

Greeting Dames,

Checking membership as April 20th our membership was 100.78%. Congratulations to all the Cabanes who have reached 100% or more. We still have a few Cabanes that are not at 100% so hopefully these few will reach the 100% and we might actually reach or exceed last year's 107.8%.

Our La Sous Presidentes have worked hard and have done an outstanding job this year. Please don't forget Membership is everyone's job, we need to continue to recruit new members and see if we can get the few that have not renewed their membership this year to get their dues paid.

March 31st through April 1st, I attended the Hillbilly Wreck in Cleveland, Tennessee. This was my first trip to the Hillbilly Wreck, and I am certain it will not be the last. We had so much fun at the post visiting with old friends and making new friends. They had an outstanding turkey dinner at the banquet and then an absolutely awesome band at the post.

The next trip was to the Great Western Promenade in Rapid City, South Dakota April 13th through April 15th. What an amazing trip this was. Thursday evening the Hospitality Room had Buffalo Chili and Beans that was delicious.

On Friday we boarded a bus and were off to see Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial and visit the Prairie Berry Winery.

If you have not had an opportunity to visit Mount Rushmore you should think about putting it on your bucket list. There is so much information about how the mountain was sculpted into the four president's faces. We were there for a couple of hours and that wasn't enough time to do the visit justice. I think the most amazing fact was there were no causalities during the entire time this project was being built.

The next stop on the trip was the Crazy Horse Memorial. Once again there was so much information that we were not able to read and see everything. This Memorial has been ongoing for almost 80 years and is still being worked by the family of the man who started carving the memorial. In addition to the carving there is an Indian Museum with paintings and artifacts as well as a school for Native Americans. I would like to go back to both of these memorials and spend more time at each one to be able to see everything.

The last stop on this tour was the Prairie Berry Winery. I think everyone on the tour participated in the wine tasting and several people purchased some of the wine.

On Saturday several of the Dames helped with decorating the room for the Banquet, what fun that was. A perfect example many hands make work light. After assisting with the decorating several of us took a trip to Deadwood. Thanks to Chef de Chemin de Fer 2022, William "Bill" Simpson for driving us. We had a great time sightseeing and shopping while it was snowing on us walking from store to store. We ended up at Mustang Sally's restaurant for a light lunch and then headed back to Rapid City.

That evening was the banquet. We were served a delicious meal and part of the program after the meal was awarding three Nurses Training Scholarships. I must say the Voyageurs and Dames at The Great Western know how to have a grand time. This was one of the most fun Banquets I have every attended.

The following weekend, April 20th through April 22nd, I was off to the Southland's Dixie Promenade, in Alexandra, Louisiana. I was greeted at the airport by Louisiana's Past Grand Chef, Charlie Craddock and escorted to my ride which was a White Stretch Limo to the hotel. What a greeting!

That evening at the Early Bird dinner, we were treated to Ray Boy's famous Seafood Gumbo and Chicken & Sausage Gumbo. There was entertainment playing great songs that we all remember for our younger years.

On Friday we were again treated to more of Ray Boy's cooking. Sausage & Chicken Jambalaya, white beans & ham. On Saturday there was a meet and greet for Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Kronen and myself. The weekend was filled with lots of time to visit with friends and make new friends.

The banquet on Saturday was so much fun, there was a band playing all our old favorites songs and the band members encouraged the audience to participate. At one point we had several members of the audience up playing various instruments.

We are quickly approaching our year end which means year end reports and getting in letter of intent for Nationale offices. We still have several officer positions with no letter of intent, so please consider running for an office. Please let Mary know if you are interested in an appointed position.

This is the best way to let the incoming Nationale Presidente know you would like to serve La Société de Femme and help the new Madam La Presidente make her year successful.

Let us not forget all our programs (Americanism, Box Car, Carville Star, Child Welfare (Presidente's project), Pennies for POW/MIA, Nickels for Nurses, Youth Sports, Founders Club) Nationale is collecting funds to support.

All our programs need donations. The time is growing short to get your donations in for these programs.

For the Good of La Société de Femme,

Robbie Garland

La Presidente Nationale 2022-23

Great Lakes Western-Rapid City, South Dakota



L to R—Cindy Hickey-NC, Mary Orval-WI, Tink Slegers-WA, Cassie Beaudion-WI, Gena Keller-SD, Cheryl Jamnick-MI, Dell Simpson-SC, Marilyn Rowley-SD, Janet Walsh-GA, Brenda Evers-OR, Robbie Garland-Presidente Nationale and Judy Pfalzgraf-WI.







Cheryl Jamnick-2019-2021 Robbie Garland –Presidente Nationale 2023 Marilyn Rowley—2005 Janet Walsh—2022



Southland Dixie—Alexandria, Louisiana



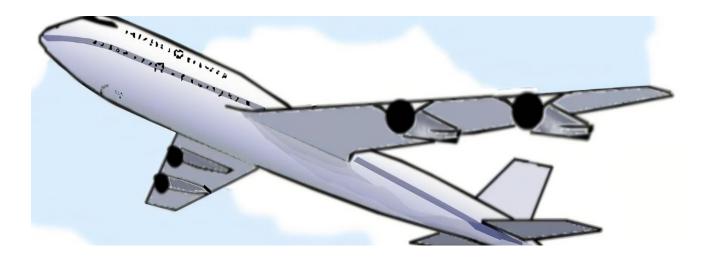
Frank Kronen, Chef de Chemin de Fer, Robbie Garland, Nationale Presidente, Deb Reynolds, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer and Terry Chatfield, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer



Kathy Ahner—Presidente Nationale Passe 2014 and Bob Bradley—Sous Directeur Ritual



Robbie Garland –Presidente Nationale and Trudy Smith –North Carolina 915 Locale Presidente



La Presidente Nationale Travel Events

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
Rendezvous Nationale	September 10 –16, 2023	Sandusky, OH



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



Memoríal Tríbute

Audrey O'Keefe Presídente Natíonale Passe 2004

December 26, 1936 — Apríl 20, 2023



Mrs. Audrey Carol Specht O'Keefe, 91 entered into her eternal rest on April 20, 2023

in the comfort of her home in National Hills Neighborhood Augusta, Georgia where her neighbors grew to be like family to her.

Audrey lived her life to the complete fullest and accomplished many achievements in her lifetime, some of which include earning her Bachelor of Science in Elementary education at the State University of New York Teachers College at Cortland on June 14, 1953; a Master of Arts degree from New Mexico State University on June 2, 1962; and a Specialist in Education Degree from West Georgia College on August 13, 1978.

Audrey was born and raised in Yonkers, New York. She was a woman with great spunk and full of personality. She had a love for all animals, also a love for her freedom and country. Traveling the world was something she enjoyed doing every chance she got and obtained her pilot's license.

Mrs. Audrey enjoyed being the life of the party and joined quite a few associations over time making dear friends. She was a member of the Augusta Women's Bowling Association and was inducted into the AWBA Hall of Fame on May 24, 1997; member of the American Legion Post 205; an active member of the La Société de Femmes where she held the title of Nationale Presidente in 2004 also holding many other officers position prior; and a member of The Eastern Star Chapter 227 in Bronx, New York.

Along with traveling, Audrey prided education. She was a school teacher for 50 years where she nurtured and made an impact on the lives of thousands of children before she retired from C.T. Walker Traditional Magnet School in 2003.

She married the love of her life, Jacques O'Keefe, on December 28,1957 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Yonkers, New York. They remained together until his passing on December 26,1990.

Although the two never had any children of their own, they leave behind their loving godson Michael Lanum, his wife Debi, and their son Casey (Giovanna). Mrs. Audrey is preceded in death by her late husband, Jacques, her parents John and Adele Specht, her in laws John and Maxine O'Keefe, her grandparents, Uncle Gustav Egloff (famous American chemist), Aunt Clara Mellor, and her beloved dog Jon Pierre. Along with her Godchildren, she leaves behind her dear friend and caregiver Christie Williams (Richard) who has loved and cared for Audrey for many years along with three other loving caregivers: Britney Jacobs (Bobby), Debi Jacobs (Nick), and Ashley Warthen. At the end of her life, Mrs. Audrey was provided with phenomenal care from Promedica and her Hospice nurse, Tina Matteo.

Funeral services for Mrs. Audrey will be held at Elliott Sons Funeral Home, 4255 Columbia Road, Martinez, Georgia. Visitation will be held from 3:00 until 4:00pm, Tuesday, April 25 at the funeral home. A funeral will be held at 4:00 pm, following the visitation in the funeral home chapel. Friends invited. Interment will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.



Memoríal Day 2004

Totals for Our Programs September 1, 2022 to August 15, 2023

Program	Goal	Year to Date
Americanism	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 50.00
Box Car	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
Carville Star	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 662.15
Child Welfare-Presidente's Project	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,367.00
Nickels for Nurses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,232.10
Pennies for POW-MIA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,870.38
Youth Sports	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 604.00
Founders Club	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 790.64

Founders Club Donations

La Société de Femme was formed on September 19, 1963 by founders Edith Schwindler, Edna Kirkpatrick, Grace Bunch and Helen Joliff. The Founders Club was started to honor those founders of La Société de Femme. *The dues and donations received from the Founders Club will be used for website, internet, email, and IT services to repair, upgrade, and replace equipment used at our Nationale Headquarters. Donation of* **\$ 5.00 for each** Voiture or Dame.

First and Last Name	Cabane Number or Voiture Number

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 MI-946
Les Sous Presidente Nationale	2
Aumonier Nationale	1
Commissaire Intendante Nationale	Cheryl Jamnick MI-997
Les Drapeaux Nationale	Marcy Leffert IN 364 Need (1)
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: <u>femmes@fortyandeight.org</u>
- 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 Tickets \$5 PRIZE DRAWING \$250 Visa Gift Card 1st Prize

2nd Prize \$100 Visa Gift Card 3rd Prize \$50 Visa Gift Card

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

- 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 made out to Cabane Nationale and Tickets stub(s) with checks should be mailed to: Cheryl Jamnick 7835 Munger Rd Ypsilanti, MI 48197

If you have questions or would like tickets contact: Carrie Haynes at carrie.haynes@ymail.com or 517-206-1653. •

Sold ticket stubs by Cabanes we've received as of 4/25/23.

Those in blue	Place	State	Cabane Number	Membership 1/19/23	Ticket Count	\$	%
	1	Illinois	1348	1/19/23	2	\$ \$10	⁷⁰ 10
are new.	2	Louisiana	224	8	5	\$10 \$30	3.75
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	3	Georgia	567	6	4	\$20	3.333
	4	Alaska	1539	10	6	\$30	3
	5	Florida	304	21	11	\$55	2.919
	6	Georgia	280	12	7	\$35	2.917
	7	Wisconsin	1372	7	4	\$20	2.857
	8	Florida	290	9	5	\$25	2.778
		Georgia	1317	9	5	\$25	2.778
	9	Georgia	909	11	6	\$30	2.727
		New York	111	11	6	\$30	2.727
		North Carolina	915	11	6	\$30	2.727
		Oklahoma	1540	22	12	\$60	2.727
	10	Pennsylvania	929	13	7	\$35	2.692
	11	Minnesota	1281	15	8	\$40	2.667
	12	Michigan	1536	21	11	\$55	2.619
	13	Oregon	153	29	15	\$75	2.586
	14	Missouri	333	24	12	\$60	2.5
		Oklahoma	616	10	6	\$25	2.5
	15	North Carolina	982	21	10	\$50	2.38
	16	Illinois	344	26	14	\$55	2.115
	17	New York	713	13	7	\$25	1.923
	18	Indiana	510	21	11	\$25	1.19
	19	Michigan	997	38	20	\$10	0.263
	NA	Texas	605	11	6		Ordered 75

Drawing will be held at Nationale on Friday, September 16, 2023. You need not be present to win. 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 continue to 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. So will your Cabane! Good Luck to all.



Cabane Nationale Ways & Means Mail Order

Submitted by		Date	
Phone		Grande	Cabane
Email			
Address	City		ST Zip

*2022 Limited Please call Carrie to check inventory before ordering 517-206-1653.

Description	Emblem Circle One	Color	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
10" Beret Bag - Oxford cloth material with handles & comes one of the embordered La Femmes Emblem	1	Black		\$20	
12" Beret Case - Oxford Waterproof material with reinforced handles & comes one of the embordered La Femmes Emblem	1	Black		\$25	
Luggage Tag with Name, Cabane & Grande Comes in Black, Sliver, Pink, Blue & Green	Color			\$5	
*Le Femmes Glitter Rain Tote Purple or Gold				\$20.00	
*Le Femmes Cabane Nationale		Gold Black		\$20.00	
*Le Femmes Cabane Nationale Tote		Natural		\$10.00	
To help the shipping cost			Shipping	\$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. Phone: 517-206-1653 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	#: Ai	mount: \$	Date Sent:		
		La Femmes	La Tenmes		Juffururs Extension
10" Beret Bag	12" Beret Case	15" W x 16" L La Femmes	15" W x 16" L La Femmes	15" W x 16" L Cabane Nationale	16" W x 17" L Cabane Nationale
\$20	\$25	Was \$25 Now \$20	Was \$25 Now \$20	Was \$25 Now \$20	Was \$15 Now \$10

Ways and Means Highlights

Central States Promenade 2023



Lori Bolley, La Garde de La Porte Cabane Nationale with Alison Thompson-Hall current Cabane Nationale Ways & Means Dollars for Dames Raffle top seller.

At **Central States Promenade 2023** in Kansas she sold her 51st ticket and ordered 30 more.

Alison is a dual member of Voiture 605 and Cabane 605 Texas, who also serves as both Voiture Local Correspondant and Cabane Locale Correspondante.

Correspondante's Satellite Office

Phone number: (920) 253-1945 femmes@fortyandeight.org

- Nationale 2023 membership renewal dues is almost over end date: June 30, 2023.
- Nationale 2024 membership renewals dues is start as of July 1, 2023.
- Please everyone, if you still need to send in 2023 renewal membership dues, please send 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 these important dates:

Registration for Sandusky, Ohio 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 <u>https://book.passkey.com/e/503727769</u>

Grande and Locale Registration Forms	August 11, 2023
Trophy and Awards Report Forms	August 15, 2023
Bring to Rendezvous Nationale -Sandusky, Ohio	
Bring five (5) gifts for Dame's Luncheon	September 14, 2023
Bring and wear Whites for Memorial Service	September 14, 2023

 Ways and Means Raffle Ticket Sales Standings and Mail Order Form is now on our website under News & Notes. Get those tickets mailed in to win an awesome prize. Get ahead start on your orders for your Ways and Means totes. Surprise for you: two (2) NEW items for sale Beret Handbags!!! Great ideas for gifts for friends and family members.

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 <u>Please read the</u> <u>instructions on the back carefully!</u>

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. <u>If you have a Grande</u>, 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.	
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2024 Locale Officers

2024 Locale Presidente

2024 Locale Correspondante

Address

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Phone

Email

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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

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LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE PASSE

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38-62	Members =	3 Delegates and 3 Alternates
63-87	Members =	4 Delegates and 4 Alternates
88-112	Members =	5 Delegates and 5 Alternates
113-13	7 Members =	6 Delegates and 6 Alternates
138-16	2 Members =	7 Delegates and 7 Alternates
163-18 ⁻	7 Members =	8 Delegates and 8 Alternates

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 <u>separate sheet of paper</u> 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
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Rules and Order Chairman	Youth Sports Chairman	Trophy & Awards Chairman
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2024 Grande Officers

2024 La Grande Presidente

2024 La Grande Correspondante

AddressAddressPhoneEmailPhoneEmail2024 La CheminotCabaneMail to:
312 Hillside Circle
Johnson Creek, WI 53038
Deadline: August 11, 20232024 Alternate CheminotCabane

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