



Greetings from Le Chapeau

Lorene Bartos—8/40 Ringing for a Cure



Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. It is hard to believe that the 8/40 year is almost half over; but, as they say, “time flies when you’re having fun.”

I enjoyed a Zoom visit with South Dakota in December. What a fun way to meet when the weather outside was frightful. Snow everywhere in this area. I have a couple of visits on my calendar and will try to make other visits as requested. I am planning to attend the Lincoln Pilgrimage in Illinois in February. I will place a wreath from the 8/40 at that time. Thank you to Missouri for remembering me with goodies from their Pouvoir.

Plans are underway for the National Marche in Lincoln September 7-9 with my Homecoming on September 6th at The Graduate Hotel. Room reservation information is elsewhere in the Hat Box. Bells will be ringing.

Hopefully, you are all sharing the information you receive from officers and chairmen. Please check to see that all partners are receiving the Hat Box, either by email or regular mail. Due to the cost of postage, we are encouraging partners to help our budget and receive the Hat Box by email.

Donations are coming in slowly; and hopefully they will pick up by the deadline dates for NJH in March and Nurses Scholarship and ALCWF in May. The All Partners project is also due in March (we have only raised \$1263). Perhaps, since Chapeau Days were cancelled, some funds that would have been used to attend can add to the donations for NJH and All Partners projects.

Nurses Scholarship is doing well with \$6,619.73. Congratulations to Connecticut for donating over \$1,000. It is important to provide nurses and therapists with their scholarships. What fun FUNdraisers are your Departementaux and Salons doing? You still have time to plan something special.

Happy Spring! Keeping ringing your bells and working for our special children.

Lorene

Salon La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes

The Hat Box



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*All things are possible
to him who believes*



Gone But Not Forgotten

Dept.	Salon	First Name	Last Name	Dept.	Salon	First Name	Last Name
CA	58	Passmore	Irene	MT	606	Harrison	Delores
FL	316	Sviderskas	Debbie	MT	606	Mitchell	Adeline H
IL	148	Godat	Deloris	NE	410	Jasa	Mildred
IL	573	Coughlin	Sue Cunniff	NE	441	Amick	Helen
IL	573	Janssens	Lucille	NE	441	Sawyer	Patsy Sue
IL	753	Magee	Verna Jane	NE	832	Anderson	LuEtta
IN	126	Chappell	Mary Catherine	NJ	482	Gonzalez	Eva Dolores
IN	806	Woods	Dolores A	NY	31	Coniglio	Rose
IN	446	DeYoung	Donna L	NY	37	Allen	Doreen
KS	369	Brummett	Judy K	NY	121	Youmans	Carol
KS	369	Mueller	Loretta M	NY	154	Gorski	Glenna Joy
KY	873	Mullins	Lois	OH	101	Wuwert	Mariam
MI	41	Benthin	Mary	OH	165	Geary	Cheryl Ann
MI	300	Jacobson	Mary	PA	318	Morris	Donna
MI	322	Wheeler	Theresa	PA	318	Showalter	Lillian
MO	94	Tetlow	Gerry	PA	318	Turnbull	Joan B.
MO	491	Grillo	Frances	TX	108	Decker	Saree
MO	865	Potts	Jana Lee	WA	586	Derrey	Karen V

L'Aumonier
Doris Ann Werlinger

Just want to wish all of you a Happy New Year and hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas.



Thank you to all of you who have sent me your prayers, poems, inspiration notes or personal notes for National Chapeau Lorene's Prayer Book. I have read through all of them and I'm so touched by the words you have expressed for our National Chapeau.

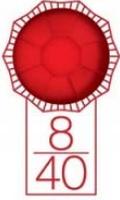
I so appreciate all the notes I have received letting me know if someone is ill or has a family member that has had an illness as I have sent out several get well cards, thinking of you cards and many sympathy cards to those partners that we have lost so far this year.

Don't forget to let me know if you have a partner who has passed away, to please send me the paperwork as well as our National Secretaire Sandra.

Remember to keep in contact with partners in your Salons as they need to know we all care and it's such a inspiration to receive a note or phone call from each of us.

Thank you for all you do for our "special children and each other."
Happy Valentine's Day to Each of You.





MARCHE HOUSING RESERVATION INFORMATION

101st Annual Marche Nationale

September 6 – September 9, 2023

The 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) OR \$129 with parking

Book Reservations: Two ways to register:

1. Use this link:

<https://www.graduatehotels.com/lincoln/#/booking/step-&:1?group=8819186&group=1416841&:arrive=09%2F05%2F2023&:depart=09%2F10%2F2023>

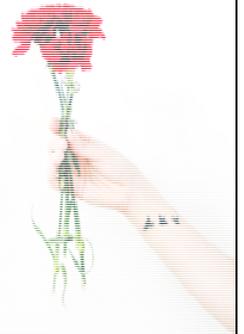
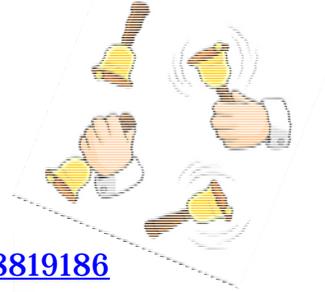
2. Below is step by step instructions for those that need additional assistance!

- 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.



100 Year pins are still available. Order yours today!



Eastern Division Demi Chapeau

Judy Tryba



Partners as we ring in 2023, let's be optimistic that we will reach our goals.

The good news for our Division is that the Eastern Division Conference

plans are finished and on the calendar. It will be held at the American Legion in Sturbridge, MA on March 18, 2023. I am hoping for an uplifting meeting with informative reports, sharing of ideas, and of course, much Fun and Fellowship. I can't wait for the tinkle of laughter. **We are having a guest speaker on surviving childhood lung disease.** Partners, you don't want to miss it!

Fundraising Tip! A couple of partners from MA have created some craft items to sell with the proceeds to be given towards Le Chapeau Nationale's project. Every little bit helps!

A shout out to New York and Pennsylvania! Hoping they have dug out of the terrible snow storms. We are thinking of you.

Demi Chapeau Nationale

Linda Diebel

The bell has rung for the beginning of the new year. We have committed to raising \$11,000.00 to \$15,000.00 for the American Legion

Child Welfare Foundation. The foundations have been in existence since 1953. It has awarded over \$1,000,000.00 in grants to help children in need. Even though our numbers have decreased we are still committed to helping children in need especially our "Special Children" with respiratory and lung diseases.

Please review your Salon's budget and see if you have designated funds for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation? Can your Salon hold an event to raise funds for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (ALCWF)? Does your Salon use the "pig" to raise funds for this program? Pass the "pig" around at your Salon meeting and collect change. You would be surprised at how much change you have at the bottom of your purse! I use the "pig" in my office – I put a bowl of candy on my desk next to the "pig" and anyone can take a candy as long as they feed the "pig" money! I raised \$100.00 in two months. It is easy and everyone goes away happy!

Please, please whatever you do to help raise funds for our special children have FUN, FUN, FUN. We must remember our Motto is "Fun and Fellowship" while we help our special children.



Handbook Committee

Gail Roddy, Chairman



'Our Success Rings from using the Handbook'

Here's hoping all partners have had a chance to enjoy the 'Handbook Bulletins and Special Editions' this committee has prepared for making the assignments to the 8-40 Organization a little easier to understand.

Such valuable information can be found in the Handbook or the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules, that any partner can obtain by using each when a question may arise.

Our goal is being met this year with several partners reading the assigned pages in each bulletin and then taking the challenge to help with creating better communication on written documentation.

Keep those ***bells ringing for our success by using the tools provided to handle better leadership responsibilities.***

****** Those receiving the Hat Box via email are receiving additional document on this subject.

Partnership

Paula Burgess, Chairman



Do you hear that sound? Bells ringing so loud and clear for Partnership. What a wonderful sound. Bells ringing for more partners and "Ringing for A Cure," for our special "Children.

We have made big progress in partnership that is a major step in ringing the bells for partnership. Don't stop now, keep it going. We made the 2nd goal of 50% early. That is a major step for us. We are at 56.31%. We got there before the target date December 31st, ahead of schedule. That was a wonderful early Christmas gift for National Chapeau Lorene.

We have 3 Departementaux who have made their 3rd goal of 75% and that's way ahead of our goal of 75% by the 28 of February. We even have 2 Departementaux that have made all their target dates and that is South Dakota at 103.85% and Idaho at 102.78%. Way to go Partners, but they can still try for more partners. I am so glad that we had 45 new partners before the end of 2022.

THANK YOU PARTNERS. I know that you are working hard for our kids.

You Can't UN-Ring A Bell



Nebraska Salon 832 enjoyed Fun and Fellowship at their Christmas luncheon. In lieu of a gift exchange, the partners donated to the All Partners project. Over \$200 was collected.

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Children and Youth

Evelyn Nagel, Chairman

“THE BELLS THAT STILL CAN RING FOR OUR SPECIAL CHILDREN”



I have had questions about the Ditty Bags sent to NJH. I am currently checking with them to find out the answer to the question of sending them this year. I will let everyone know as soon as I have an answer. Even if we cannot send them to NJH, **PLEASE** take them to your closest hospital pediatric ward. **Check with them first.**

The responsibility of all Partners is “the prevention of all lung and respiratory diseases in children.” Let us not forget that we are all responsible, not just the chairman or committee member. Please send all bulletins and other information on to the chairmen of the Departementaux and Petit Salons.

Let us not forget that Chapeau Lorene’s goal is \$8,000 and upwards for National Jewish Health. Let all of us work for the same.

Constitution & Bylaws

Denise Bossetti, Chairman

'Ring in Updated Constitution and Bylaws'

Here we are, a brand new year; let's see what Departementaux should be updating their Constitution and Bylaws. Oh, you know who you are. Don't panic plenty of time to review and amend your old, outdated Constitution and Bylaws. *'Ring in Updated Constitution and Bylaws'* should be your priority this year. Look over those *Standing Rules, too. Is your Salon adhering to your rules, or are some of the rules outdated also? Let's get busy and check out our operational guidance, the C & B's with Standing Rules and see if we are currently complying with these documents.*

Remember that it is much easier than you think with the template provided on the National website. If you can't download it, contact Lila or this Chairman, and we will help you to get what you need. This year would be nice to see some new Departementaux making an effort to update their C & B's.

C & B Chairmanship is one of the thankless jobs that nobody wants to do, which is why we designed the template. Reconsider this position; it is not as hard to do anymore. Take the initiative to 'Ring the Bell' for a well-done job.

Committee Members: Lila Speckels, Barbara Gleason



Hat Box/Public Relations

Sherrie Tucker, Chairman

Ring in our bells and Spreading the Word.

Only a few people have tried the test quiz from our last Public Relations Bulletin. Please do it

now! Here's the link: <https://forms.gle/R3ShPQxA2oqVPJsK6>

Please Try it! We need the feedback!

THANKS!

So, what is your salon doing to spread the word as you ring your bells? There is still time to reach out and get new partners to join and others to donate. Think on a larger scale. Have you invited a congress person or senator to join you in supporting children with respiratory diseases. What about a local council person. Or a local celebrity, author or painter? Reach out to everyone, every single one! And don't forget to tell them how rewarding and fun it is.



L' Archiviste

Barbara Rutherford

Departementaux Petit Salon's

To all L'Archiviste

Are you doing a Historie Book

2022-2023



Historie is what goes on in your Departemental or Petit Salon.

What a better way to keep our organization going by knowing the past and presenting the future.

If not, why not?

Just like writing a Journal about your programs, activities and who your officers, chairman, what great resource for partners to see this year and in the future.

Ritual and Emblem

Sandy Steinkamp, Chairman

Ring in the New Year with Bells for our Special Children. Happy New Year to all of our awesome partners!

Your Ritual and Emblem Committee encourages all Salons to make sure that every partner has a copy of the Ritual. A copy is available on the website. Please remember to follow your Ritual and Emblem to have a great meeting. We also encourage all partners to wear red and white to meetings as well as wearing their Eight and Forty Lugs with pride.

It is also important to display colors and repeat the obligation at all meetings. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Service,
Sandy Steinkamp



Resolutions



Linda Kilmer, Chairman

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As we finish the busyness of the season and now back to life, let us remember the reason for the season, we just celebrated. As we begin our New Year, take time to reflect on the good things and people, that has crossed your path this year and give thanks. JOY!!! Let's pray for our Special Children and their families, that they will be blessed during this new

year.

Remember, a resolution is a written, formal motion. Please use the forms on the web site or in the handbook, when submitting a resolution. Please read the instructions when submitting, otherwise it will be returned and you want to meet the deadlines. Please remember the deadline. *Committee Member: Ethellynn Neville, ethellynn1@comcast.net*



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