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From Your Chef de Gare

Were you aware that Voiture 99 owns a retail store? Well, we do and it called The Bingo Parlor. It offers one item at different price points. That product is a Bingo Card.

The store also has a fast food restaurant in the building. We have no large competition in the product we sell. There are some American Legions that have Bingo and some Church and other organization that use Bingo as a fund raiser. We own a large percentage of the Bingo business in Vancouver and surrounding area.

The past few years the Bingo Parlor was on automatic. Every month, like clockwork, money would be sent to Voiture. Since 2010, the money at times, has been reduced in the amount per month from the Bingo Parlor and some months no money was sent from the Bingo Parlor to Voiture 99.

The Chairman of the House Committee, Frank Falbee said in the last House Committee meeting that he was going to start putting a budget together for the Bingo Parlor. I applaud this action to be taken by Frank.

When the format is complete and finalized I hope action will be taken to make the Budget a Policy that would be done every year. This obviously will help the future leaders of Voiture99 in the operation of the Bingo Parlor. The Budget could have a line for Chateau, as all of wages for the Chateau are paid by the Bingo Parlor and the labor should be separated.

The Budget could help answer question about, Sales ,Profit, Customer count, Sales per customer, and the prediction of money to be sent to Voiture for the upcoming year, and so forth .This forecast could be used by the incoming Chef de Gare for the Voliture budget and realistic spending by the committees.

Bob Brennan
 Chef de Gare
 2013/2014

From Your Correspondant

It won't be long before a 2014-2015 nomination committee is named. You should be thinking about running for an office. Experience is not a prerequisite for running for an office. If you are interested, see me and I can show you the particulars of each position. All positions are available.

If you do not feel that an Officers position is for you at this time, let the incoming Chef know that you would like to serve on a committee. With Policy 19 being changed, if you are in an elected position you cannot serve on a committee. This opens up a lot of doors for the membership to fill.

On 20 December, our membership renewals are at 92.6% with 312 members having 2014 cards in their wallets. If you do not have a 2014 card, this will be your last newsletter.

Phil Yasson
 Correspondent

Attention La Femmes

Help me welcome the two newest dames to Cabane 99. Donica Poer and Nancy Heidrick were initiated at the November 19 Rendezvous. Welcome aboard; we look forward to getting to know you.

Thanks to the voyageurs and dames who so generously donated food to help the recent Elks food drive. More gratitude is in order to all who have donated food to the VA Transplant Lodge this year. Your support of both projects is awe-inspiring. Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to help others.

In this season of joy and celebration I wish everyone a healthy and joyous 2014.

Join us for the next Cheminot at 6:30 p.m. on Monday January 6 and the next Rendezvous at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 21 in the Boxcar Room. Contact Judy Bailey at 798-5166 or Barbara Yasson at 574-1152 if you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99.

Barbara Yasson



Thanks to our Chef and his Staff for another excellent meal.

Also thank's to the Bingo Parlor staff for serving dinner and putting up with everyone.

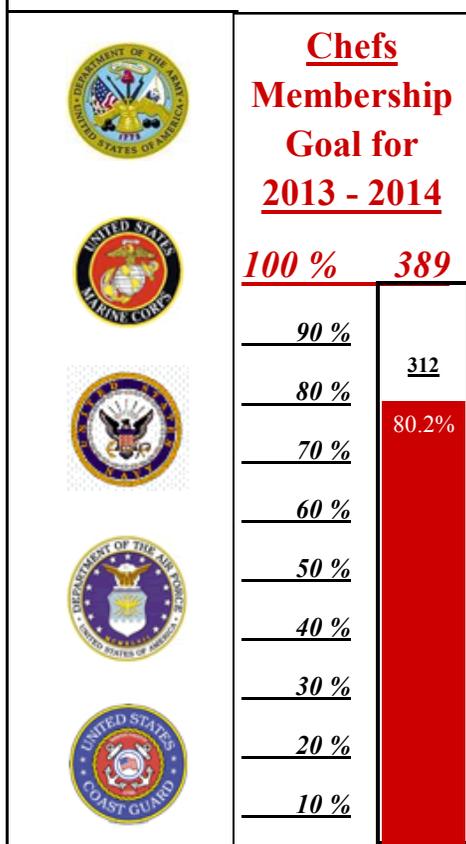


Passé Chefs Banquet Saturday evening December 21st. A good time was had by all.



A section of [Arlington National Cemetery](#) shows a fraction of the 143,000 wreaths placed at the graves of fallen service members during Wreaths Across America on Dec. 14.

Chef de Gare Brennan has set his own membership goal for the Voiture at **389** for the year. The chart below shows our progress towards that goal.



Chateau Schedule for January 2014

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast.
Saturdays Chateau is open to voyageurs and guests
Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau at 8 am
Chateau Manager - John Clapp (360)574-3872

January 2nd (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

January 3rd (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00
6:30 am - 8:30 am

January 4th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm served in
Box Car Room
Menu: Salad bar / Stir Fry and Rice \$8.00

January 6th (Monday)

Dinner: 5:30 pm
V99 Prom / C99 Cheminot
6:30 pm.
Menu: Salad Bar / Salisbury Steak \$8.00

January 9th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

January 10th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00
6:30 am - 8:30 am

January 11th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm
Dinner from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
in the Box Car Room
Menu: Salad bar / Enchilada's, Spanish Rice,
and Beans. \$8.00

January 16th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30am to 10am

January 17th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00
6:30 am - 8:30 am

January 18th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Menu: Salad Bar / Bar BQ Pork Ribs
or Fried Chicken \$8.00

January 20th (Monday)

S.A.L.T. 11:00 am

January 21st (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / 99 Rendezvous

Dinner at 5:00 pm
Meetings at 6:00 pm

January 23rd (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

January 24th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00
6:30 am - 8:30 am

Oregon Winter Cheminot in Lebanon, OR

January 25th (Saturday)

Oregon Winter Cheminot

Chateau opens at 2:00 pm

V99 Wreck 3 pm

Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in Box Car Room
Soup and Salad Bar: Beef Brisket or
stuffed chicken Breast \$8.00

January 30th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

January 31st (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Buffett and eggs to order \$8.00
6:30 am - 8:30 am



PALS Members and Voyageurs all

How do you communicate; telephone, cell phone, snail mail, Face Book, twitter, email? It is amazing in this day of instant information that we still have those who refuse to participate in the 21st century. Is this the way you feel about computers? If so, it explains why there are so many among us that just don't get the word. Expect the entire organization from Locales to Nationale to expend extraordinary amounts of money to keep them informed. This is especially frustrating when Officers responsible for getting the word out and accomplishing vital tasks do not have modern communication skills.

If you have been a part of La Societe for very long you have come to realize that the Correspondant on every level, Locale, Grand, and Nationale is the most important position to the 40et8. Every function of the Voiture is centered on the Correspondant through membership, reporting, and communicating information to the Voyageurs. Each day that we progress forward into the 21st century without modern communication puts us a little farther behind. Simply put, the Correspondant as a bare minimum must have access to email and the internet so the information flow can be maintained in a timely manner and at the minimum cost.

All Veterans Service Organizations have National Websites that convey their message to the members instantly. The present generation of Veterans communicates almost exclusively via electronic media! If you don't have access then you are in the dark. More to the point; you are missing an amazing pool of new members!

Grand Officers and Directeurs who do not have electronic communications available are easily left out of the loop on important updates and announcements and should not rely of their Correspondants to convey information to them relating to their duties.

So what is the answer? Obviously no one is going to run out and buy a computer and get on the internet, sign up for email and become computer savvy just because I think it is important. I can only suggest that when you select your officers you consider their ability to perform in today's environment. It is their connection to information and their ability to pass on that information that is vital to the organizations success going forward. In the same light, if you are responsible for communications in your Voiture [Chef de Gare, Correspondant, Publiste or Public Relations Directeur] then I highly recommend that you should be a member of the Press Association of La Societe. This will give you access to tips and suggestions for a professional approach to publicity, public relations and communications. This is important enough that I recommend that at least one membership be maintained in every Voiture and paid for by the Voiture.

This letter is being transmitted by the PALS Newsletter and email only, so if you know those who don't have access to email or membership in PALS please pass it on. Believe it or not, the cost of paper, stamps, envelopes, and time to send this one letter to every Voyageur would be in the range \$15,000.00 and as many as 1000 Voyageurs would still not receive it because their addresses are not up to date!

Bob "081" Cearlock
National Directeur, Public Relations
La Societe 40 et 8

Loci News

We worked the Loci pretty hard during the Christmas season going on eleven outings and gave over 950 rides. We visited the Randall Children's Hospital where we helped Santa entertain over 340 kids. We will be pretty slow for January and February so we can give the old Loci a good rest.

There are no trips scheduled for the Loci from January thru March 2014 at this time.

Jim Resleff
Loci Chairman

Happy New Year. May all your wants and need be fulfilled in the New Year.

Chef Brennan

