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From the Chef de Gare

As we begin the month of February, it's time to begin thinking about our upcoming search for new leadership for next year. While all positions will be available, I would strongly advise that if you are really interested in a leadership position and have not held any elected position in the 40/8, think about the traditional method of advancing through the chairs to the top positions. The normal progression begins with the position of Lampiste. This would normally be followed by the Guard de la Port, then the Chef de Train and finally the Chef de Gare. This tried-and-true method allows you to experience all levels of leadership; provides you the experience of the responsibilities and challenges of each position leading up to the chair of Chef. Of course, there are all the other positions such as a member of the Cheminot, Committee chairs, Conductor and Avocat to name just a few. A full listing of all the Committees and available elected positions can be found in our Constitution and the By-Laws. If you do not have a copy or access to one of these documents, contact

me or the correspondent and we can provide you with a listing and the corresponding responsibilities for each position. If you have served in a specific position of responsibility in another organization, that experience is a tremendous asset to bring to the 40/8. However, remember that these organizations may not function the same way the 40/8 does. It may not have provided the same responsibilities and challenges that we face at Voiture 99. The more that you learn about this organization, the way it functions, its traditions, and its approach to problem solving, the more effective and proficient you will be in your chosen role.



Poem titled "ONE" on page 4 was written about the 9/11 attack, but still rings true today. See if you agree; and if you still have a dry eye, I will be surprised.
Ron (Editor)

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- February 7th
Cheminot February 22

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	4 Member & Guest Breakfast 6:30am-9am	5 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
6	7 Promenade Dinner 5:00 Meeting 6:00pm Chateau	8	9	10 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	11 Member & Guest Breakfast 6:30am-9am	12 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
13	14	15	16 KWVA Membership Meeting 10:00am Boxcar Room	17 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	18 Member & Guest Breakfast 6:30am-9am	19 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
20	21	22 CHEMINOT Dinner 5:00 Meeting 6:00 Chateau La Femme Cheminot	23	24 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	25 Member & Guest Breakfast 6:30am-9am	26 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
27	28	1	2	3 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	4 Member & Guest Breakfast 6:30am-9am	5 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm

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

Correspondants Notes

Dear Voyageurs,

February has crept up upon us and has finished with a bang! Our flag poles are up! This is so exciting! Thank you to Jim Benson for spearheading this seemingly never-ending project. We just need to get power out to the flagpole for proper lighting then we are good to go! Another exciting thing is that on Saturday, January 22nd we welcomed four new members to our Voiture. A big warm welcome goes out to Bruce Baxter, Dale Billups, Ryan Knapp, and Jay Langsdorf. It was my great honor to serve as the Wrecking Chef de Train as Chef de Train Boyd was out of town visiting family. If you see some new faces about, please introduce yourself and make these gentlemen feel welcome.

The membership year is wrapping up and we are currently at 83.6% renewed. If you have not brought your dues current for 2022 by February 1st you will need to pay them to be allowed into our meetings and activities. Remember you have 3 ways to pay, cash, check or credit/debit card. Donica can take your payment on Saturdays during lounge hours. I am frequently there on Saturday afternoons and would be happy to process your renewal. I still have a cash renewal that was given to Donna at a Friday breakfast in the beginning of December WITH NO NAME. So, if you paid your dues that way and still have not

received your dues card, please get a hold of me so I can send out your card. I appreciate each and every one of you, (some more than others lol!) and I try to do my best to help make this Voiture run smoothly.

Just a couple of housekeeping reminders: please sign up for our meals before the meetings! Promenades are the first Monday and Cheminots are the third Tuesday both at 6pm with the dinner at 5pm, this is important as to be cost effective in our meal preparation so food is not wasted. We need volunteers for Friday Breakfast and for our meals, we need dishwashers, bussers, and servers. You will need a food handler's card which can easily be obtained online. Ron Bynum, our kitchen manager would be happy to help you get started. Another opportunity is to bring your cans and bottles for the PT boat. Leave bags or boxes in the breezeway between the Chateau and Boxcar where the table and chairs are. The Fire Marshal does not want any of our aiseways blocked. Also, when bringing your cans and bottles please ensure no other recyclables or trash is mixed in. Volunteers from the PT Boat have to hand sort and process everything so please be kind.

Wishing you and yours a very wonderful Valentine's Day.

Yours in Service to the Voiture,

Annie

Editorial

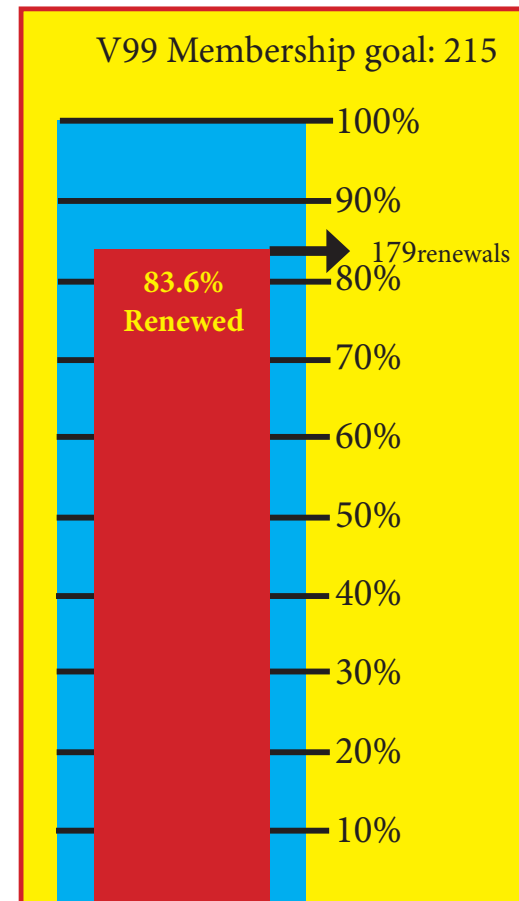
by Ron Fryer

Just a reminder that we are all family and need to cherish our friendships and treat each other with respect. If we all work together, we can plan fun events, make visits to other Voitures and military organizations, join in our committees and have a wonderful time together.

I know that we may have some differences of opinion, but we can put them aside and focus on what we have in common. This way we can have more fun that we may be able to endure. Enjoy life!



Don't forget to renew your membership!



ONE



As the soot and dirt and ash rained down,
We became one color.

As we carried each other down the stairs of the burning building,
We became one class.

As we lit candles of waiting and hope,
We became one generation.

As the fire fighters and police officers fought their way into the inferno,
We became one gender.

As we fell to our knees in prayer for strength,
We became one faith.

As we whispered or shouted words of encouragement,
We spoke one language.

As we gave our blood in lines a mile long,
We became one body.

As we mourned together the great loss,
We became one family.

As we cried tears of grief and sorrow,
We became one soul.

As we retell with pride the sacrifices of heroes,
We became one people.

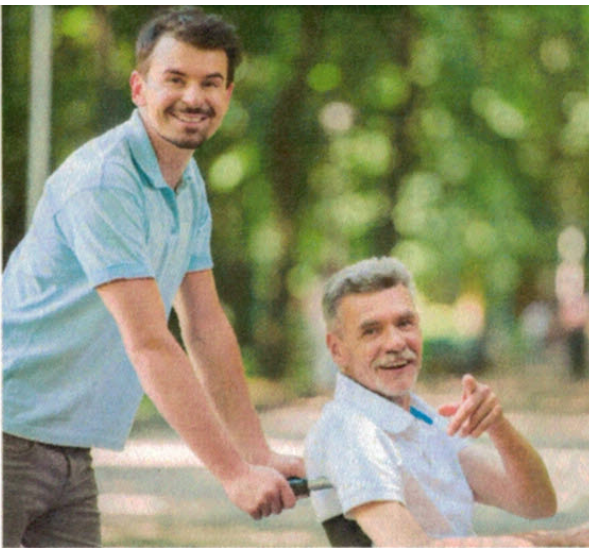
We are: One color, One class, One generation, One gender,
One faith, One language, One body, One family, One soul, One people.

We are The Power of One.

We are4 United.

We are America.

Let us ponder these thoughts as we face the challenges in front of us.



*Need help but aren't sure
what services exist in our
community?*

*Feeling overwhelmed trying
to figure out how to
connect to services?*

The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is here to help!

What is an Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)?

The ADRC provides connection to programs, resources, and information to help adults with dignity and independence in their homes. As a public service agency, we are the first stop when looking for free or low cost resources for seniors, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers.

Who does the ADRC serve?

Anyone can utilize the ADRC for free. Our job is to provide you with unbiased information and help you connect to services in the community. We specialize in serving older adults, people with disabilities, and their family caregivers.

What resources might be available to me?

- In-Home Personal Care Assistance
- Support & Resources for Family Caregivers
- Dementia Resources
- Medicare & Medicaid Information
- Finding Support Groups
- Health & Fitness Programs
- Nutrition & Home Delivered Meal Services
- Transportation Options
- Connection to Local Resources

**How do I contact the ADRC
if I need Help?**

You can ask your healthcare provider to refer you.

You can also call or email us directly at

Clark & Skamania Counties

360-694-8144 • 888-637-6060

ClarkADRC@dshs.wa.gov

Cowlitz & Wahkiakum Counties

360-501-8399 • 800-682-2406

CowlitzADRC@dshs.wa.gov

www.HelpingElders.org

Historian

Historian News: Check out the album bookcase in the Chateau (Thank you Chef Falbee). You will find some LOCI photo albums there. Keep your 40 & 8 stories coming. You can include service story, committees you have served on, when you were wrecked. Anything else you want to add. Thanks for participating.

Dixie Lee Hotaling - Historian.