



Greetings from Le Chapeau

Doris Ann Werlinger, Le Chapeau



Salon La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes

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Greetings Pit Crew!!!!

We are off and the Teams are doing their best to keep up with all the Leaders or Be The Leader! We can only get better, but all of You as Partners need to do your part, and I'm sure you are working on Partnership, Child Well-Being Foundation, Nursing and Respiratory Therapists Scholarships, Publicity, Children and Youth and the national Jewish Hospital Items.

I do hope all of you had a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year and just wishing all of you the Best and Healthiest New Year of 2026. Pius and I had a wonderful Christmas and a Nice celebration in front of the TV watching the ball drop in NY City and listening to all the music. We enjoyed it all and it was a quiet evening.

The Western Division is doing great for Partnership with 66.67%, then Central Division, 54.53%, Southern Division is 56.23%, and Eastern Division is 54.93%. Keep up the good work Partners, I know we "Can Do It"!!! Race to the Front.

We have collected a total of \$1,407 for the Eight & Forty Foundation with a general donation from a memorial from Past National Passe Nierman. Thank you to the Nierman Family for this wonderful Memorial.

Nursing and Respiratory Scholarship Fund has raised \$5,582.90, this is wonderful Partners, I'm so happy to see our scholarship fund growing. The NJH Fund has a total of \$2,701.00 – thank you for helping our Special children. Child Well-Being Foundation is doing good, with \$916.00 thank you for all of your help.

I just want to remind all of the Salons to get your renewals and new partners in within the 15 days as this is very important to the national Office, so the bills can get paid and get all the books in order and keep the Web page up to date with all the new information. I know it is a big job for all La Secretaire/ Cassirer's to get all of this done in a Timely Manner, but it is very important to each of the divisions as well as the National La Secretaire to have all of this in her hands as soon as possible.

Again, I just want to wish each Partner a Very Happy, Healthy New Year and keep doing those wonderful things for our Great 8 and 40 Organization, because without each of you, we are not going to get our Special Children taken care of.

God Bless Each of You and God Bless America,

In Fun and Fellowship,

Doris Ann

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Constitutions and Bylaws

Denise Bossetti Chairman

The Importance of Governing Documents.

Governing documents are the backbone of any organization. They include foundational papers such as articles of incorporation, constitutions, bylaws, and policies that define how an organization operates, makes decisions, and maintains accountability. Understanding their importance is essential for effective leadership, compliance, and organizational sustainability.

Establishing Legal and Structural Framework

Governing documents provide the legal framework necessary for an organization to function. They outline the organization's purpose, structure, and the roles and responsibilities of its Officers and Partners. This clarity prevents misunderstandings and ensures everyone knows their duties and the limits of their authority.

Ensuring Compliance and Accountability

Most organizations are required by law or regulation to maintain certain governing documents. These documents help ensure compliance with local, state, and federal laws, as well as business standards. They also establish procedures for decision-making, conflict resolution, and financial management, which increase transparency and accountability among members.

Guiding Organizational Decisions

When disputes or uncertainties arise, governing documents serve as the reference point for resolving them. They contain policies on elections, meetings, voting, and amendments, ensuring that decisions are made consistently and fairly. This guidance is especially important during times of leadership change or organizational growth.

Protecting the Organization and Its Partners

Well-crafted governing documents protect the organization from legal risks and internal conflicts. They define how assets are managed, how scholarships are approved, and how disciplinary actions are handled. This protection extends to Officers and Partners reducing personal liability and safeguarding organizational interests.

Facilitating Growth and Adaptation

As organizations evolve, governing documents provide guidelines for change, such as procedures for amending bylaws or updating policies. This adaptability allows organizations to respond to new opportunities, challenges, or regulatory requirements while maintaining stability and continuity.

The importance of governing documents cannot be overstated. They provide the foundation for legal compliance, organizational structure, accountability, and adaptability. By establishing clear rules and procedures, governing documents enable organizations to operate efficiently, maintain trust, and achieve their goals.

Partnership

Floann Clark



We are running a little behind our 75% goal for February 28th. We need partners to make it. I've noticed several Departmental Salons are lacking in partnership. Let's work on getting our dues into Sandra before the deadline. Thank you for your hard work. It would be great to give Chapeau Doris Ann a goal year.

La Concierge—Nationale

Karen Peel

Welcome to the new 8 and 40 year!

As La Concierge (Departemental or Petit Salon) it shall be your duty to attend all Salon meetings. You are responsible for the order at all meetings and the advancement and retirement of the Colors. As Departemental La Concierge, you shall provide guidance to each Petite Salon La Concierge. You should send out bulletins or newsletters monthly or at least quarterly when information is received from Nationale. These should be sent to all Les Petits Chapeaux, Les Petit Secretaires, Departemental Officers and Chairmen. Assist the Chapeau whenever asked to do so. As Petit La Concierge, share all information that is received from Departemental. Keep your partners informed. Assist the Chapeau whenever asked to do so. Have some fun this year at each meeting. Come up with some out of box activities. Prizes?

Absolutely! Our partners love rewards! Speaking of those out of the box activities – there will be some rewards for those out of the box activities! Send those activities to me. I will need a description and pictures of your activity. I will share them with the partners. Let's have some fun!

Also, I am looking for pictures of our American flag. As you around your community and you see a beautiful picture of our flag, take that picture! Please send them to me and I will share them each month in the bulletin. Again – there could be a prize for the best picture! I hope you all have a successful year. If you need anything, please let me know. I am here to assist!

La Demi Chapeau—Western Division

Pam Seelye

As of January 31st, Western Division is in first place with 74.77% of goal but Central Division is close behind us with 72.85%. We continue to work on renewing and retaining partners but also looking for new partners. Each of us knows the importance of partnership for our organization and its growth. Donations are being made for our programs. Donations are coming in slowly due to things beyond our control but we each want to support our organization and our children knowing how very important it is.

Our “Awesome Dragonboats” our still going in a straight line down the river sitting a steady course to the finish line. You are the best.

Fun and Fellowship—Nationale

Anna Conwell

Greetings Partners!

Is everyone still digging out from the Winter freeze???? BRRRR!!

Well, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and looking forward to a wonderful New Year!

Did you get to play any of the Facebook Christmas games? If so, please let me know how it went. My family had a blast!

Now that the “Winter Blues” are fading, it is time to get busy! Busy with finding ways to build our Partnership and having fun along the way. So now, pull those race mobiles out of storage and rev up those engines! Every

month has a holiday or special day. Use your imagination to promote a game or drawing that will be both fun and beneficial to your Salon. Just bring a friend (a potential Partner) to your meeting and win a gift. Simple gifts or simple games. If ideas? Even though many of us can't get up and down off of the floor like we used to be able to do, think of the long-ago games like Jacks, Marbles, Dominos, Thumb Wrestling, Pick-up Sticks, cards, and so many more. These games made us happy. You get the idea? Liven up your meeting with simple decorations, cards or centerpieces. Just do something fun!

Nurses Scholarship—Nationale

Sharon McClain

It is hard to believe that we have finished the year 2025 and now we are in the New Year 2026.

I would like to apologize to everyone for not getting an article out last month. I have been hacked and all of my emails have been deleted, I took it to the computer shop and I was not able to retrieve any of my mail. I am up and running. I hope!

I wonder how the race is going on the race from coast to coast? Well here we are the results. So far the “Red Sail boat” “Western Division,” is ahead of everyone, with \$2,625.42, in 1st place. Next is the “Green Sail Boat” “Southern Division in 2nd place with \$1,529.00. Followed by “Yellow Sail boat” Eastern Division 3rd place with \$914.00, and in last place “Central Division with \$314.00.

Have you had any fun fundraisers for the Nurses Scholarship funds? Have you sent in your donations to your Departmental? National? Donations need to be in by May 15, 2026 to your Departmental, while Departmental needs to send in any Nurses Scholarship donations to National by May 31, 2026. Let us remember that the donations are to help pay for the Scholarship for those Student Nurses and Physical Therapist going into the field of lung disease in children.

We need to reach our goal so that we can help at least 10 applicants receive a Scholarship. Thank you for your continue support. Should you need to get applications, contact your L' Secretaire of your Petit Salon or your Departmental L' Secretaire.

If I can be of any help to you PLEASE CALL ME.

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Le Demi Chapeau—Southern Division

Liz Cose

Hello from the Southern Division. Our race cars are taking their laps around each course, the pit crew is busy too, going through the highways and byways of our states lookin' for adventure in whatever comes their way. Together we are gonna' make it happen—all the way to that checkered flag. Just as we followed the pace car out on the track to take the world in a love embrace, we continue to keep the pedal to the metal in whatever comes our way. By now, we are survivors of the sub-degree temperature drops, have conquered and sped through the holidays, and have wished "Happy Valentine's Day" to all. We are headed toward the finish line in all we do to support our special children. Raising donations and contributing to our programs to reach our goals. So, as we fire all our guns and explode into space Racin' with the wind, we remind ourselves that we were born for such a moment like this. We CAN climb high, striving to do better and let the world know who we are. Yup, we were born to be bold, free, and wild at every turn.

Good work Southern Division Departemental Standings as of 1/2026

	New	Renew	Total	%	CWF	NJH	Nurses Scholarships
Alabama #8	1	26	27	64.29	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 25
Arkansas #47	1	19	20	62.50	0	0	582
Florida #7	2	42	44	91.67	150	525	2,047
Kentucky #48	0	29	29	48.33	0	100	60
Texas #32	4	85	89	67.94	0	100	0
Totals	8	201	209		150	750	2,714

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Public Relations—Nationale

Kimberly Estes

With snow and ice and sub-zero wind chills, I hope you all are safe and warm during this deep freeze weather. I remember the winter of 78. Wouldn't wish that on anyone again. The only way to drive was to keep it between the telephone poles. Burr, it makes me cold thinking about it.

Here are some tips for when you speak in front of a group of people. When you are informed that you must speak, does your stomach hit the floor, your heart starts beating out of your chest, you see spots in front of your eyes, and your knees start knocking? You are not alone, many people who speak in front of crowd feel the same way. Here are some tips to help you out. Before walking to the platform take a few deep breaths and exhale thru your mouth, go over your speech in your head so that you don't stand in front of the crowd "ummm and you know" this is the fast way to make a crowd lose interest in your speech you really know what you are talk about, eye contact look over the room to make eye contact, this show that you are knowledgeable and confident in our 8/40. Avoid using the word "I". There are people who helped you. I am an ego word when referring to the work done.

Project your voice clearly and strongly one of the biggest problems is not speaking correctly into the microphone. You either get too close, and your words blur or your words become muffled or stay too far away from the microphone, and the voice is very weak.

I am still in need of newsletter and bulletins so many Departementaux are not sending anything in, this is also true for the Nationale Officers and Chairmen. Please get them into me as soon as possible!

Central Division Demi Chapeau

Linda Kimer

Central Division is pulling together to reach 100% goal. We send our hearts to our Special Children as we race to find a cure for them. I know we all have been inside trying to stay warm as the winds blow and drifts of snow surround us. I hope you have been able to call or send cards to your partners to let them know you are thinking of them and a friendly reminder if they still owe dues, maybe they forgot. We want to get our partnership dues and donations sent in as soon as possible. Our Scholarship applications have deadlines, and our Children and Youth have several events currently. Let us all do what we can to support our Central Division. I look forward to my upcoming Central Division Departemental visits and spending time with our partners. May your heart feel love and peace!



Eastern Division Demi Chapeau

Rosemarie LaBossiere

Hello Ladies,

First and foremost I owe all of you an apology. I have not been keeping up with my responsibilities and I apologize for that. We have had some family issues and health issues that has prevented me from fulfilling my obligation up till now. That being said the Eastern Division is lagging behind but we are resilient.

Encourage partners to become more active to support our special children. We also need to work on increasing our partnershipmore hands make lighter the work. Please reach out to any partner who has not paid their dues and remind them of our mission for our special children and how important they are to that mission. I would love to hear from all the chapeaus on the eastern division on how they have embraced the theme and how they are doing as well as any fun things you may have come up with to promote the 8 and 40.

We are working on our eastern division conference which will be on March 28th in Rocky Hill CT and a flyer will be out shortly with more details. I look forward to seeing and hearing from all of you.



Nationale L'Archiviste

Lisa Hoyland

Partners,

I hope you are doing well and trying to stay warm! Our 8&40 race is on and I wanted to check-in to see how you are doing.

Can you believe that it is already February! January we waved the green flag for another year, I hope your holidays gave you time to refuel with family and friends. Now buckle in and get rolling on one of our most important races—preserving our Eight and Forty history.

History doesn't record itself. If we don't log the miles, the moments are lost to time. Every Departmental and Petit Salon has a story worth finishing strong.

Pre-Race Checklist: Getting Your History Book Started

If you haven't started your History Book yet, don't worry—you can still get a solid start right out of the pit lane. Required opening sections include:

Introductory Page (Department name, number, and location)

Prayer of your choice

Pledge of Allegiance

Star-Spangled Banner

Flanders Fields

American Answer

Chapeau Response

List of Departmental or Petit Salon Officers and Chairmen

Completing these pages now puts you comfortably ahead of the pack and sets the pace for the rest of the year.

Logging the Miles: How History Is Made

Keeping a history of your Departmental or Petit Salon is like maintaining a race log.

Record activities and programs

Capture contributions and community impact

Note milestones, challenges, and victories

Whether you write monthly or after each event, every entry matters. Small details today become meaningful memories tomorrow.

Partners I need for you to pull in for a pit stop and complete some paperwork

Thank you to those members who have sent me your Personal Histoire. If you haven't **my ASK** for you this month is to please complete, mention at your next meeting and encourage another partner to complete. Please forward to my email address at lhoyland277@gmail.com





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Deceased Partners

State	Salon	Last Name	First Name	State	Salon	Last Name	First Name
AL	842	Brown	Lelia Mae	KY	585	Fox	Eula Jane
AL	842	Nemo	Idella L Biggs	MA	122	Wade	Mildred
CA	456	Bedford	Helen	MO	116	Franz	Rose Mary
CA	277	Bratsch	Doris	NE	767	Kasl	Marva
FL	316	Price	Sharon A	NE	92	Snyder	Betty
IL	148	Bales	Ruth L	NE	410	Zohner	Genevieve
IL	63	Fagan	Linda	NY	31	Davis	Cynthia M
IL	347	Hall	Shirley	NY	306	Duncan	Anne
IL	484	Moade	Mary Jimmie	NY	154	Laskowski	Mary
IL	347	Watson	Mona	NY	154	Miller	Loretta
IN	806	Hacker	Dorothy	OH	165	Lewis	Mary
IN	806	Martin	Lois	TX	108	Batzel	Judy
IN	806	Robertson	Diane	TX	108	Nicholson	Ann
IN	896	McCool	Sandra	TX	108	Palomo- Quintanilla	Sophie Q.
IN	896	Tevlin	Dorthory	WA	246	Nierman	Mille NCP 94-95
KS	512	Perry	Dorothy	WA	246	Salazar	Deborah K.
KS	369	Storey	Marcella				