

HOURS OF OPERATION

The office will be open Monday—Friday 8:00 AM –2:00 PM

Office will be closed March 15th & 16th for Presidente's Homecoming



La Societe de Femme

MARCH 2018



Cabane Chatter



Greetings Dames,

They tell me that Spring is just around the corner, that must be after this last blast of winter snow that we got here in Oregon. Not the normal for us here in the Valley. Hope it's done by my homecoming. Looking forward to seeing everyone who can make it.

Mike and I flew into Minneapolis Minnesota for their Mid-Winter Cheminot in Osseo on Friday February 9th. The temperatures were between -2 and 16 during our stay, glad I had my boots and heavy coat. We were met at the airport by Rob Kies while PNP Lorinda told him to 'Stahl' because

our plane arrived early and she wasn't ready.

Our room was wonderful, a sitting room and bedroom, with a beautiful bouquet of roses and lots of goodies to assure all our needs were met. Doc was there in the lobby with a cookie for me when we arrived. He and Patricia had arrived just before we did. The four of us along with many others headed to the American Legion Post where we met many and had a wonderful dinner. On Saturday we were back at the post for Cheminot. The dames did an excellent job with their reports and sharing of information. They also had a silent auction to fund raise, and you know we didn't come home without contributing. PNP Lorinda Kies presented me with a beautiful painted wine glass and 2 pairs of beautiful red earrings. Grande Presidente Jean Hector presented me with a bag full of wonderful items, handmade tea towels with Poppies and Forget-me-nots, a handmade wooden Beret, a special poppy & forget-me-not corsage and a fuzzy bunny from the Dames. That night at dinner Lorinda had to make sure that we got Super Bowl T-shirts and Mike 2 super bowl shot glasses since we missed all the hoopla the weekend before. The next morning First Lady Pat LaFleur and myself joined the past Grande Presidente's for breakfast. The food was wonderful and the company even better. Then PNP Lorinda took us to the Mall of America to Build-a-Bear since I had never done it before. What a wonderful weekend, Thank you Minnesota for all the hospitality.

Home for about 36 hours then it was off to a marathon route to get to The Cajun Wreck and Doc's Homecoming. It took 4 airports (San Francisco, Houston, New Orleans then Lafayette) and 23 hours to get there. But we made it and Doc was their to meet us. I can't think of a nicer welcome. Off to the hotel and he had gone all out to make sure that we felt welcome. The floral bouquet was exquisite and he had Verona help with all the goodies and a bottle of Pinot Noir with the appropriate glasses. We were treated to lunch at the Mexican restaurant across the parking lot. This was perfect after traveling for so long. After a short well needed rest it was time to mingle with all the others that had arrived before we departed for a special dinner hosted by Patricia and Doc LeFleur at their home. The food and hospitality was excellent, no one left hungry. The next morning it was an early exit to visit the Carville Museum in Carville, Louisiana. Everyone should try to go there at least once. We had many photo ops, information was shared about the history of the site and patients, a tour followed. Next was lunch at Roberto's, always good. Once we returned to the hotel, a little down time, visiting and then off to dinner at Randol's. The food was exceptional and the music and dancing even better. Thank you Dudley for the invitation to step on your feet. The next day, with my Nationale Photographer Michele Dejonghe-Hill in tow we were met by 2 local Dames, JoAnne Barron and Verona Courville, and taken to the Tabasco Plant for lunch and a walking tour. It was very interesting, especially when JoAnne shared local history from her childhood as we passed locations that she enjoyed as a child. We returned for more time to socialize in the hospitality room and a lively game of Mexican Train Dominoes. The early bird dinner was followed by the Kangaroo Kourt and lots of pies, even I got 2 in the face. It was all for a good cause, lots of monies were raised for the programs. Saturday JoAnne and Verona took myself and Carol Kaiserian (acting photographer) to visit Vermilionville Village, the site of many preserved Arcadian 1700 and 1800 homes. We learned a lot about life in those times. While waiting for Cheminot to start we were able to sign up a new dame for Louisiana and at the Cheminot lots of good information was shared. Banquet later that night brought many wonderful gifts for Doc and a few unexpected ones for me. Thank you to everyone that made these 5 days in Lafayette so special.

Yours in Service,

Joyce Robberstad
La Presidente Nationale



G – Growing
E – Each
M – Members
S – Strength

Support
Child Welfare
Program

Program Spotlight



Nationale Boxcar

The National Box Car Association was founded in 1965 as an affiliate of the 40&8 with the primary purpose of preserving the Box Car as the symbol of the 40&8, over time the Locomotives were added to this symbolic rolling stock since they were needed to haul the box cars.

This is an independent association with the 40&8. Funding comes from selling Box Car Pins, Crew cards to the Voyageurs and Associate cards to La Femmes; or anyone wishing to contribute. Coins are also available for both voyageurs and la femmes. All Funds raised by the Association are used within the year they are obtained.

Did you know that each color of the cards are in honor of specific causes? This year, 2018, the Associate Cards are orange for Leukemia, the Crew card is grey for Brain Cancer. Each year as the colors change remember it is for a significant cause.

Its purpose is to preserve the Box Car as a symbol of the 40&8 and in addition, to contribute to hospitals, children's homes, orphanages, and other programs of the organization.

Large amounts are also contributed to the various programs of Voiture Nationale, such as the Boland and Ardery Trust Funds. Monies are also given to the other programs which may require assistance, such as the Membership Committee, Forty and Eight Magazine, Law Officers of the Year Program and our own La Societe De Femme. The Box Car Tribute to the La Femmes Coins are available at the cost of \$10.00 and every La Femme should have one in their possession as well as an Associate card that sales for only \$1.00. If you do not have access to these cards or coins, please let me know and I'll see that you get them.

The Associate also puts on the Children's Party at Nationale Convention each year with the help of the NBCA Hobos. The purpose of this organization is to entertain children and adults as clowns, representing our organization when working with other clowns. However, you need not dress as a clown to belong. You only need to want to help entertain and have fun doing it.

Here is list of the contributions made at the Nationale Promenade in Louisiana last year.

Hero of the year	\$1000
Membership program	\$4000
Law Officer of the Year	\$1000
VAVS	\$6500
Forty and Eighter	\$500
National Historian	\$100
Merci Box Car Maintenance	\$2100
Local School	\$500
PALs Magazine	\$100
HOBOS	\$550
Photographer	\$1000
Local VA Facility	\$500

Let see if the La Femmes can set a new record for this program, by buying the Associate Cards, pins, coins, and donations.

Thank you to the Dames, Locales and Grandes that have already made donations to this program, one that is always giving back into the community, and La Societe.

Gail Davis, Nationale Box Car Liaison Officer

Meet Your Officer's

LA COMMISSAIRE INTENDANTE

Carol Kaiserian



Hello from the sunny state of Florida. I am in my 6th year as Nationale Commissaire Intendante. I have been a member of Cabane 1219 in Citrus County Florida since 1999. The Locale offices I have held are La Presidente for 2 years, La Avocat for 3 years, La Commis Dame and Garde de la Porte. On the Grande level I served as Grande Commissaire Intendante for many years, Carville Star Chairman, La Drapeau, La Garde de la Porte, La Sous Presidente for 2 years and now La Grande Presidente.

I was born and raised in New York City until John Kaiserian came along and took me out of the city and into the "country" of New Jersey. We were married in 1971 and raised a son and daughter along the Jersey Shore. I helped John in the family restaurant business while also working for 18 years as an administrative assistant to an accountant. In 1998 we decided to make the big move to Florida before retiring so that we could enjoy the sun and warmth – snow shoveling was getting old and both of our children had already made the move to Tampa. We both joined the 40&8 in 1999 thinking it would be fun to travel and see other parts of Florida. Little did we realize that we would be climbing the ladder in Grande and Nationale and be travelling all over the United States and meeting so many wonderful people that we now call our friends. Our only regret is that we lost both our son and daughter several years ago and they are unable to continue with us on our journeys with the 40&8. At times I believe the 40&8 family was a big part in sustaining us during our times of loss.

The 40&8 is a wonderful organization and I encourage the Dames to invite more women to join us in our accomplishments in the many programs of the Voiture.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Nationale in Kentucky this coming September if not before.



How Are We Doing?

Presidente's Program:



Child Welfare:
Goal: \$5000 YTD: \$3337.00

Other Programs:

Pennies for POW/MIA:
Goal: \$3000 YTD: \$521.56

Nickels for Nurses:
Goal: \$3000 YTD: \$110.00

Youth Sports:
Goal \$2000- YTD \$250.00

Membership is coming in and **South Dakota, Tennessee and Oregon are 100%!! We have 20 Cabanes at or above 100%, Way to go!!** Who will be next? Many are getting close. But we still have 15 Cabanes that have yet to send in even 1 renewal.

Remember Dues are due to Cabane Nationale by October 20th each year. Does your card say 2018? If not please get your dues paid today. Membership reporting ends June 30th of each year for Trophy and Awards reports

PRESIDENTE TRAVEL

Mar 16-17, 2018	Presidente's Homecoming	Portland, OR
Apr 5-8, 2018	Great Western Promenade	Tombstone, AZ
Apr 19-22, 2018	Southland Dixie	Gatlinburg, TN
May 18-20, 2018	Gator Wreck	Goose Creek, SC
May 24-29, 2018	Memorial Day at Arlington	Lorton, VA
July 13-15, 2018	New York Grande Rendezvous	NY
July 27-29, 2018	Oregon Grande Rendezvous	Seaside, OR
Aug 3-5, 2018	Wisconsin Grande Rendezvous	Lake Mill, WI
Aug 10-11-2018	Michigan Grande Rendezvous	Lansing, MI
Sept 9-16, 2018	Rendezvous Nationale	Louisville, KY



Correspondante's Corner!!!

It is getting time for all Cabanes to look at their membership. If you don't have a computer have someone else in your Cabane pull reports off the website www.fortyandeight.org. This way you can keep track of your numbers.

You all need to work together, to reach your goals and Nationale goals too. You all should be getting calls, and letters from your La Sous Presidente, they try so hard to help you reach your goals, and they are there to help you. Ask them questions, if you need someone.

March is here, and your 2017 cards expire. You all should have 2018 cards by now. As the 2019 cards come out in July.

If you are an officer in your Cabane you should pay your dues as soon as the new year changes over.

Nationale is coming, September 11 to the 15th, 2018, hope we can see a large increase of members attending, as it's in Louisville, Ky. We are working on big plans to have fun. Registration ends August 4th. So please get registered now. Don't wait till the last minute.

Thank you for helping me make sure that all your needs are taken care of.

Carol Austin, Correspondante Nationale



WAYS AND MEANS FOR 2018

Chairmen Trudy Smith. and Elaine Meis

Still asking for donations from all Locale and Grande Cabanes for use at Rendezvous Nationale in Louisville, Kentucky this next September

We need lots of Grab Bags, If every Cabane can contribute some that would be great. If you will not be attendance, send them with someone who is attending or mail them to Trudy or Elaine to get them there. Their addresses are on the website.

Items for Silent Auction are also needed.

The proceeds fund the day to day operations of Cabane Nationale. Let's make this an event to remember.

Email or call if you have anything to give or have any ideas. Lets have a successful fundraising event!

Thanks Trudy and Elaine

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LETTERS OF INTENT FOR NATIONALE ELECTED OFFICES

NOTE

As amended at Rendezvous Nationale 2015, 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 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:

(1) La Presidente, (4) La Sous Presidentes, (1) Commissaire Intendante, (2) Garde de la Porte, (1) Historian, (1) Aumonier, (2) Drapeau.

We currently only have three letters of intent; one for La Presidente, one for Commissaire Intendante, and 1 aumonier.

Please consider running for one of these vital offices. Get those letters of intent in as soon as possible and then get your resolution done and signed by your Locale and Grande. Resolutions of Endorsements must be received no later than August 24, 2018.