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Chef de Gare's Corner

Greetings Voyageurs,

August has seen a whirlwind of activity at the Chateau and Boxcar. We have had a successful sale of surplus equipment from the Bingo Hall, moved our bookkeeper into her new office in the Chateau, and I was able to successfully secure the release of the entire amount of earnest money (our attorney suggested half) from the pending sale of the building so we could have adequate funds to operate for the next few months.

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the "outdoor dining" experiment. Even when the weather was rainy and gloomy we still had voyageurs who braved the elements for fellowship with fellow members. I'm sure it was slightly better than bivouacking with MREs. A big thank you to the crew who worked so hard to make the outdoor dining possible. This created a lot more work for those who served us and we can't thank you enough for your efforts. After reading the guidelines from the county we felt that we could go back to indoor dining to make it easier for all.

We are still anticipating a mid-September closure for the Bingo Hall, and have not had any information as of yet that would suggest a delay. The Cheminot

continues to meet to address necessary business. Speaking of addresses, we will hopefully have our new 78th Street address this week. This task that would seem very simple has been problematic for months! But we were able to get a hold of the right person and formulate a letter that we basically spoon fed them all the information they needed to be able to make their decision.

We are still in need of members to fill officer roles for the upcoming year! Please contact John Treosti, our Nominations Chair to see which positions are still vacant.

You may have noticed our new soda shaped recycling containers just outside and in the foyer of the Chateau. These are for collecting bottles and cans for our beloved PT Boat! Voyageur Cates is our point of contact and each one of those bottles and cans is a dime. Collection times are usually at Thursday Coffee and Donuts and Friday Breakfast. Please see Voyageur Cates for your special recycling bag that has the PT Boat information on it. I recently was given a tour of the boat and was absolutely blown away with the dedication and hard work put into this project. Any monetary or recyclable items will be put to their best use!

While we are still in Phase 2 in Clark County, we still need to do

our best to abide by the rules that no more than 10 members can be present at a meeting. Normally I like to see a full house and want to hear from as many folks as possible but at this time when a Cheminot is called, for the safety and well being of all I'd like to have only current members present. I am not trying to exclude anyone, I am trying to comply with state and local law. Frank will get the minutes out in a timely fashion as he usually does and you can always email or text me if you have any questions about what was discussed or items that you wish to have addressed. I wish to thank Passe' Chef Golden for his insights at our last meeting, I believe they were very helpful.

Many of you noticed at one of our recent Cheminot meetings that it was brought up to make the Chateau and Boxcar rooms weapons free zones. That was approved by the Cheminot to be brought before the entire membership for discussion at the next Promenade when we are safely able to have it. It is not currently in effect, right now it is only a suggestion. I know there are members with various opinions on this matter and rest assured all will be given a chance to voice his or her concerns on this matter.

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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

September 2020

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

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Our Saturday Lounge is open from noon to 5pm with food service from noon to 2:30pm. This is a great chance for you to relax in a friendly environment with some great drink specials! This needs to be supported by the membership or it will have to be shortened or stopped all together, and I really would not like to see that happen. Please share your ideas or comments with the Chateau Advisory Board members, Jim Resleff, Mike Reynolds and Frank Matlock.

Hoping to see you all soon!

Yours in Service to the Voiture

Chef Annie

Correspondants Notes

September is finally here. Of particular importance this month is the 14th. That is the day that we (Voiture 99) close on the sale of the Bingo Hall. All preparations have been made, the building has been cleaned out and we are ready to turn over the keys. This will mark a significant mile stone for the Voiture. Since 1995 (in this location) the profits generated by the Bingo Hall have been given back to the Vancouver community by supporting our Nurses Training Scholarship program, Youth Sports, Child Welfare and our veterans' community. There are countless other groups, organizations and projects that have been supported and sponsored by our Voiture over the years. After this sale has been completed, things will continue

as before. The money generated by this sale will go into a trust for Voiture 99. The Trust is designed to grow while continuing to support our charitable programs and our Chateau in perpetuity. Hopefully, we will be around for a long time to come thanks to the good planning of our predecessors.

Membership renewals have been very slow so far for the 2021 Membership Year. It is understandable that some of our members are reluctant to come into the Chateau to renew their dues. I understand that the threat of the COVID-19 Virus has and will continue to keep many of us isolated until a Vaccine is available. However, that may not be until next year. Here are two addresses that you can mail your check or money order for \$30.00 (payable to Voiture 99, 40/8) to:

The 40/8, Voiture 99
7720 NE Hwy 99, Suite D, #321
Vancouver, WA 98665

Frank Falbee
8515 NE 60th St.
Vancouver, WA 98662
(Attn: Corres.)

Stay safe and stay healthy.

THE RUMOR

Keep this philosophy in mind the next time you hear, or are out to repeat a rumor.

In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an

acquaintance, who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students...?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Test of Three."

"Test of Three?"

"That's correct," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my student let's take a moment to test what you're going to say. The first test is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man replied, "actually I just heard about it."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second test, the test of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him even though you're not certain it's true?"

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed.

Socrates continued, "You may still pass though because there is a third test - the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really..."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?"

The man was defeated and ashamed and said no more.

This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

It also explains why Socrates never found out that Plato was having an affair with his wife.



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Subject: something practical
from Infectious Disease Control:

from the Head of the Infectious
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Maryland, USA: re.Covid19.

May 29, 2020:

1. We may have to live with C19 for months or years. Let's not deny it or panic. Let's not make our lives useless. Let's learn to live with this fact.

2. You can't destroy C19 viruses that have penetrated cell walls, by drinking gallons of hot water - you'll just go to the bathroom more often.

3. Washing hands and maintaining a two-meter physical distance is the best method for your protection.

4. If you don't have a C19 patient at home, there's no need to disinfect the surfaces at your house.

5. Packaged cargo, gas pumps, shopping carts and ATMs do not cause infection. If you Wash your hands, live your life as usual.

6. C19 is not a food infection. It is associated with drops of infection like the 'flu. There is no demonstrated risk that C19 is transmitted by food.

7. You can lose your sense of smell with a lot of allergies and viral infections. This is only a non-

specific symptom of C19.

8. Once at home, you don't need to change your clothes urgently and go shower! Purity is a virtue, paranoia is not!

9. The C19 virus doesn't hang in the air for long. This is a respiratory droplet infection that requires close contact.

10. The air is clean, you can walk through the gardens (just keeping your physical protection distance), through parks.

11. It is sufficient to use normal soap against C19, not antibacterial soap. This is a virus, not a bacteria.

12. You don't have to worry about your food orders. But you can heat it all up in the microwave, if you wish.

13. The chances of bringing C19 home with your shoes is like being struck by lightning twice in a day. I've been working against viruses for 20 years - drop infections don't spread like that!

14. You can't be protected from the virus by taking vinegar, sugarcane juice and ginger! These are for immunity not a cure.

15. Wearing a mask for long periods interferes with your breathing and oxygen levels. Wear it only in crowds.

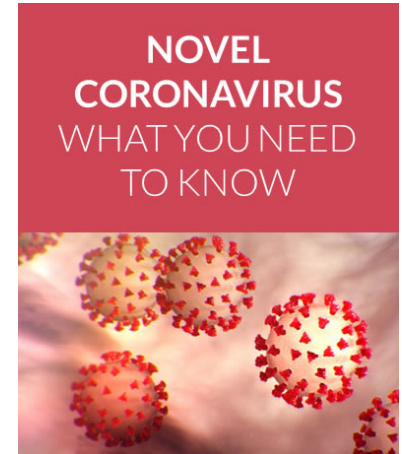
16. Wearing gloves is also a bad idea; the virus can accumulate into the glove and be easily transmitted if you touch your face. Better just to wash your hands regularly.

17. Immunity is greatly weakened by always staying in a sterile environment. Even if you eat

immunity boosting foods, please go out of your house regularly to any park/beach.

18. Immunity is increased by EXPOSURE TO PATHOGENS, not by sitting at home and consuming fried/spicy/sugary food and aerated drinks.

Live life sensibly and to the fullest. Be smart and stay informed!



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

