

Some Major Successes in Phase I

Our objective is for people to pull together to do quality work to protect freedom and use it wisely.

We are blessed to know and work with Rosies. We want to share these fascinating women and the work of many who honor Rosies with you. Rosies will be known for being important in bringing unity around positive change, especially since the “Coved 19” crisis that has forced people to recognize that we must work together to do excellent quality work.

By including women in highest-quality work to help win World War II, the world became aware that people can pull together to solve problems. In short, the human family cannot unite to solve our problems if women are excluded.

Our work is in three phases, past, present and future. Phase II is where we are now, and we count on people like you – leaders and followers, Americans and others – to do your part. The three phases are:

Phase I (2008 to 2019) was to find ways for people to work together, to gain partners who do quality work with Rosies, and to be able to honestly say we are ready for a social movement.

Phase II has started. It is to launch the American Rosie Movement based on the ways we have found to get people to work together.

Phase III will be to continue the process of applying the Rosie Legacy, to pull together to solve problems common to us all. It will continue far into the future, because people will always need to pull together to do quality work that allows us to use our freedom for the human family.

Phase I Accomplishments (2008 to 2019)

In addition to finding and interviewing approximately 150 since 2008, “Thanks!” has created projects where Rosies participate with others to teach what they have done and are still doing. Throughout the work, pulling together has been the theme. 2008. First interview of a Rosie, Garnet Koziolec, a Riveter in MI and CA.

2009. Ran first ad to interview Rosies with responded from 14 in 4 days. Produced pilot film of a Rosie, gained grant to produce documentary film, Rosies chose land for park; designed a quilt, and started the ABC Book. Hosted Belgians who were the first Allied Nation to thank Rosies on American soil.
2010. Secured land for first park designed by the Rosies, planted first dogwood tree, and interviewed 31 Rosies at their homes for documentary film. Hosted British who thanked Rosies at a historically black university, WVSU. Rosies started outlining many projects they wanted to do that can be repeated and improved on in many places. Obtained Memo of Understanding with Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Park, commissioned songs and attended Rosie the Riveter conference in Nashville.
2011. Premiered film, "We Pull Together: Rosie the Riveters Then and Now". Started many years of coordination with Brunswick, MD model citizen who organized many projects with Rosies (installed trail of bluebird nest boxes, planted dogwood trees, and included Rosie in series of Veterans Day Parades).
2012. Today Show (NBC) came and broadcast with 50 Rosies present. Opened park planned and designed by Rosies on Memorial Day. Continued working with Rosies to create projects that teach about Rosies with message of pulling together to do quality work for freedom.
2013. Named first government building Rosie the Riveter, and unveiled the first permanent display with Rosie help, held event where wing of Corsair Airplane signed by Rosies brought from SC to WV so Rosies could see it. Government approval to name two interstate bridges.
2014. Started presenting awards to Model Rosie the Riveter Collaborators. Met American Rosie the Riveter Association in San Diego. Planted dogwood trees in four states. Created document with photos of all projects done at that time.
2015. Hosted by Embassy of the Netherlands by the National Liberation Museum in the Netherlands with three Rosies a where dogwood tree was planted at the same moment that one was planted at the Netherlands Museum. Met the King and Queen of the Netherlands at Arlington Cemetery.
2016. First international Ring a Bell for Rosies in 50 locations, including the Liberty Bell and the Netherlands Carillon in Arlington next to the Iwo Jima Statue. Visited the Netherlands Embassy to see film of a paratrooper killed in the Netherlands.

2017. Revisited Netherlands with three Rosies so see their display. Rang bells with guests of the Belgian Embassy at the National Cathedral and in many other locations in the US and abroad. Anna Hess, a Rosie, was a speaker at the National Association of Manufacturing awards ceremony at the Reagan Center in Washington receiving standing ovations.
2018. Philadelphia Girls Choir performed “Thank You Rosie with Your Rivetin’ Smile” at Drake University. Bell ringing continued to be successful nationally and internationally, including the Church of the Presidents, Quincy, MA where the Adams are buried.
2019. Held an event on the US Capitol grounds with significant helpers (Department of Labor, Women’s Bureau, Embassies, National Association of Manufacturers, and Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

Phase II Accomplishments to Date

2020. Held three major events at Labor Day: 1) The Netherlands Embassy and “Thanks!: collaborated to hold a celebration that unveiled a plaque that was planted by the Dutch five years previously (see 2015), 2) “Thanks!” arranged for a Rosie to be the spokesperson to induct Rosies into the US Department of Labor Hall of Honor, 3) the fifth international bell ringing from Europe, across America, to New Zealand and Australia was held to awaken people to the meaning of Rosies and the little time left to find and work with them to show that we are ready to pull together.

Many projects are yet to be promoted or completed. For example, two books are well underway, one contributed to by 26 Rosies; we encourage the county to look for Rosies and to work with them to leave something that tells about their meaning.

Since our goal is to help different groups pull together, we ask you to help and to find others to work with that “Thanks!” and it’s collaborators may never have thought possible.

Remember the goal is to prove that we can pull together, and that requires agreeing on a common goal, seeing what to do, and learning how to do it.

“We can do it”, is not enough.
We’ve started,
And all of us
are rising up.

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