

The Hat Box



Greetings from Le Chapeau

Linda Diebel, Le Chapeau



I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year with family and friends. And I hope that you remembered our Special Children.

I WANT TO START OFF WITH A BIG THANK YOU to Sandra Winchester for stepping up to complete the HAT BOX. The person who was to handle it could not do so because of health issues. Also, Sandra has done an excellent job in keeping me informed. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We are doing well in the following programs:

Partnership – Our goal is 2,258 and we are at 1,621, 71.78% of the goal. We need to meet and surpass our Goal if we are to grow and help our Special Children.

National Jewish Health – We have collected \$3,367.00:

- California donated \$1,100.00
- Arizona donated \$650.00
- Pennsylvania donated \$475.00

Nurses and Therapist Scholarship – We have collected \$5,754.55:

- California donated \$1,225.00

- Arizona donated \$780.00
- Nebraska donated \$548.00

8/40 Foundation – We have collected \$1,962.00 (\$1,562.00 is for the Chapeau's Special Project).

- California \$500.00
- Montana \$235.00
- Pennsylvania \$227.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation – We have collected \$2,583.00:

- Nebraska \$1,076.00
- Pennsylvania \$310.00
- Arizona \$200.00

We are on our way to making this a wonderful year. I look forward to reading all the Year-end Reports from all our Chairman and Departmental Chapeaux.

I want to thank Barbara Rutherford for going to the American Legion Child Welfare meeting. I could not attend as I was honored to present Darlene Jensen with a special plaque for her many years of service at her 90th birthday celebration as Darlene was the first person to give me a

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Did you know?

VIKING WOMEN USED KEYS AS A STATUS SYMBOL

Among the Vikings of yore, married women held the responsibility of being keepers of the family keys; many wore their status proudly, sewing keys to their dresses to reflect their power.

Gone But Not Forgotten

Dept.	Salon	Last Name	First Name	Dept.	Salon	Last Name	First Name
CA	32	Freemann	Nina	NE	410	Hoppe	Lois
ID	104	Napier	Emily Louise	NJ	28	Baranowski	Elizabeth Ann
IL	63	Clegg	Blanche	NJ	28	Lesko	June
IL	1	Gammie	Janice	NY	121	Granger	Frances
IL	753	Rhodes	Thelma	NY	24	Mittenhuber	Lillian
IN	806	Metz	Anna	OH	165	Brady, NCP	Dorothy
KS	321	Graves	Katherine	OH	101	Moore	Marcia A
KS	321	Lusk	Rozella M	OR	812	Nestor	Patsy
KS	321	Wacker	Mary A	PA	318	Moon	Kathryn Ann
MI	862	Pellerito	Peggy	SD	3	Latham	Shirley
MO	94	Wilhelm	Sharon J.				

NCP Dorothy Brady served as Le Chapeau National from 1991-1992.

This edition of the Hat Box is dedicated to Dorothy and the many other Partners that passed away.

We thank these ladies and all the other Partners we lost for their dedication to our children and a job well done.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

...Margaret Mead

Le Chapeau National

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position in the 8 and 40 organization.

I am looking forward to July when I will attend the Departemental La Marche' in Texas and California. Then, in September, the National La Marche' in California. The hotel is not fancy, but we will have fun and fellowship. Information regarding our Nationale La Marche' will be in the next HAT BOX so you can make reservations.

Remember we are "Searching for the KEY to a CURE for our Special Children." We need all the help we can get.

Central Division Le Demi Chapeau

Evelyn Cox

Happy New Year. I am so proud of the Central Division that in January we were first place report and hoping we stay there. We have 21 new partners so far this year.

Donations are coming in slowly, but since the holidays are over more should be arriving at National. Remember the deadlines for all our programs.

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. Let's make it a great story by bringing in new partners and donations to help out Special Children.

Constitution & Bylaws

Denise Bossetti, Chairman

'The key is to update your Constitution and Bylaws and lock in the use of your governing documents.'

This has been a relatively quiet year for this committee so far. Departementaux still needs to amend those changes that were made at National La Marche in 2023 so you comply with the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Be sure that you are using the Constitution and Bylaws with Standing Rules to keep everyone informed of the way the organization conducts business. When there is doubt about the correct procedures for running your meetings or pouvoirs these documents will guide you.

The Handbook is also a wealth of information not enough Partners have taken the time to familiarize themselves with all of the publications mentioned in this article. Please do so you will be surprised at what you are not aware of. Become an educated Partner, and you will be a leader in teaching others.

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Le Demi Chapeau National

Barbara Rutherford

Happy New Year Partners

As we begin the new year and back to our daily routine, time to think about donating to American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (thru your Salon or Departemental). Just a small donation of \$10.00 would help us make our goal of \$12,000.00 to ALCWF. Your help is needed—we all know the great work the Foundation does to help our special Children.

Thanks for your help, Partners—Take Care and Keep up Great Work for our Special Children.

L'Aumonier National

Luella Buske

Just a few reminders:

- Please send me names of all deceased Partners with their name, office held or was holding at time of death, and address for the next of kin.
- There will be no Judging of Prayer Books at La Marche Nationale this year.
- Please continue to send prayers and or devotional thoughts for our Le Chapeau's Prayer Book.

Continue to keep each other lifted up in prayers.

Western Division Le Demi Chapeau

CJ Reyes

Hope all had a great Holiday season and that the New Year is even better. I have been remiss on my bulletins due to sciatica problems which had me bed ridden and in constant pain. Thank God I'm doing better.

Now is time to buckle down Partners! We are # 3 in partnership as of December with only 57.45% paid partners. I know we can do better.

Eight & Forty Foundation we are trailing but three departementals have not submitted, we have given 44.71% of all donations we can do more!

NJH we have \$1010.00 while ALCWF has \$1251.00 to date.

Hats off partners Scholarship shows \$3210.00 You've all done a great job but we can always do more to get better help for our children.

If I can do anything to assist you let me know.



Nurses Scholarship

Linda Varejcka, Chairman

Respiratory Therapy (RT) is a rewarding career and in high demand in the healthcare field. Becoming a respiratory therapist is an opportunity to make a positive difference in those with breathing problems, and are responsible for the treatment of patients lungs and airways. A candidate can have either an associates degree in RT which takes a minimum of two (2) years. or a bachelor's degree which takes approximately four (4) years and is most preferred by employers. An RT gives inhaled medicines and oxygen if/when CF patients are admitted to the hospital. They also teach families and those around CF patients to administer inhaled medicine treatments and the use of medicines in the most effective way and help educate families with CF members find resources.

The national office received a very nice thank you from one of last year's recipients of our scholarship, stating how much it helped her and the difference it made in her acquiring her degree. Partners we do make a difference. So that our organization can continue to help make a difference and in order for us to continue to help and make a difference we need ALL of you! Please consider how you can help, think out of the box for fund raising etc. PLEASE do not hold any of the funds you collect. PLEASE, so we have accurate record keeping and can help reach our goal of giving eight (8) \$3,000.00 scholarships you must have the funds into National by May 31st. Please make sure to send in your reports so that your accomplishments can be acknowledged.

Thank you
Nurses

La Concierge Nationale

Lisa Hoyland

What comes to your mind when you think about our beautiful American Flag?
I hope you think of words like Freedom, American, Dedication, Service and much more.

The principal acts affecting the flag of the United States are the following:

- Flag Resolution of June 14, 1777, stated, "Resolved: that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."
- Act of January 13, 1794, provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.
- Act of April 4, 1818, provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state.
- Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912, established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959, provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959, provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

Here are some important dates that you might want to share with others and make sure that our American Flag is waving proudly.

February 19	<u>President's Day</u>
February 19	<u>Washington's Birthday</u>
March 17 (fixed)	<u>St. Patrick's Day</u>
March 29 (fixed)	<u>National Vietnam War Veterans Day</u>
March 31	<u>Easter Sunday</u>

I encourage Departmentaluxand Salons to contact your local schools, places of worship and communities to see if maybe you can set up a time to talk to our youth about our Great American Flag for we are all proud of the Grand Ole Flag. God Bless the U.S.A.



Children & Youth

Karen Peel, Chairman

The holidays are over and I hope it was a wonderful season for you and your family! I also hope that our Salons took advantage of the holiday season and did some wonderful things for our Special Children and their families. I cannot wait to read all about them in your reports! Do not forget to send me pictures!

Donation deadlines are coming up soon.

National Jewish Health – March 31, 2024

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation – May 31, 2024

8 & 40 Foundation – May 31, 2024

Do not wait until the last minute! Send them in now!

Our Nationale Chapeau Linda's special project is the 8 & 40 Foundation. Donations earmarked for the Chapeau's Special Project will be used for scholarships for students at state colleges and universities that do not have access to scholarships.

National Jewish Health still has a surplus of ditty bags. Please send your monetary donations to your Departmental (to be sent to Nationale) in place of sending ditty bags for National Jewish Health. The donations will be sent to National Jewish Health as they are needed for items.

Several partners have told me that they have not been receiving my bulletins. If you are not, please check your junk mail. Sometimes my emails go to junk mail. Please let me know if you are not receiving them. My email is karen.peel@sk2holdings.com.



Texas's Dallas County Salon 108 had two special guests at their annual Christmas luncheon! Mr. & Mrs. Claus dropped by and was gracious enough to deliver the 300 or so gifts donated by the Partners to the respiratory wing of Children's Medical Center Dallas.

This hospital has been a project of Salon 108 for almost 30 years!

Congratulations to all the Partners of Salon 108 for continuing to support a great facility that does so much for our children.

National Office Vacation Schedule:

The national office will be closed from 5/20 - 5/27/24. Our family reunion has been rescheduled twice over the last year due to my husband's health crisis. Since Dale is unable to travel, all the in-laws and outlaws will be descending upon our house. Heaven help me, I'll need it!

Sandra Winchester

Eastern Division Le Demi Chapeau

Rose Burbidge

Despite the fact that we are still in our winter months, the weather has been outstanding! Most of the Eastern Division has little or no snow to speak of. This has indeed been a very mild winter season. Surprisingly little use of the snow plows and snow blowers!

I have to do a bit of bragging. Pennsylvania is # FOUR in the NATION in Partnership. I am soooo proud of MaryEllen Flynn and her ladies. Pennsylvania only has two small salons and look what they did! Congratulations, MaryEllen and your teams.

The upcoming Eastern Division Conference is March 9th in Canastota, New York. So far, four of our six states will be represented. It promises to be filled with lots of fun, laughs, camaraderie and a plethora of ideas to be shared. Stay tuned.....

Leadership Committee

Gina Kizer, Chairman

Author, coach and speaker, John C. Maxwell, defined Leadership as the following: "Leadership is influence; nothing more, nothing less."

I was reminded that February 20th was recognized as National Leadership Day. How are you, Departementaux and/or Les Petites Salons making a difference? Please send me a note or email and share so that I can publicize it in the monthly Leadership bulletin or quarterly HAT BOX. Partner input is very important to the success of the Eight and Forty.

Which characteristics do you possess? Is a change needed?

BOSS

Drives employees
Depends on authority
Inspires fear
Says "I"
Knows how it is done
Uses people
Takes credit
Commands
Places blame for the breakdown
Says "Go"

VS

LEADER

Coaches employees
Depends on Goodwill
Generates enthusiasm
Says "We"
Shows how it is done
Develops people
Gives credit
Asks
Fixes the breakdown
Says "Let's Go"





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Partnership

Anna Conwell, Chairman

Greetings Partners!

What a crazy winter! Finally some sunshine and temps that are more bearable.

So many of you have been working so hard on getting your Partnership sent in and it shows in the numbers. But we can't stop now. We still have a way to go yet. We just crossed the 75% goal date with 76%! Our next Partnership Goal is April 30, 2024 for 90%. This is doable.

Have you thought of giving the gift of Partnership for Easter? What a special Easter Basket surprise! This idea is great for any holiday or gift giving.

Let's brain storm together and find ways to turn those keys to open doors for Partnership.

Annual Reports Update:

- Please mail and/or email all Public Relations reports to Chapeau Linda Diebel at 5432 Fertile St, Lynwood, CA 90262-5511. Email address is lkdiebel1@gmail.com. Her new phone number is 562-549-9648.
- All reports for the Redbook should also be sent to Chapeau Linda. This is a result of the resignation of the Public Relations Chairman / Hat Box Editor.