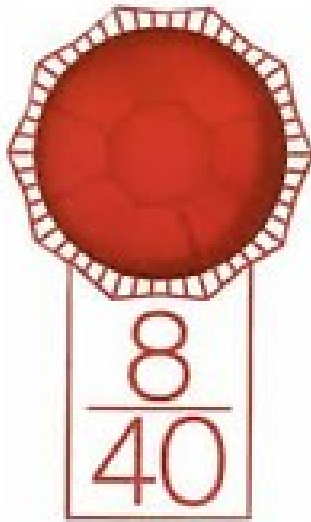




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## Le Chapeau Nationale

Barbara Rutherford



“Raising Awareness” to put a Sunny Smile for our Special Children

Wow What a great year, Partners. What a privilege to serve as your Chapeau Nationale. Was a honor to be able to make a few visitations, my first visitation was to Missouri, what a great group of partners that are working our programs. Next visitation was to Ohio, thanks to Nanette for taking me around and seeing the 40/8 Caboose and lots of sightseeing. Then in February Departmental de Washington Mid-Year Meeting, then back to Springfield, Illinois for Lincoln Days, I thought I had learned a lot in school about Abe Lincoln, but guess you are never too old to learn more.

I went back to Springfield in April for Indiana Mid-year Pouvoir meeting. In July headed to Austin Texas for their La Marche, they may be a small group but have a lot of devotions to our programs. Then took a little vacation and my daughter (Bobbi) and I went on a road trip from Austin, Texas to St. Mary's Georgia. I had never been to Louisiana or Alabama, spent the night in New Orleans. Flew back home to take off the next day for Departemental California and again what a great group of partners. Thanks to all the partners that have made this year a year I will always remember. Special Thanks to all partners that made donation to All Partners Project (Nationale Chapeau Project) this year was another Nurse's Scholarship because of the donation of \$7815. We were able to give out 3 Scholarships of \$2605.00.



That is only the beginning of your donations: I received 20 reports, with the following to report:

Partnership: (6/30)89.01%-1838

1<sup>st</sup>-Western Divisional-96.02%-531

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**Le Chapeau Nationale**

**Barbara Rutherford**

2<sup>nd</sup> Eastern Divisional-88.81%-357

3<sup>rd</sup> Central Divisional-87.65%-653

4<sup>th</sup> Southern Divisional-81.37%-365

And total of New Partners this year 98 (Keep up the good work in getting partners to make us grow)

Report from Departemental Chapeau Annual Report Form:

Number of Salons attended the Dept. La Marche: 67 How many Partners attended: 390.

Was a Leadership Held at La Marche? Yes: 14, No: 6 # Partners in attendance: 300

How many Petit Salons held initiations: 30. Number of Salons that assigned mentors to new partners: 30 Submitted Histories: 20, Memory books: 20, Prayers books 20, Communication Book: 9,

Did You receive communication from National Officers and Chairman? Yes: 20, No: 0. If so, were they informational and helpful? Yes: 10, No: 0. Did you submit a communication book to National Awards Chairman? Yes: 0 , No: 18

Number of guests entertained by Petit and Departemental: 50

How many Hospital and/or Clinics treating children with Respiratory Diseases are there in your Departemental: 75. How many did your Departemental/Salons support: 75. Contributions: Volunteer Hours: 350, \$7250.00, others: \$300.00; the Departemental having an Asthma Camp: 15, If so how much did your Departmental/Salons contribute to them: \$3925.00, hours: 425, items ditty bags, clothing, sheets, hand soaps, lotions, hair products.

How many Petit Salons contact and work with: Lung & Respiratory Associations: 25 Salon, 183 hours, \$2065.00; Cystic Fibrosis: 25 Salons 150 hours, \$1955.00; Christmas Seals: \$1645.00; American Lung Association Seals: \$2800.00; Number of children aided with respiratory diseases: 750 \$4975.00, hours 335; Number of families: 94; Additional contributions or hours volunteered: \$2870.00, hours 150; Number of Departemental sponsor a child: 18.

Amount given to All Partners Project: \$7890.08, Nurses Scholarship: \$21,69.36, ALCWF: \$6109.02.

## **Le Demi Chapeau Nationale**

### **Doris Ann Werlinger**

This year of 2024-2025 has been an exciting year. We didn't quite meet our goal for Child Well-Being of \$10,000.00 but we did a good job trying to get to our goal. All of the partners were so kind through your time, effort and Salons to make \$6,109.62 for the Child Well-Being Foundation and I really appreciate all of you doing your best to meet this goal.

Partners, you really did a good job with my Project to earn money for the Child Well-Being Foundation, with all your inches we raised about \$370.00. Thank you and our winner for this project is Nebraska with 1,490 inches total. Thank you.

I have received 13 reports from the 25 Departemental and I really appreciate the Chapeaux taking the time to fill out your year-end reports. This is your record for the history of our organization to report what each of you as partners do in your salons to meet your goals and help "Our Special Children." All of the Departemental were extremely passionate for nursing and respiratory therapist scholarships, our special children and making things to donate to the Children's Hospitals around the United States. I think this is wonderful – thank you. So many of the salons have taken part in the different Children's camps for Cystic Fibrosis, Diabetic Camps, donations for KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, giving gift cards at Thanksgiving and Christmas and also for their birthdays for children with special needs. Some Salons have silent auctions, bunco and then had a murder mystery dinner with a 50/50 night at the races, sounds like a lot of fun for everyone and then a skit with a luncheon for all the partners. Some salons also did a float in a parade, they use a glass wine bottle and fill it with dimes for their activity, have basket raffles at their Pouvoir and a garage sale to make money for Nursing and Respiratory Therapist Scholarships. We have had lots of auctions, but one that sticks in my mind is the Purse Auction, I think this is intriguing. Lots of unique ideas for everyone to know about and share your ideas. Keep up the Wonderful Work Partners for our Special Children and other programs for 8 and 40.

Partners, please keep up your wonderful work and efforts to get new Partners, if we don't get more New Partners involved, we'll be a part of History. So please, please, please, keep getting new Partners and share the wonderful things we do for Our Special Children and for the scholarships we give to the nurses and respiratory therapists to help our young children.

Each and Every One of YOU are Special and you are my eyes and ears to help our 8 and 40 Organization GROW and GROW.

## **L'Aumonier Nationale**

**Lisa Hoyland**

Thank you to all the Salons and Petite Salons for sending me your reports. I truly enjoyed reading your notes and emails. Your updates about those who were sick, those who have lost loved ones, and the partners who have passed away have meant a lot to me. It has been a pleasure serving as L'Aumonier National this year.

Reports were received from 17 Departemental. Those reports showed the following:

Reporting Number of Salons: 58

Departemental conducted Memorial Services: 13

Number of Petit Salons Conducted Memorial Services: 23

Charter draped in Memory: 20

Departemental: Get Well Cards 187

Sympathy Cards: 282

Other (Birthday, Thinking of You, etc.) 412

### Petit Salon

Get Well Cards: 300

Sympathy: 227

Other (Birthday, Thinking of You, etc.) 586

Number of Partners Submitting

Prayers: 165

Number of Petit Salons Prepared a book of prayers: 10

## Central Division

### LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX

Karen Peel

As our 8 & 40 year is coming to all close, I am extremely proud of the Central Division Departemental's and all they have done this year to serve our Special Children, our nurses, and our organization. They have gone above and beyond with their time, talents, and donations.

At the beginning of the year, I challenged the Central Division Departemental's to recruit new partners. We had 3 Departemental's to meet that goal – d'Illinois, d'Indiana, and d'Ohio. But each Departemental in the Central Division recruited new partners – for a total of 23 new partners! I'm so proud of each Departemental for their hard work in partnership!

Central Division donations:

- ☐ Nurses Scholarship \$5,115.04
- ☐ All Partners \$1,153.25
- ☐ 8 & 40 Foundation \$415.00
- ☐ ALCWBF \$995.10
- ☐ NJH Pediatrics \$845.34
- ☐ NJH Recreation \$538.33
- ☐ Shower of Checks \$148.00
- ☐ NJH Ditty Bags \$268.33

Way to go Central Division!!

I was able to visit all of my Departemental's except one. I had a wonderful time getting to know the partners and hearing about all their goals and accomplishments. I am so proud of all of you!

d'Illinois – Chapeau Amanda's Special Project was the American Lung Association. The partners support 2 hospitals. They enjoyed visiting with groups and individuals and talking about the 8 & 40 and recruiting new partners. Recruited 7 new partners.

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**Central Division**

**LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX**

**Karen Peel**

d'Indiana – They participated in a Veteran's Day parade. The theme of their float was "Honoring Our Nurses of War". They wore their white and red capes and head bands. The float was beautiful! The float open a flood of questions by the community. Recruited 5 new partners.

de Kansas – These partners worked tirelessly for partnership! They support 2 clinics – The Cystic Fibrosis Clinic in Wichita and the KU Medical Center in Kansas City. They make "toy" bags for the local clinics to be distributed as they wait for appointments. They also adopted families for Thanks giving and Christmas. Recruited 1 new partner.

de Michigan – The Chapeau's Special Project was U of M Camp. The partners enjoy telling people who we are what we do. Recruited 2 new partners.

de Missouri – The Chapeau's Special Project was Ranken Jorden Pediatric Bridge Hospital. They raised \$2,251.00 for their respiratory department. They also donated \$300.00 in books for the children. The partners support 7 hospitals! Impressive! Recruited 3 new partners

d'Ohio – The Chapeau's Special Project was the NJH All Partners fund. The partners support 5 Clinics throughout Ohio. They also support Flying Horse Farm. The partners donate baskets for each Pouvoir and La Marche to support the 8 & 40 programs. Recruited 5 new partners.

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the Central Division. I have enjoyed every minute of this year! Thank you for all of the courtesies and support you have given me this year.

I love you all!

**Eastern Division**  
**LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX**  
**Maryellen Flynn**

I was unable to attend La Marche of 2024 on California.

Thank you to the partners of Salons #182 & #318 for your support and nomination to this National office.

Things did not work out well because of my health and my computer crashing. But I do have some bulletins to send out.

I held my Demi Chapeau meeting in March at the Sharon Elks. Five (5) states and thirty-one (31) partners attended. We sent \$984 to Chapeau Barbara's project.

I was invited to New York's La Marche, and Partner Barb Madura and I attended their meeting. It was a long drive but we had a good time.

I gave out two (2) awards to New Jersey and New York for best Chapeau report.

I was asked by incoming Chapeau Doris Ann Werlington to be National Eastern Divisional Membership Chairman, but I had to decline. I hope that I will be asked to be a chairman of another committee and will be able to fill the position

I will not be going to Washington to National La Marche. But I wish the new Eastern Divisional Demi Chapeau Rosemarie

Once again thank you for this honor.

**SOUTHERN DIVISIONAL**  
**LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX**  
**2024 – 2025**  
**BRENDA SMITH**

The Southern Division has worked hard on “Raising Awareness” to put smiling faces on our Special Children. The Southern Division ended the year with 81.37%. Congratulations to de Texas for adding 21 new partners and retaining 107 for 87.07%, de Kentucky for 2 new members and retaining 54 for 70.89%, de Florida 1 new partner and retaining 44 for 81.82%, d' Alabama 1 new partner retaining 38 for 92.86%, d' Arkansas no new partners and retaining 29 for 69.05%. A total of 272 renewals but we could not reach that 365% goal. Southern Division donations for 2024-2025 was \$6,842.80. Below is a breakdown of donation:

|                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| American Legion Child Welfare Foundation | \$ 989.80   |
| National Jewish Hospital                 | \$ 825.00   |
| Nurses Therapists Scholarship            | \$ 4,403.00 |
| Eight and Forty Foundation \$            | \$ 625.00   |
| Total                                    | \$ 6,842.80 |

I have enjoyed serving as Demi Chapeau for the Southern Division. Thank you to all the partners for supporting the programs of the 8/40. I hope that next years Demi Chapeau will continue to keep the donations and partnerships coming in. Our Special Children are worth ever cent.

**Western Division**  
**LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX**  
**Virginia W. Nelsen**

Nationale Chapeau theme carried out capably by partners in the Western Division was: **"Raising Awareness"** to put a Sunny Smile for our Special Children.

*The following is taken from the last contribution spread sheet prepared by Nationale.*

**Partnership:** CA and NE each brought in ten new partners.

WA reached 111% of goal, AZ with 105%, ID achieved 103% and NE, SD both had 100%. (That's five Departmentals with 100% or more; OR and SD tied for at goal dates.

WA was rated highest in 8&40 nationally!

**NJH:** Western Division donated \$3700.55, over half of all nationwide.

**8&40 Foundation:** Western Division donated \$2809.73 over half of all nationally.

**CWF:** Western Division donated \$3801.72 over half as recorded nationally.

**Nurses Scholarships:** Western Division donated \$13,207.54 almost half of the national total.

\*Note of interest; I received reports from six states using three different forms for the Chapeau Departmental Annual Report. Two states in addition, sent copies of their Concierge reports.

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**Western Division**  
**LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX**  
**Virginia W. Nelsen**

I was able to compile the following information:

Salons 13, Histories to me 2, Memory books 2, Prayer books 2, Communications books 1, Narratives 4, **Hours 485.**

Ladies, I know we can solve the report form issue, it only makes my time a little longer... I am okay with that.

I do know that we need to leave convention with all our deadlines to hand. My report is missing numbers from two great states.

Also, our donations; if you sent it in to Nationale, it is counted.

**Hours;** I know, just know, we are missing well over 1000 hours. Money, and effort are important. Please count and record all. You deserve the thanks that you've earned.

I am proud of each of you. Pennies, dollars, time, fun and fellowship, Western Division Partners did it all.

**THANK YOU!**

Sincerely grateful heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Virginia W. Nelsen

Demi Chapeau Western Division 2024 ~ 2025

## **Departmental La Concierge**

**Patricia Mann**

This is my amended End of the year report for 2024-2025.

I have received 14 reports out of a total of 25 Salons. I am pleased to report that salons are following the opening and closing procedures described in the by-laws, for maintaining order during the meetings and any other duties as assigned by the Petit Salon La Chapeau.

Some salons have reported having special social hours to speak on special children. Some salons report having a fun night before each conference is held, some of the events held are 50/50 raffles and holiday luncheons. Other salons reported having flag trivia quizzes at their meetings to test, strengthen, and reinforce knowledge of the flag.

As quoted from a partner newsletter, "The American flag is not just a piece of cloth; it is our way of life, freedom and hope".

Partners Thank You for giving me the opportunity to serve this great organization and to Barbara for her wonderful leadership during this period.

I wish you all the best.

In fun and fellowship,

Patricia Mann

Departemental La Concierge

**La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale**  
**Sandra Winchester**

It has been an honor to serve as La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale of this excellent group this past year. Chapeau Barbara's theme of Raising Awareness gave this officer the opportunity to review the business end of the organization and to make sure those "once in a while" issues are being addressed in a timely manner.

This put us in decent shape to maintain smooth operations and continue supporting our Partners, Officers, and most importantly our children.

The annual 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 Barbara, for allowing this officer this opportunity to serve, it has been a wonderful year. Best wishes for a fun and successful Marche.

**Advisory Committee**  
**Pam Seelye, Chair**  
**Mary "Sugar" White, Member**  
**Diane Spencer, Member**

The advisory committee has been available all year to assist the National Chapeau in any area that we can be of assistance and encouragement.

We wish to thank each of our partners for all the work and support you have given Madame Chapeau Barbara, in "Raising Awareness" to put on a Sunny Smile for our Special Children".

Pam Seelye, Chair

Mary "Sugar" White, Member

Diane Spencer, Member

**National Awards**  
**Pamela Way National Awards Chairman**  
**Sharon Alley National Awards Co Chairman**

Thank you Madame Chapeau Barbara for this appointment. It has been a learning but fun experience .

Congratulations to all the Winners, you have all worked very hard on the projects for Our Special Children. Thank you to the Chairman that got the information to us, and we thank you Departementals and Salons for doing your reports and adding that narrative puts the icing on the cake. And we all like Cake!

Pamela Way National Awards Chairman

Sharon Alley National Awards Co Chairman

**Children and Youth**  
**PATRICIA (PATTY) MILLER, CHAIRMAN**

Well, this is it, my last report. I enjoyed my conversations with each of you that sent me emails, text messages, and mail. I will miss doing this for you all and keeping you up on what is going on throughout our nation.

It has been an honor to work with Chapeau Barb. I have enjoyed collaborating with my Divisional Chairmen. I am so proud of my chairmen, they worked so hard to help us get 100% reporting. We did not reach that, but we reached 80% reporting. We received 20 out of 25 reports.

Thank you, thank you, Thank you. Central Division and Southern Division were 100% reporting.

Here are my final numbers of what I received:

Direct Aid: \$8,211.37

Amer. Lung Assoc. and Easter Seals: \$1,255.00

Research: \$2,882.00

Vol. Hours: 2,255

Child Assistance: 1,266 children

The best fund raiser for this year had to do with pennies. It was a penny war between Salons to see who could come up with the most pennies and this was divided between the Children and Youth Fund and National Jewish Health. This Departemental had over 40 lbs. of pennies and raised over \$300.00. Nice job d' Nebraska.

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We also have Departemental d'Missouri, has partner who works her fingers to the bone. This lady makes 600 to 1000 ditty bags each month. They go to National Jewish Health, where they are filled wit items for anyone who comes in as an inpatient or outpatient. This partner is remarkable. It takes her about 1 day to make anywhere between 20-24 bags a day. She has a system going, and partners, she can whip them out in no time at all.



The partners of the 8 and 40 organization never end of amazing me and their thinking outside of the box, and the work they do for children and youth.

Again, good luck to the winners this year, and may next year be as busy as this year has been.

Love and warm hugs to all partners for their contributions.

PATRICIA (PATTY) MILLER, CHAIRMAN

## **National Constitution and Bylaws**

### **Denise Bossetti, National C & B Chairman**

Committee Member Lorene Bartos, Chapeau Passé Nationale

Committee Member Gina Kizer

'Raising Awareness for Updated Constitution and Bylaws'

Reporting as of the deadline 7/15/2025. This committee has worked on approving 3 Departemental Constitutions and Bylaws this year. One of them will be completed after the National La Marche. Please use the 8and40.org website Departemental C & B template; it will make your job quick and stress-free. Please note that the Petit C & B template is currently on the 8and40.org website for those of you who have been waiting. Easy-peasy, Get-R-Done! Personal certificates will be given to the Departemental Chairman who dedicates time to completing their Departemental C & B report form for 2024-2025.

Of the 25 Departemental, I received 12 reports. That means this Committee had 48% of Departemental reporting. Less last year. I know we are capable of better than this, let's try harder next year. I'm still happy with those Chairmen who honored their commitment and completed their duties. Thank you.

Of the 25 Departemental reports received, only 10 sent names and addresses to the Nationale, 1 did not, and one was not certain if they had. 11 Reported they have the latest National Constitution and Bylaws on hand and use them. Only 10 Departemental encourage the use of these governing documents. 8 Departemental reviewed their Standing Rules. Of the 8 that reviewed their Standing Rules, 2 Departemental made changes or added new Standing Rules. Even your standing rules may need revisions

occasionally, as some of your practices may have changed. Those who are computer savvy can go online to the 8and40.org website, pull up annual report forms, search for the report you need, type in your answer to questions, then print two copies, one for the National C & B Chairman and one for your records. All done, and it looks professional.

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

Thomas Jefferson

# **HANDBOOK**

## **Evelyn Nagel**

National Officers and Chairman

Departemental Officers and Chairman

National Chapeaux Passe

The Handbook Committee has been busy this year reviewing the Handbook and making sure the l's were dotted and the t's crossed. We worked with the L'Avocate to make sure that everything was good. Some changes were made, and we hope that those who follow us will not change the forms into tables. Tables take up much more room and are very hard to make changes when needed.

There is a new Handbook on the National website. Please be sure to get your copy. Download it and print it on both sides of the paper for less paper usage. When changes are made at La Marche or housekeeping is done you only need to print the page that has the changes and then you will have the correct copy.

Thank you, Madam Chapeau, for this opportunity to serve you and the National Eight and Forty.

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**WEAR YOUR SUNFLOWER PROUD**

**Leadership**  
**Floann Clark, Chairman**

Leadership is important to the future of our organization. Having our Partners knowledgeable about our organization and having the skills to succeed is necessary.

Our Salons and Departemental report having mentors, workshops, and zoom meetings. Holding meetings in Salons, at Pouvoirs and La Marches. Let our knowledge and abilities bring smiles to our faces as we move forward, into the future.

**Nurses and Respiratory Therapists  
Scholarship  
Chairman Diane Spencer**

Thank you, Le Chapeau Barbara, for this appointment along with the committee members on this team, Kim Estes, Kathy Goodwin, Christine Kearney, and Sandy Steinkamp. Your leadership made this program a success, and with support from Salon & #39's partners, we achieved our goal of awarding ten \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing studies to help children with lung and respiratory diseases.

I have received 12 reports from the Departemental chairmen reporting a total in dollars \$20,441.46

|                                                                                                     |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| National Scholarship Program contributions                                                          | \$6,536.50 |
| Contributed from Departemental funds                                                                | \$2,274.22 |
| Individual and Partner                                                                              | \$5,469.67 |
| Memorial donation                                                                                   | \$525.75   |
| Contribution from Petit Salons Funds                                                                | \$2,440.00 |
| Contribution through Petit Salons sources from other than the Eight and Forty                       | \$3,195.92 |
| Number of memorial cards used:                                                                      | 84         |
| Contribution increases in the last year: 3 Departemental had an increase in donations totaling over | \$750.00   |

The Departemental contributed to a full scholarship and congratulated De 'Florida and d'. Petit Salons distributed 479 brochures, with 16 from Petit Salon specifically. De 'Florida salon raised funds via a raffle, while Petit Salon Pinellas County Salon 316 contacted Auxiliary Unit 28 about Hurricane Helena and Milton relief efforts. The continued fundraising supports memo memorial

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**Nurses and Respiratory Therapists  
Scholarship  
Chairman Diane Spencer**

scholarships and educational initiatives. Brevard County Salon 556 split Piggy Bank donations between the Children and Youth program and Nurses and Respiratory Therapist Scholarships. De'California held a Paint and Sip-Party for donations, and another salon hosted a Crazy Auction, dividing proceeds among all programs.

These collective efforts highlight the dedication and resourcefulness of the salons in supporting educational opportunities. Through raffles, auctions, and community outreach, they not only raised significant sums but also fostered collaboration among different units. The diverse strategies employed—ranging from creative events to partnerships with local auxiliaries—demonstrate an ongoing commitment to both the Nurses and Respiratory Therapist Scholarship programs and broader youth initiatives.

In recognition of these achievements, special thanks were extended to those who contributed innovative fundraising ideas and those who worked diligently to ensure every dollar reached its intended purpose. The resulting donations played a crucial role in enabling the scholarship program to meet its ambitious targets. Partners, the goal raise over \$20,000 for 8 scholarships of \$2,000 to each applicant who meets the criteria to receive the scholarship money.

Nationale La Secretaire Sandra received 20 complete applications. Of those, three went to Chapeau Babara's scholarship projects 2024-2025, and 8 were awarded the Salon National scholarship.

Of the 20 applications, seven applicants were not US citizens, which is a requirement. The remaining 2 applications were not good candidates. One wanted to be a dentist. All recipients have been notified, and checks have been mailed to them. Applications were reviewed by Nationale La Secretaire Sandra and two counselors from a local college with nursing programs.

## **PARTNERSHIP**

**2024-2025**

**Chairman: Linda Varejcka, Vice Chairman: Pam Seelye**

Committee Members: Central: Evelyn Cox, Southern: Eula Fox, Western: Rose Ring

"Raising Awareness" to bring a Sunny Smile for our Special Children.

Our goal: Putting a smile on all our new partners and our current friends and partners as we have fun and fellowship and we enroll more special ladies to make them aware and accept their idea's and help while helping our Special Children and our Special Nurses.

Remember there is NO deadline for enrolling new partners. Always keep the application handy.

The goal recommended by the 2023-2024 committee and approved by the Partners at Nationale was for each Departmental to enroll at least two (2) new partners during the 2024-2025 year. As of the 06/30/25 report 15 of our 25 Departemental met or exceeded that goal. 98 new partners have joined us!

Western Division is leading the divisions. Great work Arizona, Idaho, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Washington for reaching 100% or more of their goal. Actually Arizona, Idaho, and Washington exceeded the 101%. Remember I'm using the June 30th numbers and looking forward to seeing the July numbers to see how many have now reached their goals or exceeded.

The ending July 31, 2025 results will be distributed at Nationale. Thank you very much to all the partners that worked so hard on partnership. Unfortunately we were still short of our goal, only reaching 89.01% goal, but don't be to discouraged. Put a big smile on your face, pat yourself on your back for what you did achieve and keep looking and asking.

**Western Division Partnership**  
**Rose Ring**  
**Let's "Bee" Number One in Partnership**  
**For 2024~2025**

**Congratulations Western Division!**

You as a Division, finished the year in the 1st place position for goal in the Nation at 96.02%. We have FIVE goal Departemental; Washington at 111.25%, Arizona at 105%, Idaho at 103.03%, Nebraska at 100.83% and South Dakota at 100%. Followed closely with California at 92.05%, Oregon at 81.48% and Montana at 62.50% . The final tally showed we have 43 new partners. And 488 renewed partners!

Great work to all of you.

The final National Standings as of 6/30/2025 are:

1st is Western Division at: 96.02%%

3rd is Central Division at: 87.65%

2rd is Eastern Division at: 88.81%

4th is Southern Division at: 81.37%

It has been an honor and a pleasure this year to be your cheerleader. My heartfelt congratulations to all those Departemental, throughout our Nation, who struggled with floods, tornados, fires and any other natural disasters this year and still, came together with their partnership. You are all amazing Partners of our great organization. The special children we honor with our service have all of you to thank for uplifting them during this year. Thank you all.

In Fun and Fellowship,

Rose Ring

**Public Relations**  
**Anna Conwell, Chairman**  
**For 2024~2025**  
**Member: Patty Gifford**

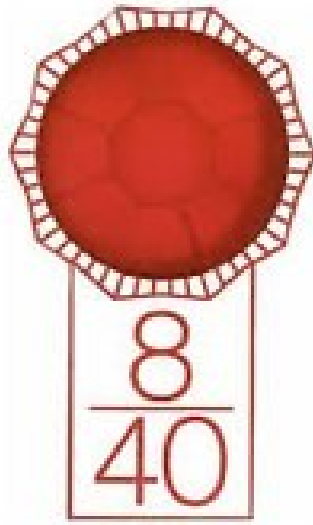
What a wonderful year, for our "Special Children" and our 8 and 40 Partners.

Our Partners worked very hard this year, and the reports reflected just how hard everyone was working our Programs.

With receiving 13 Departmental reports, many Petit Salons reported social media communications, while monthly bulletins were mailed or emailed. Flyers for events were published and passed out to communities. Although, Public Newspapers are not in the forefront of communications, there are still a few Salons that put notices of events in there local papers.

It was also reported that many Salons and Departmentals got out into the Communities to show and make aware of the 8 and 40 Organization and our purpose in the forms of branding, having booths at events, getting into the schools, as well as joining up with other organizations to promote our cause. More details to follow at National Le Marche.

I would like to thank Chapeau Barb for allowing me the opportunity to for this Chairmanship. It has been an enjoyable experience.



# AGENDA

**103rd Annual Marche Nationale**

**La Boutique Nationale**

**des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes**

Red Lion

Pasco, Washington

September 18-20, 2025

## REGISTRATION

All packets are to be picked up at, Eight and Forty Headquarters Office, Red Lion. The office will be in the Harvest Boardroom. 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 18, 2025**

EIGHT AND FORTY FOUNDATION –Olympic / Gold 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL – Olympic / Gold 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

LES CHAPEAUX NATIONAL PASSÉ LUNCHEON

Bin No. 20 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## **PRE-MARCHE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

ROOM: Design

Public Relations, Anna Conwell, Chairman 1:30PM – 2:30 PM

L'Aumonier, Lisa Hoyland 2:30PM –3:00 PM

L'Archiviste, Luella Buske 3:00PM –3:30 PM

Handbook Evelyn Nagel, Chairman 3:30 PM –4:00 PM

ROOM: Spruce

Nurses Scholarship, Diane Spencer, Chairman 1:30 PM –2:30 PM

Partnership, Linda Varejcka, Chairman 2:30 PM –4:00 PM

ROOM: Pine

|                         |                                               |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Children and Youth      | Patty Miller, Chairman 1:30PM – 2:30PM        |
| Ritual & Emblem         | Sharon McClain, Chairman 2:30PM – 3:30PM      |
| ROOM: Oak               |                                               |
| Constitution & Bylaws   | Denise Bossetti, Chairman 1:30 PM –2:30 PM    |
| Resolutions             | Rose Ring, Chairman 2:30 PM 3:30 PM           |
| PRE-MARCHE POUVOIR      | Olympic / Gold 4:30 PM                        |
| REHEARSAL FOR LA MARCHE | Olympic / Gold 6:00 PM                        |
| La Concierge            | Patricia Mann & Marechals and Pages           |
| CANDIDATES RECEPTION    | Olympic / Gold 8:00 PM Linda Diebel, Chairman |

## **FRIDAY, September 19, 2025**

|                           |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MARCHE                    | Olympic / Gold 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM |
| OPENING SESSION - 8:30 AM | Bobbi Lewis, La Marche Chairman  |

## **PRESENTATION OF CHAPEAU PASSÉ**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Millie Nierman      | 1994-1995 |
| Iverna Christoffers | 1996-1997 |
| Helen Goewey        | 2000-2001 |
| Donna Morice        | 2002-2003 |
| Marge Sheridan      | 2003-2004 |
| Janet Christiansen  | 2009-2010 |
| Sharon Alley        | 2011-2012 |
| Maria Crothers      | 2012-2013 |
| Lila Speckels       | 2013-2014 |
| Tammy Firsdon       | 2014-2015 |

PRESENTATION OF CHAPEAU PASSÉ ... continued

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Mary "Sugar" White | 2015-2016 |
| Vickey Zwall       | 2017-2018 |
| Pam Seeyle         | 2018-2019 |
| Diane Spencer      | 2019-2021 |
| Judy Zimmerman     | 2021-2022 |
| Lorene Bartos      | 2022-2023 |
| Linda Diebel       | 2023-2024 |

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Escorted by La Concierge Patricia Mann, Les Marechals and Marche Pages

La Secretaire-Cassiere Nationale (Interim) Lorene Bartos

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| L'Avocate    | Lila Speckles |
| La Concierge | Patricia Mann |
| L'Aumonier   | Lisa Hoyland  |
| L'Archiviste | Luella Buske  |

LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Central Division  | Karen Peel          |
| Eastern Division  | Mary Ellen Flynn    |
| Southern Division | Brenda Smith        |
| Western Division  | Virginia Nelsen     |
| Demi Chapeau      | Doris Ann Werlinger |

**National Chapeau**

**Barbara Rutherford**

## **CALL TO ORDER Barbara Rutherford, Le Chapeau National**

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS Patricia Mann, La Concierge Nationale

Les Marechals \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

INVOCATION Lisa Hoyland, L'Aumonier Nationale

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Patricia Mann, La Concierge Nationale

NATIONAL ANTHEM All

FLANDERS FIELD Mary Ellen Flynn, Le Demi Chapeau Eastern Division

AMERICA'S ANSWER Virginia Nelsen, Le Demi Chapeau Western Division

RESPONSE Barbara Rutherford, National Chapeau

WELCOME Bobbi Lewis, Departemental de Washington

ROLL CALL Lorene Bartos, La Secretaire Nationale Interim

READING OF THE CALL TO 2025 MARCHE NATIONALE

Lorene Bartos, La Secretaire Nationale Interim

REPORT OF THE MINUTES COMMITTEE FOR 2024 NATIONAL MARCHE

Report submitted by Mary "Sugar" White Chairman, Lila Speckels and Kathie Martinez.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mary "Sugar" White, Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF LES CHAPEAU NATIONAL PASSÉ

Barbara Rutherford, Le Chapeau National

SPEAKING FOR LES CHAPEAUX NATIONAL PASSÉ

Linda Diebel, Chapeau National Passé

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Nanette Peters - Chairman

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Rules and Order — \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

Permanent Organization — \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

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

Central Division — Karen Peel

Eastern Division — Mary Ellen Flynn

Southern Division — Brenda Smith

Western Division — Virginia Nelsen

(All Les Chapeau Departemental, 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 2024-2025

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Le Chapeau National               | Barbara Rutherford  |
| Le Demi Chapeau National          | Doris Ann Werlinger |
| L'Archiviste Nationale            | Luella Buske        |
| L'Avocate Nationale               | Lila Speckels       |
| La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale | Sandra Winchester — |

(Published in Redbook)

## NOMINATIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

RECESS

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

Central — Design Room Eastern — Spruce Room

Southern — Pine Room Western — Oak Room

RECONVENE

2:00 PM — SECOND SESSION — LA MARCHE NATIONALE

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND INTRODUCTION OF DIVISIONAL  
CHAIRMEN

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Advisory Committee         | Pam Seelye, Chairman      |
| Children and Youth         | Patricia Miller, Chairman |
| Constitution and Bylaws    | Denise Bossetti, Chairman |
| Finance                    | Linda Kilmer, Chairman    |
| Hat Box                    | Terri Angell, Chairman    |
| Nurses Scholarship         | Diane Spencer, Chairman   |
| Partnership                | Linda Varejcka, Chairman  |
| Ritual and Emblem          | Sharon McClain, Chairman  |
| Handbook Committee         | Evelyn Nagel, Chairman    |
| Leadership Committee       | Floann Clark, Chairman    |
| Public Relations Committee | Anna Conwell, Chairman    |
| Resolutions Committee      | Rosalee Ring, Chairman    |
| Awards Committee           | Pamela Way, Chairman      |
| Fun & Fellowship           | Nanette Peters, Chairman  |
| Foundation Committee       | Lila Speckels, Director   |

## PRESENTATION OF LOCAL MARCHE COMMITTEES

Bobbi Lewis and Alice Richard Co-Chairman

Departemental de Washington #41 partners

\_\_\_\_\_, Decoration Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_, Corsage Distribution

RECESS

## **SATURDAY, September 20, 2025**

### THIRD SESSION OF LA MARCHE NATIONALE

8:30AM MEMORIAL SERVICE — Lisa Hoyland, L'Aumonier National  
(See Memorial Program Booklet)

REPORT OF L'AUMONIER L'Aumonier National, Lisa Hoyland

### REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES

Registration Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ - d' \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ - d' \_\_\_\_\_

Emblem Sales \_\_\_\_\_ - d' \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Distribution \_\_\_\_\_ - d' \_\_\_\_\_

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025 – 2026

Chapeau

Demi Chapeau

Divisional Demi Chapeaux

L'Archiviste

L'Aumonier

La Concierge

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

L'Avocate

La Secretaire - Caissiere

## PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE

Mary "Sugar" White, Chairman

Maria Crothers, Member

## REPORT OF LA CONCIERGE La Concierge Nationale, Patricia Mann

## PRESENTATION OF LES MARECHALS

\_\_\_\_\_ - d'\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - d'\_\_\_\_\_

## PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES

Chairman of Pages – \_\_\_\_\_ - d'\_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairman – \_\_\_\_\_ - d'\_\_\_\_\_

Pages – \_\_\_???

## PRESENTATION OF PERSONAL PAGES TO LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - Washington

## RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OF LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAL

Central:

Eastern:

Southern:

Western:

INTRODUCTION OF LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS — \_\_\_\_\_ - d' \_\_\_\_\_

Tabulators: \_\_\_\_\_

Tellers: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2025—2026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RECESS

POST MARCHE POUVOIR IMMEDIATELY after RECESS of Third Session

NOTES FROM POUVOIR

PROCESSIONAL OF OFFICERS \_\_\_\_\_, Marche Co-Chairman

INVOCATION Lisa Hoyland, L'Aumonier Nationale

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Patricia Mann, La Concierge National

NATIONAL ANTHEM All

WELCOME \_\_\_\_\_, Marche Co-Chairman

RESPONSE Doris Ann Werlinger, Le Demi Chapeau National

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Barbara Rutherford, Le Chapeau National

INSTALLATION OF 2025-2026 NATIONAL OFFICERS

Installing Officer: Pam Seelye

Installing L'Aumonier: Diane Spencer

Installing La Concierge: Mary "Sugar" White

PRESENTION OF LE CHAPEAU PASSÈ PIN TO Barbara Rutherford

By \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTATION OF LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL PIN TO Doris Ann Werlinger  
By Lila Speckels

REMARKS BY LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL—ELECT Doris Ann Werlinger

REMARKS BY LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL Barbara Rutherford

BENEDICTION L'Aumonier Nationale Lisa Hoyland

RETIREMENT OF COLORS La Concierge National Patricia Mann

Marechals – \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

RETIREMENT OF LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL Barbara Rutherford

**ADJOURNMENT OF 2025 LA MARCHE NATIONALE**

**Safe Travels as you journey home.**

## 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* \_\_\_\_\_

### **First** 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 100 or under having the most outstanding Children and Youth program.

Won by: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleen Stephens - To the Salon Departemental of 100 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 100 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 100 and under for monetary donations to The Child Well-Being Foundation on per capita basis as per records as of May 31.

Won by: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary “Sugar” White– To the Departemental of 101 and over for monetary donations to The Child Well-Being 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 100 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 101 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 100 or under, 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 101 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 101 and over, which contributes the most money by May 31 to the Eight and Forty Lung and Respiratory Disease Nursing Scholarship Fund.

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 100 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHILD WELL-BEING FOUNDATION AWARD**

Garland D. Murphy Jr. Award - Must be the most active Departemental in the nation, based on actual contributions received during a contribution year.

Won by: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. "Udie" Grant Legacy Award - Must be the top Departemental nationally, based on combined total contributions of The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion (SAL), American Legion Riders (ALR) and Eight & Forty during a contribution year.

Won by: \_\_\_\_\_

Meritorious Achievement Award - Must be the top Departemental experiencing the highest increase in per capita giving in a contribution year.

Won by: \_\_\_\_\_

Excellence Award - Must be the Departemental with the highest per capita contribution average for the contribution year.

Won by: \_\_\_\_\_