



2025-2026

Greetings, Racing Partners of the Southern Division of the Eight and Forty:

Start your engines from one of the racing capitals of our nation – Florida! The Southern Division of the Eight and Forty is gearing up for an exhilarating ride. Our Pit Crew is equipped with a full toolbox of gadgets to ensure our cars speed toward the Finish Line.

I'm thrilled to announce my endorsement as the Southern Division Le Demi Chapeau Nationale. With a 12-year track record as a member of the Departemental de Florida, Salon #316 in Pinellas County, I'm fueled by the legacy of my two brothers, my late brother Robert, who served in Okinawa, and Richard Close, who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam era.

From 2021 to 2025, I have navigated the role of Departemental L'Aumonier, in addition to serving as Pouvoir from 2019 to 2021, Salon La Chapeau from 2018 to 2019, and other officer positions. I've also been part of the Publicity, L'Archiviste, Partnership, Ritual & Emblem Programs.

I'm committed to following the tracks of our previous Southern Division partner, Brenda Smith, and I look forward to maintaining the pace with our partners in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Texas. We have a powerful division, and I pray we keep it running smoothly and grow our partnership this coming year.

I'm gearing up to speed through my communication by firing off at least four bulletins to the Hat Box.

I'm eager to hear from each of our departmentals about how you're crossing your finish lines. Share any exciting new ideas that could help other departments accelerate their growth, your contributions to Nurses Scholarships, special projects, and our children's programs. Let's celebrate our successes!

If there's ANYTHING or ANY QUESTION you'd like me to address or research, please contact me at 727-396-9086 or email me at ccloseg69@gmail.com. This will be a learning lap for all of us as we unite in Racing For A Cure Coast to Coast For Our Special Children. Enjoy every event and moment in the year ahead. Let's make it a safe and swift race to the top as we approach the Finish Line.



With Love, Fun, and Fellowship,

Liz Close
Southern Division Le Demi Chapeau Nationale

