



*La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux
et Quarante Femmes*

BOOK OF REPORTS

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Lorene Bartos
Le Chapeau National

Partnership Obligation

“I, _____ faithfully promise that I will do all in my power to uphold the ideals upon which our country was founded. I also pledge to promote good fellowship and to assist in the prevention and control of all lung and respiratory diseases in children. These things I do solemnly promise.”



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Le Chapeau National Lorene Bartos

The “Bells” have been ringing in all the Departementaux. As my year comes to a close, it is rewarding to read the reports of all the good works of our partners. You all should be commended for the great work you are doing, each in a special way. Every effort, project, and donation has helped our special children. Also, please accept a special thank you for all the hospitality and gifts I received during my visits.

I have received reports from 23 of the 25 active Departementaux. During this year, I emphasized **Partnership, Communication, and Fundraising**.

Our **Partnership** goal was not achieved, although many Departementaux reached their 100% goal. Ninety-two new partners joined this year. Let’s continue to bring in more new partners. Many Salons reported mentoring their new partners, wearing the 8/40 brand, and sharing our mission.

Departemental Marches were attended by 447 partners. Leadership Schools or programs were held at Marche and Pouvoir meetings.

Communication was received by all who reported, and all felt they received helpful information. Sharing the information that is sent out from all levels is what keeps our partners informed about the happenings at the National, Departmental, and Salon levels. We need to do a better job of sharing information.

We certainly miss our partner and Hat Box Editor Sherrie Tucker. As the saying goes, you don’t know how much someone does until they are no longer there to do it. She had a big responsibility and did a wonderful job.

Fundraising was outstanding. My goal of \$8000 for the National Jewish Health furniture for the outpatient waiting area was surpassed. We raised \$11,107.04. Nurses Scholarship raised \$39,453.38, enough to give 10 scholarships. ALCWF and the Eight and Forty Foundation benefited, also. Thank you for your contributions. Salons also gave to many other organizations and projects that support children with lung and respiratory diseases. Thank you for your hard work and willful giving.

Salons adopted thirty-three children. Ditty Bags were filled and distributed to hospitals for patients. Many hours were donated when shopping for supplies and then sewing, assembling, and delivering the bags. The time, talents, and resources given are greatly appreciated.

This report only touches the surface of what was accomplished this year by all of the partners. Keep up the good work. Keep sharing our story and working for our special children. Keep the “Bells” ringing and remember you are all special as you work to support research to find a cure for cystic fibrosis, and lung and respiratory disease. Thanks again for making my year one to remember. It has been a year of learning and sharing information. Thanks again.

Le Demi Chapeau National

Linda Diebel

It has been an honor to serve as your Demi Chapeau National. I served with some wonderful Partners whose love for our Special Children cannot be denied. Thank you, especially to our Chapeau National Lorene and our La Secretaire Sandra. Your help during the year was greatly appreciated.

Our Partners have worked hard to raise the funds to help our Special Children. Your donations to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation will be announced at La Marche. Petite Salons held fundraisers such as bingos, Craft Fairs, dinners, luncheons, Fashion Shows, Talent Shows, and many other events.

I wish everyone a wonderful La Marche. May this event give you inspiration and information to take back to your Petite Salons.



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

Le Demi Chapeau National - Central Division
Kathy Goodwin

It has been a great year. I visited Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, and Michigan. I had a great time at all --- and really good food.

I offered a \$25 award to the Division collecting the most money for National Chapeau Lorene's project. The Western Division collected \$4, 897.25. The total collected for the All Partners project was \$11,082.04 Thank you to all divisions.

I sent out boats to the Central Division Departementaux to decorate and bring to Le Marche in Lincoln. A prize will be given to the best boat at Le Marche.

Good job, Central Division.

Le Demi Chapeau National - Eastern Division
Judith Tryba

The start bell rang in Springfield, Illinois and I was off on my big adventure. I want to thank everyone for all the help in making this a year to remember. Eastern Division Conference was held in my home state of Massachusetts. Partners from Connecticut and New York attended. The Friday night "meet & greet" was loads of fun and laughter to set the pace for the Saturday conference. We had a guest speaker who related her life story of living with Cystic Fibrosis and then finally having a life-saving double lung transplant. Thanks to the attending partners for their generosity to make the day a huge success. We were able to send \$822.00 for Chapeau Lorene's project. For a small project, I updated the Eastern Division Rotation list and the Eastern Division Guidelines which were read and approved at the Conference. I also reorganized the "traveling" Eastern Division Demi Chapeaux histoire books with the much-needed help from Rita Barylski.

I was pleased to be invited to the Departementaux of Pennsylvania and New York, where I was honored to install them at their La Marche. An invitation to Departmental Connecticut in August is too late to report but I am sure it will be quite enjoyable.

I sent out several bulletins and submitted them to The Hat Box.

Connecticut: I regret that I did not receive a report. Chapeau Lorraine has taken a fall and is recuperating. I will see her at their La Marche in August

Maryland: Maryland did not send a report but they receive my sincere congratulations for attaining their Partnership Goal of 100%

Massachusetts: Departemental has 2 salons that have reached 80% of the Partnership goal. They have sent several memorial donations to the Nurses Scholarship for Irene Stidham and Chapeau Annie's brother who passed this year. We had specific fundraisers that totaled \$1621.00 which were donated to two Hospital Childrens Asthma Clinics. Betty Berry personally donated \$500.00 worth of new toys to the Boston Medical Center Asthma Clinic for the "needy" children during their treatment appointments.

New Jersey: Departemental has 5 salons. 80.51% of the goal. They donated \$650.00 to 4 hospitals and sponsored 2 children. Petit salons aided 14 children with \$385.00, Lung Disease \$100.00, and \$150.00 to Cystic Fibrosis. They are working hard to revamp to their pre-Covid level.

New York: Departemental has 9 salons. 94.27% goal. Supported 4 hospitals. Crouse Irving Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is Chapeau Rose's special project. She has a once-a-year fundraiser called Boscovs Friends Helping Friends. Last La Marche they presented a check for \$1500.00. This year they are on track to donate over \$2300.00. Rose is a candidate for National Eastern Division Demi Chapeau for the ensuing year.

Pennsylvania: Departemental has 2 salons. 94.12% goal. They support 2 hospitals. Petits sent \$2111.00 and aided 78 children at \$410.00. Chapeau Sandra's project is Camp Inspire for Children with trachs and ventilators located in Wexford PA

I would like to chime in with a sincere thank you to all the partners for the privilege of serving this year.

Le Demi Chapeau National - Southern Division Treva Kay Widrick

Bonjour Partenaires et Amis ~

The Belles of Southern Division Rang Strong and True for a Cure supporting our National Chapeau Lorene Bartos.

Our Division currently consists of (6) Departementaux. Sadly, Departemental de Virginia #37 will be surrendering its charter at the Nationale Marche 2023.

Our Partnership of 329 is among (13) Les Petits Salons. FELICITATIONS to Departemental de Florida #7 for reaching 100% of their Goal. BIENVENUE to our (20) New Partners - Southern Belles are Ringing!

All Departementaux held a Departemental La Marche; (12) Les Petits Salons with (75) Partners in attendance. (3) Departementaux held a Leadership Program during their Marche. Departemental de Texas had (3) Les Petits Salons that held Initiation Ceremonies for their New Partners. (4) Departementaux also reported assigning Mentors to their new Partners to

assist with the French, our programs, rituals and protocols. All Departementaux reported receiving Communications from Nationale and Chairmen. They found the information very informative, sharing among Les Petits Salons and Partners. No Memory, Communication or Prayer Books were submitted. However, several Les Petits Salons reported submitting Personal Histoires, Prayers, Photos, Inspirational Quotes and Thoughts to the Hat Box and the requesting chairmen and officers accordingly.

The Southern Belles were able to exhibit their infamous hospitality ringing with kindness and charm. Departemental de Kentucky #48, Le Petit Salon 585 entertained Nationale Chapeau Passe Diane Spencer, Departemental Chapeau Patsy Klein, Departemental le Demi Chapeau Deuxieme Melanie Krause and Departemental L'Avocate Eula Fox. Departemental de Texas #32 hosted National Chapeau Lorene Bartos. Departemental de Florida invited National Chapeau Lorene Bartos to attend their La Marche via a Zoom call/hook-up if her schedule permitted. With technology and a god-wink, Chapeau Lorene was able to share precious time on her Saturday morning. That was truly a Great Surprise and now a Cherished Memory to those Partners in attendance. Merci Beaucoup!!

FELICITATIONS to Departemental de Florida #7, 1st Place with their total donations of \$1,060.00 All Partners in their Departemental let people know about the 8&40. "We may be small in numbers but we are mighty in heart and spirit." Les Petits Salons hold raffles to raise funds for the Nurses Scholarships and the Children & Youth programs. Departemental de Texas Le Petit Salon 108 held a dinner and Silent Auction in which \$1,039.00 was raised. MANIFIQUE!

In January, Departemental de Florida #7 rang out in Fun and Fellowship by having both Salons come together and attend the "Country New Year Celebration". The tantalizing array of hors-d'oeuvres would put a swanky resort to shame. The Holiday Trivia Quizzes certainly dispelled any social shyness and bonded the Partners together. During the Quarter Auction, the laughter audible was way over the top. Great idea Florida - fulfilling the Fun and Fellowship mission portion of our 8&40 organization!

All Les Petits Salons are involved in Partnership – sharing emails, calls, texts, and postcards reaching out to Partners to renew and pay their dues. Departemental de Texas Le Petit Salon encourages their Partners to renew by a certain date – they would be placed in a \$50.00 cash drawing. This was very successful. Partners are also encouraged to invite a friend to meetings or other 8&40 sponsored events to share any opportunity for people to 'see what we are all about...'

"Always Remember: Be Kind, Be Fair, Be Honest, Be True, and All of these things will come back to you."

Le Demi Chapeau National - Western Division Toia Hack

“Ringing for a Cure” is National Chapeau Lorene’s theme for the year. Time has flown past so rapidly with our partners busy supporting their Departementaux programs and volunteering as they ring out for a cure.

Congratulations to the hard-working Departemental of South Dakota, who reached a goal of 107.69% in Partnership. Idaho came in second with 105.57%. For the division, the total reached was 86.16%. What a great job!

From the reports I received, I saw that our partners are doing a wonderful job with our children. Teaching about flag etiquette, care, and responsibility at a young age builds respect for our National symbol. Partners are caring for children with Cystic Fibrosis and helping their families with their many daily chores, such as purchasing gas cards for them to make the appointments necessary for their child. These are just some of the ways the partners are helping our Special Children with Lung and Respiratory Diseases.

Our division contributed \$43,811.56 to the Nurses Scholarship Fund, \$770.0 to ALCWF, \$220.00 to the Recreation and All Partners Project, \$35.00 to an Asthma Camp, and \$2,557.00 to hospitals and children with Cystic Fibrosis. Along with monetary donations, partners also participate with Ditty Bags, many hours volunteered to assist our Special children, manning booths at events, having raffles, saloon auctions, drawings doing cookbook sales, potlucks, and BBQs. These are all ways that were used to raise funds to support our programs.

God Bless all of you ad thank you for this wonderful opportunity to get to know each of you.

L' Archiviste Nationale Barbara Rutherford

Where did the year go, seems like just yesterday I was installed as L 'Archiviste Nationale, and now time to do the year-end report and article for the Book of Reports.

Thanks to all Partners that have sent me a Personal Histoire for Chapeau National Lorene Bartos' book.

It has been a very interesting year learning about what Departementaux have been doing. I know that some Departementaux do not have a L'Archiviste, hopefully, someone is keeping a history for those Departementaux. It's always good to know where we have been and to help us go ahead.

I received 16-year-end reports out of 27 Departementaux and received only a few attached written reports. Will have more in my report from the floor at La Marche Nationale.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn, the who, what, and where of our organization and the pleasure to work on the team with Chapeau Nationale Lorene this year.

La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale Sandra Winchester

It's been an honor to serve as La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale of this great group this past year. Cha Lorene's theme of 8&40 Ringing for a Cure gave this officer the opportunity to tune up the business end of the organization and have things humming along in support of our Partners, Officers, and most importantly our children. Ringing bells has many meanings, one very popular one as demonstrated by a local children's hospital is to ring a bell as a child completes treatment, regardless of the disease. May we continue to hear many chimes in support of our children.

The review by the CPA found the books to be in order, nonprofit guidelines are being met and the tax return 990 was filed in a timely manner.

Thank you Partners and Chapeau Lorene for allowing me this opportunity to serve, it's been a great year. Best wishes for a fun and successful Marche.

L'Avocate Nationale
Lila Speckels, National Chapeau Passé

I appreciate the opportunity given to me by Le Chapeau Lorene Bartos to serve her and the Partners of La Boutique Nationale during this administrative year.

Every organization has struggled since the COVID challenges of 2019-2021. We still have Salons that have not had meetings or brought their Constitution and Bylaws up to date to be in compliance with National. Constitution and Bylaws Templates, for Departementaux, that were developed and have assisted several Departemental Salons in updating their respective documents. We are working on a template for Le Petit Salons to use which will aid them in bringing their documents up to date.

Thank you, National Chapeau Lorene Bartos, for appointing me to this challenging position, and look forward to seeing our Partners again.

L' Aumonier Nationale
Doris Ann Werlinger

I just want to say “Thank You to All the Salons and Petite Salons” for sending me your reports and getting them to me by the deadline. I have so enjoyed your notes, cards, and emails letting me know about those who were sick and those who had lost loved ones and also, letting me know about our Partners who passed away. Thank you again, and I so enjoyed this year being L'Aumonier National.

Reports were received from 16 Departementaux with one sending a narrative and of those reporting there were 25% reporting. Those reports showed the following:

Departementaux conducted Memorial Services - 3

Petite Salons conducted Memorial Services - 8

Charter draped in Memory -11

Get Well Cards for Partners – 178

Sympathy Cards - 140

Birthdays - 27

Thinking of You - 47

Other cards sent - 534

Departementaux reporting book of prayers - 6

The participation in the Book of Prayers for Le Chapeau Lorene Bartos has been wonderful. Thanks to your response for prayers and devotional thoughts, I have prepared one filled binder. Your response has been wonderful and I thank all of you, what a grand way to pray for our Le Chapeau.

I, as L'Aumonier National, sent out three bulletins, had 3 articles in the Hat Box, and sent out 10 Sympathy Cards, 27 Get Well Cards, and 15 Thinking of You cards and Thank you's while I was sick. This year we were saddened to lose two of our Le Chapeau National Passé, Marcella M. Schmidt from South Dakota Salon #3 and Irene Stidham, from de Massachusetts, as well as all the many other Partners. Our prayers go out to their families and friends. They will be dearly missed. I'm sorry I couldn't send out more, but if I didn't know about anyone being sick, losing a family member or a Partner, I couldn't send a card, it is so important to let the L'Aumonier know so we can keep in touch with a card and a message.

Le Chapeau Lorene it has been a wonderful year ringing the bells for "Ringing for a Cure" for this organization. I want to thank Chapeau Lorene, La Secretaire Sandra, and Lila Speckels for all your assistance. Partners of the Eight and Forty, it has been a wonderful privilege to serve as your L'Aumonier, because I have met so many of you through emails and phone calls.

God Bless Each of you, the Eight and Forty Organization, and Our Beautiful United States of America.

La Concierge Nationale Luella Buske

I received 15 reports from the Departmentaux. They reported receiving 58 reports from the Petite Salons. There were several bulletins and personal visits reported. There were over 1,200 flags distributed and many classes were held on flag etiquette and lots of handouts were given.

It was reported that discussions were held with groups such as Scouts, students, and other groups about the proper handling of flags and the disposing of unusable flags.

It was an honor to serve. I sent bulletins but many came back. Please make sure that we have the correct e-mail address for you.

Advisory Committee

Chairman: Pam Seelye National Chapeau Passè

Committee Members: Donna Morice National Chapeau Passè;
Patty Pierce National Chapeau Passè

The advisory committee has been available all year to assist the National Chapeau in any areas that we could be of assistance and encouragement. Madame Chapeau Lorene has had some difficulties this year with the loss of some partners in key positions, but she has overcome and found ways to work through them. We want to thank each of our partners for all the work and support you have given Madame Chapeau Lorene. Ringing those bells and making a difference.

Awards Committee

Chairman: Karen Susag

Committee Member: Janet Young

Thank you to all the partners who have worked hard and were Ringing their Bells for help for our special children. The time and energy spent this year is shown in your reports resulting in awards recognition. A complete list of Awards will be in the Fall Hat Box.

Children & Youth

Chairman: Evelyn Nagel, Vice Chairman: Karen Peel

Committee Members: Evelyn Cox, Patricia Gilbert,
Betty Butler, Sharon Broghammer

This has been a wonderful year. I hope it has been for all of you. I pray that next year we can top what we have done this year. Here is what we have accomplished this year from the reports received.

Out of 27 Departementaux I received 17 reports. Nine of those 17 had 100% in reporting.

Departementaux contributed a total of \$41,982.62.

Volunteer hours spent in homes, hospitals, clinics, camp, etc. 111,769 and hours for clerical assistance 112,048. The total number of children assisted was 1,410 with 32 Petit Salons participating with ALCWF.

The Departementaux were creative in collecting funds for the different projects that they supported. One had auctions with donated items; one partner made items and sold them at a craft show. One Departemental made note pads and sold them Those who adopted a child made sure that they had gifts throughout the year.

One Departemental made pillowcases to be given to children. These were given to children without a suitcase so that they could store their treasures in them. They were given to children who were experiencing treatments and under the weather, foster children and families with low income. One salon challenged her partners to save dollar bills with an “L” or “C”. “L” for Lorene and “C” for Children and Youth to the All Partners Project.

Another Departemental had potluck dinners with a yearly auction and the proceeds were split between the Nurses Scholarship and Children and Youth. They donated bears to the pediatric ward and CF department at their local children's hospital. Activity bags were packed for children with school supplies. They filled a Treasure Chest at the local Children's Hospital for patients who had appointments to choose a treasure after their appointment.

One Departemental sent card and calendar fronts along with coloring and notebooks to National Jewish Health for the children. Provided gifts for the children on Easter, Halloween, and Christmas at the Dr. Miller Clinic. They sent Ditty Bags loaded with crayons, pencils, coloring and reading books, flash cards, stuffed animals, etc. to NJH.

Another Departemental collected returnable beverage containers and took them to the recycle to help their Special Children. They also made and sold items at the holidays.

One Departemental had “Shop for a Cure for Cystic Fibrous” it was Rylee's Rockstars Stride for a Cure Project. As COVID kept them from having an actual space to do this they took orders and filled them. Rylee is a nine year old with CF and was diagnosed when she was only ten days old. This Departemental goes all out to help. This Departemental has also adopted another child with Cystic Fibrous when she was 3 years old.

One Departemental takes gifts of crayons, stuffed animals coloring books to the children in the hospital at Christmas. They hold a Silent Auction to help them raise funds for our Special Children.

I have had a great year and want to thank Madam National Chapeau Lorene for this appointment. I think all the partners have done our organization proud.

Constitution and Bylaws
Chairman: Denise Bossetti
Committee Members: Barbara Gleason,
Diane Spencer, National Chapeau Passe

"Ringin' in Updated Constitution and Bylaws"

This year brought new adventures in learning the importance of communication. Having worked with the Handbook Chairman, Gail Roddy, and National L'Avocate, Lila Speckels to make sure we have no conflicts between our Constitution, Bylaws, and Handbook. Page by page for hours we discussed and corrected many issues, mostly housekeeping. There is no better way to increase one's knowledge of the governing documents than to be on the Constitution and Bylaws or Handbook Committees. I have also found that while on this Committee sometimes it may be necessary to write Resolutions to correct or update issues. Additional knowledge you can acquire while on this Committee.

Partners asked and we listened you wanted the Petit Salon template and we will be including it on the website soon. We are excited about taking strides to make this job relatively simple.

This committee has approved 3 Departementaux Constitution and Bylaws. Another 3 Departementaux received that needed corrections were sent back, and we may have them back for resubmission. Please use the National website template; it will make your job stress free.

Personal certificates will be given to the Departementaux that dedicate time to completing their Departmental report forms for 2022-2023.

Of the 27 Departementaux, I received 15 reports I know we could do better than this because we have in the past. That means this Committee had only 55.5% of Departementaux reporting.

Of the 15 Departementaux reports received only 14 sent names and addresses to the Nationale, and one was not certain if they had. 15 Reported they have the latest National Constitution and Bylaws on hand and use it. All 15 Departementaux encourage the use of these governing documents. 13 Departementaux reviewed their Standing Rules, and 2 reported they did not. Of the 13 that reviewed their Standing Rules, 8 made changes or added new Standing Rules. Even your standing rules may need revisions occasionally, as some of your practices may have changed.

In thinking about the importance of documents we want to remind you that Thomas Jefferson had a vision. He wanted to help create a document to ensure freedom from religious oppression, injustice, and disrespect for human rights. He didn't just dream it. He acted upon it, and his actions are evident in his draft of The Declaration of Independence.

Thank you, Chapeau Lorene, for having confidence in this team to be the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and for allowing us to serve with you in your year of ***"Ringin' for A Cure."***

Finance
Chairman: Patricia Murray,
Committee Members: Lisa Hoyland, Vickey Zwall; 1 year

This report will be delivered from the floor.

**Fun and Fellowship
Chairman: Lisa Moore**

Hi ALL!

I hope all the Belles remembered to ring their bells for a cure.

If you didn't have fun, you did it wrong.

Fun comes in many forms, games, songs, and trivia.

As long as you enjoyed yourself you did good.

Remember if you are having fun, others will want to join you, too.

Thanks for the honor of allowing me to be your fun and fellowship chair.



**Handbook
Chairman: Gail Roddy
Committee Members: Willie Mae Looney, Mary "Sugar" White**

'Our Success Rings from using the Handbook'

We dedicated ourselves to keeping the Eight and Forty Handbook current, easier to read, and clearly had a great time learning as it took many hours to read, re-read and then finalize.

We *thank* National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, Denise Bossetti for taking the time with spending many evening hours, helping us proofread each and every page to make sure the Handbook states the same as our National C & B.

We *thank* L'Avocate Nationale, Lila Speckels for her also going over our completed document with making wise comments and/or suggestions for 'rights and wrongs.'

Member Mary White provided several attachments to our news bulletins keeping us updated on proper protocol. Her official title is a "true team player.'

Thank you, Le Chapeau National Lorene Bartos, for our appointments. It was a fun-filled year to learn what the organization does and where to find our job details. Each partner should take the time to read just a few pages each day. The Handbook is truly an informative document!

Hat Box **by Sandra Winchester**

In memory of past Hat Box Editor Sherrie Tucker it is my honor to submit this report for the Red Book. This year three editions of the Hat Box were published. Each edition went out by mail or email and was posted to the national website.

The Hat Box can be a valuable source of information. While the sharing of data is important, few Partners will read it if it isn't also interesting and entertaining. This newsletter should not be strictly numbers and percentages that is what bulletins are for. Brag on your salon, send in a photo of a recent event, tell everyone about the really unusual thing your group did as a fundraiser. In other words, share ideas not just numbers.

Sherrie Tucker did a great job as Hat Box Editor and she will be missed.

Leadership **Chairman: Linda Varejcka** Committee Members: Gina Kizer and Judith Tryba

"It's only after you've stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow, and transform."

"Great leaders create more leaders, not followers."

Roy T. Bennett

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then, you are an excellent leader."

Dolly Parton

"It's a curious thing, Harry, but perhaps those who are best suited to power are those who have never sought it. Those who, like you, have leadership thrust upon them, and take up the mantle because they must and find to their own surprise that they wear it well."

J. K. Rowling, Harry Potter, and the Deathly Hallows

We received fourteen (14) reports with nine (9) having narratives attached. They were outstanding and glad to see many thinking outside the box and getting information from many sources to share, but the emphasis was on the Eight and Forty programs, procedures, and tools we have. Those indicating initiating a mentoring program increased. One departmental indicated emphasizing partnership and recruiting and reported it was well received, partners indicated easy to do and their membership increased. One departmental mentioned a "French teacher" was invited to their meeting. "Practice makes Perfect".

Many added patriotism, holiday facts, and fun games. Reminder to always wear a “SMILE”. Make leadership fun and enthusiastic, do not preach.

Music
Chairman: JoAnn Sieck

It has been a pleasure providing music for you this year.

Nursing Scholarship

Chairman: Barbara Skillman - Vice Chairman: Cayce Morice
Committee Members: Floann Clark, Eileen Chmielewski,
Brenda Smith, Virginia Nelsen
“Ringing Bells for Nurses”

Nurses Scholarship promotes interest in the need for nurses with specialized training in treating lung and respiratory diseases in children. Respiratory therapists are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

We rang loudly as donations hit in a big way. I was really hoping to bring in \$24,000 to make 8 scholarships. Well, Departementaux donated \$39,798.38 WOW! Madame Chapeau decided we could award 10 scholarships this year and we did. We had around 50 applications.

Standings for donations as of May 31 Western Division \$27,388.09, Central Division \$5673.26, Eastern Division \$4118.50, and Southern Division \$1797.00. Thank you for all you did to make this scholarship program happen.

I received 18 reports from Departemental Chairman out of 27 Departementaux. If you don't report we don't know for sure how you raised your funds.

Divisional awards will be presented at the division luncheon.

Thank you all!

Nurses Scholarship - The 8 & 40 offers National Nurses & Respiratory Scholarship Specifically to those professionals directly involved in respiratory illnesses in children. Applications are available every year after January 1st. To request an application please contact Salon National, PO Box 1108, Lake Dallas, Texas 75065-1108. Email requests are also accepted at lasecretaire@8and40.org. Please include name, address, phone and email information in the request. All completed applications must be received by May 15th each year. For more info order the [Nursing & Respiratory Scholarship Brochure](#).

Partnership

Chairman: Paula Burgess, Vice Chairman: Anna Toomey
Committee Members: Kim Estes, Debbie Knickerbocker,
Bonita Robey, Pamela Way



“Ringing the Bell to bring partners in and Revive Our Partnership”



I would like to thank all the partners who work so hard on partnership this year. We were short of our goal of 2536 by 324 partners over last year's goal was short of 480 partners. We ended with 87.22% with .76% more than last year.

Our Division accomplishments were: Eastern Division- Debbie Knickerbocker, – 89.22%, Southern Division-Bonita Robey-87.66%, Western Division-Pamela Way-86.63%, Central Division-Kimberly Estes-86.38%. It was a tight race but everybody did very well.

In my welcome letter, I stated the Departmental that reaches 100% plus by May 31, 2023, will receive a certificate and gift for their accomplishment in acquiring this goal. And there were two - South Dakota – 107.69%, Idaho 105.56%. September 1.2022 South Dakota was the First Departmental to reach 100% goal. Thanks go out to South Dakota, and Idaho for reaching all their goals, and Florida and Maryland for reaching 100% goal.

I would like to thank South Dakota Partnership Chairman for a very wonderful report. Denise Bossetti has Rung that Bell Loud for Partnership 2023. Thanks for the 117 new Partners and 2095 renewals. Pamela Way for sending her bulletins to me monthly. And I will be sending all Departmental Chairmen a certificate for your hard work this year and the Divisional Chairman and Vice Chairman as well. “Together Everyone Achieves More.” And you did just that.





Public Relations
Chairman: Sherrie Tucker
Committee Members: Dixie Parsons, Rita Barylski



Eleven Departementaux reported on Public Relations. Two Salons sent articles to newspapers and three were printed, one with a picture. Five Departementaux reported 13 Petite Salons sent bulletins or newsletters out every month; one sent bi-monthly and many sent occasionally. Many Departementaux have their own newsletters.

Four of those reporting used social media such as Facebook and email; one Salon has its own website, to keep the partners aware of events, pouvoirs, and program information. Flyers were sent out to partners notifying them of events and fundraising.

Many Salons distributed brochures on TAL Child Welfare and Nurses Scholarships in clinics and hospital waiting rooms.

Thank you to those Departementaux that took the time to send in reports.

By Rita M. Barylski

Ritual & Emblems
Chairman: Sandy Steinkamp Committee
Member: Sharon Evans

What a great year we have had – Ringing our Bells for our Special Children. Thank you to National Chapeau Lorene for this appointment and opportunity to serve.

I received 19 reports, and it is wonderful to see that the Salons are meeting on a regular basis and following the Ritual at their meetings.

It is important that we secure new partners, mentor them, and teach them the purpose of the Ritual. Please make sure all partners have a copy of the Ritual and use it at all meetings to have a great year. A copy can be downloaded from the website 8and40.org under the Forms tab.

Please continue to wear your 8 & 40 lapel pin with pride. Let people know our accomplishments, the 8 & 40 story, and the goals we are seeking for our Special Children.

**101st Annual Marche Nationale
La Boutique Nationale
des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes**

**Graduate Hotel
Lincoln, Nebraska
September 7-9, 2023**

REGISTRATION

All packets are to be picked up at, Eight and Forty Headquarters Office, Graduate Hotel. The office will be in the Perkins Room on the first floor. Office Hours: **Wed.** 2-4 pm, **Thurs.** 8 am – 3 pm /closed for lunches, Last Day Fri. 7:30 am-3 pm/closing for divisional lunches, Sat. Office Closed so everyone can be in the room for voting and elections.

EMBLEM SALES

There will be items for sale, payment is due at pick-up.

THURSDAY, September 7, 2023

EIGHT AND FORTY FOUNDATION –Devaney	8:30 AM – 9:15 AM
LEADERSHIP SCHOOL – Ardis Ballroom	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
LES CHAPEAUX NATIONAL PASSÉ LUNCHEON Single Barrel Restaurant	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PRE-MARCHE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ROOM: Rozier

Public Relations,	1:30PM – 2:30 PM
L'Aumonier, Doris Ann Werlinger	2:30PM –3:00 PM
L'Archiviste, Barbara Rutherford	3:00PM –3:30 PM

ROOM: Rodgers

Nurses Scholarship, Barbara Skillman, Chairman	1:30 PM –2:30 PM
Handbook Gail Roddy, Chairman	2:30 PM –3:00 PM
Partnership Anna Toomey, Vice Chairman	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

ROOM: Crouch

Children and Youth, , Evelyn Nagel, Chairman 1:30PM – 2:30PM

Resolutions, Linda Kilmer, Chairman 2:30PM – 3:30PM

ROOM: Governor Yates

Constitution & Bylaws, Denise Bossetti, Chairman 1:30 PM –2:30 PM

Ritual & Emblem, Sandy Steinkamp, Chairman 2:30 PM 3:30 PM

PRE-MARCHE POUVOIR – Ardis Ballroom 4:30 PM

REHEARSAL FOR LA MARCHE – Ardis Ballroom 6:00 PM
La Concierge, Luella Buske & Marechals and Pages

CANDIDATES RECEPTION – Legends Ballroom 8:00 PM
Diane Spencer, Chairman

FRIDAY, September 8, 2023

MARCHE – Ardis Ballroom 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

OPENING SESSION - 8:30 AM Lynne Wild, La Marche Co-Chairman

PRESENTATION OF CHAPEAU PASSÉ

Dorothy Brady	1991-1992
Millie Nierman	1994-1995
Iverna Christoffers	1996-1997
Helen Goewey	2000-2001
Donna Morice	2002-2003
Marge Sheridan	2003-2004
Janet Christiansen	2009-2010
Patricia Pierce	2010-2011
Sharon Alley	2011-2012
Maria Crothers	2012-2013
Lila Speckels	2013-2014
Tammy Firsdon	2014-2015
Mary “Sugar” White	2015-2016
Vickey Zwall	2017-2018
Pam Seeyle	2018-2019
Diane Spencer	2019-2021
Judy Zimmerman	2021-2022

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Escorted by La Concierge Luella Buske, Les Marechals and Marche Pages

La Secretaire-Cassiere Nationale
L'Avocate
La Concierge
L'Aumonier
L'Archiviste

Vickey Zwall
Lila Speckles
Luella Buske
Doris Ann Werlinger
Barbara Rutherford

LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX

Central Division
Eastern Division
Southern Division
Western Division

Kathy Goodwin
Judith Tryba
Treva Kay Wldrick
Toia Hack

Demi Chapeau
National Chapeau

Linda Diebel
Lorene Bartos

CALL TO ORDER

Lorene Bartos, Le Chapeau National

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS

Luella Buske, La Concierge Nationale
Les Marechals Cayce Morice and Nanette Peters

INVOCATION

Doris Ann Werlinger, L'Aumonier Nationale

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Luella Buske, La Concierge Nationale

NATIONAL ANTHEM

All

FLANDERS FIELD

Judith Tryba, Le Demi Chapeau Eastern Division

AMERICA'S ANSWER

Toia Hack, Le Demi Chapeau Western Division

RESPONSE

Lorene Bartos, National Chapeau

WELCOME

Amanda Washburn, Dept'l de Nebraska

ROLL CALL

Vickey Zwall, La Secretaire Nationale

READING OF THE CALL TO 2023 MARCHE NATIONALE

Vickey Zwall, La Secretaire Nationale

REPORT OF THE MINUTES COMMITTEE FOR 2022 NATIONAL MARCHE

Report submitted by Pam Seelye Chairman, Lila Speckels and Diane Spencer, all National Chapeau Passé.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Maria Crothers, Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF LES CHAPEAU NATIONAL PASSÉ

Lorene Bartos, Le Chapeau National

SPEAKING FOR LES CHAPEAUX NATIONAL PASSÉ

Judy Zimmerman, Chapeau National Passé

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Lisa Moore - Chairman

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Rules and Order – Debra Albers, Chairman

Permanent Organization – Floann Clark, Chairman

REPORT OF DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAL AND INTRODUCTION OF LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX

Central Division – Kathy Goodwin

Eastern Division – Judith Tryba

Southern Division – Treva Kay Wildrick

Western Division – Toia Hack

(All Les Chapeau Departementaux, please line up by division in the back of the room to be presented by La Concierge when your Divisional Demi Chapeau gives her report.)

REPORT OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

Le Chapeau National – Lorene Bartos

Le Demi Chapeau National – Linda Diebel

L'Archiviste Nationale – Barbara Rutherford

L'Avocate Nationale – LilaSpeckels

La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale – Published in Redbook

NOMINATIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

RECESS



11:30 AM – 1:30 PM DIVISIONAL LUNCHEONS AND CAUCUSES

**Central — Crouch Rom
Southern — Rodgers Room**

**Eastern — Devaney Room
Western — Rozier Room**

RECONVENE

2:00 PM — SECOND SESSION — LA MARCHE NATIONALE

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND INTRODUCTION OF DIVISIONAL CHAIRMEN

Advisory Committee
Children and Youth
Constitution and Bylaws
Finance
Hat Box
Nurses Scholarship
Partnership
Ritual and Emblem
Handbook Committee
Leadership Committee
Public Relations Committee
Resolutions Committee
Awards Committee
Fun & Fellowship
Foundation Committee

Janet Christiansen, Chairman
Evelyn Nagel, Chairman
Denise Bossetti, Chairman
Patricia Murray, Chairman

Barbara Skillman, Chairman
Paula Burgess, Chairman
Sandy Steinkamp, Chairman
Gail Roddy, Chairman
Linda Varejcka, Chairman
Dixie Parsons, Committee Member
Barbara Skillman, Chairman
Karen Susag, Committee Member
Lisa Moore, Chairman
Vickey Zwall, Director

PRESENTATION OF LOCAL MARCHE COMMITTEES

Barbara Skillman and Lynne Wild Co-Chairman
Departemental de Nebraska #9 partners
Salon 832 -
Salon 92, Decoration Chairman
Theresa and Cie Kauth, Corsage Distribution

RECESS



SATURDAY, September 9, 2023

THIRD SESSION OF LA MARCHÉ NATIONALE

8:30AM **MEMORIAL SERVICE** — Doris Ann Werlinger L'Aumonier National
(See Memorial Program Booklet)

REPORT OF L'AUMONIER L'Aumonier National, Doris Ann Werlinger

REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHÉ COMMITTEES

Registration Chairman	Sandy Steinkamp -- Nebraska
Credentials Chairman	Barbara Washburn -- Nebraska
Emblem Sales	Loree Hendrickson - Nebraska
Ticket Distribution	Kathleen Moss - Nebraska

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023 – 2024

Chapeau
Demi Chapeau
Divisional Demi Chapeaux
L'Archiviste
L'Aumonier
La Concierge

APPOINTED OFFICERS

L'Avocate
La Secrétaire - Caissière

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE

Maria Crothers, Chairman
Janet Christiansen, Member
Mary "Sugar" White, Member

REPORT OF LA CONCIERGE La Concierge Nationale, Luella Buske

PRESENTATION OF LES MARECHALS Cayce Morice, de Missouri
Nanette Peters, de Ohio

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES

Chairman of Pages – Linda Varejcka
Vice Chairman – Carolyn Bresnick - Missouri
Pages – Anna Toomey-Indiana, Pamela Way- Nebraska,
Lisa Hoyland, Florida

PRESENTATION OF PERSONAL PAGES TO LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL

Amanda Washburn and Gloria Asch - Nebraska

RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OF LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAL

Central:

Eastern:

Southern:

Western:

INTRODUCTION OF LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS – Catherine Munden - Missouri

Tabulators: Sharon McClain

Patty Buhle

Tellers: Evelyn Cox

Shari Luther

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2023—2024

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RECESS

POST MARCHÉ POUVOIR IMMEDIATELY after RECESS of Third Session

NOTES FROM POUVOIR

LA MARCHE BANQUET — 6:30 pm



PROCESSIONAL OF OFFICERS	Lynne Wild, Marche Co-Chairman
INVOCATION	Doris Ann Werlinger, L'Aumonier Nationale
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Luella Buske, La Concierge National
NATIONAL ANTHEM	All
WELCOME	Lynne Wild, Marche Co-Chairman
RESPONSE	Linda Diebel, Le Demi Chapeau National

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Lorene Bartos, Le Chapeau National
INSTALLATION OF 2023-2024 NATIONAL OFFICERS	
Installing Officer:	Mary “Sugar” White, National Chapeau Passé,
Installing L'Aumonier:	Pam Seelye , National Chapeau Passé
Installing La Concierge:	Diane Spencer, National Chapeau Passé

PRESENTATION OF LE CHAPEAU PASSÉ PIN TO Lorene Bartos
By Maria Crothers National Chapeau Passé

PRESENTATION OF LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL PIN TO Linda Diebel
By Mary “Sugar” White National Chapeau Passé

REMARKS BY LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL—ELECT, Linda Diebel

REMARKS BY LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL— Lorene Bartos

BENEDICTION **Doris Ann Werlinger, L'Aumonier Nationale**

RETIREMENT OF COLORS **Luella Buske, La Concierge National**
Marechals – Cayce Morice and Nanette Peters

RETIREMENT OF LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL Lorene Bartos

ADJOURNMENT OF 2023 LA MARCHE NATIONALE

REGISTRATION/CREDENTIALS COUNT

First Registration Count

Officers	Chairman	Passè	Pouvoir	Delegates	Alternates	Guests
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

First Credentials Count

Officers	Chairman	Passè	Pouvoir	Delegates	Alternates	Guests
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Needed to elect/pass a motion _____

Final Registration Count

Officers	Chairman	Passè	Pouvoir	Delegates	Alternates	Guests
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Final Credentials Count

Officers	Chairman	Passè	Pouvoir	Delegates	Alternates	Guests
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Needed to elect/pass a motion _____



NATIONAL AWARDS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH AWARDS

Patty Pierce - To the Salon Departemental doing the most outstanding work in the prevention and control of lung and respiratory diseases in children.

Won by: _____

Donna Morice - To the Salon Departemental who had the most unique fundraising idea for Children and Youth. A narrative must be included.

Won by: _____

Helene S. Mardu - To the Salon Departemental of 200 or less having the most outstanding Children and Youth Program.

Won by: _____

Colleen Stephens - To the Salon Departemental of 150 or under, which shall have the closest to goal, the best written report on Cystic Fibrosis.

Won by: _____

Ivy Christoffers - To be awarded annually to the Salon Departemental of 150 or less, on a monetary basis, to be taken from reports on local Cystic Fibrosis contributions between the date of June 1 and May 31, using these dates to comply with The American Legion.

Won by: _____

Jean Hayes - To be awarded annually to the Salon Departemental having the greatest number of volunteer hours of service between June 1 and May 31, such service to be aiding children suffering from respiratory diseases and based on a percentage of partnership.

Won by: _____

Frances Haydel - To be awarded to the Salon Departemental having the greatest number of volunteer hours of service to Children and Youth Respiratory Diseases program, except the common cold.

Won by: _____

Maria Crothers— To the Departemental of 150 and under for monetary donations to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation on a per capita basis as per records of May 31.

Won by: _____

Mary “Sugar” White— To the Departemental of 151 and over for monetary donations to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation on a per capita basis as per records of May 31.

Won by: _____

NATIONAL HISTOIRE AWARDS

Dorothy Brady - To be awarded to the Salon Departemental with partnership of 150 or less for the best Histoire Book selected from the four Divisional winners.

Won by: _____

Elyline Schweitzer - To be awarded for the best Histoire selected from the four Divisional winners whose partnership is 151 or over.

Won by: _____

NATIONAL NURSES’ SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Marcy Schmidt - To be awarded annually to the Departemental having the highest average contributions per paid partner to the Scholarship Fund as of May 31 each year.

Won by: _____

Tammy Firsdon - To be awarded annually to the Salon Departemental of 150 or less, having the highest average contributions per paid partner to the Nurses’ Scholarship Fund in National Headquarters of Eight and Forty by May 31 of each year.

Won by: _____

Reina Svacha-Pam Seelye - To be awarded annually to the Salon Departemental of 151 or over, having the highest average contributions per paid partner to the Nurses’ Scholarship Fund in National Headquarters of Eight and Forty by May 31 of each year.

Won by: _____

Elizabeth Lori - To be awarded annually to the Salon Departemental of 151 and over, having the highest contribution to the Nurses' Scholarship Fund in National Headquarters of Eight and Forty by May 31 of each year.

Won by: _____

Beverly Stites - For the largest gain over the previous year, based on per capita, by May 31 of each year.

Won by: _____

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

Eunice F. Staley - For the largest percentage of PAID partners enrolled in Eight and Forty National Headquarters by December 31 for Salon Departemental with a quota of 150 or less.

Won by: _____

Virginia Kates - To the Departemental organizing the first Salon during the fiscal year July 1 of one year to June 30 of the next year.

Won by: _____

Elsie Hemphill - To be awarded to the Departemental showing the greatest percentage of partnership gain as of March 31.

Won by: _____

Janet Christiansen - To be awarded to the Departemental for the most new partners, based on per capita, by June 30 of each year.

Won by: _____

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

Helen Goewey - To Le Chapeau Departemental having 150 or under, which does the most efficient job of sending information from National and her own Departemental to her Salons, Officers, and Chairman.

Won by: _____

Mille Nierman - To Le Chapeau Departemental having 151 or over, which does the most efficient job of sending information from National and her own Departemental to her Salons, Officers, and Chairmen.

Won by: _____

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Venita Holthaus – To the Departemental with the best Leadership report, and a narrative attached.

Won by: _____

NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Sharon Alley – To the Departemental for best Public Relations book submitted to Public Relations Chairman by June 30th.

Won by: _____

NATIONAL EIGHT AND FORTY FOUNDATION AWARDS

Lila Speckels – To the Departemental for monetary donations to The Eight and Forty Foundation on a per capita basis as per records as of May 31.

Won by: _____

Kathy Harris-Richardson - to the Departemental with the highest increase over the previous year, based on per capita as per records as of May 31. Award will consist of a citation and \$25.00, paid by Departemental de California.

Won by: _____

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL OUR WINNERS!**

Safe Travels as you journey home.

