# The Hat Box

# Greetings from Le Chapeau

Barbara Rutherford, Le Chapeau



Hello Partners:



Hope all partners had a great holiday with Family and Friends. Now as we return to our more normal daily living, and back to work on our 8/40 programs.

I have made Departemental visitation to Missouri and Ohio, thanks to partners in those Departemental for their great hospitality.

I have visitation to Texas in July and Illinois in April. I am still looking forward to more visitations, so if your Departemental would like me to visit please send me an invitation. I look forward to visiting and meeting all the great partners of this organization.

My Nationale Chapeau project is Special Nurses Scholarship, the amount of the scholarship will depend on the donation. So please take a few minutes and donate to this project. La Marche Nationale will be in Pasco, Washington at The Red Lion, September 17th to

September 20th, more information will be coming in next few months.

Keep up the great work you have been doing and throw in some good Fun and Fellowship.

If I can be of any help just let me know.

Yours in Fun and Fellow-ship,

Barb Rutherford, Nationale Chapeau



Barbara Rutherford & Dorothy Brumbaugh, Departemental Chapeau Missouri.

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### Partnership Goal Dates

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10/31/20244	=	25%
12/31/2024	=	50%
2/28/2025	=	75%
04/30/2025	=	90%
05/31/2025	=	100%
07/04/2025	=	101%

# Le Demi Chapeau Nationale

Doris Ann E. Werlinger



National Officers
Departemental Officers
Chairman National
Chapeaux Passes
Partners

Happy New Year and Greetings from La Demi Chapeau Doris Ann,

I have not had many challenges from You Partners, so sure hope you don't forget to fill out the paperwork with your total Height in Inches and pass it on to me. Please do not send me your money, for your total inches, as that goes to your Departemental La Secretaire and she will forward to Sandra to put in the Child-Well Being Fund (ALCWF) so she can keep a count who has sent money for this Challenge.

I want to say a "Big Thank You to Alabama, California, Nebraska, and South Dakota" for participating in the Challenge. So please get your names in to me and your money in to your Departemental LA Secretaires.

Remember Partners to keep getting new partners and to keep talking about our special children and what we do to help them. The Nurses and Respiratory Scholarship Fund can use our help also, we need to keep in mind we help those that help our young people with Respiratory and Lung Diseases.

I do hope everyone has a Great 2025 and look forward to seeing you at La Marche in Washington State this year.

Blessings to All,

God Bless You and God Bless America.

In Fun and Fellowship,

Doris Ann Werlinger

Le Demi Chapeau National



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# **Nationale Constitution and Bylaws**

Denise Bossetti National Chairman, Members: Lorene Bartos, Gina Kizer

### Raising Awareness for Updated Constitution and Bylaws'

Whenever La Boutique Nationale revises the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, Salons must review theirs to ensure they comply.

Last year at La Marche one change was made it only affected the National C & B's not Departementaux or Les Petite Salons. Every Departementaux and Petit Salon should have a current Constitution and Bylaws with a set of Standing Rules. A copy of the Nationale Constitution with Bylaws and Standing Rules should also be available. Partners should research items not covered y these governing documents using Roberts Rules of Order most current edition.

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Departemental Constitution and Bylaws Chairmen will need to provide any changes made at the Nationale La Marche to the Petite Salons.

Going into the 2025 year current records show the following Departementaux C & B records with compliance dates. There is no reason for these C & B's not to be updated with the template on the website for both Constitution and Bylaws.

Alabama #8 2011, Indiana #11 2023, Nebraska #9 2023, Arizona #31 2011, Kansas #5 2011 New Jersey # 4 2011, Arkansas #47 2011, Kentucky #48 none, New York #13 none, California #1 2023, Maryland #39 none, Ohio #23 2024, Connecticut #19 2011, Massachusetts #35 2024, Oregon #42 2024, Florida #7 2023, Michigan #2 2017, Pennsylvania #20 2021, Idaho #28 2011 Missouri #26 2023, South Dakota #32,

024, Illinois #21 2023, Montana #29 2019, Texas #32 2011, Washington # 2011

Must submit updates and changes before January 1st. We will accept them until May 31, 2025. This is to give you more time, after that date you will need to submit them next year.

Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with any questions that arise. If we do not answer immediately, we will find out and get back with the researched answer.

"The strength of the Constitution lies in the will of the people to defend it."

Thomas Jefferson

Denise Bossetti Nationale Chairman, Members: Lorene Bartos, Gina Kizer



# Le Demi Chapeau—Eastern Division

### Mary Ellen Flynn

Hi Partners of the Eastern Division,

My name is Mary Ellen Flynn and I am proud and honored to be your Eastern Divisional Demi Chapeau. I live in Jackson Center, PA and belong to PA Salon #20 and Mercer Co. Salon 318. There are two Salons in PA. Last year I was Departmental Chapeau.

I want to send out Prayers to all that have been affected by our extreme weather conditions, and those with health issues. New York Partners hope you are dug out by now, and stay safe on those roads.

PA and New Jersey Congratulations on making your 50% goal, come on Partners I know you can reach the 75% by February 28, 2025. Maryland, do you need help getting your dues in?

My conference will be held March 28th & 29th at Elks Lodge in Sharon, PA. I will get more information out by January 31.

PA & New Jersey have sent in donations to Nurse's Scholarship, so remember to get your donations in for all programs. Give me some bragging rights! I would love to try and visit your state so let me know if there is anything I can do to help you. My contact info is: Mary Ellen Flynn 1357 Franklin Road, Jackson Center, PA 16133-1511. Phone 724-269-5099, mebookwarm@zoominternet.com.

With Love and fun and fellowship

Maryellen

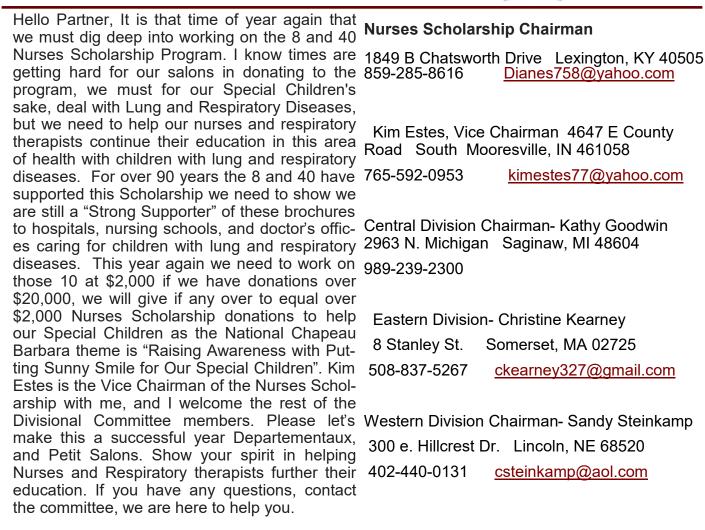
# Gone But Not Forgotten

Dept.	Salon	Last Name	First Name
AL	842	Rogers	Lilli Anne
CA	58	Leinenbach	Frances
FL	316	Flanigan	Tami L
IN	806	Miller	Therese L.
KS	512	Perry	Dorothy

Dept.	Salon	Last Name	First Name
KY	873	Troutman	Lucille
MI	428	Mills	Jean
MI	224	Fueling	Donna
NY	24	Murphy	Kathleen P.
NY	121	Turner	Marcia
SD	3	Huls	Patricia

# **Nurses Scholarship**

Kim Estes—Vice Chairman





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# **DID YOU KNOW?**

### CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Before the 1980s, about half of the people with CF <u>did not live into</u> their 20s. However, over the past few decades, life expectancy for people with this condition has improved dramatically.

Thanks to advances in treatment and care, people with CF can now expect to live much longer. In fact, recent <u>research</u> suggests that by 2025, the number of adults living with CF will increase by approximately 75%.

Several factors — including sex, lifestyle choices, any infections, and the type of CF gene mutation that a person has — can influence life expectancy.

# La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale Sandra Winchester

Thank you to all the many Partners that called, sent cards and offered prayers for me and my husband Dale during his recent cancer treatment. His treatment is now hopefully complete, and we have high hopes of it being successful. Dale continues to slowly heal, making improvements every day.

Your kindness during such a trying time is appreciated more than I can ever say. Much love from us to you.

Sandra Winchester La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale



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# Children & Youth

### **Patrica Miller**

# "Sunflowers Always bring a "Smile to our special Children"

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and awesome New Year so far.

Now time to start getting your ducks in a row for your year-end report (Do not forget to write a narrative and send them with pictures if you have them) You should have what you have done from September to now. If you have that much done you are ahead of the game. Make sure to get your reports on time. To help, make the deadline the time your divisional chairpersons a copy to and me. receive your report.

If you go to web site, www.8and40.org, look under forms and continue to "Handbook," page 60-61, Children and Youth have a total of nine awards. Read the details of each award and follow the criteria closely.

The Patty Pierce award, Donna Morice, Helene S. Mardu, Colleen Stephens, Ivy Christoffers, Jean Hayes, and Frances Haydel awards all come from on your report form. Make sure you read the details of each of these awards, and make sure you are specifically talking about Cystic Fibrosis, Tuberculosis in your report.

The Mary "Sugar" White, and Maria Crothers are based on monetary donations you make to National during the year.

Keep an eye out for my next bulletin for January through April for the details of the awards.



Patty Miller presenting Rachel Schoff Christmas gifts for our Cystic Fibrosis boy that Petit Summit Salon 165 of Ohio, adopted for the year.

# L' Aumonier Lisa Hoyland

Greetings Partners,

Partner, I first want to say thank you to those partners who joined our Zoom call in December. We had a great time meeting other partners from other states, sharing holiday traditions, hearing updates from other Departments, and wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Happy New Year! Can you believe that we are now starting another year? Every New Year brings new resolutions and plans to leave some things behind and find new adventures. But whatever makes your new year happy, may you bring Sunshine in the works of our 8 & 40 and share those with new Partners. I encourage you to each look for something that brings Sunshine to your life; one of mine is definitely to have my 8 & 40 friends. May you also enjoy your friendships and the work that are 8 & 40 and share those with new Partners.

In 2025 let us make it a goal to ensure no Partner is forgotten. Just a few ways we all can assist in bringing Sunshine to other partners: Visit partners in times of need, or even just out of friendship; **Send Cards**- whether they are for "Sympathy" at the loss of a loved one, "Thinking of You,"

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to show you care, or any other type of card to let our Partners know that we appreciate them; **Make a phone call** - person contact is a great way to show our support of our partners, and most importantly - Keep a record of all the many things you do and report them at the end of the year.

I need your help. Please send one prayer for Chapeau Barbara's prayer book! It would be wonderful to add prayers from each Departmental to her book. The prayers can be original or something you utilized from the internet, etc. Inspirational poems and sayings are also welcome. Remember: Graphics are allowed. I will present a small token of my appreciation to the Departmental and Petite Salon, which sends in most items. I will also give a token of my appreciation to the partner who submitted the most items. These can be mailed to me or sent by email.

For the New Year, I'd offer the following prayer.:

"Father, help me put aside anxiety about the future and look towards the future with peace and joy, one day at a time. May our focus be on love and unity within our family, friends, and our 8 and 40, bringing Sunshine and watching over us and our Special Children.

May we be slow to anger and condemnation but bring Sunshine, respond in love, peace, and forgiveness, and be filled with compassion. May unity be our motto, love for one another, and utmost desire in this New Year. Amen

Respectfully Submitted Lisa

"I wish you all a wonderful 2025!"

# Le Demi Chapeau - Western Division

Virginia W. Nelsen

Happy New Year Partners with heartfelt good wishes for each through Valentine's Day.

Our emphasis is La Chapeau Nationale's Nurses Scholarship Fund, Nurses Therapy Scholarship Fund, the Child Wellbeing Foundation and Partnership. "Raising Awareness." We will put a smile on lots of folks; nurses, children and fellow partners through the satisfaction of a job well done.

There are many paths to raising money, I recommend "let's do it with dimes!" Fill a two-liter plastic pop bottle with dimes should net you at least \$325. My bottle is already half full, just since La Marche Nationale.

Let's build our scholarship funds with deliberate intent to succeed with dimes. This endeavor should be in every salon.

Let's build our partnership with kindness, fun and fellowship. Just ask.

\*Note about my grandnephew Triston. To ease and enrich their relationship and as parents of a CF child, my niece and her husband take turns every other day being responsible for his diet, current meds and physical treatments.

Triston is flourishing due to new meds facilitated by women like you who donate their time, talent and funds. I am thankful every day.

Ladies, again, your work and efforts are so worth it, for all our special children.

Sincerely yours in fellowship, fun and service,

Virginia Western Demi Chapeau

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# **Partnership**

Rose Ring—Western Division

Greetings Partners! I hope you all had a fabulous Holiday Season. January starts us out with, of course, Partnership...the all important aspect to the health and wellness of our Organization.

As of the last bulletins I saw, all Divisions are doing great. I am so proud of Western Division for being 2nd in the Nation. Let's keep up the great work of "Beeing" Number One spreading sunshine and happiness with all we see and work with.

So many of you are so close to being a Goal Departmental, I am pulling for our Division to stay on top. You can do it. Renew previous Partners, call those who can not get out and see if you can stop by to visit and pick up a check from them. Spread the word and ask everyone if they know of our organization and what we stand for, those very special children with upper lung and respiratory diseases. Share the Nurse's Scholarship brochures, you never know you may just run into your next partner.

Keep in mind that donations are coming due soon. You can send them in at any time, but please watch the dates so you don't miss out sending them for this year. If you have questions or concerns, I am only a phone call or email away. If you call and I am unable to answer at the time, please, leave me your name and number and I will return your call.

Yours In Fun and Fellowship, Rose Ring, Departemental de Washington

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Float for the Veteran's Day Parade in Indiana