

Greetings Dames,

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP! We are so close coming in at 94.32% as of March 28, 2024. We need to strive to get that last push for renewals we are currently still need (96) renewals as of the last report. I do not want to dwell on the negative impact that has for our goals to grow as I am very aware that some of our sister Dames will not be returning, I do hope you have turned in your TAPS to Mary so that they get into the Memorial Booklet.

In the last month we gained (10) new Dames and we are slowly closing the gap! This is the time to pick up the phone and give a call to check up on the Dames who have not yet paid their membership; you may have a Dame in need out there who just needs to hear a friendly voice.

For the good of La Société it is April if you are thinking about a Nationale Office. This is the time to send in your Letter of Intent. And have your Locale send your Letter of Endorsement into your Grande.

I was honored to attend Frank Campo's Homecoming in Springfield Illinois. The Northfield Inn & Suites was a lovely hotel with wonderful staff. Upon arrival I found a delightful basket of goodies from Chef Frank. I enjoyed the hospitality room catching up with some I have not seen in awhile and meeting some I have never met in my travels. The comradery was fantastic. Chef Frank took several of us to see the Abraham Museum, which I was taken aback at, honestly, I have not been to a museum I enjoyed that much in decades. He also took us around to Oak Ridge Cemetery the final resting spot of Abraham Lincoln. The history refresher and lesson were amazing along with the friends I got to enjoy.

This trip was followed by a wonderful lunch at Top Cat's Chill & Grill, good food, good company! Let us not forget the banquet which was delicious.

As I gear up for my upcoming travels and Easter, I am reminded to say wherever you go, stay safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you along the way in my journey.

You are as always important to me as well as this organization, you are the heart and soul of it!

If I may be of assistance to you in any way, please let me know, I am only a call, email, or text away.

Yours in Service,

Lori Bolley – La Nationale Presidente 2024

Homecomíng—Frank Campo—Chef de Chemín de Fer 2024 Lorí Bolley—Presídente Natíonale 2024



Lorí Bolley—Presídente Nationale Robbie Garland—PNP 2023 Cheryl Jamníck—PNP 2019-2021 Ethellynn Nevílle—PNP 2001



# La Nationale Presidente Lori Bolley's Homecoming May 9-12, 2024

Best Western Okemos 2209 University Park Drive Okemos, MI 48864 517-349-8700

I appreciate all of your hard work and support that you show and continue to show our organization and myself as your Nationale La Presidente. I know everyone's working hard; however, I hope your schedule will allow you to attend my homecoming where we can slow down and enjoy our time together to celebrate our collective accomplishments. All events will be held at the host hotel, Best Western Hotel & Suites Okemos Event Center. Room rates are \$112.00 for king/double or king suite for \$135.00 a night not including sales tax. Make reservations directly with hotel and mention "La Presidente Homecoming". Cut -off date is April 22, 2024, for reservations and ads. If you are flying in to either Detroit Metro or Capital City Airport, please let me know so I can plan accordingly for pick up. There are plenty of restaurants nearby along with shopping and The American Legion, VFW and of course the Chateau, Voiture 946.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - FIESTA THEME

Thursday Friday Friday Saturday Saturday Saturday

Hospitality Room Registration Hospitality Room Happy Hour Banquet Dinner

**Hospitality Room** 

3:00 P.M. to Closing

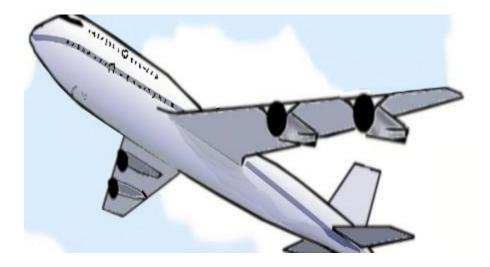
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9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M - 9:00P.M. to Closing 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

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Banquet -Chicken	Beef	Banquet Tickets	x \$50.00	\$	1. m
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Meals: Choice of London Broil or Chicken Vesuvio (marinated with fresh herbs and a light garlic cream). All meals include mashed potatoes, vegetables, tossed salad, roll and dessert. Send Registration & Payment to: Lori Bolley

> 5918 S. Waverly Road, Lansing, MI 48911 Email Ads: bolley.lori@gmail.com



## La Presidente Nationale Travel Events

Annual Gator Wreck	May 2-5, 2024	Goose Creek, South Carolina
La Presidente Nationale Lori Bolley Homecoming	May 9-11, 2024	Okemos, Michigan
Memorial Day	May 24-27, 2024	Lorton, Virginia
Great Lakes Promenade	June 6-9, 2024	Appleton, Wisconsin
Grande de North Carolina	July 18-21, 2024	Greensboro, North Carolina
Grande de Michigan	August 10, 2024	Okemos, Michigan



Let's fill up this area with invitations for travel.

La Presidente Nationale Lori Bolley theme is:

# Keep Involving Newer Dames—KIND

# Totals for Our Program September 1, 2023 to August 15, 2024

Americanism	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 100.00
Box Car	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 200.00
Carville Star	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 225.00
Child Welfare	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 236.00
Nickels for Nurses Training	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75.00
Pennies for POW-MIA <b>Presidente's Project</b>	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,814.52
Youth Sports	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 125.00
Founders Club	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 598.00

# **Founders Club Donations**

La Société de Femme was formed on September 19, 1963 by founders Edith Schwindler, Edna Kirkpatrick, Grace Bunch and Helen Joliff. The Founders Club was started to honor those founders of La Société de Femme.

The dues and donations received from the Founders Club will be used for website, internet, email, for mailing the 40 \*er magazine and to upgrade or replace equipment used at our Nationale Satellite Headquarters.

Donation of \$ 5.00 for each Voiture or Dame.

			Membership	Amount	
Place	Grande	Cabane	1/25/24	Received	Percentage
*	New York	143	0	\$5.00	100
1	Georgia	1631	4	\$15.00	3.75
2	Illinois	1348	6	\$20.00	3.33
	Michigan	669	6	\$20.00	3.33
	Minnesota	327	6	\$20.00	3.33
3	Washington	99	14	\$45.00	3.21
4	Wisconsin	1372	8	\$25.00	3.13
5	Georgia	499	5	\$15.00	3
	Georgia	567	5	\$15.00	3
	Oklahoma	1540	25	\$75.00	3
	South Carolina	1211	10	\$30.00	3
6	Mississippi	1411	14	\$40.00	2.86
7	Georgia	280	14	\$40.00	2.85
8	Georgia	1317	9	\$25.00	2.78
9	Georgia	909	11	\$30.00	2.73
	Louisiana	224	11	\$30.00	2.73
	Pennsylvania	929	11	\$30.00	2.73
10	Wisconsin	986	17	\$45.00	2.65
11	Michigan	1536	23	\$60.00	2.61
	Wisconsin	1080	21	\$55.00	2.61
12	Missouri	333	21	\$50.00	2.38
13	New York	713	6	\$10.00	1.67
14	Indiana	364	202	\$250.00	1.24
15	Minnesota	415	42	\$50.00	1.19
16	Michigan	997	34	\$30.00	0.882
*Special av	*Special award				
March Drawing Winner					
\$20	Indiana	364	Tammy To	ownsend	

### Ways & Mean Cabane Nationale Raffle Standings Percentage by Cabanes

Thank you Cabanes!! Congratulations Tammy

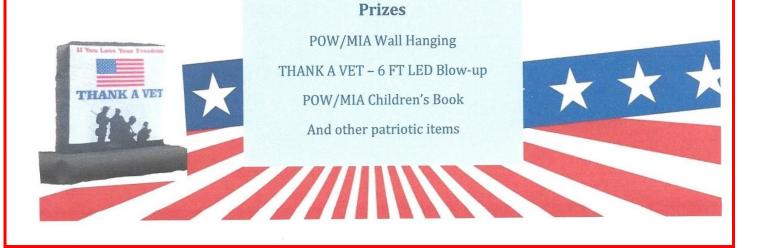
# La Presidente Lori Bolley 40 & 8 POW-MIA

# **Program Raffle**

My program this year is **POW/MIA**, this scholarship program benefits the direct descendants of verifiable POW/MIA servicemen and Women. I'm hold a raffle and asking Dame to help bring awareness to the program and raise scholarship funds. The drawing will be held at Rendezvous Nationale on Friday, September 20, 2024. Tickets will be mailed to Cabanes. The tickets are \$5 each.

Checks payable to Cabane Nationale with POW/MIA on memo line and mail with ticket stubs to Cheryl Jamnick, 7835 Munger Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 or bring to Nationale.

Thank you in advance, Lori Bolley La Presidente Nationale



### **Cindy Hickey - Nurses Training Chairman**

Hope this spring is finding everyone ready to shed their coats and watch the flowers bloom.

Thinking about blooming, helping with a Nurse's Scholarship is like a flower blooming. That nurse in training will blossom into a healthcare worker, which we desperately need. The shortage of Nurses in America is staggering, with a deficit of over 45,000 nurses next year.

The Nickle for Nurses program is a good place to start if you haven't started a program, and certainly a great place to end this year's program. You can put out a can or jar at every Rendezvous and Promenade or at a social event or even Bingo! You'd be surprised at how fast those nickels add up.

I had the pleasure of attending a Nurses Scholarship Banquet in Rapid City, South Dakota last month where they gave out \$9000.00, in scholarships, Great Job! Gena Keller, VAVS Chairman for La Femmes, and I know not everyone can give that much in scholarship some give more, some only give one, <u>every nickel</u> helps. Talk to your Voyagers on how you can assist them because one scholarship could turn into two, if the Voyagers use the Boland Trust.

So, Dames, use that Nickle for Nurses program and let's get those Nurses Blooming.

If you need help or have any questions, please feel free to call me at (617) 230-1109 or email me at: <u>cynhickey@aol.com</u> Cindy Hickey, Chairman of Nurses Training.





The Grande du Indiana and "D" Ohio will be your hosts for the 105<sup>th</sup> Promenade and 61<sup>st</sup> Rendezvous Nationale in Sandusky, Ohio

September 17-21, 2024

I am challenging ALL Grandes and Cabanes to submit a minimum Half Page Ad for the program book. (If we get 100% participation, each Grand Chef de Gare or Cabane La Presidente will receive a token of my appreciation).

The Grande or Cabane with the most Locales represented in the program book (at a minimum of a Quarter Page Ad per Voiture Locale or Cabane) will receive the Grand Prize to be announced at the Banquet in Sandusky Friday September 20, 2024.

There is no time like the present to get your ad order in.

Full page	\$150.00	Half Page	\$75.00
Quarter Page	\$ 50.00	Business Card	\$25.00
Booster	\$ 2.00 ea.		

Go to <u>www.fortyandeight.org/promenade-nationale</u> then click on the ad form.

# <u>Correspondante's Satellite Office</u>

Phone number: (920) 253-1945 femmes@fortyandeight.org

• Keep and mark this date—May 9-12, 2024 for Madam Presidente Lori Bolley's Homecoming.

### Important Information—Please read and mark your calendar:

- Date Change: September 17-21, 2024—61st Rendezvous Nationale-Sandusky, Ohio.
- Deadline Registration is: August 1, 2024 105th Promenade & 61st Rendezvous Nationale. You will need to book your own hotel reservations (see Registration Form) or our 40 & 8 website under Promenade Nationale for link <u>https://book.passkey.com/e/50722788</u>
- Remember to use the Code ID number: <u>37072</u> for your room reservations. If you send your registration form to Voiture Nationale by mail or email—please request confirmation from Terri Taylor that it has been received.
- Locale and Grande Registration forms. If you wish copies to be sent to you, please call or email Cabane Nationale. Deadline is: August 10, 2024. You may print your copies from the La Femmes website tab—Print Forms—Rendezvous Nationale.
- Trophy and Awards forms to be sent to Program Chairman: Deadline is: August 15, 2024
- It is this time of the year to send in your Letter of Intent and your Endorsement of Resolution for elected Officers. Please mail or email Letter of Intent and your Endorsement of Resolution to Cabane Nationale. **Deadline is: August 17, 2024**.
- Locale or Grande Cabane's *please bring five (5) gifts* to the Dame's Luncheon on <u>Thursday, September 19, 2024</u>. The luncheon will be held at 11:30 am in the Cypress Room.
- <u>Ways and Means POW-MIA Program Raffle</u>. Great promotion and granting more scholarships funds This information is on our website under News & Notes.
- Reminder to Locale Cabane's who are still working on sending their renewal membership dues into Cabane Nationale. **Deadline is: June 30, 2024.**
- Nationale 2025 membership renewal dues will start as of July 1, 2024.
- Reminder—40 & 8er articles need to be submitted to L'Editeur Tom Orval before **deadline date: April 23, 2024.**



# **Nominating Committee News**

# (Dames this article was first written a few years ago. The message is as relevant today as when first published.... Cheryl Boswell, Nominating Committee)

As all of you know we will elect the 2024-2025 Nationale Offices at La Rendezvous Nationale in Sandusky, Ohio. It goes without saying that these are important positions and duties that enable La Societe de Femme to operate in an efficient and successful manner. We have many dedicated Dames that are most capable of serving these offices and now is the call for *aidez moi* Dames!

There is now less than six (6) months before La Rendezvous Nationale and La Correspondante Nationale has not received any Resolutions or Letter of Intent for the offices of Les Sous Presidente Nationale (**we need 2**), Les Garde de La Portes (**need 2**) or Les Drapeau (**need 2**).

Please Dames send in your Letters of Intent as soon as you can to serve in one of these prestigious offices of leadership. The Letter of Intent can be sent in directly from you now as a statement of intent to seek a particular office. Your Resolution of Endorsement signed and supported by your Grande Cabane is to be sent to La Cabane Nationale no later than 30 days prior to La Rendezvous Nationale. The deadline to send in your Resolution is August 17, 2024.

#### La Sous Presidente Nationale Duties:

She shall act as a representative of La Presidente Nationale in matters referred by her: at her request, preside over La Rendezvous Nationale or meetings of Les Cheminot Nationale; correlate the Grande Cabanes and activities of La Societe de Femme in the territory designated to her by Madame La Presidente Nationale; and perform such other duties as incident to the office such as assisting Madame La Presidente National in the Tomb of the Unknowns wreath laying ceremony on Memorial Day in Arlington Cemetery if possible:

**Qualifications**: Dames seeking the office of La Sous Presidente Nationale must have been a member of La Societe de Femme for at least one (1) year and must have held the office of La Cabane Locale Presidente.

#### Les Garde de La Porte Nationale Duties:

She is the sergeant-at-arms of Cabane Nationale and shall act as such at La Rendezvous Nationale, and at meetings of Les Cheminot Nationale if so, directed by Madame Presidente Nationale.

Qualifications: See qualifications for La Drapeau as they apply here as well.

#### Les Drapeau Nationale Duties:

She shall be responsible for the care and proper advancement of the American Flag and the Cabane Nationale colors at La Rendezvous Nationale.

**Qualifications**: Dames should have a desire to see La Societe de Femme prosper. Incorporate this qualification with that of Les Garde de la Porte Nationale. Other duties as incident to the office such as assisting Madame La Presidente Nationale in the Tomb of the Unknowns wreath laying ceremony on Memorial Day in Arlington Cemetery if possible:

Dames, I know we can count on each of you to step up as needed to complete our slate of Nationale Officers. It is an honor to wear that gold ribbon on your Beret and have the satisfaction of serving our fine programs.

#### Sandy Wood – La Presidente Nationale Passe 2012

# Letters of Intent for Nationale Elected Officers

## 2024-2025

As amended at Rendezvous Nationale 2021. 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 a 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:

La Presidente Nationale	Cindy Hickey—NC 506
Les Sous Presidente Nationale	2
Aumonier Nationale	Trudy Smith—NC 915
Commissaire Intendante Nationale	Cheryl Jamnick –MI 997
Les Drapeaux Nationale	2
Les Garde de La Portes Nationale	2

If you are interested or considering running for a Nationale Office, please do the following:

Send a letter of intent to the Cabane Nationale Satellite Office.

Signed Resolution of Endorsement by your Locale or Grande.

Send as soon as your Grande is over.

Must be received before the deadline date: August 17, 2024

Email to: femmes@fortyandeight.org

Mail to: Cabane Nationale Satellite Office, 312 Hillside Circle, Johnson Creek, WI 53038 Phone number: (920) 253-1945

For Dames requesting an appointment or re-appointment for a Nationale Committee, please email Cabane Nationale with your requests. All requests will be forward immediately to the candidate for La Presidente Nationale.



La Société de Femme

# 61<sup>st</sup> RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE



# 2024 Schedule Sandusky, Ohio

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

9:00 AM-3:00 PM	PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY
9:00 AM-3:00 PM	LA FEMMES EMBLEM SALES

#### EARLY BIRD TUESDAY EVENING 5:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

9:00 AM-3:00 PM 9:00 AM-3:00 PM	LA FEMMES EMBLEM SALES ALL REGISTRATION	
8:00 AM	BOX CAR HOBO MEETING	IRONWOOD
9:30 AM	RITUAL AID TO VOITURE JOINT COMMITTEE (BOX CAR – POW/MIA	SALON D-E A – VAVS)
1:00 PM	TROPHY & AWARDS CHEMINOT NATIONALE FINANCE RESOLUTIONS CONSTITUTIONS CREDENTIALS	SALON D-E

#### Meeting Agenda May Vary

#### GERMANY PARTY IS WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00 PM

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

9:00 AM	ALL REGISTRATION	
9:00 AM -11:00 PM	LA FEMMES EMBLEM SALES	
10:00 AM	LA FEMMES' MEMORIAL SERVICE	SALON D-E
11:30 AM	LA PRESIDENTE LUNCHEON	CYPRESS
1:30 PM	OPENING SESSION	SALON D-E

#### VOITURE MEMORIAL SERVICE IS THURSDAY AT 4:30 PM \*\* DAMES ARE WELCOME\*\*

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

9:00 AM	SESSION		SALON D-E
1:30 PM	SESSION	ELECTIONS	

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

9:00 AM	INSTALLATION OF 2025 OFFICERS	SALON D-E
	2025 CHEMINOT NATIONALE	

# **Rendezvous Nationale Registration 2024**

#### Locale - Delegates, Alternate and Officer Report Form

This LOCALE form must be completed and mailed or emailed to: Cabane Nationale immediately following your Grande Rendezvous. (Send the form even if you are not reporting Delegates to Nationale <u>Please read</u> <u>the instructions on the back carefully!</u>

Grande de	Cabane Number
Locale Presidente 2024	Locale Correspondante 2024
Final membership Total as of June 30, 2024	Members

#### **Credential Form**

Please list the names of the duly elected Delegates and Alternates that will be represent your Locale at Rendezvous Nationale as required by the Official Call. <u>If you have a Grande</u>, it is recommended that you take this completed form to your Grande Rendezvous to coordinate with your Grande's Credentials Form. *A Dame cannot be BOTH a Locale and a Grande Delegate/Alternate.* 

Delegates	Cabane Number		Alternates	Cabane Number
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#### 2025 Locale Officers

2025 Locale Presidente

2025 Locale Correspondante

Address

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Phone

Email

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Mail to: Cabane Nationale 312 Hillside Circle Johnson Creek, WI 53038 Deadline: August 10, 2024 Delegates and Alternates are your voice at Rendezvous Nationale. They will cast the votes that your Locale and Grande are entitled to. All Delegates and Alternates must be registered for Rendezvous Nationale. A Dame CANNOT be both a Locale and a Grande Delegate or Alternate. Here is some information to help you in selecting Grande and Locale representatives.

#### GRANDE

Each Grande is entitled to ten (10) Delegates and ten (10) Alternates.

The Grande must have at least five (5) Dames registered for Rendezvous Nationale to use their ten (10) votes. At least one Grande Delegate or Alternate must be on the Rendezvous Nationale floor to cast the Grande's votes.

#### LOCALE

Locale's voting strength is based on your Cabane membership as of June 30, current year. You must have at least half of your eligible delegation registered for Rendezvous Nationale. For example: If you are entitled to two (2) votes (2 delegates and 2 alternates) you would need one (1) registered for Rendezvous Nationale in order to use your two votes. If you have three (3) votes, two dames would have to be registered for you to use your three votes.

#### LA PRESIDENTE NATIONALE PASSE

A La Presidente Nationale Passé is entitled to cast one vote as a Delegate at Large (DAL). If the La Presidente Nationale Passé is listed as either a Locale or Grande Delegate, she will not be able to cast her DAL vote. You are encouraged to use the Delegate status of your La Presidente Nationale Passé to maximize the Locale or Grande voting strength.

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#### Appointed Nationale Officers and Committee Chairman

The following appointments will be made by the newly elected La Presidente Nationale at the Saturday Cheminot, following installation of officers. If you would like to recommend a Dame for one of these appointments, please attach a <u>separate sheet of paper</u> with the Dame's name, Cabane # and Grande/State and a brief paragraph explaining which position you're recommending her for and why you believe she would be a good choice. Chairman of committees with scheduled meetings should be expected to attend Rendezvous Nationale to conduct their committee meetings.

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- La Sous Avocat La Sous Drapeau Les Aide de Femme La Nurse and La Sous Nurse La Garde de la Microphone VAVS Liaison Carville Star Chairman POW/MIA Chairman Youth Sports Chairman Ways and Means Chairman
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#### Grande de

La Grande Presidente 2024

La Grande Correspondante 2024

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