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Chef de Gare's Corner

Dear Voyageurs,

Happy Fall!

It was so great to finally have a Promenade and see those who felt comfortable coming out and sharing a meal and fellowship before and after our meeting. Hopefully the sale of the Bingo Hall will be completed on October 6th. It has been a long time coming and my hearty thanks to all of those members involved in any aspect to get this mission accomplished.

There was one item on the agenda that I wish to bring to your attention, the matter of making our Boxcar and Chateau a weapons free zone. I would like to applaud the membership on the handling of this matter. The discussion was heartfelt, passionate, but most of all respectful, it was decided that a weapons free zone was NOT what the membership wanted.

I hope to get our meetings back on a more regular schedule very soon. If you have anything you wish to see on the meeting agenda please contact myself or Frank Falbee. Your input is valued! If you have comments or concerns about the Chateau please contact a member of the Chateau Advisory Board, these gentlemen have been working extremely hard to keep

our kitchen and bar activities up and running. You can even say nice things, they like to hear that too!

As it is fall, we all know what is happening on November 3rd, please take the time to make sure your voting information is current and vote! Please read up on the issues and candidates and vote! I know this is not a political group but this is purely about Civics. If you don't vote you have no right to complain how things turn out! Check out this website for all pertinent information <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/>.

Our membership renewal numbers are looking very low! It is understandable with the lack of meetings and Covid-19. We have made it easier to renew your membership! You can now pay 3 ways! We accept cash, check or credit card! Feel free to stop in for Thursday Coffee, Friday Breakfast, or Saturday Lounge from noon to 5pm and we can quickly take care of that for you. We need to support each other now more than ever! If you would rather mail your dues please use our new address:

2809 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, WA 98665

Mrs. Loucks is in the office Monday through Thursday and she can take care of that for you

as well.

We are following the guidance of both Nationale and Grande by keeping the current slate of officers in place until our regular election time in the Spring of 2021. There are still positions and chairpersonships that need to be filled for next year. If you are interested in what is available please contact Voyageur John Treosti.

Please continue to be excellent to each other and most of all yourself! You are the greatest asset this organization has.

Yours in Service to the Voiture,

Chef Annie

Correspondants Notes

November is right around the corner and with it our National elections. Once again it is time to exercise you're most important and powerful franchise as an American citizen. You're right to choose your national leadership. Are you registered to vote? If not why not. Have you made yourself aware of all the issues and their current and future implications and how they will not only affect you but our community and the nation as a whole? No matter how you cast your ballot, no matter what party or candidate you choose, exercise your franchise as an American and

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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

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	2 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	3 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
4	5 PROM Chateau CANCELLED	6	7	8 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	9 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	10 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
11	12	13	14	15 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	16 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	17 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
18	19	20 CHEMINOT Chateau 5:30pm CANCELLED	21	22 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	23 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	24 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm
25	26	27	28	29 Coffee & Donuts 7:00 -9:30am	30 Member & Guest Breakfast 7:30am-9am	31 Chateau Lounge open 12pm - 5pm

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

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VOTE!

Once again, Flu season is upon us and coupled with the coronavirus, makes this season doubly dangerous. The Portland VA is providing free Flu shots at special drive thru's in the main parking building on the campus in Portland. Here in Vancouver, your local Doctor's office, pharmacies and many supermarkets with pharmacies are also providing these shots free of charge to you. They also have the shots designed for seniors. Take the time to get this done now and you will not only be protecting yourself as well as our community. A Flu shot now should protect you thru April.

Membership: Your dues are only \$30.00 per year and while your membership is valid thru December 31st, we have always encouraged everyone to renew their membership early. We have tried to make your payment as easy for you as possible and now we can accept your membership payment by Master/Visa card. We have tried this at breakfast and it has proved to be very convenient to those who renewed.

One last thought, after being cooped-up in your house and having had limited contact with fellow voyageurs for the past six months or so, think about what events you would like to see take place at the Chateau in the future. The goal of the Cheminot is to remake Voiture 99 into that place that you choose to go to because it is welcoming, comfortable and more importantly fun.

Child Welfare

This was the first program established by the 40 et 8 in 1923. Today our efforts have touched over

1,300,000 children annually, with an annual investment of over 8 million dollars. Where does this money come from? It comes from our members like you who support the child welfare program and all the 40 et 8 programs by purchasing pins. The 2021 pins can be bought for \$3.00 each and can be picked up from Ed Dunkle, Voiture 99 Child Welfare Directeur. It is important to keep track of all donations, time, mileage, or anything in support of the program. Anything that is done with any other fraternal organization and anything your spouse does that involves children can also be turned in for credit. The Lafemmes can also turn all their time, mileage, etc in for credit. All of this needs to be turned into the Child Welfare Dir (Ed Dunkle) or to the Voiture 99 Correspondant (Frank Falbee). If anyone has any questions, feel free to get in touch with me.

Thank You
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Some people aren't shaking hands because of Coronavirus. I'm not shaking hands because everyone is out of toilet paper.

SHARING HISTORY

Since the Bingo Hall has been emptied, stacks of photographs, forms and history are stacked up in the Box Car. Hopefully I will be sifting through the 'treasures' in September. You are invited and welcome to help. More than eighty years of memories need to be viewed. The question is: What to keep and what to toss!

The operative word is HELP! You can reach me at 360-953-8218 or rebel2@comcast.net. Together we can get the job done.

Merci,

Dixie Lee Hotaling - Historian

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WHAT YOU NEED
TO KNOW**

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/novel-coronavirus>

