Julie Lane**  
**129 Oakmont Drive**  
**Papillion, NE 68133**

Mail or email copy of form to Convention Chairman:

**NARBW National Convention Chairman**  
**Diane Huntington**  
**4411 Hickory Lane**  
**Hillsboro, MO 63050**

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

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY BUSINESS WOMEN

Please email Chapter Newsletter or Info to:

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# *National Association of Railway Business Women*

## National 50/50 Drawing

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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 St. Louis, MO on May 14, 2016. 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 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 Sylvia Long. Act now to begin building the Fund. The more often you enter, the greater the chance of winning!!!!

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

Sylvia Long, 1934 Montclair Drive, Roanoke, VA 24019