Greetings,

April 26th found Joe and I in Jacksonville Beach, Florida for the Southland Dixie Promenade. Wanda Hunter and D.R. Richards made sure we had comfortable accommodations, snacks and beverages in our room. The weekend consisted of a lot of Southern Hospitality, and several games of Mexican Train Dominoes. Thank you Southland Dixie for an enjoyable weekend and some excellent sunny weather. Now we head back home to the rainy cool Spring weather in Michigan.

On May 4th Joe and I were guests at the Lansing 946 Silver Keys dinner. This dinner is an annual event to present the widows of 946 Voyageurs with a symbolic Silver Key to the Chateau. The key represents an open invitation to the 946 Chateau and events. Three widows were presented with a key this year. They were joined by eleven widows from the previous years. Each of the Silver Key ladies were presented with a gift. One of the Silver Key ladies thanked 946 for hosting this event each year and stated that she looks forward to the dinner which every year. The 946 Voiture and Cabane also recognized the Chef de Gare Passes and LaPresidentes Passes with a gift. I was very honored to be invited to the Silver Keys dinner and to be the guest speaker. This is just another example of our awesome LaSociete family at work. Thank you 946 and congratulations on another job well done.

On May 11th Joe and I returned to Lansing 946 for the annual Mother’s Day Wreck. The afternoon was filled with an excellent luncheon and some exciting card bingo. If you are from Michigan you know how exciting this game really is...not! However, the bingo prizes were excellent! Thank you Cabane 946 for your hospitality.

May 16th found us back on the road to South Carolina for the Goose Creek Gator Wreck. The wreck this year was dedicated to Ralph Lange who passed away last year. In his younger days Ralph was usually the life of the party – very close by were Jerry Anderson Sr and William Simpson – and somewhere in the background was our own Carol Austin. Thursday evening and Friday were spent socializing with our LaSociete family. We did manage to squeeze in a shopping trip which meant that I saved Joe money from the fantastic items that I found on sale. We also played a few games of Mexican Train Dominoes. Don Carr supplied the crown for the winners to wear. Since this was the Gator Wreck we had a big stuffed green alligator hat with bling. This made for some very funny photos. On Friday evening we were transported to the Legion Post for dinner and the PG trials. There were only two PG’s but they seemed to have a lot of fun and were great sports. After the PGs received their traditional “pie in the face” candidate for Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary took a pie and raised $156 which he donated to my special project – Box Car! I even got to put a pie in his face BUT I was very gentle. Thank you Mike for your donation to my special project! On Saturday morning William Simpson offered up his 7 passenger SUV to driver Michele DeJonghe-Hill so she could take a few of us to see the Angel Oak on Johns Island. Cord wood in the two back seats. As long as the doors were closed we were okay, there was no need for seat belts!
This type of Oak lives for up to 900 years. After our visit to Angel Oak we were off to lunch at a restaurant on the water called California Dreamin'. I think that is the name of it because while sitting there eating your lunch you can dream of owning one of the yachts that are harbored there. They also have the BEST honey croissants and shecrab soup ever! Now when I mentioned that William let us use his 7 passenger SUV I didn’t mention that there were 10 of us in that 7 passenger SUV. We were stacked like cord wood in the two back seats. As long as the doors were closed we were okay, there was no need for seat belts! HOWEVER, when the back door on the driver’s side opened I slid right off that leather seat and out I came! Once back at the hotel we had a little time to socialize in the hospitality room before we had to dress for the banquet. The banquet was held at the Goose Creek Legion post and was very well attended. The table decorations were beautiful and the food was delicious. Thank you Goose Creek for a very enjoyable and memorable weekend.

May 25th found us traveling to Washington DC for the Memorial Day celebration. We spent Friday night in Breezewood, PA to avoid the Friday DC traffic. It was on to Lorton, VA on Saturday morning. The Virginia Grand Chef Randy took a few of us to a local Greek/Italian restaurant Saturday evening for dinner. Sunday at 12:30 PM Chef Rick and I, along with 30 others, boarded the bus for Arlington to lay wreaths at the graves of Joseph Breen, John J. Pershing and for the first time Sgt. Edward F. Younger. We were successful in laying all of the wreaths before the rain showers started on the way back to the hotel. The Sunday night banquet was held at a beautiful Legion Post just a few miles from the hotel. The dinner was excellent and after dinner I was presented with a beautiful plaque from the Memorial Day Committee. I also receive a check from the Dames of Grande de Virginia for $500 for my special project – Box Car.

At 7:30 AM Monday morning we were on the bus headed to Arlington for the Memorial Day festivities. Rich, Joe and I had seats in Box 36. The seats were excellent and we were in shade all day. Before Vice President Pence arrived at the cemetery Rick and I were escorted to the front of the amphitheater along with the other VIPs to watch VP Pence lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Before he arrived the honor guard for five branches of the service marched up the steps at the back of the Tomb, then a band came in from our right and the color guard came in from our left. I have never seen anything more impressive. The cannons sounded signaling the arrival of the Vice President. He laid the wreath and came up the steps beside Rick and I and into the amphitheater to deliver his speech. When the program was over Rick, Joe and I made our way out of the amphitheater and over to where our wreaths were located. Our position this year was 34 and 35, about the middle of the presenters. While Rick and I were awaiting our turn to place our wreaths, Joe and Dave Hill were asked to place a wreath for the Navy veterans. Once the line started moving before we knew it.. it was our turn... Sous Presidentes Sue Morgan, Penny Haigler, Laura Blue and Janet Walsh joined me in talking that walk on hallowed ground to place the LaFemme wreath. A walk not everyone has an opportunity to make. What an extraordinary honor! Then it was back to the bus for the ride back to the hotel. We were very fortunate to have PERFECT weather for our Awesome day! After dinner and a few more games of Mexican Train Dominoes it was off to bed - the end of another memorable weekend. Joe, Angie, Rick and I even made the news on several stations.

THANK YOU Dick, Angie, Randy, Linda and everyone else that worked so hard to make this a perfect Memorial Day celebration.

Now we have a few days off before heading to Ohio for the Great Lakes Promenade. Until next time, be safe and God Bless!
La Societe de Femme

Founder’s Club 2019

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

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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.

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME:__________________________________________________________

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CABANE# _____________ or VOITURE# ______________

EMAIL:________________________ DONATION $_________________

Mail to Cabane Nationale, 250 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205
Correspondante’s Corner!!

Final Membership

Final Membership totals will be on the Website, after JULY 5, 2019.

All 2019 Membership dues should be in the office by June 30, 2019.

Your 2019 dues card expire in March of 2020.

2020 dues start in July 2019 to June 2020.

Get your registration in for Nationale, in Myrtle Beach, SC September 10 to 15, 2019.

PLEASE, PLEASE, When sending in letters, membership forms, or anything to the office, I need Cabane numbers, and dates on all correspondence to me. I do know a lot of you, But remember there is a lot of you to remember.

Don’t forget to get your delegate forms from online fortyandeight.org Lafammes tab, print form, both locate and grande are on there.

Ditty bags are done Monday morning around 9 am. Need help to set up emblem sales, founders club, 50/50, and Registration, to be up and running Tuesday morning.

For the good of La Societe

Carol Austin,

Correspondante Nationale
WHY WE NEED TO DO ANNUAL REPORTS?

Submitted by Sharon Schulte

It is that time of year again - Annual Report time. In recent years, less than half of our Cabane Locales and Grande Cabanes have filed their reports with the Cabane Nationale Chairmen. As a result, we don’t get an accurate picture of all the great work we do as an organization and citations don’t get awarded. There are Cabanes that really did earn the award, but as the saying goes - the job ain’t done till the paperwork is done.

I have often been asked “Why do we need to waste time doing Annual Reports?” Even if not all of us have asked the question out loud, I am sure we have all thought it.

Most of us do not spend our time and money working on our various programs and events because we are expecting to be praised or rewarded for our efforts. We do it because it is our purpose as an organization and because we acknowledge that it is the right thing to do. We know what we do. Why do we need to tell others?

This question has a number of answers. First, we hold an IRS classification of 501-c19. This classification indicates we are a charitable organization aiding and supporting veterans. If we expect to maintain this status, which is valuable when seeking donations for our efforts, we need to document that we are fulfilling our stated mission. Any cash or in-kind donations we receive from an individual or company valued at $250.00 or more MUST be acknowledged in writing, on our letterhead, for purposes of the donor’s tax returns. Written acknowledgement of all donations is, of course, always a good idea.

Secondly, reporting gives us the opportunity to “blow our own horn”. It tells others who we are and what we do. It can help in our efforts to grow membership, increase fundraising and spreads the word that we are making a difference.

Thirdly, reporting gives our peers the opportunity to recognize our efforts and to share ideas and best practices in the way various Locales work our programs. When we file reports to Cabane Nationale it becomes encouragement for all of our Dames to see how big a difference our relatively small organization makes in the world around us. It also tells Voiture National and its members how important we are to their success.

The Annual Reports for Cabane Nationale are available on the website. The report forms indicate the contact information for the chairman who is to receive the form. The easiest way to file these reports is to attach a copy of your Grande report to the Nationale report to provide the detail. Make sure you have double checked the math. Transfer the totals to the Nationale form and mark it “See Attached”. Make sure the form has the necessary identification (Cabane number, State, etc.) and the proper signatures. Deadline to the Chairman is July 31, 2019.

Please take the little bit of extra time it takes to file your reports to the Cabane Nationale Chairmen. They will appreciate it and the organization will be grateful for your diligence.
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?

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**Youth Sports:** Goal $3,000.00 YTD $252.50  WAVES AND MEANS 2019 YTD $170.00

**TOGETHER WE CAN**

### 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
2. La Sous Presidentes
3. Commissaire Intendante
4. Garde de la Porte
5. Historian
6. Aumonier
7. Drapeau

We currently have two letters of intent PENNY HAIGHLER, NC, AND MICHELE DEJONGHE-HILL, SC, for La Presidente, CAROL KAISERIAN, for Commissaire Intendante, none for Drapeau, JANET WALSH, GA, LAURA BLUE, MN for Garde de la Porte and none for Aumonier. ROBERTA(ROBBIE) GARLAND for Historian

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.
Subject: National Ways and Means 2019

Dear Dames,

On behalf of the Nationale Ways and Means Committee, Truly Smith, I am writing this letter to tell you what we have planned for you this year and at Nationale in September. We are asking each Grand for Your help with the following: (All money made at Nationale, goes to Cabane Nationale).

**Goodie Bags:** Each Grande or Cabane, that has Dames in attendance, could you please bring some goodie bags to Nationale. They should be wrapped so that you can’t see what is in them, and should each have a value of $2.00 each. Items inside of bags should be new. (Ideas for the bags, could be stationary, greeting cards, body lotion, pen sets, anything that you think someone would like to receive in their goodie bags). If your Cabane or Grande is not coming to Nationale, please remember that you could donate some money so the committee can purchase items for the bags. Any donation would be appreciated. You can send the donation to Truly Smith, 3359 Deal Mill Rd. Hudson, NC 28638. Phone number 828-303-7800. Mark the check Goodie Bags. Thank you for all help.

**Silent Auction:** We will again be holding a Silent Auction at Nationale. It would be greatly appreciated if each Grand in attendance would bring items for the silent auction. Last year very few items were donated, so it would be great to have more items to auction off this year. If your Grande is not coming, or you cannot bring something with you, please donate money, so we can purchase things. Send money donations to Truly Smith, address above, Mark it Silent Auction.

You can also bring your money right to Nationale.

Grandes and Locale Cabanes please help us in any way that you can. If you have any questions, please call Truly,
OUR WREATHS THAT THE 40/8 AND La Femmes place on the Tomb of the UNKNOWN SOLDIER
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FRONT—CHEF de CHEMIN de FER RICK WILLIAMS, LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE CHERYL JAMNICK

BACK—DAVE HILL, SHELLIE DEXTER, LORI BOLLEY MAJESKE

LA SOUS PRESIDENTE—L-R JANET(MOOSE) WALSH, SUE MORGAN, PENNY HAIGLER, LAURA BLUE