

La Societe de Femme



**OFFICIAL CALL
FOR THE
61st GRANDE RENDEZVOUS
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 2nd and 3rd, 2024**

Greetings Dames de Illinois,

Well it is again time for our Grande Rendezvous. Hoping to see a lot of you there. They are having a banquet on Saturday night so please call your RSVP into Wally and lunch will be on our own. Wishing the incoming officers and chairmen a very successful year. Thank you for all your support my year.

La Grande Presidente Jan Martinka

This is the **OFFICIAL CALL** for the **GRANDE RENDEZVOUS** August 2 and 3, 2024. Make your own reservations to Holiday Inn Express, Bloomington, 1031 Wylie Drive, Bloomington, phone 309/820-9990 and mention the 40et8 group for a rate of \$109.00. Make reservations by 7/19/2024.

GRANDE RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE:

Friday, August 2, 2024

4 p.m.-5 p.m. - Registration (\$5) at the Motel

Saturday, August 3, 2024

9:00 a.m. - Finance meeting at Chapel
9:00-9:30 a.m. -. Registration at Crossroads Chapel
9:30 a.m. - Opening Business Session
Noon - Recess
1:00 p.m. - Resume Business Session. Memorial Services and Installation of Officers, Closing Session, and Cheminot Meeting.
6:00 p.m. - Banquet at Crossroads Chapel. Buffet style with pulled port and chicken, baked beans w/brisket, corn bread and cole slaw, \$20 per person. Please RSVP to Wally Hammond 309/338-8332 or mrbear812@sbcglobal.net. If you make a reservation you must pay early or when you get there.

Please remember your Grande tickets and money for the drawing, plus gifts for the drawing. Please sell these to make money for our programs. Hope to see you all there. *Please bring two copies of your report with you.* Thank you.

Ethellynn Neville
Grande Correspondante

Melissa Armstrong
Grande Presidente

In conformity with the Grande Constitution and By-Laws, La Societe de Femme, Grande Cabane de Illinois, the 60th GRANDE RENDEZVOUS is hereby called to convene in BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS.

PURPOSE

La Grande Rendezvous is called for the purpose of receiving reports, electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Grande Cabane Constitution and By-Laws, and transacting such other business as may be brought before it.

REPRESENTATION

Each Cabane Locale will be entitled to delegates and alternates as follows:

10-37 Members = 2 Delegates and 2 Alternates
38-62 Members = 3 Delegates and 3 Alternates
63-87 Members = 4 Delegates and 4 Alternates

Delegates and Alternates will be certified to the Grande Correspondante on forms furnished by Grande Cabane not less than 30 days prior to Grande Rendezvous. The delegates of any Cabane Locale indebted to Grande Cabane or Cabane Nationale within 15 days of convening of Grande Rendezvous will not be seated at the Grande Rendezvous.

RENDEZVOUS HEADQUARTERS

Grande Rendezvous Headquarters will be at the **Holiday Inn Express**. All matters relating to Grande Rendezvous should be addressed to the Grande Correspondante, **ETHELLYNN NEVILLE, 1515 N. LINCOLN #24, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702** prior to **July 20, 2024**. Grande Rendezvous all committee meetings will be held at **Crossroads Chapel** with the Rendezvous being at the **CROSSROAD CHAPEL**. All Delegates and Alternates and Dames will be required to register and upon presentation of credentials will be admitted to Rendezvous sessions.

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed resolutions must be in writing and should be submitted to the Grande Correspondante as early as possible, but no later than **July 20, 2024**.

VOTING

Each Delegate present on the Rendezvous floor will be entitled to one (1) vote. Alternates will have privileges of the Delegate except that of voting, unless representing an absent Delegate. The Grande Presidentes Passe, while in good standing in their respective Cabane Locales, will be life Delegates to Grande Rendezvous with a vote exercised only when present in person.

Each elective officer will be entitled to vote as a Delegate during her year of service as such officer, if present in person; however, no Dame will be entitled to cast more than one vote.

CONTESTS

Should any Cabane Locales be denied credentials or claim more Delegates than allowed, it may present a claim to the Credentials Committee for consideration and decision.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES

No expenses of any Delegate or Alternate attending Grande Rendezvous will be assumed by Grande Cabane de Illinois.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Any candidates for elective offices, other than a Locale, must first have an endorsement from their Cabane Locale to pursue a candidacy for a Grande office or an office within the Nationale structure. No prospective candidate may be nominated from the floor of any Grande or Nationale Rendezvous without a prior endorsement from the Cabane Locale in which the Dame is a member. The nominating member of any candidate must be a member of the same Grande (for Nationale office) and/or Locale (for a Grande office) as the respective candidate.

To be eligible for the office of Grande Presidente, you must have held the office of Presidente Locale and two elective offices in the Grande Cabane. One elective office in the Grande Cabane must be that of La Sous Presidente. To be eligible for election to other Grande offices, you must have been active in your Cabane Locale and in the Grande Cabane.

This call will be read in each Cabane Locale and the Chairman of that Cabane's delegation to Grande Rendezvous (usually the retiring Presidente) should make it her duty to see that each Delegate is familiar with its provisions.

Let's all join together to make the Grande Rendezvous a memorable occasion for all La Femmes.