



Cabane Chatter

La Societe de Femme
OCTOBER 2011

NEWS FROM RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE

Another Rendezvous Nationale is behind us and we have our new Nationale Officers and Committee Chairman in place for 2011-2012. A big pat on the back to outgoing Presidente Pat Jones on an amazing job during her year as our leader and on conducting a terrific Rendezvous in Vancouver Washington.

Our newly elected Presidente is Sandy Wood from Virginia and we look forward to her leadership and visits to the Grande Cabanes throughout the country. Her bio is on the homepage of the website. Congratulations to all the new officers and committee chairman. The list of officers is online at www.fortyandeight.org under the *FEMMES TAB*.

LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE 2012 SANDY WOOD

Madam Presidente's message this year is S*T*A*R* *Strength Through Active Recruiting*. Her challenge is for all current members to invite at least one new member this year to strengthen our organization.

The Presidente's Program is Carville Star Museum. Donations to this project can be sent to Cabane Nationale marked "Carville Museum". Let's all make an effort to raise funds for this worthy project so that Presidente Sandy has a large check to present to Voiture Nationale when we get to next year's convention site, Ft. Mitchell, KY.

Trophy and Award Winners Announced Sharon Schulte Named Dame of the Year

A big round of applause to all Trophy and Award Winners. The winners list is posted on our website.

NEW THIS YEAR-Trophy and Awards Committee presented our first Dame of the Year award to Sharon Schulte of Michigan. The Dame of the Year Award was established at Rendezvous Nationale in 2010.

Sharon Schulte has handled the very difficult task of Credentials at Nationale for many years as well as serving her Locale and Grande in many offices. She is most knowledgeable about our organization, the Constitution and By-Laws and in determining voting strength and the election process. She is Grande Avocat in Michigan. Many Dames don't recognize her name nor are they aware of the many hours she works during Nationale. Sharon works for the love of the organization and not for the recognition, exactly the type of recipient that the award is meant to recognize, and Trophy and Awards is to be commended for an outstanding choice for our first Dame of the Year award. CONGRATULATIONS SHARON SCHULTE.

WAYS AND MEANS RAISES OVER \$7000.00

A huge thanks goes to Karen Brady (TX) and her crew on a very successful year for Ways and Means fundraising. With the support of all of you, the bracelet and quilt raffle as well as the silent auction and grab bags at Nationale generated over \$7000.00 for our operating account. Winners of the raffles were drawn at the Friday night banquet. John Rogers of Killeen Texas won the sapphire and diamond bracelet and that beautiful quilt, made by La Presidente Nationale Passé Eleanor Harris (IL) was won by Cheryl Boswell of Georgia.

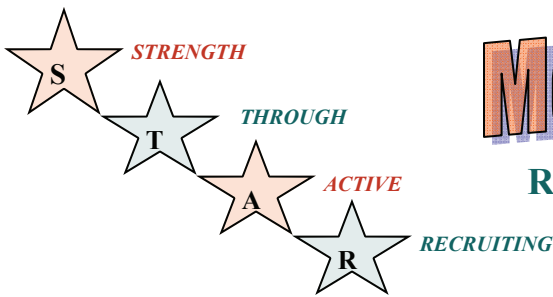
50/50 RAFFLE

NETS \$591.00 FOR THE LA FEMMES

La Presidente Nationale Passé Berta Henderson (OK) and the Oklahoma and Oregon dames took on the job of selling 50/50 tickets at Nationale this year. What an amazing job they did selling \$1182.00 worth of tickets. \$591.00 went to the winner, Trina Steil of Oklahoma. Thanks to all who bought tickets and congratulations to the winner. A big Merci to Berta Henderson and her 50/50 sales crew and we hope you'll volunteer for this job again at Rendezvous next year.

LA FEMMES EMBLEM SALES A HUGE SUCCESS

This year, your humble Correspondante Nationale took the La Femmes Merchandise to Nationale. The members were obviously delighted to have the opportunity to see and buy our items during convention. The new white gloves with the La Femmes logo on the cuff were a very hot item and have been added to our inventory, available permanently. See the NEW Merchandise order form on the website. We were only open a limited amount of time but still sold over \$1800.00 worth of items. We'll definitely continue this practice at future Nationales.



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RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE 2011 LAUGHTER AND TEARS

Despite the lower than normal turnout for Rendezvous Nationale this year, we did have a great time and lots of laughter and more than a few tears. Dames received a great ditty bag when they registered and it included a Member Handbook, a LaFemmes pen, the Program booklet, Promenade and Rendezvous pin and other goodies. The long name badges and Lanyards, donated by the Promenade Committee were really nice and allowed room on the back for our Convention week schedule. Large hand clappers were on sale for \$1.00 and many Dames took advantage of this “useful” item. Founders Club 2012 memberships were sold at registration and resulted in over 100 members already paid for 2012. The Memorial Service was especially emotional with the loss of so many of our members including three of our Les Presidentes Nationale, Ruth Wilkinson, Grace Wolynski and Sue Houttekier. Correspondante Nationale read each name and we all reflected on those we have lost. A new Memorial Drape for Presidente Nationale Passes was approved by Ritual and the Rendezvous membership will be presented to the family of deceased Past Nationale Presidentes. Following approval, the first Drape was presented to Michelle DeJonghe, daughter of Sue Houttekier and more tears were shared. We did lighten the mood during Rendezvous Sessions with several “antics” that kept us laughing. Correspondante Nationale brought several pairs of silly glasses that the Dames used at appropriate moments. Lots of laughs with those glasses. We also had several door prizes and Patti McCarthy (FL) had charge of the very loud bicycle horn to honk and announce “DOOR PRIZE”. It wasn’t long before everyone knew to yell “DOOR PRIZE” at the sound of the horn. Several of the Dames placed the Femmes logo sticker on their upper TUSH and mooned Presidente Jones, Of course they were quickly fined but the members in attendance had a good laugh. All Past Presidentes in attendance waited outside before the start of Friday afternoon session so they could be “properly introduced”. As they entered, the Correspondante played *Hail to the Chief* and had them line up in front of the podium as they were introduced. The music changed to *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun* and the Presidentes entertained us with their singing and dancing. Then the music changed again and, although the Correspondante Nationale got some stern looks from the Presidentes, they were all happy to sing the Correspondante’s musical selection of *The Old Gray Mare*. We completed our work and had a great time. Rendezvous Nationale is like the best ever family reunion. We hope all of you will consider attending next year in Ft Mitchell, Kentucky.

LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE 1981, ESTHER O’KANE SENDS HER THANKS TO ALL WHO CALLED AND SENT CARDS DURING HER RECENT ILLNESS



PENNIES FOR POW A HUGE SUCCESS

Our 2011 La Presidente Nationale Pat Jones’ Pennies for POW program was a huge success thanks to all the Dames who saved and sent their “pennies” to Cabane Nationale. Donations far exceeded Pat’s lofty goal of raising \$1000.00 for POW. Presidente Jones received a huge round of applause during her visit to Promenade Nationale when she presented a check to Voiture Nationale for \$2019.63. That is a lot of pennies Dames. Thank you all who made this project so successful. Now La Presidente Passé Jones will continue the Pennies for POW program this coming year as the newly appointed Chairman for the POW Program. So keep saving those Pennies.....collect them at every function, every registration desk, at your office and around your home..... and continue to mail your contributions to Cabane Nationale marked “Pennies for POW”. I bet we can have another amazing check to present to the Voyageurs at Convention in Ft. Mitchell 2012.



ATTENTION ALL CORRESPONDANTES LOCALE POLICY CHANGE

Membership reporting deadline has changed to June 30th of each year. In order to count towards your 2012 goals, your 2012 membership reports must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2012. Previously we accepted reports through July 31st to count towards your final membership totals but this date was in conflict with the end of our fiscal tax year. The Constitution calls for dues to be paid by October 20th of each year (Oct. 20, 2011 for 2012 dues etc.) and old membership cards become delinquent on March 31st. (2011 cards no longer valid after March 31, 2012). So the new June 30th deadline is still a long grace period after the March 31st delinquent date. Cards for the following year will still go on sale July 1st each year. If you have any questions, please call Terry Sampson at Cabane Nationale 317-639-1879 or email me at: femmes@fortyandeight.org.