



Greetings from Le Chapeau

Lorene Bartos, Le Chapeau



Happy May! It's hard to believe it's time for graduations and yard work. Spring is in the air, and our 8/40 year is winding down. This year is going by quickly, and all the partners have been working and continue to work for our special children. Thanks again for all you do.

nations to count for certificates were due March 31st, but donations for all programs will still be accepted for this year. Donations for Nurses Scholarships, ALCWF, and 8/40 Foundation are due May 31st. There is still time to do that last push for funds for these programs.

As my year as National Chapeau winds down, I reflect on all the special times I've shared with partners --- through visits, phone calls, texts, cards, and gifts. I attended the Lincoln Pilgrimage in Springfield, Illinois, and enjoyed visits to de Ohio and de Illinois. What fun and fellowship was shared by all. I'm looking forward to a couple more visits scheduled for this summer.

Communication is still important. Report forms have been sent out and should be distributed to salons and Departmental officers. Let's have 100% reporting on all levels. Every salon has done something in every area.

National Marche plans are well underway. The Nebraska partners are working hard to host the Marche. The Homecoming meal reservations form is in this Hat Box. Bells will be "ringing" at my Homecoming on Wednesday, September 6th. Come learn about Nebraska and our favorite things. Go Big Red!!

It has been a privilege to serve as your National Chapeau. It has been a year of some exciting times and some really sad times. Our sympathy to the families of PNC Irene Stidham, Hat Box Editor and Public Relations Chair Sherrie Tucker, and National Constitution & Bylaws Committee Member Barbara Gleason. We say thank you for your service, and you will be missed.

Partnership is still the challenge we face. We are short of our goal for 2022-2023. However, there is still time to recruit new partners or renew those who are still unpaid. Let's Ring those bells hard and loud for Partners. You can do it!

Thank you for all you do for 8/40, and I look forward to seeing many of you in September.

Donations are doing fairly well. NJH do-



The Hat Box



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Homecoming Information

All information for Chapeau Lorene's Homecoming has been mailed to the Departmental La Secreétaires on 5/5/23. In addition, the information can be found on the website, www.8and40.org, Home Page, Marche Button.

Gone But Not Forgotten

AL	842	White	Mary L	NE	832	Minert	Ruby
AL	842	Oliver	Udell	NJ	22	Grant	Carol
AZ	164	Frandsen	Marcy	NJ	22	Foley	Doris
AZ	164	Tucker	Sherrie D	NJ	28	Blanes	Mary
AZ	164	Gleason	Barbara	NY	4	Bizinski	Lorraine
FL	316	Pettibone	Georgia	NY	4	Martino	Catherine
FL	556	Silvaroli	Judith	NY	4	Schkrutz	Edith
IN	446	DeYoung	Donna	NY	649	Vari	Bonnie
IN	490	Burkhart	Beverly J	NY	649	Gregoreski	Sandra
IN	638	Wells	Janet	OH	333	Dalton	Vicky M.
IN	806	Jones	Jeanette A	PA	182	Batschelet	Philomena
KS	369	Rymer	Sondra K.	SD	3	Wilson	Irene
MA	122	Stidham	Irene	VA	339	Eagle	Edna
MI	322	McCauley	Donna				

NCP Irene Stidham served as Le Chapeau National from 2004—2005.

This edition of the Hat Box is dedicated to Irene, Hat Box Editor Sherrie Tucker and C&B Cmte Member Barbara Gleason.

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



Marche Housing Reservation Information

101st Annual Marche Nationale

September 6 – September 9, 2023

Graduate Lincoln * 141 North 9th Street * Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Group: Salon National La Boutique

Name of Event: 8/40 National Marche Event

Room Rate - \$115 (2 Queens or 1 King)

Book Reservations: Two ways to register:

1. Use this link <https://www.graduatehotels.com/lincoln/#/booking/step-1?group=8819186&arrive=09%2F05%2F2023&depart=09%2F10%2F2023>

Below is step by step instructions for those that need additional assistance!

Click on the Booking Link

Select check in / check out dates on the calendar

Select check availability

Select room type and 'book now'

Fill out credit card and contact information to confirm your reservation

2. Call 402-475-4011 to make reservations.

The last day for reservations to receive the group discount is August 15, 2023.

Transportation to and from Airport: Hotel has a shuttle available for airport pick up. Please call 402-475-4011 to request a ride from the airport. Register at the hotel or put your name in the shuttle log book at the desk for the return trip.

Endorsed Candidates 2023~ 2024

Le Chapeau National	Linda Diebel – California
Le Demi Chapeau National	Barbara Rutherford - Washington
Le Demi Chapeau Central Division	Evelyn Cox - Missouri
Le Demi Chapeau Eastern Division	Rose Burbidge – New York
Le Demi Chapeau Southern Division	Eula Fox - Kentucky
Le Demi Chapeau Western Division	CJ Reyes - California
L'Archiviste Nationale	Doris Ann Werlinger – South Dakota
L'Aumonier National	Luella Buske - Illinois
La Concierge Nationale	Lisa Hoyland - Florida

La Marche Meals Reservation Forms

Luncheon by Division
Cost \$25.00 – Deadline is August 20, 2023

Division _____ Departemental _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Dietary restrictions _____
Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

_____ Roast Beef Sandwich, Cheddar, Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, Fruit Cup, Chips and Cookie
_____ Grilled Chicken Strawberry Spinach Salad

INSTALLATION BANQUET -- \$50.00 per person

Entrée: _____ Sweet and Spicy Salmon Filet with Honey Glaze
_____ Beef Medallions with Red Wine Mushroom Sauce

Both include:

Garden Salad • Herb Roasted Potatoes • Bacon Green Beans • Rolls and Butter • Cheesecake
Water, coffee (regular or decaf), iced tea

Dietary restrictions _____

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Separate reservation slips for each person attending would be appreciated!

All checks are to be payable to La Boutique Nationale and mailed to: Sandra Winchester, PO Box 1108, Lake Dallas, TX 75065-1108. You may write one check for all meals.

Deadline is August 20, 2023. Please remember, deadlines are for a reason!

Call to La Marche Nationale

September 7-9, 2023

CALL TO THE ONE HUNDRED & ONE ANNUAL LA MARCHE NATIONALE

In accordance with the Nationale Constitution and Bylaws, and by the authority vested in me as Le Chapeau National of La Boutique Nationale des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes, I hereby issue the Call to the One Hundred & One Annual La Marche Nationale, to be held at the Graduate Lincoln, 141 North 9th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, Thursday September 7, 2023 through Saturday September 9, 2023.

PURPOSE:

To elect officers for the ensuing year;
To receive and take action on proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws;
To receive and take action on proposed changes to the Handbook;
To receive and take action on proposed changes to the Ritual;
To receive reports of National Officers and Chairmen; and,
To transact such other business as may come before La Marche.

REPRESENTATION:

Delegates and Alternates:

Each Salon Departemental shall be entitled to five (5) elected Delegates and an additional Delegate for each five hundred (500) Partners or major fraction thereof, whose current dues shall have been received in Salon National Headquarters not less than thirty (30) days prior to said Marche, and one (1) Alternate for each elected Delegate.

Les Marche Departementaux shall elect the Delegates and Alternates not less than thirty (30) days before La Marche Nationale. Pouvoir Members have an Alternate, said Alternate being the retiring Le Chapeau Departemental.

If elected and attending, the retiring Le Chapeau Departemental shall be the first Delegate and the incoming Le Chapeau Departemental shall be the second Delegate.

Delegates-at-Large are National Officers, National Chairmen of Standing Committees, National Pouvoir Members and Les Chapeaux National Passè in good standing. If a National Officer or National Chairman is either a National Pouvoir Member or Le Chapeau National Passè, she will cast one (1) vote only, that vote to be cast with her respective Departemental.

Regional and Divisional Chairmen, Members of National Committees, or Departemental Officers have no vote unless the Partner is a regular Pouvoir Member or duly elected Delegate.

Les Chapeaux Departementaux may attend Le Pouvoir National as observers without voice or vote.

REGISTRATION:

Registration fee is \$20.00. All packets and Credentials are to be picked up by the Chairman of the Delegation or her representative, upon surrender of the duplicate Credential sheet. The Chairman of the Delegation, or her representative, may pick up packets for pre-registered Delegates at the Nationale Headquarters Office.

Attest:

Lorene Bartos
Le Chapeau National

Sandra Winchester
La Secretaire Nationale

Constitution & Bylaws

Denise Bossetti, Chairman

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has received information not presented to the Committee until now. The C. & B. Committee is sharing this information with all Departementaux to obtain accurate information. The records show that many Departementaux have not updated their C. & B.'s since the American Legion Auxiliary terminated their connection with the 8 & 40 in 2010-2011. Please review what this Committee has on file.

Information is as follows: If you have proof that this is incorrect, don't hesitate to contact the National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman Denise Bossetti at 419-602-7703 or email your most current copy of your approved C. & B's to dboss1718@gmail.com. The template is on the 8 & 40 website, making updating quick and painless. If you need help, please call me, and I will walk you through finding it on the website. You can have this Chairman email the template to you, then download it to edit, complete, and return it for approval.

#8	Alabama	2011		#26	Missouri	0	Missing Signature Nat. L'Avocate No Constitution Only Bylaws
#31	Arizona	2011		#29	Montana	2019	
#47	Arkansas	2011	Missing Signature Nat. L'Avocate	#9	Nebraska	2011	
#1	California	2011		#18	Nevada	0	
#19	Connecticut	2011		#4	New Jersey	2011	
#7	Florida	2018	In progress	#13	New York	0	
#28	Idaho	2011		#23	Ohio	2021	
#21	Illinois	2011		#42	Oregon	2021	
#11	Indiana	2011	In progress	#20	Pennsylvania	2021	
#5	Kansas	2011	Missing Signature Nat. L'Avocate	#3	South Dakota	2021	
#48	Kentucky	0		#32	Texas	2011	
#39	Maryland	0		#37	Virginia	2012	
#35	Massachusetts	2019		#41	Washington	2011	
#2	Michigan	2017					

From Mary "Sugar" White, NCP and Hand Book Committee Member
 "Thank You" To the Partners for their thoughts, get well's and many prayers. Hugs and Blessing to all.
 They were greatly appreciated and I felt the Love. PS: They all worked.



Homecoming Reservations due by August 20, 2023

Departemental _____

Name of Partner(s) _____

Choice of meal: Lasagna ___ @ \$30 each

Chicken ___ @ \$30 each

Make check payable to Les Femmes Fatales Salon 832 and send to Lynne Wild, 1510 North 71st Street, Lincoln, NE 68505-1507.

L'Aumonier National

Doris Ann Werlinger

Happy Spring to All our Partners. Looks like it is getting closer to Springtime in South Dakota with green grass coming up and the beautiful flowers of the season.

Our condolences to the families of Irene Stidham, Sherrie Tucker and Barbara Gleason. The 8 and 40 organization will greatly miss these partners and many other partners who have passed away this year. Our condolences to all Salons who have lost partners this year. It is tough for a Salon or organization to lose any partner and then to pick up where they have been a special part of your organization.

Please remember to get all your forms into Sandra, our La Secretaire of your deceased members, so we can have a nice ceremony for them at the La Marche in September.

Thank you to all who have sent me names and addresses to send cards to while they were ill, sympathy cards to families that have lost a partner, I really appreciate all your help.

I am also anxious to get your prayers, poems, special thoughts and messages for National Chapeau's prayer book, so please keep reminding your partners to send their items to me.

Resolutions

Linda Kilmer, Chairman

A resolution is a written, formal motion. Please use the forms on the web site or in the handbook, when submitting a resolution. A resolution is made up of two sections—the resolving clauses and the reasons. Resolving clauses tell the specifics of the proposal. The main reasons a motion should be adopted are included in the “Whereas” clauses. Keep it simple. Stay focused on the points that are strictly necessary. Remember that resolutions have only two parts: (1) The preamble (introduction) Whereas, (2) The resolving (solve) portion Please read the instructions when submitting, otherwise it will be returned and you want to meet the deadlines. Ethellynn Neville, Resolution Committee Member; ethellynn1@comcast.net-- Resolutions Committee Chairman, Linda Kilmer, kilmer@royell.net

RING THOSE BELLS PARTNERS for the Resolution deadline is approaching. Thirty days prior to Nationale, however; do not wait until the last days, as it may need some adjustments.

La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

Sandra Winchester

In order to get everything done and documents out to the Departementaux in a timely manner I must stick to a very stringent schedule. The 2024 partnership cards will be printed on May 29, 2023. Any renewals received after that date will not have a preprinted card for 2024 from the national office. The partnership stats as of that date will be used to complete the Credential forms with delegate fees.

Any Emblem sales orders must be received by July 1st to be filled for this fiscal year. The annual emblem sales physical inventory needs to be completed by end of July to be included in this year's financial reporting.

While the pandemic appears to be behind us our world has not entirely returned to what it was. It's more important than ever to be kind, keep in touch with friends and loved ones and most of all take care of yourself. It's been a real honor serving in this position and getting to know so many of the Partners.

Nurses Scholarship

Barbara Skillman, Chairman

I have a question for you today. What is our purpose of this organization? Support for children with respiratory disease, asthma, cystic fibrosis and allergies.

So how do we help? We provide scholarship funding to those who are going into this field of study, nurses and respiratory therapists. So let us help them with their education to help these wonderful children and their families.

So far this year 8 and 40 has raised \$19,654 for the scholarship fund. We need at least \$24,000 for 8 scholarships. We have 30 more days until the deadline for your donation. We have a lot of work ahead,

Please give for this important program.

Leadership

Linda Varejcka, Chairman

Leading is about service. We all have often seen a level of arrogance and entitlement exhibited by people in leadership positions that tear people down instead of lifting people up. "Always" remember that leadership is a privilege, and your influence may affect someone's life positively or negatively.

People can be so marvelous that one is proud to share a planet with them, and at the same time disagreeable enough to drive you off in search of a desert island. Trying to get along with people is crazy and that ought to be the end of it. But it doesn't always work that way. We are stuck with one another, with needing and caring about each other.

A few tips for getting along - a. ability to live and let live. b. keep your word c. live in the present and let go of the past. d. communicate: people can be very cooperative when they know what is going on, and very difficult when they don't. e. allow yourself and other people to grow and change f. accept people as they are, even when they aren't precisely to our liking.

The price of getting along with people comes high. It is nothing less than getting along with oneself, growing, without rigid and final answers, allowing for mistakes on both sides, saluting the full identity of others apart from one self. The price is high and each of us keeps learning all our lives how to pay it, but what we purchase is still greater.

"FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, UNDERSTANDING."

ALCWF

Linda Diebel, Le Demi Chapeau Nationale

Donations to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation MUST BE INTO NATIONALE no later than May 31, 2023. Please try to make a \$1.00 donation for each Partner in your Salon. If you do, please complete the form at a01adc_8614c25a805b47958ec0886b571a7a7d.pdf (8and40.org) and send it in so your Salon can received a 100% Banner from ALCWF.

As of 04/30/23 the Nationale office has received \$7,358.68 in donation to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (ALCWF). We made a commitment of \$10,000 to \$15,000.00. We are only halfway there. Please if your Salon or Departemental has NOT SENT IN YOUR DONATION, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. The donation MUST be received by May 31, 2023 for it to go into this year's donation totals.



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Tentative Marche Schedule

Pre-Marche Meetings (Subject to Revision)

Rozier

Public Relations, Rita Barylski 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

L'Aumonier, Doris Ann Werlinger 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

L'Archiviste, Barbara Rutherford 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Rodgers

Nurses Scholarship, Barbara Skillman 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Handbook Gail Roddy 3:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Partnership, Paula Burgess 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Crouch

Children and Youth, Evelyn Nagel 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Resolutions, Linda Kilmer 3:00 PM -4:00 PM

Devaney

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

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

Basic Marche Events Schedule Office

Location – (Perkins) 9/7/23 at 7:30 am

Wednesday 9/6/23 Homecoming 6:30 pm

Wednesday 9/6/23 Homecoming 6:30 pm

Thursday 9/7/23

9:00 am – 10:30 am – 8 & 40 Foundation Board Mtg

9:30 am – 11:30 am Leadership School (Ardis Ballroom)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm National Chapeau Passé Lunch

(Single Barrel Restaurant)

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Pre-Marche Committee Meetings

4:30 pm - Pre-Marche Pouvoir (Ardis Ballroom)

6:30 pm – Rehearsal for La Marche (La Concierge Luella

Buske & Marechals and Pages) (Ardis Ballroom)

8:00 pm - Candidate's Reception (Legends Ballroom)

Friday 9/8/23 8:30 am – Opening Session (Ardis Ball-
room)

Saturday 9/9/23

8:30 am - Memorial Service followed by Marche Session
(Ardis Ballroom)

6:30 pm – Installation Banquet (Ardis Ballroom)