

# La Societe de Femme Cabane 1055 Newsletter Kerrville TX 78028

My Sister Dames,

This past year has been a busy one for our Cabane. La Presidente Locale, Karen Brady and our La Sous Presidente, Joan Long has traveled all over the country attending Rendezvous, Grandes, Cheminots, Wrecks, and the Nationale. They have met some interesting people in their travels along the way.

We also stayed busy here at home. First we hosted the Grande right here in Kerrville, Texas in June 2010 where we elected Kathy Wheeler as La Grande Presidente. The Fall Cheminot was held in Lake Dallas, Texas in October 2010.

The Nationale was held in mid-September 2010 in Springfield, Illinois. Patricia Jones was elected our La Presidente Nationale. Our own Karen Brady became the Nationale Ways and Means Chairman.

It is membership renewal time again. Your current membership expires July 31<sup>st</sup>. Anyone that has not paid their annual membership please get it in to Madame Karen Brady or Dame Joan Long. You can also mail it to the Correspondante, Tricia Taylor at **906 S.D. Road 28525, Junction, TX 76849**. We are shooting for 101% membership. Madame La Nationale Presidente, Pat Jones' message for this year is **"Sow One Seed Watch Our Membership Flourish"**. If we all brought in one new member just think of the power we would have to get things done to help our veterans or children.

It is also time to turn in our Volunteer Activities Reports. Correspondante, Tricia Taylor needs these reports by July 14<sup>th</sup> to consolidate and report to Grande and Nationale by July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need blank forms, please call Tricia at (830) 640-3412. She can mail or email them to you.

In November our Voiture and Cabane adopted a single mother and her children for Thanksgiving. We put together a basket of food that included everything to make a Thanksgiving dinner. We did the same for another single mother and her four children at Christmas and included a few gifts for the children.

The Angel Tree was at the American Legion Hall again this past December. We all had our chance to help the children at the Medina Children's Home to have a better Christmas. I for one found the experience very rewarding. I hate shopping but truly enjoyed shopping for the children. We helped 150 children have a better holiday. Please do not miss the opportunity to participate this year. You'll be glad you did.

We also participated in Flags for First Graders in Kerrville, Texas in February 2011. We had a great time passing our American flags to the first and second graders in the elementary schools in Kerrville. In attendance were Voyageurs Jerry Brady, John Long, Jack Pepin, and Dan Barman. La Femmes in attendance were Dames Karen Brady, Joan Long, and Tricia Taylor. Jerry Brady gave an interactive talk about the American flag which included history, care and display, proper procedures for raising and lowering or carrying a flag.

Also in February we made our annual pilgrimage to the boxcar in Austin, Texas for the Merci Boxcar. This was my first time to see the boxcar. In March several of us attended the Cajun Wreck in Lafayette, Louisiana. We spent one day on a field trip to Carville Hospital grounds where they treat Hansen's Disease (formerly known as leprosy). It was a very enlightening and interesting trip. The grounds and most of the buildings of this old compound are now used as a military installation. If you ever get a chance to visit the Carville area please visit the museum and cemetery.

On May 30, 2011 Madame La Presidente Locale Karen Brady and Chef de Gare John Long laid wreaths at the memorial at the Kerr County Courthouse. Guest speaker was the Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, United States Senator from Texas. Senator Hutchison also laid a wreath at the memorial. Following the memorial we met back at the American Legion Hall for a lunch buffet put on by the Legionnaires and Auxiliary.

Taken from the March-April 2011 issue of Cabane Chatter. "Madame La Presidente Nationale Pat Jones and Nationale POW/MIA Directeur, Barbara Dotzauer, are asking all Dames to collect Pennies for POW/MIA. What a great way to raise lots of dollars for a very worthy cause." Voyageur Warren Wittig has been picking up pennies for years on his walks. He has just kept them in jars because a lot of them were damaged by being run over by cars, etc. He gave those pennies to our Cabane via Dame Genivee McAllen. Dame Joan Long went through them and sorted the damaged ones to a separate jar. Dame Karen Brady took them to the bank where they counted the pennies they could and told her to take the others to a Coin Star machine. She did that and had 12 pennies that none of the machines would take. She bought those pennies herself and now gives a damaged penny or two at stores when paying with cash. Dame Brady presented a check for \$58.62 plus and told the story of the pennies to Madame La Presidente Nationale Pat Jones at the Grande banquet in Killeen, Texas in June 2011.

Vera Kousman was elected our new 2011-2012 Grande La Presidente at the June Rendezvous in Killeen, Texas. We wish her well and pledge our support in the coming year.

We have now come full circle and are at the end of 2011 and the beginning of 2012 in a La Femmes year. And Kerrville will be hosting the Fall Cheminot October 14-16, 2011 at the YO Hotel.

Remember to get your membership and your Volunteer Activity Reports turned in. Join us at the Rendezvous the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the American Legion Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Support our Veterans!  
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