



La Société de Femme

January 2024

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

Cabane Chatter

Happy New Year Dames,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and your new year is off to a fabulous start! As of December 28th we are at 71.34% and your 2023 dues cards have expired as of December 31st 2023. Please get your renewals in, so we can meet our 100% membership.

December sprinted by I had the opportunity to attend Cabane 1536 annual Christmas party which collects items for the Holiday depot. It was a festive afternoon with the Dames of 1536, nice to see a couple new faces and have the opportunity to visit new made friends and catch up with friends I have not seen in a couple of months. Thank you to Suz Burger who took the trip with me which made the drive so much more enjoyable.

December 9th. I attended Cabane 946 annual champagne breakfast, where I believe a good time was had by all who attended. I enjoyed getting to chat with Cheryl and Joe Jamnick, Carrie and Lonnie Haynes along with Lori and Jim Coe and so many more. This breakfast is a fundraiser for one of my favorite events the Past Chef, Silver Key dinner, which is a dinner put on to appreciate the *passé* Chef's, *passé* Presidente's and the Silver Key ladies. Silver Key ladies are the widows of past voyageurs, for their love and support of their veteran through times of service and after.

On to more official travel in January, I am headed to Indiana, and I am excited to catch up there, more to follow in the next chatter article. My homecoming is set for May 9-11th at the Best Western in Okemos, Michigan. I will have a flyer out in the next couple of weeks with all the details.

On a personal note, if you have sent me an email and have not received a reply if you could please send it again to bolley.lori@gmail.com. I have been having some email issues, so the before mentioned email will be my new email. Thank you for your patience and understanding while I am trying to resolve the issue.

I hope all of you have a wonderful January and begin your new year with good health, safe travels, and a year full of new memories.

Happy New Year!

Yours in Service,

Lori A. Bolley

**Michigan
Cabane 1536
Annual Christmas Party**



Important Change

Presidente Nationale—Lori A. Bolley

New Email Address is:

bolley.lori@gmail.com

Important Information

Promenade & Rendezvous Nationale—Sandusky, Ohio

The Dates have changed to: September 17-21, 2024

Making Room Reservation—Use Code ID# **37072**

For Our Group (40 & 8)



La Presidente Nationale Travel Events

Grande de Indiana	January 20-21, 2024	Lafayette, Indiana
Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank Campo Homecoming	March 7-10, 2024	Springfield, Illinois
Annual Gator Wreck	May 2-5, 2024	Goose Creek, South Carolina
La Presidente Nationale Lori Bolley Homecoming	May 9-11, 2024	Okemos, Michigan
Memorial Day	May 24-27, 2024	Lorton, Virginia
Great Lakes Promenade	June 6-9, 2024	Appleton, Wisconsin
Grande de Michigan	August 10, 2024	Okemos, Michigan



Let's fill up this area with invitations for travel.

La Presidente Nationale Lori Bolley theme is:

Keep Involving Newer Dames—KIND

Totals for Our Program
September 1, 2023 to August 15, 2024

Americanism	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 100.00
Box Car	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 200.00
Carville Star	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 175.00
Child Welfare	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 211.00
Nickels for Nurses Training	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 50.00
Pennies for POW-MIA Presidente's Project	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 471.02
Youth Sports	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 100.00
Founders Club	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 598.00

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.

Louise Canellos – Aid to Voiture Chairman

Aid to Voiture includes all of the programs that the Dames and Cabane work to support their Voiture's and their programs.

This year we have a new trophy it is Box Car the information is on the website.

Aid to Voiture is an overall program. If it is Voiture sponsored program it can be counted. Please do not count work for other organizations.

I ask that the Locale Aid to Voiture Chairman go online to fortyandeight.org, under La Femmes go to Trophy and Awards.

Read and save the [General Reporting Information](#) and the [Trophy and Awards Guide Lines](#). Then get together with the other Chairmen in the Cabane. You will need their reports to be included on your report. Remind them when filling out the report to ask is this a Voiture sponsored program, if not don't count it.

Remember to make sure to **check your math**, not just once, but twice or more.

It is very important that you have your Presidente and Correspondante signature and information on your report, and you **MUST** have verification from one of your Voiture Officers, without these signatures your report cannot be counted.

If you have any questions or need help you can contact me. My telephone number is (309) 525-2167, you can call or text me. My email is canellos@kewanee.com, Please put Aid to Voiture in the subject line of your email.

I would like to say Thank You to everyone who took their time to fill out their Cabane reports last year.

Gena Keller – Box Car

Happy 2024 to all! As we embark on this new year, let us reflect on the significance of the Box Car and its connection to the Merci Train. 2024 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Merci Train, a momentous occasion that deserves our utmost celebration and reverence. I am sure many are in the pre-planning stages, collaborating with numerous Grandes and Voiture Locales, to ensure that this milestone is commemorated in a truly grand manner.

For those of you hosting a Valentine's Party, why not take this opportunity to showcase the inspiring and heartwarming history of the Merci Car? Perhaps you have one of these remarkable artifacts in your state or Grande. For example, the South Dakota Box Car, which proudly resides at the Huron State Fair Grounds. It serves as a tangible reminder of the generosity and gratitude expressed by the French people after World War II.

To support this noble cause, you can participate in emblem sales, where you will find an array of delightful goodies to choose from. Alternatively, let your creativity soar and design your own unique design to showcase the importance of the Merci Car. Every dollar that goes towards the Box Car is distributed throughout the year, with no funds ever held over. This ensures that the spirit of giving and gratitude, symbolized by the Merci Train, continues to touch the lives of those in need.

As we unite in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Merci Train, let us remember the bravery and sacrifice of our veterans, as well as the importance of honoring those who have served this country. I invite you to join us in this momentous occasion, as we collectively pay tribute to an extraordinary piece of history that reminds us of the power of gratitude, unity, and compassion. Happy 2024!

Nationale Contacts for the Box Car they are, Paul Emmert, Sr, pjemmertsr@comcast.net or Virgil Blum, Sec/Treasurer, Virg4huskers@yahoo.com

Be sure to send in your photos and ideas to share.

We ARE family,

Gena Keller

Laura Blue – Carville Star Chairman

What an exciting chairmanship to take on this year! I am so glad that I have some very good resources to guide me along. There are two things that have really help educate all of us, that are looking for more education on this very important program that centers around Hansen's Disease otherwise known as Leprosy.

There is a book written, "Carville's Cures" that helps dispel a lot of the myths that date back to biblical years and gives a great understanding of modern-day ways that further our education. It's a great read and the 40&8 is also mentioned several times in the writings.

The Carville Star Committee and the Nationale Chairman of the committee, for the Voyageur, Tom Adams has been very kind including the La Femmes, in their every other month, zoom meetings. They all are willing to ask for my input and ideas to help the program.

If your Cabane is looking for a way to boost the funds to help, for a great program, you can always purchase a Carville Star pin from the committee and have a bauble to show off this wonderful program.

You as a member of the 40&8 are welcome to purchase a subscription to the "Star" newsletter for \$2.00, which is published twice yearly. Addition donations are greatly welcome.

You can consider having fundraisers and consider buying a clinic, state or country, it only requires a \$50.00 donation. Make a donation from your Locale Cabane or Grande straight to the Museum.

You may go to the Voyageur's website of: www.fortyandeight.org then click on Programs: Carville Star for the forms and address information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (763) 742-5593 or email me at bluetatto1@hotmail.com

Cindy Hickey—Nurses Training Chairman

Dames for those of you, who don't know me my name is Cindy Hickey and I am the Chairman of Nurses Training. I hail from the state of North Carolina.

I wanted to show you a picture of the Nurses Training Program Pin and let you know that Dames can purchase these pins, if you desire. I have had calls asking if the Dames can purchase and wear them, because they do include the La Femme emblem you can wear these pins. You have a few ways to purchase these pins, from your, Locale, Grande or on consignment from the secretary/ treasurer of the program, Ralph Turner. Ralph can be reached at ralph.n.turner@hotmail.com. Obviously, the best way to get a pin is from your own Voyageur's.

The reason I am letting you know is so that you can promote the Nurses Training Program with the sale of pins and also, they only have about eight hundred (800) pins remaining for the whole organizations.

Please remember any thing you do for Nurses Training, throughout the year keep a note book at your Rendezvous so monthly you can record your activities, so that when it comes time to do reports all the information will be right at your fingertips.

If you have any thought or questions, please feel free to call me at (617) 230-1109 or email me at cynhickey@aol.com. We all need to help to promote the Nurses Training Program, at the Locale, Grande, and Nationale for scholarships due to the shortage of Nurse in our Country.



Oregon

Voiture & Locale Cabane & Grande 153

Oregon Voiture 153, Cabane 153 & Grande La Femmes raised money for V-153's **Child Welfare Program**. Current Locale Chef de Gare Frank Wells & Passe Grande/Locale Presidente Linda Wells presenting a check for \$700.00 to the Boys and Girls Club, Knudson Branch on December 11, 2023.



Presenting over \$800.00 in toys to the Marion County Fire Department District 1 for their **Volunteer Fire Fighter Childrens Program**.
On behalf of the members of Voiture & Cabane 153, Oregon, Chef de Gare Frank Wells & Presidente Janet Zook on December 12, 2023.



Correspondante's Satellite Office

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- Nationale 2024 New membership renewals dues has started as of July 1, 2023.
- **Date Change:** September 17-21, 2024—61th Rendezvous Nationale-Sandusky, Ohio.
- Keep and mark this date—May 9-12, 2024 for Madam Presidente's Homecoming it's TBA—details to follow later.
- Travel time for our La Presidente Nationale Lori Bolley. Please send your travel requests for Madam Presidente to Cabane Nationale. Plan ahead Dames! You may contact Cabane Nationale for the necessary request form to be sent to you..
- **Request Information:** If any Locale/Grandes or an individual would like a copy of these:

Officers List of Names and information

Copy of Rendezvous Nationale Minutes 2023

Please contact Cabane Nationale to request these copies to be either be emailed or sent by mail directly to you.

The Rendezvous Minutes will be no longer handed out at next year's Rendezvous Nationale. The cost of paper and ink is getting higher as you all know.

- .The Per Capita Checks will be mailed out for the first half in January 2024.
- Please submit article information regarding events, fundraisers, or promoting your program(s) for your Locales or Grandes. Please send articles to Cabane Nationale. Thank you for your help!
- Information on: as of December 28, 2023

Number of Cabanes	Number of States	New Members	How many reached 100 % or more	How many are still Zero	Ongoing Progress
89	27	95	42	11	36



OFFICIAL CALL

61TH RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE OF LA SOCIETE DE FEMME

Sandusky, Ohio September 17-21, 2024

In conformity with Section 1, Article 1, By-Laws of La Societe de Femme, the Rendezvous Nationale is hereby called to convene at the KALAHARI RESORTS & CONVENTIONS, 7000 KALAHARI DRIVE, SANDUSKY, OHIO 44870

PURPOSE

The Rendezvous Nationale is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Nationale Constitution and By-Laws, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

BASIC OF REPRESENTATION

In accordance with Article 1, Section 3, Section 4, of the Nationale By-Laws, each Grande Cabane shall be entitled to ten (10) delegates and ten (10) alternates and each Cabane Locale shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for the Charter and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for the first twenty-five (25) members and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each additional twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof, such membership shall be calculated as of the end of the membership year (June 30th) prior to the convening of Rendezvous Nationale.

The preliminary convention roll call will be made up to the close of business on June 30, 2024.

Cabane Locales indebted to their Grande Cabane or Cabane Nationale will not be included in this Roll Call. Membership will be computed on the basis of **membership reported** and not on membership cards purchased.

CABANE NATIONALE HEADQUATERS

Cabane Nationale Headquarters will be in the KALAHARI RESORTS & CONVENTIONS, 7000 KALHARI DRIVE, SANDUSKY, OHIO 44870. All matters relating to Rendezvous Nationale should be addressed to La Correspondante Nationale 312 Hillside Circle, Johnson Creek, WI 53038 as to reach her by August 16, 2024.

Rendezvous matters being forward prior to that date as well as all routine reports of membership orders should be addressed to Cabane Nationale, 312 Hillside Circle, Johnson Creek, WI 53038 as usual.

DELEGATION HEADQUATERS

Each delegation should establish a headquarters assignment to hotel, reporting the location of each headquarters to Cabane Nationale and each member of the delegation.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Report on your Nationale officers will be included.

RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE SESSIONS

Sessions of the 61th Rendezvous Nationale, as well as all Committee meetings, will be held at the **Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.**

LES CHEMINOT NATIONALE

There will be a meeting of Les Cheminot for 2024 at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

ADMISSION TO RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE

Only registered Delegates and Alternates holding Credentials as delegates or alternates will be admitted to the floor of the Rendezvous Nationale. Only registered visiting members of the La Societe de Femme will be admitted upon presentation of the 2024 membership card. Only authorized Delegates or Alternates will have a voice or vote.

INITIATION

There will be no initiations of new members at Rendezvous Nationale.

EXPENSE OF DELEGATES

No expense of any Delegates or Alternates attending Rendezvous Nationale will be assumed by Cabane Nationale.

CONTESTS

Should any Cabane Locale be denied Credentials or claim more delegates than are allowed in the preliminary Roll Call, it may present a claim to the credentials Committee for consideration and decision.

Credential Forms will be mailed for Cabane Nationale to the Grande Correspondante for reporting the names of Grande Cabane's Delegates and Alternates and to Les Correspondante Locale for reporting the names of Locale Delegates and Alternates.

VOTING

In the Rendezvous Nationale, all Roll Call votes will be by the Grande Cabane (where organized) and by Cabane Locales. Therefore, arrange to organize and elect a Delegation Chairman and Secretary and forward the names to Cabane Nationale, 312 Hillside Circle, Johnson Creek, WI 53038 by August 16, 2024.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIES

Each Delegation Secretary should report as soon as possible after arrival in SANDUSKY, OHIO on forms provided for the purpose, if they have not already done so, the following information:

Name of Grande Cabane and the number of Delegates	Name and address of 2024 Delegation Chairman
Names of Grande Cabane Delegates and Alternates	Name of Chairman attested by Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Resolution must be in writing and should be submitted to La Correspondante Nationale as early as possible, as and not later than **August 16, 2024**. Grande Cabanes and Cabanes Locale are urged to give the matter of election of delegates their most serious consideration and elect those who plan to attend Rendezvous Nationale and who will give time to the business matters to come before the Rendezvous Nationale.

ENDORSEMENTS

No Candidate for Nationale Office shall be placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee unless a written resolution of endorsement postmarked fifteen (15) days prior to La Rendezvous Nationale is received by La Correspondante Nationale from the Grande Cabane endorsing a candidate for a particular elective office in Cabane Nationale. Any state which has only one (1) or two (2) Cabanes Locale may endorse a candidate by written resolution of endorsement from either one or both Cabanes Locale. Two Resolutions of Endorsement may be submitted from a single Grande Cabane provided the Resolutions are for separate elected offices. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor for all offices provided that the said candidate is nominated by a Dame from her own Locale or Grande Cabane. Nomination Committee recommendations shall not preclude nominations from the floor.

READING THE CALL

THIS CALL SHALL BE READ at Rendezvous in each Cabane Locale and the Grande Rendezvous. Correspondante should make it their duty to see that each Delegate and Alternate is familiar with its provisions.

Attested: January 1, 2024

Lori Bolley

La Presidente Nationale

Mary Orval

La Nationale Correspondante