



BOXCAR BULLETIN

From the Chef de Gare

The Chef de Gare's article was unavailable at this time.

Correspondants Notes

Give your spouse a Christmas present she will enjoy for the rest her life. That would be a membership with the Voiture 99 La Femmes. The women have been doing wonderful things for Voiture 99. They have earned money to contribute to the Voitures programs. They also supply food for the patients and caregivers at the Transplant Lodge located on the VA Campus. A good reason to have your wife sign up is that more than likely, she is able to drive at night and you cannot. With her driving, you will never miss another meeting or function at the Chateau or Boxcar room. So encourage your wife a little enthusiasm to sign up with a great organization. You will be proud of her. Contact Patricia Running at 696-4003.

The drawing for the Paid-up-for-Life Membership was held at the Cheminot of 15 November 2016. The winning ticket belonged to Michael Gibson. Mike works with the Veteran's program at Clark College Veteran's Affairs office. Congratulations Mike. There were only 215 members who renewed before Veteran's Day. That was 215 of our 361 members.

Don't forget to register for the Passé Chef's banquet. It will be held on 13 December 2016 in the Bingo Parlor. The cost is \$25.00 per person, \$35.00 if you miss the deadline of 4 December. Meal choices are Prime Rib or Baked Chicken. The guest speaker is Lt Col Scottie Redden. Social time begins at 5:30.

I've become aware that some of the members do not know what a PUFL is. A PUFL or Paid-up-for-Life membership means that you do not have to pay dues for the rest of your life. The up-front cost may seem a bit high, but in the long run it is a very good idea to purchase a PUFL. See me and I can give you the details and

the required form to fill out.

Read Read Read

Please note that we will not send you a personal invitation as was done in the past. Cut out the form or make a copy and return it to me. Please note that your RSVP is due before December 4th. If you register after that date, your fee is \$35.00.

The RSVP form is located on page 3 in this Boxcar. You can also copy it from the website at <http://www.voiture-99.com/passe-chefs-christmas-banquet/>

Phil Yasson
Correspondant

La Femmes

Thanks to the participation and help of the voyageurs and dames the Cabane 99 Holiday Bazaar was a success and will be back next year.

The Cabane 99 fifth anniversary celebration was a fun happening on November 15. There was no leftover cake and the dames enjoyed a relaxing celebration.

We look forward to our holiday party and gift exchange on December 20. Attend the Rendezvous on 12/5 so you can participate in the discussion about what gifts will be exchanged.

The La Femmes will help set up the Bingo Hall for the Passé Chef's dinner on Monday December 12 at 1:00 p.m. If you have not already contacted Norma Cooley to volunteer, let her know when you will be available that day.

Mark your calendar for the Past Chef's dinner on December 13. Look for details in this issue of the Boxcar Bulletin. Make your reservations before December 4 and save some cash.

For any dame who has not renewed, your membership dues for 2016-2017 are past due. Please renew now!! The easiest way to pay your \$25.00 dues is to bring them

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with you to the next Rendezvous or Cheminot, or La Femmes Thursday morning Social Hour. If you are unable to attend mail them to Elaine Meis or Roberta Giesler at their address on the membership roster.

Join the La Femmes for the Thursday morning Social. It is held in the Chateau every Thursday morning beginning around 7:30 a.m. and runs until 9:30 or so. The company is always good and the pastries are tasty. Feel free to join us and bring a friend.

The next Rendezvous will be on Monday December 5. The next Cheminot will meet if necessary on Tuesday December 20, otherwise we will have our annual holiday get together and gift exchange. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Chateau for both. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Barbara Yasson at 574-1152 or La Sous Presidente Patricia Running at 696-4003.

Gone but not forgotten

you will be missed by many.

Richard Puttkamer



Chateau Schedule for December 2016

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast. Saturday the Chateau is open to voyageurs and guests. Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau at 8:00 am.
Chateau Manager - John Clapp (360)574-3872

December 1st (Thursday)

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

December 2nd (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost \$8.00

December 3rd (Saturday)

STEAK NIGHT

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Lunch Menu: Turkey Noodle Soup/Garlic Bread
Grill closes at 3:00 pm

Dinner: Steak Night - NEW YORK STRIP
\$18.00

RSVP with Lauri or Chloe by November 30
2016

Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

December 5th (Monday)

V99 Prom /C99 Rendezvous

Chateau opens at 4:00 pm
Dinner at 5:30 pm
Meeting 6:30 pm

Menu: Turkey and Dumplings, Salad/dessert
Cost: \$8.00

December 8th (Thursday)

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

December 9th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost \$8.00

December 10th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Lunch Special: Mac & Cheese Grilled Ham
Dinner Meat Loaf
Cost: \$8.00

December 13th (Tuesday)

2016 Passé Chefs' Christmas Dinner

Social Hour 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm

December 15th (Thursday)

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

December 16th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost \$8.00

December 17th (Saturday)

Chateau Hours: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Lunch Special: Beer Cooked Brats/Roasted potato

December 20th (Tuesday)

V99 Cheminot / C99 Cheminot

Dinner at 5:30 pm
Meeting 6:30 pm

Menu: Meat Loaf /Salad/Dessert
Cost: \$8.00

December 22nd (Thursday)

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

December 23rd (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost \$8.00

December 24th (Saturday)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Grill is closed
Chateau closes at 5:00 pm

December 29th (Thursday)

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

December 30th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Cost \$8.00

December 31st (Saturday)

NEW YEARS EVE

Chateau CLOSED

40 et 8 Nationale Contact information

The Nationale 40 et 8 is having problems with address and email changes. If you move, it is imperative that you notify the Correspondant so your changes can be entered on the Nationale membership listing.

La Femmes 5th Anniversary

In September 2011 Promenade Nationale and Rendezvous Nationale were held in Vancouver hosted by Voiture 99 and Grande du Washington. One of the local wives was curious about the La Femmes and looked into starting a Cabane in Vancouver. She was initiated into the La Femmes during the Vancouver Rendezvous Nationale so she could attend the meetings and talk to the members.

Many questions and answers later Cabane 99 was formed and 11 Dames signed the charter. The 11 charter signers are the Dames without which we would not have Cabane 99. The founding Dames are Roberta Giesler, Judy Bailey, Alice Kadow, Marsha Keen, Elaine Meis, Carol Perrin, Sylvia Ridout, Sharon Shattuck, Anita Stacey, JoAnn Strickland, and Linda Tarbell.

The first year all of the charter members had an elected office and there were not many members in the audience. By the end of that first year there were 24 dames in Cabane 99. We ended last year at almost 50 dames and have been at 100% every year.

La Societe de Femme was formed in 1963 solely to support the programs and principles of the 40 et 8. In that spirit Cabane 99 worked hard to come up with ways to support Voiture 99 and the 40 et 8 in general. In 5 years there have been some successes such as the help we give the VA Transplant Lodge. We help serve some of the dinners held here. Any tips go to Voiture programs. We help decorate the Chateau for the winter holiday season. We help with set up for the Passé Chef's dinner, and sometimes other events.

It took us a while to gear up, but our Holiday Bazaar, Used Book Sale, and Rummage Sale earn money for Nurses Training, Child Welfare, and Nationale Programs. The proceeds from the Car Show food concession go to the Voiture 99 Veterans Assistance program. We have some annoying habits such as selling 50/50 raffle tickets, but 50% of the proceeds go to the winner and the rest goes to pay our bills. So far we are debt free and have given over \$31,000 to Voiture Programs and the VA Transplant Lodge in 5 years.

It is an honor to give back to Voiture 99 since we would not be where we are without the help of the Voyageurs of Voiture 99. Cabane 99 is a young organization, but with the good example of Voiture 99 to follow we are looking forward to the next 5 years and beyond.

Barbara Yasson

Voiture 99 40 and 8
2016 Passé Chefs' Christmas
Dinner Reservation Form

Respond by December 4th 2016. You must have a reservation and a 2017 membership card to attend. Remember to include your phone number and email address with your reservation.

COST IS \$25.00 per Person
AFTER DECEMBER 4, COST IS \$35.00 per Person

Member: _____
Guest: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Menu Selections

Prime Rib -- Number: _____

Baked Chicken- - Number: _____

All meals are served with potato, asparagus, dinner salad and roll. The La Femmes will set up a potluck style dessert table.

Cocktails will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m.
Guest speaker is Lt Col Scottie S. Redden.

Mail RSVP to
Correspondant V99
13208 NE 5th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98685-2679

Program Directors are encouraged to submit a written report to be published in the Boxcar Newsletter.

We also have a new website that needs Program Directors to submit reports on activities in your program. This would tell the world what good we do for our community.

Send your reports to me at
bhauser1952@msn.com



Loci Schedule

December

- 3rd Legacy Emanuel Hospital (Jim-
- 3rd Open House Ministries (Jim-
- 13th Aacres ()
- 17th Post 14 Children Christmas Party (Jim/Marc)
- 19th Reside Residential Care (George-

VAVS Bingo at the VA Medical Center

For bingo on November 24th we had 19 patients attend, with 6 volunteers and we gave out \$245.00 to the players.



**Voiture 99
Membership
Goal for
2016 - 2017
346 (Estimated)**

100%

90 %

80 %

70 %

60 %

50 %

40 %

30 %

20 %

10 %

59.5%

Photos of the 5th Anniversary Celebration
Of Cabane 99
Courtesy of Elaine Meis

