



La Société de Femme

March 2023

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

Greeting Dames,

Checking membership as I write my article today, February 23rd our membership was 89.95%. I am very confident we can make our 100% goal. We just need to get those renewals in, contact those members on your roster who haven't yet renewed.

Maybe have snacks before Rendezvous and invite the Dames who haven't renewed. That maybe all it will take to get their renewal. We now have (57) Cabanes at 100%. We have (15) Cabanes with more than 100% membership.

Congratulations to all the Cabanes who have reached 100% or more. We still have (7) Cabanes with zero membership. If these (7) Cabanes could get their renewals in, we would be at 95% membership.

As all of you know our organization is shrinking for many reasons. Our members are getting older with many having health issues that hinder their participation. We need to be focused on new & younger members.

There is no magic way to recruit but if you are looking for suggestions the Nationale Website has several good booklets for ideas to recruit and information to help you recruit new members. If you will go to Resources where you will find New Member Strategies, The Cabane Guide, About Us and "If it is Necessary – It is Possible". If you have additional ideas that have worked for you, please share with others.

The beginning of February was a very busy for me. I started the month with my "Homecoming 2023". My theme was Mardi Gras with everyone wearing beads and masks. I would first like to express appreciation to all who volunteered.

An extra special Thank You to Cabane 304 and Cabane 215 for all the help & contributions of the food served in the hospitality suite. I also had assistance from Voyageur Gary LaFrance and Florida's Grand Chef Bin Williams serving beverages. I cannot thank Tom Orval enough for being the official photographer, he was very patient with me as I kept turning away just as he snapped the picture. I cannot forget Mary Orval and all her reminders of protocol and keeping me on the right track, nor my advisors Sandy Wood and Cheryl Jamnick answering questions and making sure I didn't forget anything.

My rock during this event from planning to execution was my husband Ron Garland. He kept me organized and focused on what needed to be done as well as helping with shopping, making sure I didn't forget anything and then getting everything to the hotel.

It was because of these Dames and Voyageurs the Homecoming was a success. I could not have done it without their help.

The Dames from Cabane 304 surprised me with a beautiful basket in my room at the homecoming complete with goodies and wine glasses with my name, title and year on them.

Robbie Garland's Homecoming Highlights



Sky Line-Jacksonville, Florida



La Presidente Nationale Robbie and husband Ron Garland



Frank Kronen and Robbie Garland



Presidente Nationale Passe - Gail Davis—Cheryl Jamnick—
Irene Puckett-Lester—Robbie Garland—Joyce Willis—
Janet Walsh and Sandy Wood



Cheryl Jamnick—Robbie Garland—
Cheryl Boswell and Mary Orval



Sandy Wood—Cindy Hickey—Mary Orval—
Cheryl Jamnick and Janet Walsh

The following weekend it was off to the Cajun Wreck complete with the excellent Louisiana hospitality. We were met at the airport by the Locale Chef Keith Miller who delivered us to the hotel.

As soon as we were checked in and delivered our bags to the room, we were off to Doc and Patricia LeFleur's home for an amazing dinner of Crawfish Etouffee and the best King Cake I have ever tasted.

On arrival back at the hotel, I found a beautiful bouquet of red tulips, a bowl of fruit and lots of chocolates provided by the Dames of 1351.

The next morning it was up early and into the van for the Carville trip. I knew some about Carville, but learned so much more. I could have spent at least half of a day more in the museum, there was so much to see and an overwhelming amount of information. An extra special Thank You to Nationale Carville Star Directeur, Tom Adams who gave Janet Walsh and I a personal tour with his personal insight into Carville and the work he and his wife have done at Carville. I will look forward to another visit in the future.

We stopped at Roberto's for a delicious lunch on the way back to the hotel. Thursday evening was dinner at Laundry's with a wide variety of Cajun Food on their buffet and a very entertaining couple who played and sang songs from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

Friday was a quick shopping trip and time in the Hospitality Suite with old friends and new friends, the early bird party with lots of Fried Chicken and sides.

The Dames of 1351 surprised me again with a basket of goodies including body spray, lotion, a super soft decorative pillow and other wonderful items.

The Kangaroo Kourt was lots of fun with all PG's found guilty and then put in the stocks. Chef Frank ended up in the stocks as did the judge Jesse Hixon, Ron Garland and several others. So much fun!! Saturday lunch was Jambalaya prepared by "Ray Boy".

I attended the Grande Louisiana Cheminot, with PNP's Cheryl Jamnick and Janet Walsh, Nationale La Sous Presidente Cheryl Boswell, Nationale Aumonier Cindy Hickey and other visiting Dames. There was a lot of discussion about membership challenges in addition to their regular agenda.

Saturday evening we were treated to another Cajun meal with a Meatball Stew, and sides. A very unusual dish but very tasty.

An extra special Thank You goes out to Dame Kiersten Arnaud, Cabane 1531 Dame, who was up bright and early Sunday morning to have us at the airport at 5:00 am.

Cajun Wreck Highlights



Robbie Garland- Tom Adams, Carville Star Directeur-
Frank Kronen



Oklahoma Dames
Anna Baker C-616 and Judy Peltzer C-1540



Robbie Garland and Patricia LaFleur C-1351

Dames please start considering getting your letters of intent in for Nationale Offices, and if you are interested in an appointed position please let Mary Orval know. This is very helpful for the incoming La Presidente when trying to fill these positions. I have been told there has been some Dames who were not happy with appointments in past years because they or someone from their state were not considered. The only way the incoming La Presidente can know if someone is interested is for them to let Mary or her know. So PLEASE get your name in if you want to be considered for an appointment.

Our year end is fast approaching and it is only a few short months before reports will be due. Get credit for the work you do and the funds you donate by getting it all on the reports. This helps your Cabane and Nationale keep our not for profit status.

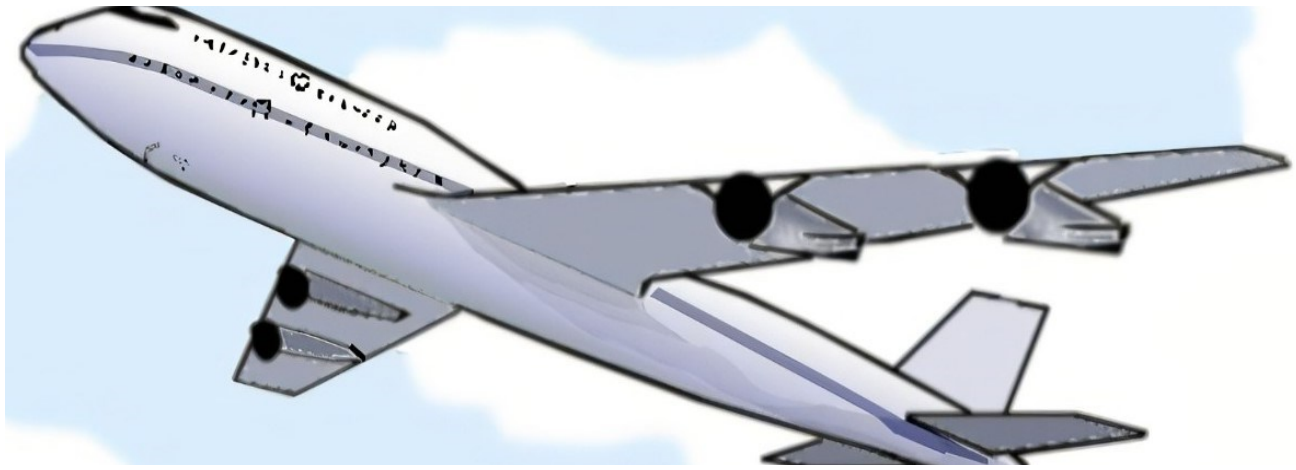
Don't forget all our programs Nationale is collecting funds to support. You still have several months to get your donations in for these programs.

And remember my program is Child Welfare and I would like to get \$3,000 collected this year.

For the Good of La Societe de Femme,

Robbie Garland

La Presidente Nationale 2022-23



La Presidente Nationale Travel Events

Chef de Chemin de Fer Homecoming	March 24-26, 2023	Independence, OH
Hillbilly Wreck	March 30-31, & April 1, 2023	Cleveland, TN
Great Western	April 13-16, 2023	Rapid City, SD
Southland Dixie	April 20-22, 2023	Alexandria, LA
Gator Wreck	May 18-21, 2023	Goose Creek, SC
Memorial Day	May 27-29, 2023	Lorton, VA
Great Lakes	June 1-4, 2023	Okemos, MI
Grande Oregon	July 21-23, 2023	Lebanon, OR
Grande Michigan	August 11-12, 2023	Okemos, MI



Let's fill up this area with invitations for travel.
 La Presidente Nationale Robbie Garland motto is:
Recruit, Educate and Mentor

Letters of Intent for Nationale Elected Officers

2023-2024

As amended at Rendezvous Nationale 2021. Each Grande or State can have:

Two (2) resolutions of endorsement as long as they are for two (2) different offices. You do not have to have a Grande to run for a Nationale office. A Cabane Locale can submit a Resolution of Endorsement where no Grande exists.

Rendezvous Nationale is fast approaching and we need you to consider running for one of the elected Nationale Officers positions. We will need to elect:

La Presidente Nationale	Lori Bolley-Majeske MI-946
Les Sous Presidente Nationale	2
Aumonier Nationale	1
Commissaire Intendante Nationale	Cheryl Jamnick MI-997
Les Drapeaux Nationale	2
Les Garde de La Portes Nationale	2

If you are interested or considering running for a Nationale Office, please do the following:

- Send a letter of intent to the Cabane Nationale Satellite Office.
- Signed Resolution of Endorsement by your Locale or Grande.
- Send as soon as your Grande is over.
- Must be received before the deadline date: **August 18, 2023**
- Email to: femmes@fortyandeight.org
- Mail to: Cabane Nationale Satellite Office, 312 Hillside Circle, Johnson Creek, WI 53038 Phone number: (920) 253-1945
- For Dames requesting an appointment or re-appointment for a Nationale Committee, please email Cabane Nationale with your requests. All requests will be forward to the candidate for La Presidente Nationale.

Ways & Mean Cabane Nationale Committee



DOLLARS FOR DAMES PRIZE DRAWING

1st Prize \$250 Visa Gift Card

2nd Prize \$100 Visa Gift Card

3rd Prize \$50 Visa Gift Card

Tickets \$5.00 each

Local Correspondante's should have received their Cabane's 2023 Ways & Mean raffle tickets. **If not**, please let Carrie Haynes know at carrie.haynes@gmail.com or 517-206-1653. Just a few reminders below:

- **Each Cabane is also eligible to win a Prize** based on a percentage. **Please** make sure your **Cabane's Locale Number is on each ticket you've sold.**
- **Checks** should be payable to **Cabane Nationale.**
- **Tickets stub(s) with checks** should be mailed to:
Cheryl Jamnick 7835 Munger Road Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- **If you have questions or would like tickets contact**
Carrie Haynes at carrie.haynes@gmail.com or 517-206-1653.

Sold ticket stubs by Cabanes we've received as of 2/20/23.

Grande	Cabane	Membership 1/19/23	Cabane's Initial Tickets	Additional Tickets	Returned Tickets - \$	Current Percentage
Wisconsin	1372	7	4	0	4 - \$20	2.857
Georgia	1317	9	5	0	5 - \$25	2.778
Pennsylvania	929	13	7	0	7 - \$35	2.692
Illinois	344	26	14	0	11 - \$55	2.115
New York	713	13	7	0	5 - \$25	1.923

Don't forget you can order additional tickets to increase your percentage!

Thank you, Cabanes for your sales.

Drawing will be held at **Nationale** on Friday, September 16, 2023. You need not be present to win. Tickets will be mailed each **Local Correspondante** in the first week of February, 2023.

The Committee is **rewarding Cabanes** who buy and/or sell the **greatest number** of tickets **based** on their **Membership** of January 19, 2023, divided into **Total Dollars received before the drawing** for percentage ____%.

1st Prize \$35

2nd Prize \$25

3rd Prize \$15

We will **report** the Cabanes **sold tickets we've receive** in the **Chatter.**

The **winning Cabanes** will be announced **prior to the drawing.**

We appreciate all your hard work and effort; and so, will your Cabane!

Good Luck to all.

We're shifting into 2nd gear for years funding raising by clearing out our remaining 2022 merchandize.



Cabane Nationale Ways & Means Mail Order

Submitted by	Date	
Phone	Grande	Cabane
Email		
Address		
City/State/Zip		

Description	Color	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Le Femmes Glitter Rain Tote	Purple		\$20.00	
Le Femmes Glitter Rain Tote	Gold		\$20.00	
Le Femmes Cabane Nationale	Gold/Black		\$20.00	
Le Femmes Cabane Nationale Tote	Natural		\$10.00	
Grande Cabane Flag Tote	Natural		\$10.00	
To help the shipping cost	Shipping Fee		\$3.00	

PAYABLE TO CABANE NATIONALE CHECK# _____ Total

Your Cabane Nationale Ways & Mean Order Receipt

Order Item(s): _____

Please send your ORDER TO: Carrie Haynes, P.O. 115. Leslie, MI 49251.

When you RECEIVE YOUR SHIPMENT from Carrie, send your payment as noted below.

Make check payable to CABANE NATIONALE and use the enclosed self-addressed envelope and/or MAIL payment check directly to: Cheryl Jamnick, 7835 Munger Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Date Sent: _____



15" W x 16" L La Femmes	15" W x 16" L La Femmes	15" W x 16" L La Femmes Cabane Nationale	16" W x 17" L La Femmes Cabane Nationale	16" W x 17" L Grande Cabane
Was \$25 Now \$20	Was \$25 Now \$20	Was \$25 Now \$20	Was \$15 Now \$10	Was \$15 Now \$10

Marilyn Mikels – Designer Bag Bingo

On January 15, 2023, Voiture 364 (Lafayette, In) held a Designer Bag Bingo. At beginning of the Bag Bingo, Chef Mike Lucas, Dames Marilyn Mikels and Shellie Dexter (Coordinators) were able to award two (2) organizations, each with a check for \$5,000 from the proceeds received from the bingo event.

The first was **The Honor Flight**, which flies veterans from Purdue Airport to Washington DC for a day trip to visit several different Monuments, such as the Vietnam Wall, WWI for example. The flight, meals and transportation are covered for the Veterans and a companion to accompany them for \$500. The Honor Flight also organizes the community to show up at the airport in order to give the Veterans a true Hero's welcome home. Especially the Vietnam Veterans. It is a very heart-warming sight to see.

The second was **The Blue Star Moms** which is an organization that offers support to families that have family members (Child, husband etc.) who are currently serving overseas in the military. Their goal is to support the whole family, because it's not just the loved ones who are serving that's effected, it's the entire family. The Blue Moms will use the money for care packages that they ship to those serving and also to assist the families with their needs.



Left to right: Marilyn Mikels, Chef de Gare Mike Lucas, Blue Star Mom Shelly, Honor Flight Barb and Shellie Dexter

Dames from Michigan visited that day to learn about Voiture 364 legendry Designer Bag Bingo. The Voiture conducts two bingos a year so they can donate monies to organizations that perform wonderful work and need a little help. The outpour of support from the community is amazing.



Back row: C364 Marilyn Mikels, V364 Chef de Gare Mike Lucas, C364 Shellie Dexter

Seated: C364 La Presidente Nina Lockard, Nationale Garde de La Porte Lori Bolley, Grande de Indiana Presidente Melisa Wooten



Full House



V364 Members Jeff Martin and Mark Farrell helping out by modeling the Designer Bags

Correspondante's Satellite Office

Phone number: (920) 253-1945

femmes@fortyandeight.org

- **Nationale 2023 membership renewal dues is now due!!**
- Please everyone send in your membership renewal dues for your Locale Cabane as soon as possible.
- It is the time of year to send your Letters of Intent and your Endorsement of Resolution for the elected Officers. Please mail or email Letters of Intent and Endorsement of Resolution to Cabane Nationale. See the list for elected Officers.

Important Information—Please read and mark your calendar dates:

- If you wish to have a copies of the Grande and Locale Registration forms for Rendezvous Nationale mailed or email to you, please let Cabane Nationale know by phone, mail or email.
- You can print your Grande and Locale Registration forms by going to the La Femmes website under Print forms or print them from the Chatter that has been emailed to you.
- Deadline date for submitting Grande and Locale Registration forms for Rendezvous Nationale is: **August 11, 2023.**
- Deadline date for submitting your program reports to Marilyn Rowley is: **August 15, 2023.** Please note: Marilyn Rowley has moved to: P O Box 221, Albia, IA 52531
- At Rendezvous Nationale all Grande and Locales should bring five (5) gifts for the La Presidente Nationale Luncheon on September 14, 2023 at 11:30 AM. This will help defray the cost for the sponsoring Cabane hosting Nationale.
- Dames Memorial Service, please bring your whites to wear at Rendezvous Nationale Memorial Service on September 14, 2023 at 1:30 PM. We will need help Dames, as readers and representing each State for our Memorial Service.
- Ways and Means Raffle Tickets Letter and Mail Order Form is now on our website under News & Notes. It has been placed in this Chatter. Get ahead start on your orders for your Ways and Means totes. Great ideas for gifts for friends and family members.
- Grande Rendezvous Nationale in Sandusky, Ohio –Registration deadline: **August 1, 2023.** You will need to book your own hotel reservations (see Registration Form) or our 40 & 8 website under **Promenade Nationale** for link <https://book.passkey.com/e/503727769>

Heads up, we are going cashless!

Starting February 22, 2023, Kalahari Resorts & Conventions - Sandusky is transitioning to entirely cashless payment systems throughout our resort in order to provide a smoother and safer transaction for our guests and associates. This transition affects all waterpark food and beverage outlets, front desk, Sortino's Italian Kitchen, B-Lux Grill & Bar, Big Game Room Arcade, Spa Kalahari, and all other points of sale throughout the resort.

All Kalahari-operated retail outlets at the resort (Safari Clothing Co., Indigo Swimwear, Zakanaka Children's Store) also are now cashless.

We will accept credit and mobile payments (Apple/Google Pay), as well as room charges through your RFID wristband. Should you arrive on property with only cash, we do offer **free cash-to-card conversion kiosks**, which issue payment cards that can be used at Kalahari Resorts, as well as other retailers, restaurants, and businesses outside the resort where Mastercard is accepted. Conversion kiosks are located in the main lobby and Big Game Room Arcade.

Rendezvous Nationale Registration 2023

Locale - Delegates, Alternate and Officer Report Form

This **LOCALE** form must be completed and mailed or emailed to: Cabane Nationale immediately following your Grande Rendezvous. **(Send the form even if you are not reporting Delegates to Nationale Please read the instructions on the back carefully!**

Grande de _____

Cabane Number _____

Locale Presidente 2023 _____

Locale Correspondante 2023 _____

Final membership Total as of June 30, 2023 _____ Members

Credential Form

Please list the names of the duly elected Delegates and Alternates that will be represent your Locale at Rendezvous Nationale as required by the Official Call. If you have a Grande, it is recommended that you take this completed form to your Grande Rendezvous to coordinate with your Grande's Credentials Form. *A Dame cannot be BOTH a Locale and a Grande Delegate/Alternate.*

Delegates		Cabane Number	Alternates		Cabane Number
1.			1.		
2.			2.		
3.			3.		
4.			4.		
5.			5.		
6.			6.		
7.			7.		
8.			8.		
9.			9.		
10.			10.		

2024 Locale Officers

2024 Locale Presidente _____

2024 Locale Correspondante _____

Address _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Mail to: Cabane Nationale
312 Hillside Circle
Johnson Creek, WI 53038

Delegates and Alternates are your voice at Rendezvous Nationale. They will cast the votes that your Locale and Grande are entitled to. All Delegates and Alternates must be registered for Rendezvous Nationale. A Dame CANNOT be both a Locale and a Grande Delegate or Alternate. Here is some information to help you in selecting Grande and Locale representatives.

GRANDE

Each Grande is entitled to ten (10) Delegates and ten (10) Alternates.

The Grande must have at least five (5) Dames registered for Rendezvous Nationale to use their ten (10) votes.

At least one Grande Delegate or Alternate must be on the Rendezvous Nationale floor to cast the Grande's votes.

LOCALE

Locale's voting strength is based on your Cabane membership as of June 30, current year. You must have at least half of your eligible delegation registered for Rendezvous Nationale. For example: If you are entitled to two (2) votes (2 delegates and 2 alternates) you would need one (1) registered for Rendezvous Nationale in order to use your two votes. If you have three (3) votes, two dames would have to be registered for you to use your three votes.

LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE PASSE

A La Presidente Nationale Passé is entitled to cast one vote as a Delegate at Large (DAL). If the La Presidente Nationale Passé is listed as either a Locale or Grande Delegate, she will not be able to cast her DAL vote. You are encouraged to use the Delegate status of your La Presidente Nationale Passé to maximize the Locale or Grande voting strength.

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63-87 Members =	4 Delegates and 4 Alternates
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113-137 Members =	6 Delegates and 6 Alternates
138-162 Members =	7 Delegates and 7 Alternates
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Appointed Nationale Officers and Committee Chairman

The following appointments will be made by the newly elected La Presidente Nationale at the Saturday Cheminot, following installation of officers. If you would like to recommend a Dame for one of these appointments, please attach a separate sheet of paper with the Dame's name, Cabane # and Grande/State and a brief paragraph explaining which position you're recommending her for and why you believe she would be a good choice. Chairman of committees with scheduled meetings should be expected to attend Rendezvous Nationale to conduct their committee meetings.

La Conducteur Nationale	La Avocat and Sous Avocat	Credentials
La Sous Credentials	La Sous Drapeau	La Sous Garde de la Porte
Advisory Board Dame at Large	Les Aide de Femme	Constitution and By-Laws Committee
Finance Committee	La Nurse and La Sous Nurse	Nominating Committee
La Photographer	La Garde de la Microphone	Scrapbook Chairman
Boxcar Assoc. Liaison	VAVS Liaison	Aid to Voiture Chairman
Americanism Chairman	Carville Star Chairman	Child Welfare Chairman
Nurses' Training Chairman	POW/MIA Chairman	Resolutions Chairman
Rules and Order Chairman	Youth Sports Chairman	Trophy & Awards Chairman
Trophy & Awards Co-Chairman	Ways and Means Chairman	Ways and Means Co-Chairman

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Grande de _____

La Grande Presidente 2023

La Grande Correspondante 2023

Credential Form

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10.			10.		

Delegate Chairman	Cabane Number	Delegate Secretary	Cabane Number
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2024 Grande Officers

2024 La Grande Presidente

2024 La Grande Correspondante

Address

Address

Phone

Email

Phone

Email

2024 La Cheminot

Cabane

2024 Alternate Cheminot

Cabane

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