



Cabane Chatter



La Societe dE Femme

MARCH 2019

HOURS OF OPERATION

The office is open Monday—Friday 8:00 AM –2:00 PM

OFFICE Closed March 7-10, 2019

March 14-17, 2019

Greetings,

Before starting on my next adventure I do want to make one correction to my Florida trip. In my previous article I thanked Voiture/Cabane 1621 for the hospitality room. I later learned that the hospitality room was put on by the Grande Voiture candidates for office. Thank You! Having survived the “Polar Vortex” on January 30 and 31 with sub-zero temperatures, it was off to Forest Lake Minnesota for their Mid Winter. When we left Detroit on Friday February 1st the temperature was 4 °F when we came home on Sunday the temperature was 54°F. Like they say, if you don’t like the weather in Michigan wait an hour and it will change. We were met in the Minneapolis airport by Rob who was assigned by Lorinda to transport us to the hotel. I was amazed to see that Minnesota looked just like Michigan, a little snow, a little ice, cloudy and lots of dirty cars. We got settled into our room and it was off to lunch at Keys Restaurant and then over to the Forest Lake American Legion Post for some social time. Chef Rick had driven to Minnesota on Thursday and was out “ice fishing”. I was NOT sorry that was not part of my agenda –Thank You Lorinda! A group of us went to Vanellies for an excellent dinner Friday evening then back to the hotel for a good night sleep. The Minnesota Grande Cheminot started at 10:00 AM at the American Legion Post. Each chairman gave a brief history of their program and what progress has been achieved to date. The reports were interesting and very well done. Chef Rick was escorted in to bring greetings to the LaFemmes and I was escorted over to the Grand Voiture Cheminot to bring greetings to the Voyageurs. When the Cheminot was over Forest Lake Legion Post #225 served an excellent lunch. Then it was back to the hotel for a quick change and back to the Legion for dinner, program and presentations. I must say I have never had a “Legion banquet” as good as this one was. Normally I slide my entree over to Joe’s plate and just eat the vegetables and dessert. Not this night – Joe kept waiting and watching as I consumed my entire meal. That was the BEST roast beef I have ever had! After the banquet we returned to the hotel to enjoy the hospitality room hosted by several Voitures with varying beverages and snacks. Since we did not have to drive home on Sunday we had a little extra time to sit in the hospitality room and visit with our Minnesota “family”. On Sunday morning I was treated to a wonderful breakfast at Keys Restaurant with the Minnesota Grande Presidentes Passe. Then it was off to the airport in the foggy, misty, icy morning weather. Thank you Minnesota for your hospitality!



On Tuesday February 19th (Pack Mule Joe's birthday) we headed South to the Cajun Wreck. Joe and I have been making this road trip since 1992 and have always enjoyed the fact that the further south we go the greener it gets and more flowers we see. That gives us Northerners some hope that Spring isn't far away. We arrived in Lafayette, LA on Wednesday afternoon and were greeted by Verona Courville and her husband. Verona had our room all ready with "refreshments" and snacks. Wednesday evening we attended the Lafleur dinner party hosted by Ken "Doc" and Patricia. As always everything was excellent and I received some pretty awesome Marti Gras beads.

Thursday morning bright and early we were on our way to Carville, LA to visit the Hansen's Disease Museum and grounds. Tom Adams from Mississippi is the Carville Directeur. He is just getting into his first year and doing an awesome job! He has several new projects that will be presented to the membership for support in the coming year. I see good things in the future for the Carville program. After our visit to Carville we had lunch at a quaint little restaurant along the Mississippi River. Thursday night we had dinner at Randall's, another Cajun restaurant then back to the hotel to mingle and enjoy some southern hospitality.

On Friday afternoon I attended the Carville Committee meeting and heard Directeur Tom Adams present his plan for the program going forward. If you have never visited Carville you should put that on your bucket list. It is important to preserve the history of the residents of Carville and of those that dedicated their lives to take care of the residents. Friday evening was the delicious Early Bird dinner. For dessert several of us were presented with a pie in the face to raise funds for a program of our choice. Even though Box Car is my program this year I couldn't help but donate the approximately \$240 raised from my pie to Carville.

On Saturday afternoon I attended the Grande Cabane Cheminot followed by entertainment provided by a Cajun Band and some of the famous fried alligator which we always enjoy and look forward to when we attend the Cajun Wreck. Saturday evening was the annual Cajun banquet and more hospitality to complete an awesome Louisiana weekend.

Thank you Minnesota and Louisiana for your hospitality and a very memorable month!

Yours in service-still Livin' the Dream,
Cheryl Jamnick
La Presidente Nationale

**MINNESOTA MID-WINTER
FEBRUARY 1-2, 2019**

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*LA PRESIDENTE CHERYL JAMNICK 2019,
LEFT-JERRY BROCK AND DWIGHT DUPRIE, JOE JAMNICK 2004 CHEF,
RICH WILLIAMS 2019 CHEF
GRANDE CHEF TERRY STEELE, LA PRESIDENTE CHERYL JAMNICK 2019*



**Just having fun with a
needed cocktail**



First, a little history about the “National Box Car Association” Program: The idea to send a “thank you” gift to the United States for the \$40 million in food and other supplies sent to France and Italy in 1947 came from a French railroad worker, and World War II veteran, named Andre Picard. Donations from the Merci Train came from over six million citizens of France and Italy in the form of dolls, statues, clothes, ornamental objects, furniture, and even a Legion of Honour medal purported to have belonged to Napoleon. Forty-and-eights were French 4-wheel covered goods wagons used as military transport cars. The term refers to the cars’ carrying capacity, said to be 40 men or eight horses. Built starting in the 1870s as regular freight boxcars, they were originally used in military service by the French army in both World Wars, and then later used by the German occupation in World War II and finally by the Allied liberators in 1949, France sent 49 of those boxcars to the United States (one for each state then in existence and one for Washington, D.C. and Hawaii to share) laden with various treasures, as a show of gratitude for the liberation of France. This train was called the Merci Train, and was sent in response to trains full (over 700 boxcars) of supplies known as the American Friendship Train sent by the American people to France in 1947. Each of the Merci Train boxcars carried five tons of gifts, all of which were donated by private citizens. Many of the trains were opened and turned into exhibits before distributing the objects as each state saw fit. Most states continued to exhibit the boxcars to the public after their gifts were distributed. There are approximately 43 of the 49 boxcars still in existence. Most of the surviving boxcars are displayed in various parks and museums in their respective states. Today these “Box Cars” stand in their respective States as a testament to these two incredible displays of goodwill and have evolved through the efforts of “La Societe de 40 and 8” and the National Boxcar Association to annually raise funding to support the many charitable programs of the 40/8 in support of our communities across this great Nation. The National Box Car Association (NBCA) was founded in 1965 as an affiliate of “La Societe de Forty & Eight” with the primary purpose of preserving the Box Car as a symbol of the Forty and Eight. Over time locomotives were added to the symbolic rolling stock of the NBCA since they were connected and needed to haul the Box Cars.

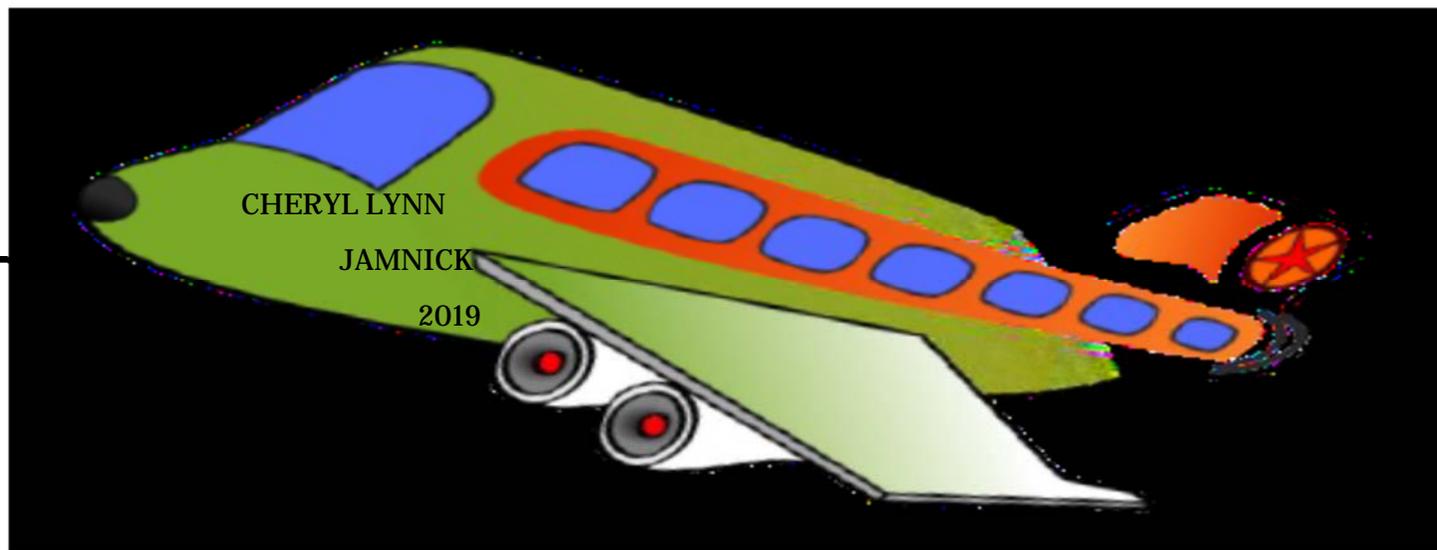
The National NBCA sets goals of making contributions to Hospitals, Children’s Homes and Orphanages. Expanding its efforts the NBCA support special projects at the annual Promenade Nationale. A party for special children is held in the host city where the children and their escorts are treated to lunch, train rides on visiting Locomotives, and entertainment by the NBCA HOBBO Clowns and bands, etc.

The 2018-2019 fund raising efforts for the National Box Car Association are special as our 2018-2019 Presidente Nationale, Cheryl Jamnick, has chosen the Box Car as her Special Project Program (Cheryl is a lifetime member of the National Association of Box Car HOBBOs and has been the Treasurer for the National Association of Box Car HOBBOs for many years). As of the February 2019 Chatter the Goal of \$2,000.00 has YTD contributions of only \$250.80. Let’s see if the La Femmes can exceed this goal of \$2,000.00 by buying the Associate Cards, pins, coins and making donations. Thank You to the Dames, Locales and Grandes that have already made donations to this Program, a Program that gives back to the Community. The Box Car Program is often forgotten when fund raising events are held at the Locales and Grandes. Please hold a fund raising event at your Cabane for the Box Car Program and Let’s reach the \$2,000.00 Goal set by Madame La Presidente Nationale and exceed this goal.

Janet Walsh, La Sous Presidente Nationale 2018-2019

PRESIDENTE TRAVEL

MARCH 15-16, 2019	PRESIDENTE HOMECOMING	LANSING, MI
APRIL 4-6, 2019	CHEF'S HOMECOMING	CLEVELAND, TN
APRIL 25-28, 2019	SOUTHLAND DIXIE	JACKSONVILLE, FL
MAY 16-19, 2019	GATOR WRECK	GOOSE CREEK, SC
JULY 12-14, 2019	NEW YORK GRANDE	WATERTOWN, NY
JULY 19-20-2019	INDIANA GRANDE	FT WAYNE, IN
JULY 18-21, 2019	NORTH CAROLINA GRANDE (PENNY)	GREENSBORO, NC
JULY 26-28, 2019	OREGON GRANDE	SALEM, OR
AUGUST 1 –4, 2019	WISCONSIN GRANDE	ANTIGO, WI
AUGUST 9-10, 2019	MICHIGAN GRANDE	LANSING, MI



APPOINTMENTS TO NATIONALE OFFICES

If you are interested in an appointment to a Nationale Office or Committee, please email or call Cabane Nationale with your request. All candidates for La Presidente Nationale will be notified of your desired appointment. femmes@fortyandeight.org or 317-639-1879.

How Are We Doing?

Presidente's Program:

Box Car

Goal: \$2,000.00 YTD:\$500.80

Other Programs:

Pennies for POW/MIA:

Goal: \$3,000.00 YTD: \$830.63

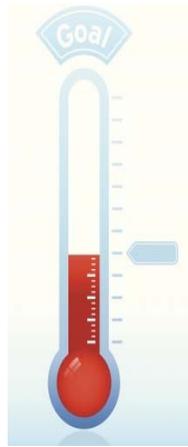
Nickels for Nurses:

Goal: \$3,000.00 YTD: \$209.50

Child Welfare:

Goal \$3,000.00 YTD \$ 146.25

Youth Sports: Goal \$3,000.00 YTD \$125.00 **WAYS AND MEANS 2019 YTD \$ 100.00**



MEET YOUR OFFICERS – LA COMMISSAIRE INTENDANTE

Hello from the sunny state of Florida. I am in my 7th year as Nationale Commissaire Intendante and I have been a member of Cabane 1219 in Citrus County Florida since 1999. The Locale offices I have held are La Presidente for 2 years, La Avocat for 3 years, La Commis Dame and Garde de la Porte. On the Grande level I served as La Grande Presidente 2017 -2018, La Sous Presidente for 2 years, Grande Commissaire Intendante for many years, Carville Star Chairman, La Drapeau, and La Garde de la Porte. I was born and raised in New York City until John Kaiserian came along and took me out of the city and into the “country” of New Jersey. We were married on Valentine’s Day 1971 (a date he couldn’t forget) and raised a son and daughter along the Jersey Shore. I helped John in the family restaurant business while also working for 18 years as an administrative assistant to an accountant. In 1998 we decided to make the big move to Florida before retiring so that we could enjoy the sun and warmth – snow shoveling was getting old and both of our children had already made the move to Tampa. We joined the 40&8 in 1999 thinking it would be fun to travel and see other parts of Florida. Little did we realize that we would be climbing the ladder in Grande and Nationale and be travelling all over the United States and meeting so many wonderful people that we now call our friends. Our only regret is that we lost both our son and daughter several years ago and they are unable to continue with us on our journeys with the 40&8. At times I believe the 40&8 family was a big part in sustaining us during our times of loss. The 40&8 is a wonderful organization and I encourage the Dames to invite more women to join us in our accomplishments in the many programs of the Voiture. I look forward to seeing many of you at Nationale in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina this coming September if not before.



La Societe de Femme

Founder's Club 2019

Receive a special beret shaped Founder's Club pin free with your

Paid membership or donation .

ONLY \$5.00

La Societe de Femme was formed on September 19, 1963, by founders Edith Schwindler, Edna Kirkpatrick, Grace Bunch, and Helen Jolliff. The Founders Club was started to honor those founders of La Societe de Femme. The dues and donations received from Founders Club Members are used by Cabane Nationale for Web-site, Internet, Email and IT services from Voiture Nationale and to maintain, repair, upgrade and, when necessary, to replace equipment used at our Nationale Headquarters.

FOUNDERS CLUB

Correspondante's Corner!!!

Website is loaded with print forms, and Trophy and Awards forms. La Presidente homecoming form is On website under HOME. Nationale on September 11, 2019, Wednesday, will be red, white & blue blingy hat day.

Please make copies of the forms.

For the good of La Societe

Carol Austin,

LETTERS OF INTENT FOR NATIONALE ELECTED OFFICES

NOTE

As amended at Rendezvous Nationale 2015, Each Grande or State can have two (2) resolutions of endorsement as long as they are for two (2) different offices. You do not have to have a Grande to run for Nationale office. A Cabane Locale can submit a Resolution of Endorsement where no Grande exists.

Rendezvous Nationale is fast approaching and we need you to consider running for one of the elected Nationale Officers positions. We will need to elect:

(1) La Presidente, (4) La Sous Presidentes, (1) Commissaire Intendante, (2) Garde de la Porte, (1) Historian, (1) Aumonier, (2) Drapeau.

We currently have two letters of intent PENNY HAIGLER, NC, AND MICHELE DEJONGHE-HILL, SC, for La Presidente , CAROL KAISERIAN, for Commissaire Intendante, none for Drapeau, JANET WALSH, GA, for Garde de la Porte and none for aumonier.

Please consider running for one of these vital offices. Get those letters of intent in as soon as possible and then get your resolution done and signed by your Locale and Grande. Resolutions of Endorsements must be received no later than August 24, 2019.

CAJUN WRECK

LAFETTE, LA

MARCH 22-24, 2019

LEFT CHERYL JAMNICK IN THE STOCKS, , CHERYL AND SALLY SHIDWING OFF THEIR JEWELS

BOTTOM LEFT 2019 PRESIDENTE CHERYL JAMNICK AND 2019 CHEF RICK WILLIAMS

AND QUEEN SALLY (FIRST WIN MEXICAN TRAIN)



OFFICIAL CALL
FIFTY-SIXTH(56) RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE OF LA SOCIETE DE FEMME
SEPTEMBER 10-15, 2019

In conformity with Section 1, Article 1, By-Laws of La Societe de Femme, the Rendezvous Nationale is hereby called to convene at the DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON, IN MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA, September 10-15, 2019.

PURPOSE

The Rendezvous Nationale is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Nationale Constitution and By-Laws, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

BASIC OF REPRESENTATION

In accordance with Article 1 Section 3, Section 4, of the Nationale By-Laws, each Grande Cabane shall be entitled to Ten (10) delegates and Ten (10) alternates and each Cabane Locale shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for the Charter and one (1) delegate and (1)alternate for the first twenty five(25) members and (1) delegate and (1) alternate for each additional twenty-five(25) members or major fraction thereof, such membership shall be calculated as of the end of the membership year (June 30th) prior to the convening of Rendezvous Nationale.

The preliminary convention roll call will be made up to the close of business on June 30, 2019.

Cabane Locales indebted to their Grande Cabane or Cabane Nationale will not be included in this roll call. Membership will be computed on the basis of MEMBERSHIP REPORTED and not on membership cards purchased.

CABANE NATIONALE HEADQUARTERS

Cabane Nationale Headquarters will be in the DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON, **MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA**. All matters relating to Rendezvous Nationale should be addressed to La Correspondante Nationale 250 East 38th Indianapolis, In 43205 as to reach her by August 24, 2019.

Rendezvous matters being forwarded prior to that date as well as all routine reports of membership orders, etc. should be addressed to Cabane Nationale 250 East 38th St., Indianapolis, In 46205 as usual.

DELEGATION HEADQUARTERS

Each delegation should establish a headquarters up assignment to hotel, reporting location of each headquarters to Cabane Nationale and each member of the delegation.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Report of your Nationale Officers will be included.

RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE SESSIONS

Sessions of the 56th Rendezvous Nationale as well as all Committee Meetings will be held at the DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON, MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA. SEPTEMBER 10-15, 2019.

LES CHEMINOT NATIONALE

There will be a **meeting of Les Cheminots for 2019 at 1:00 pm Wednesday, September 11, 2019.**

to the floor of the Rendezvous Nationale. Only registered visiting members of La Societe de Femme will be admitted upon presentation of a 2018-2019 membership card. Only authorized Delegates or alternates will have a voice or vote.

ADMISSION TO RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE

Only registered Delegates and Alternates holding Credentials as delegates or alternates will be admitted to the floor of the Rendezvous Nationale. Only registered visiting members of La Societe de Femme will be admitted upon presentation of a 2019-2020 membership card. Only authorized Delegates or alternates will have a voice or vote.

INITIATION

There will be no initiations of new members after the start of Rendezvous Nationale.

EXPENSE OF DELEGATES

No expense of any Delegates or Alternates attending Rendezvous Nationale will be assumed by Cabane Nationale.

CONTESTS

Should any Cabane Locale be denied Credentials or claim more delegates than are allowed in the preliminary Roll Call, it may present claim to the Credentials Committee for consideration and decision.

Credentials Forms will be mailed for Cabane Nationale to the Grande Correspondantes for reporting the names of Grande Cabane's delegates/Alternates and to Les Correspondantes Locale for reporting the names of Locale delegates/alternates.

VOTING

In the Rendezvous Nationale, all Roll Call votes, will be by the Grande Cabane (where organized) and by Cabane Locales. Therefore arrange to organize and elect a Delegation Chairman and Secretary and forward the names to Cabane Nationale 250 eat 38th St, Indianapolis, In 46205, by August 24, 2019.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIES

Each Delegation Secretary should report as soon as possible after arrival in MYRTLE BEACH, SC on forms provided for the purpose, if they have not alred done so, the following information:

Name of Grande Cabane and the number of Delegates

Names of Grande Cabane delegates and alternates

Name and address of 2019 delegation Chairman

Name and address of 2019 Secretary

Name of Chairman attested by Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Resolution must be in writing and should be submitted to La Correspondante Nationale as

Early as possible, and not later than **AUGUST 24, 2019**. Grande Cabanes and Cabanes Locale are urged to give the matter of election of delegates their most serious consideration and elect those who plan to attend Rendezvous Nationale and who will give time to the business matters to come before the Rendezvous Nationale.

ENDORSEMENTS

No candidate for Nationale Office shall be placed in nomination unless a written resolution of endorsement from the Grande Cabane, postmarked fifteen(15) days (Tuesday, August 24, 2019 prior to

La Rendezvous Nationale, is received by La Correspondante Nationale. Any state which has only one (1) or two(2) Cabane Locales, may endorse a candidate by written resolution of endorsements for either or both Cabane Locales, but if two(2) endorsements are received by La Correspondante Nationale, they must endorse the same person.

READING THE CALL

THIS CALL SHALL BE READ at Rendezvous in each Cabane Locale and the Grande Rendezvous. Correspondantes should make it their duty to see that each Delegate and Alternate is familiar with its

Provisions.

ATTESTED JANUARY 1, 2019 CAROL K AUSTIN

LA CORRESPONDANTE NATIONALE

CHERYL L. JAMNICK

LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE