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## Chef de Gare's Corner

Dear Voyageurs,

The calendar may say this is the Holiday Season, but it sure does not feel like it at all. I know we all are missing our families and friends and are unable to pursue our normal ventures. My wish is that we may all stay healthy throughout this pandemic and come out stronger people for enduring it. I encourage each and every one of you to reach out to members and friends and give what ever help you are able, even a phone call, text message, or a card just letting him or her know you are thinking of them can make a big difference.

Speaking of that outreach the Loci was able to attend a parade at Glenwood Place near Vancouver Mall on November 21st. We had to stay in the Loci but we were able to bring smiles of holiday joy to both the residents and staff of that senior facility. The Loci now has its own Facebook page and we will be able to interact more with our community with our events and activities.

Research on having new flag poles installed is moving along nicely as more quotes are being obtained.

Once those estimates are ready they will be forwarded to the Cheminot for review.

We will also be keeping the membership apprised of our ability to be open for coffee and donuts, Friday breakfast and Saturday Lounge. Our main focus is on the health and well being of our membership, volunteers and staff. YOU are our most important asset!

I wish you all the very best this holiday season and how ever you decide to celebrate please do so safely and I look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Yours in Service to the Voiture,

Chef Annie

## Correspondants Notes

It's December, the National elections are behind us (almost) and the world has not come to an end. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 virus is still with us, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Vaccines are on the way, then maybe we can return to some sense of normalcy. Voiture 99 is safe and we will continue on. Our funds have been invested and are beginning to work for us, providing for our Chateau and

charitable programs.

On a sadder note, our membership is still down. At this writing, we have had only 53% of our membership renew for the 2021 membership year. As of the 31st of this month, over 100 current members will be in a delinquent status. I know that this decrease is partially a result of the VIRUS. If you would like to continue on with the 40/8, but find it financially challenging, contact myself and we will work something out. However, if you can, send your \$30.00 annual dues payment in by the end of the month.

For all of you who have been contributing your empty plastic and aluminum containers to support the PT Boat Project, thank you. This effort has produced over \$3,000.00 during the past year. Due to the increasing cases of COVID in Oregon, their governor has shutdown (amongst other things) all recycling stations. However, don't let this stop you from saving your aluminum cans and plastic bottles. When you get a bag full, drop them by the Chateau and we will hold them for the PT Boar Crew. Every little bit helps.

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# Chateau Schedule

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast.

Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts in the Chateau at 7:00am.- 9:30am

Chateau (360)574-3872

Voiture 99 Meeting Reminders  
Prom TBA  
Cheminot TBA

## December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>PROM</b> Chateau La Femme Rendezvous <b>CANCELLED</b>	2	3	4 Coffee & Donuts 7:00-9:30am <b>CANCELLED</b>	5 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am <b>CANCELLED</b>	6 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
7	8	9	10	11 Coffee & Donuts 7:00-9:30am <b>CANCELLED</b>	12 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am <b>CANCELLED</b>	13 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
14	15	16 <b>CHEMINOT</b> Chateau 5:30pm La Femme Cheminot <b>CANCELLED</b>	17 Maybe Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	18 Maybe Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	19 Maybe Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm	
20	21	22	23	24 Maybe Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	25 <b>Closed for Christmas</b>	26 Maybe Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
27	28	29	30	31	1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	2

Coffee & Donuts and Friday Breakfasts will be served in the Chateau

# LaFemmes

Roberta Giesler

Hope all of you had a safe Thanksgiving and planning the same for Christmas. This will pass hopefully in 2021.

I miss seeing all of you and the fun time we had at our fund raisers. Looking forward to getting back to the new normal next year. As you know we have had to put all fund raisers on hold until it is safe to hold them. This put somewhat of a new outlook on what we can do for the programs but will do what we can with what we have.

Membership stands at 87.80% which is not bad but would like to reach 100% this year. If you have not paid your dues yet (they are still just \$25.00) you can do so by mailing a check payable to Cabane 99 to 7506 NW 13th Ave. 98665 and I will mail your membership card back to you.

As soon as it is safe to hold Rendezvous and Cheminots again we will do so, in the meantime stay safe and wear you mask.

Roberta Giesler  
Commissaire Intendente



# Correspondants Notes

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To all of our current and former Voyageurs, please have a safe and happy holiday season. Protect yourselves and your loved ones. Keep a good thought. Things will get better. This is the United States of America, one nation, it has always been and will always be the greatest nation on earth. We can do anything and accomplish anything. All we have to do is stand together and put our hearts, minds and energy behind it. COVID will be conquered.

☺ What 1SGT's live for... One night here in Iraq, a 1LT went to visit the 1SGT for a chat in his living area. The LT entered the room and placed his weapon against the corner. He left about 15-20 minutes later (weapon NOT in hand) The 1SGT patiently waited about 30 minutes to see if the LT would get his 'defecation in sequence'. Then, the 1SGT proceeded to disassemble the LT's weapon and distributed the parts among the living areas of the rest of the unit. "Don't you just love it when a 1SGT Training Plan comes together..."

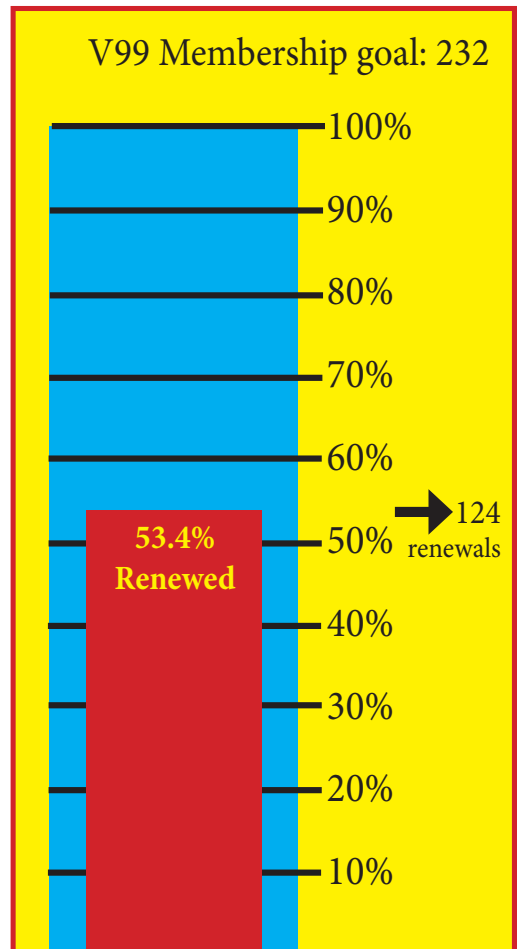
- Richard Martin, Maj Inf (R)  
USAR

I think that I shall never hear, a lovelier poem than a beer, a beer that Joe's bar has on tap with golden base and foam me cap, the stuff that I can drink all day until it melts my mind away. Poems are made by fools I fear but only Corona can make a beer



Dad always bragged about the gunners on his ship. Once during target practice, an unmanned drone flew past an anti-aircraft cruiser. The cruiser opened up, shells furiously flying all around the drone but not hitting it. Then came Dad's ship's turn. The gunners' very first shot sent the drone into the water! Forty years later, Dad met the man responsible, and he told him how impressed he had been. "Yeah, I got in a lot of trouble for that," the gunner said. "Turns out we were supposed to shoot around it, not hit it." —Patrick McSherry

During training exercises, the Lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced Colonel at the wheel. "Your car stuck, sir?" asked the Lieutenant as he pulled alongside. "Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys. "Yours is."



## COVID-19 Guidance

In order to slow the spread of rapidly increasing COVID cases in our state and ensure that hospital and medical systems are not overwhelmed, we are taking the very difficult but necessary steps to protect public health.

We recognize this will cause financial hardship for many businesses and the governor and staff are exploring ways to mitigate the impacts.

- From midnight on Monday, November 16 through Monday, December 14, all counties in Washington rollback to the restrictions outlined below.

**Restriction modifications for all counties effective midnight on Monday, November 16, unless otherwise noted.** If the activity is not listed, it should follow its current guidance. All K-12/higher education, health care, and childcare are exempt from the new restrictions and will follow current guidance. These restrictions do not apply to courts and judicial branch-related proceedings.

1. **Indoor Social Gatherings** with people from outside your household are prohibited unless they (a) quarantine for fourteen days (14) prior to the social gathering; or (b) quarantine for seven (7) days prior to the social gathering and receive a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 48-hours prior to the gathering. A household is defined as individuals residing in the same domicile.
  2. **Outdoor Social Gatherings** shall be limited to five (5) people from outside your household.
  3. **Restaurants and Bars** are closed for indoor dine-in service. Outdoor dining and to-go service are permitted, provided that all outdoor dining must comply with the requirements of the [Outdoor Dining Guidance](#). Table size for outdoor dining is limited to a maximum of five (5) people. These modified restaurant and bar restrictions go into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2020.
  4. **Fitness Facilities and Gyms** are closed for indoor operations. Outdoor fitness classes are permitted but are subject to and limited by the outdoor social gathering restriction listed above.
  5. **Bowling Centers** are closed for indoor service.
  6. **Miscellaneous Venues:** All retail activities and business meetings are prohibited. Only professional training and testing that cannot be performed remotely, as well as all court and judicial branch-related proceedings, are allowed. Occupancy in each meeting room is limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits or 100 people, whichever is fewer.
    - Miscellaneous venues include: convention/conference centers, designated meeting spaces in a hotel, events centers, fairgrounds, sporting arenas, nonprofit establishment, or a substantially similar venue.
  7. **Movie Theaters** are closed for indoor service. Drive-in movie theaters are permitted and must continue to follow current drive-in movie theater guidance.
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- 8. Museums/Zoos/Aquariums** are closed for indoor service.
- 9. Real Estate:** Open houses are prohibited.
- 10. Wedding and Funerals:** Ceremonies are limited to a total of no more than 30 people. Indoor receptions, wakes, or similar gatherings in conjunction with such ceremonies are prohibited.
- 11. In-Store Retail** shall be limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits, and common/congregate seating areas and indoor dining facilities such as food courts are closed.
- 12. Religious Services** are limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits, or no more than 200 people, whichever is fewer. Congregation members/attendees must wear facial coverings at all times and congregation singing is prohibited. No choir, band, or ensemble shall perform during the service. Vocal or instrumental soloists are permitted to perform, and vocal soloists may have a single accompanist. Outdoor services must follow the Outdoor Dining Guidance, found [here](#), applicable to the structure or facility.
- 13. Professional Services** are required to mandate that employees work from home when possible and close offices to the public if possible. Any office that must remain open must limit occupancy to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.
- 14. Personal Services** are limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.
  - Personal service providers include: cosmetologists, cosmetology testing, hairstylists, barbers, estheticians, master estheticians, manicurists, nail salon workers, electrologists, permanent makeup artists, tanning salons, and tattoo artists.
- 15. Long-term Care Facilities:** Outdoor visits are permitted. Indoor visits are prohibited, but individual exceptions for an essential support person or end-of-life care are permitted. These restrictions are also extended to the facilities in Proclamation 20-74, et seq. All other provisions of Proclamations 20-66, et seq., and 20-74, et seq., including all preliminary criteria to allow any visitors, remain in effect.
- 16. Youth and Adult Sporting Activities:** Indoor activities and all contests and games are prohibited. Outdoor activities shall be limited to intra-team practices only, with facial coverings required for all coaches, volunteers and athletes at all times.