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La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams



Chef de Chemin de Fer
Rick Williams

Greetings Voyagers and Dames,

This is a time of changes. Some are good; others are not. So far the ones that have been made at our headquarters have been in the best interest of the La Societe.

We are all worried about retention of members. Here are a couple reasons that it may be happening.

We need to look back to our military service. Each branch has its history and traditions that kept us proud of what we were doing. We are losing that. For one example, look at how our promenades are being held. Few are using and/or following the current Ritual manual which can be purchased from emblem sales.

It seems that this is not being corrected as it would

have been in the service, which showed pride and camaraderie. We are being commonplace, which shows a lack of caring. The Ritual takes each phase step by step and should be followed, without skipping or changing parts of it at will. When we do that, we lose a small part of our history and heritage which in turn lowers our pride in our Societe. And causes misguided information with our new Voyageurs, as they read it to understand why did that not happen to me? Only after they receive the current edition of the Ritual.

With our new Voyageurs what are we going to do? Give them positions and guide and assist them with those positions, for as long as it is needed or desired. Not only this year but as the oath is written

FOREVER, and you raised your hand and affirmed/ sworn to when you came in and every time

their oath is given. Each and every Voyageurs is responsible for the longevity of The Forty and 8's shoulders.

My travels have been delightful and interesting, as usual. Just as in the Voyageurs Briefs both the National La President Cheryl Jamnick and my homecomings were well attended and I believe that it was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Then I went to Jacksonville Florida, for The Southland's Dixie Promenade. I had a marvelous time and some good experiences. I have not received any pictures from the two Nationale Photographers, as of this writing, so check on Facebook for them. The

weather has been real nice up until know but I do have some concerns about my travels coming up to New York Michigan, and Wisconsin in June, July and August. It seems they are tired of the snow but that it is and will still be coming down hopefully not and it will be green instead of white on these visits.

Everyone, remember it is the time of the year that our program reports are due. I would like to have every Grand Voiture turn in reports and for all to encourage the growth of THE FORTY AND EIGHT!

Rick Williams
Chef de Chemin de Fer



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CARVILLE CEMETARY

The Carville Cemetery was visited by Tom Adams, National Director of Carville Star, during the Cajun Wreck on February 21, 2019.



MEMBERSHIP 2019

May 2, 2019

AREA	2018	2019	PERCENT	
ALABAMA	3	118	101	85.59%
ALASKA	1	148	120	81.08%
ARIZONA	1	412	378	91.75%
ARKANSAS	1	121	118	97.52%
CALIFORNIA	3	968	836	86.36%
COLORADO	1	101	66	65.35%
CONNECTICUT	2	104	109	104.81%
DELAWARE	2	41	38	92.68%
DIST OF COLUMBIA	2	6	2	33.33%
FLORIDA	2	862	765	88.75%
FRANCE	3	109	120	110.09%
GEORGIA	3	496	397	80.04%
GERMANY	2	80	81	101.25%
IDAHO	3	118	77	65.25%
ILLINOIS	2	1266	1114	87.99%
INDIANA	1	2512	2260	89.97%
IOWA	1	367	331	90.19%
KANSAS	3	417	346	82.97%
KENTUCKY	2	300	257	85.67%
LATIN AMERICA	2	8	11	137.50%
LOUISIANA	2	684	645	94.30%
MAINE	2	152	135	88.82%
MARYLAND	2	271	251	92.62%
MASSACHUSETTS	1	153	134	87.58%
MEXICO	3	18	4	22.22%
MICHIGAN	2	1006	879	87.38%
MINNESOTA	3	1079	1027	95.18%
MISSISSIPPI	2	227	198	87.22%
MISSOURI	3	776	705	90.85%
MONTANA	3	79	69	87.34%
NEBRASKA	3	394	347	88.07%
NEVADA	1	18	16	88.89%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	2	120	107	89.17%
NEW JERSEY	1	154	142	92.21%
NEW MEXICO	1	39	28	71.79%
NEW YORK	2	884	863	97.62%
NORTH CAROLINA	1	544	529	97.24%
NORTH DAKOTA	3	261	230	88.12%
OHIO	1	1321	1137	86.07%
OKLAHOMA	3	125	86	68.80%
OREGON	3	200	163	81.50%
PENNSYLVANIA	3	1215	948	78.02%
RHODE ISLAND	2	2	2	100.00%
SOUTH CAROLINA	2	414	350	84.54%
SOUTH DAKOTA	1	355	328	92.39%
TENNESSEE	2	118	101	85.59%
TEXAS	1	272	225	82.72%
UTAH	1	19	21	110.53%
VERMONT	2	31	31	100.00%
VIRGINIA	2	454	393	86.56%
WASHINGTON	3	660	548	83.03%
WEST VIRGINIA	2	179	170	94.97%
WISCONSIN	3	1037	960	92.57%
WYOMING	3	43	22	51.16%
V2000	443	414	93.45%	
TOTALS	22301	19735	88.49%	
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AREA	2018	2019	PERCENT	
Area - 1 Jim Coe	7312	6538	89.41%	2nd Place
Area- 2 Chuck Graham	7209	6502	90.19%	1st Place
Area-3 Tom Orval	7337	6281	85.61%	3rd Place
V2000	443	414	93.45%	



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Jim Coe



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Chuck Graham



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Tom Orval



CHILD WELFARE

Joseph R. Donovan, National Directeur



Voyageurs: There appears to be some confusion as to how to fill out the Annual Child Welfare Consolidated Report, and what specifically is reported. For example, last year I received a Report from a Locale with less than 20 members and had a bottom line of over \$40,000.00 dollars claimed

as Child Welfare effort and donations. Clearly, without specific documentation (receipts), this figure just doesn't pass the smell test. Each member of this Locale contributed over \$2,200.00 toward Child Welfare? A little exaggeration is expected, but let's be reasonable! Our Award categories are divided by membership numbers to equal the playing field; a small Locale gets as much credit as a large, depending at their activity.

Let's look at the Reporting Form www.fortyandeight.org, Resources, Forms and Petit Communique, Child Welfare. PDF is fillable, or if you prefer Word, that form is at the bottom of the

page. Section A: Activities for which CASH was donated DIRECTLY. This means the Locale or Grande ACTUALLY spent money on the particular items listed. Hours or miles don't count here! CASH outlays only! Section B: Assistance and Services. Does a member own a medical supply business and donated items? Did you supply coal or fuel oil to someone? Did you provide school lunches or contribute to a soup kitchen FOR CHILDREN? Did you provide rides to medical facilities for children? Again SERVICES, not Voyageur hours or miles. Section C. Here is where you report your hours and miles for

programs benefiting children. How many National Child Welfare Pins did the Locale or Grande purchase and sell? Any Direct Donations to the National Child Welfare Program?

REMEMBER, Locale Reports go to your Grand Directeur, Grande Voiture Reports are due to me by July 15, 2019. (For Grande Directeur's, fill out the PDF Report Form from the Web Site, make a copy for yourself, and hit send tab at the bottom of the page.) The "SEND" comes directly to me.

Our 2020 pins will be available in mid-May. Again, prepaid orders of over 100 pins will be discounted 25 cents

each. Consignments are \$3,000 with full payment due April 1, 2020. This year's pins are still available! Last call, before they're gone!

LASTLY, REPORTS! Every member in good standing has contributed to the Child Welfare Program through their dues payment. 25 cents each is REPORTABLE by EVERY Locale! No Report is inexcusable!

Thanks for your service. My contact information is above AND on the Report Form!

Thanks,
National Directeur
Joseph R Donovan

VOITURE ACTIVITIES

Joe Dolwig, National Directeur



Voyageurs when reading this article you will see that our fiscal year (June 30th) will soon be coming to a close. The 2019 Petite Communique is on the website "fortyandeight.org" go to the resource, then on the drop down to Forms & Petite communique and print out the forms. At the local level the Correspondant usually passes the forms out to the Program Directeur's and many times the

Correspondant will fill out the programs reports themselves. Remember all Programs and all functions of your Local are also included in the Voiture Activities Program some Activities in the Local Level are (work fish Dinners, Easter egg hunts, flags for first graders, Parades, VA, and nursing home visits). Basically anything you do should be documented on the Voiture Activities Report.

After your reports are finished at the Local level, they should be sent to the Grande Directeur's, so they can compile all the Locale Reports and submit them to the National Program Directeur's, who will compile all the Grande Reports. The Voiture Activities reports need to be sent to me by July 25th, so I can compile all the information for my Nationale Report and also send the Special Awards

Directeur the Recipients of Best Grande Program, Best Locale, and Best Local with Rolling Stock.

We need more Grand's to start sending in their reports. Last year we had 21 total reports submitted out of 54 Grand's. Take credit for what we do, if this keeps up we will become a Veterans Organization of DO NOTHINGS.

NURSES TRAINING

Ernest Lane, National Directeur



We have all received organizational announcements for our 100th birthday with the emphasis on sharing the news with our fellow Voiture's, Family, and Community about our legacy. We would like to thank those current and past fellow Voiture's who have given so much to the establishment of our great organization and our past and current Nurses Training Nationale Committees.

We stand for Honor, Respect, Courage, and Devotion to the Country we live in; we all supported the oath on our enlistment. When we

joined, La Societe des Quarante Hommes ET Huit Chevaux we also took an oath to support the programs our organization founded upon. I applaud you for the hard work you do, we have some who have worked extra hard and others that are not on board yet. Let us change that and show that our area is the best and we are the ones that are making a difference. Those Locales who are not participating or generating a small volume in pin sales or nursing scholarship offer, please create an effort to support our program, even if you must help another

Locale, we all benefit. If your Locales have not sold pins, please order them, at least the Officers of your Locales, Grande(s) along with your National leaders, the standard is high for you to be the example.

Please mention to all those Locales/Grande(s) with outstanding consignments let us prompt an exerted effort for them to rectify their financial obligations.

Remember Pins are still available. There are approximately 650 pins in inventory, which indicate an excess of 500 pins from last year total. Now is the time.

Reminder; End of the year reports is coming due soon, please go to our national website for applications and guidelines. If you need anything, I am just a call or e-mail away and will take the time to help you out in any way I can. My thanks again you are making a difference.

MEMBERSHIP

Joe Story, National Directeur Membership



As of the National Membership Report of April 25, 2019, La Societe is 2,698

membership away from our goal of 22,301. To achieve the goal of 22,301, we need to process 305 renewal or new applications over the next 9 weeks. Is that going to happen? Looking at this issue realistically...I serious doubt that we will achieve the goal of 22,301.

The reason I believe that we will not achieve the goal is that many Voiture Locales do not have recruiting and retention as their number one priority. The question that I have is why? And, I don't have any answer

to that question. If you do, please share the answer with me.

The question that I have for each of you is... "Do you want the Forty and Eight to continue as a viable Veterans Service Organization?" If you have answered this question, then it is time to look at where you place your recruiting and retention priorities. Yes, I use the word "RECRUITING." When you start talking to a Veteran about becoming a Forty and Eight, you are recruiting that Veteran! If that Veteran

meets the qualification to become a Forty and Eight, then you "INVITE" the Veteran to become a Forty and Eight.

With regards to "RETENTION", what are you doing to keep the member? If you have 40 and 8ers that you have not seen at a Promenade in a while, I encourage you to go visit them, or call them to find out why they have not been to a Promenade lately.

I ask you to remember that these two items...

"Recruiting and Retention" go hand in hand.

WE MUST NOT QUIT DOING RECRUITING AND RETENTION ACTIVITIES. If we do, then it is only a matter of time before we fade into history.

If you have any questions, or comments, please feel free to call me at 715-966-0261.

Joseph Story
Nationale
Directeur-Membership

THE WALK

Randy Page, Directeur

Twenty-nine years ago (1990) the first "Walk" was performed during Promenade Nationale in St. Louis, MO. I would like to give you some history that Holly and I, our secretary at Headquarters, researched from the 40/8 archives.

Chef de Chemin de Fer 1988 C. Frank Martin was told by his doctor that he needed to walk more to stay in good health. Frank arrived at V-21's family picnic in Terre Haute, IN with an Indian bonnet and pounding on a huge drum to entice the Voyageurs to support the new National Program that he was about to start. Frank was always thinking of gimmicks to raise money for the 40/8 and he received donations from almost every Voyageur, Dame and guest at the picnic for the "Walk". Frank was seen at many Promenade Nationale's wearing his Hobo Clown outfit, riding his bicycle in the parades and drumming up donations for his Walk program.

Correspondant National Bob Low generated the first informational letter To Voiture's Locale Chefs de Gare to support the Boland/Ardery funds Walk. For each \$15 (or more) sponsorship, your Locale will be mailed an official "Child Welfare/Nurses Training Walking Shirt". This is a reportable activity for both of these Programs and for the Voiture Activities report.

This year there are two colors available, red and blue with pockets for \$20 each or you can simply make a donation by mailing your checks to Voiture Nationale and memo the "Walk". I will be at some events this year with an inventory of shirts and you can save the postage.

The Walk this year will be held on Wednesday September 11th at 9:00 A.M. underneath the lobby.

Betty Martin (Frank's wife) and James Helmick (Meathead) contributed to this article.



With assistance from John Kaiserian and Mike McGary, Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams show this year's Frank Martin Memorial "WALK" shirts. They come in either red or blue and all have a pocket. All shirts sell for \$20.00 with proceeds going to the Memorial Walk.

RITUAL

Steve Bradley



I hope everyone celebrated the 99th Birthday of La Societe this past month. I am looking forward for the

plans to celebrate our 100th Birthday!

As I mentioned last month, this is the time of the year to plan your Calvin Kane Memorial Service on or around Memorial Day. The Calvin Kane Memorial Service is a stand alone service and should not be included during a Promenade. If you plan to hold the Calvin Kane Memorial Service at the time of a Promenade, do it before or after the Promenade not during the Promenade.

In the Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies, in the Order of Business of a Promenade, after the Roll Call of Officers

the next item is Memorial Service for a Deceased Voyageur. This Memorial Service is completely different than the Calvin Kane Memorial Service. The Memorial Service for a Deceased Voyageur should be held during a first promenade after the death of one of your Voyageurs. Hopefully a short Eulogy will be given in memory of the Deceased Voyageur. Make yourself familiar with this service which includes the Chef de Gare, Chef de Train, Commis Voyageur, and Conducteur if needed. The Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies suggests a six feet

long black ribbon, which will give three feet of double ribbon as a drape for your Voiture Banner.

A reminder to all Grande Voiture's and Voiture's Locales that the National Color Guard Competition will be held at Promenade Nationale in September. This is the time to practice for the competition.

Keep track of your time and expenses for your Ritual Report which is coming due.

At Promenade Nationale, the National Ritual Committee will meet and discuss matters of Ritual. On the National 40 et 8 website under

Ritual is this instruction:

It is recommended that each Grande Voiture and Voiture Locale have a Ritual Committee. Their duties should be to study thoroughly the Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies and offer suggestions to improve it to the Permanent Ritual Committee for its consideration and recommendation to the Promenade Nationale.

With this in mind, any suggestions for improving our Ritual can be mailed or emailed to me.

Steve Bradley

CARVILLE STAR SPECIAL FUND-RAISING EFFORT

Tom Adams, National Directeur



On behalf of your Carville Star Committee, I bid you "bonjour!" Our Committee continues its work to fulfill our mission of support to the Hansen's Disease Museum at Carville, the Carville Historic District, the Carville Cemetery, and the publication of The Star. Our 40&8 "footprint" is found throughout Carville and as I have described in previous writings, our tradition demands that the Carville Star Program remain attentive to our mission.

Those who toured Carville as part of this year's Cajun Wreck witnessed first-hand our recent mission accomplishments - the monument in the cemetery, relocated with our funding; the interpretive signs that we purchased to guide visitors to points of

interest on the grounds of Carville (the Historic District); and the visitor brochures that give credit to 40&8 for their funding and include information about membership in 40&8. All this was made possible through your generous contributions and pin purchases. Merci!

After seeing the deplorable condition of the Carville Cemetery plot dedicated to The Daughters of Charity (see photo), our Committee decided to embark on a special project dedicated to its repair and restoration. (The plot is conspicuously situated near the entrance to the cemetery. Soil erosion and tree roots have led to broken concrete "curbing" and misplacement of headstones.) Based upon the quote of about \$4,000 to repair/restore the plot, we now need your donations to make it happen. Please send them (and any outstanding funds from pin sales) to our treasurer (Tom Emerson, Carville Star Treasurer, 615 W 3rd Ave., Garnett KS 66032). Cemetery donations should be designated "For Carville Cemetery Fund."

Who are The Daughters of Charity? They are Catholic Sisters known for serving the sick and the poorest of the



Daughters of Charity Plot

poor. The Daughters of Charity served the Carville hospital as nurses, pharmacists, laboratory technicians, administrators and other staff for over one hundred years. The first four sisters arrived at Carville in 1896, after being hired as nurses to take care of Carville's first patients. They faced tremendous obstacles including refurbishment of dilapidated, vermin-infested buildings. The sisters overcame every trial to ultimately provide excellent care for patients, both spiritually and

physically. The sisters insisted on Christian burial for patients, and some elected to be buried in the Carville Cemetery alongside the patients they so heroically served. There are five sisters memorialized in the subject plot at the Carville Cemetery. Four are interred, and one is remembered by a memorial stone. Two of the interred sisters were patients who came to Carville from South America.

Our 2020 Carville Star Pin will complement our special fund-raising effort and



2020 Carville Star Pin

honor the Daughters of Charity. (see photo). The pin features two sisters meeting the arrival of a new patient by ambulance. The ambulance bears the name "U.S. Marine Hospital No.66," the official name of the Carville hospital until changed to a U.S. Public Health Hospital. Patients referred to the sisters as "angels" in part because of their coronet (headgear), but also because of the respect and care they received from the sisters. (Production of the pin is pending.)

Please remember our Carville Star Program and make it a part of your fund-raising efforts. "Take a pie" if needed to help us reach our goal of repairing/restoring the cemetery plot. Our Committee wishes you a great Spring, and fun-filled and productive times.



MINNESOTA VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR

Robert Rolander was awarded the Grande Voiture du Minnesota Voyageur of the Year for 2018 at their Midwinter Petite Promenade in Forest Lake. Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams and Minnesota Grand Chef de Gare Terry Steele did the presentation on February 2nd.

L to R: Rick Williams, Robert Rolander and Terry Steele.



RECRUITING MEMBERSHIP

Grand Chef de Gare du Texas Renslar Keagle at Dumas Texas for the American Legion District Convention; giving a PowerPoint presentation on the Forty and Eight. The purpose was to generate interest in La Societe and to regenerate the Amarillo Locale. Success was reached when six new members signed up.



GRAND DU TEXAS CELEBRATES GRATITUDE TRAIN 70TH ANNIVERSARY

TEXAS MERCI BOXCAR 70TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

They came from all around Texas (over 2,500 miles travelled) to attend the 70th Anniversary of the Texas Merci Boxcar, a historic gift of friendship from the people of France and a part of the Gratitude Train of 1949!

In 1950 the Grand Voiture du Texas met for the 1st annual pilgrimage (photo attached) and thought they should do this each year. As they have done since 1950 members of the Forty & Eight veterans organization held their Annual Pilgrimage here in Austin. This year is the 70th Annual Pilgrimage held!

Little fanfare surrounded their memorial service where they read off the names of the Voyageurs Militaire and Dames who passed over the last 12 months. But their dedication should be noted as nearly all members of this organization travel at their own expense. There is no big budget for travel like the larger veteran organizations, yet most have repeated this trip for years. A very special Thank You to those dedicated folks in Grand du Texas!



TEN FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT

1. James Madison had an early role in getting the monument project started. In 1833, the Washington National Monument Society, a private organization, came up with the idea for the tribute to the first President. Madison along with Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall started the society.

2. The first monument design featured a rotunda and a Roman-like George Washington. The initial winning bid came from architect Robert Mills, whose designed a flat-topped obelisk with a statue of Washington in a chariot, along with statues of 30 Founding Fathers. The current obelisk design was proposed in 1876.

3. The Masons and the Pope were involved with the monument. Yes, the Free Masons were involved in the cornerstone ceremony and they used Washington's Masonic symbols in the ceremony. At the 1848 ceremony were 20,000 people, and a container that held copies of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and other objects was buried in the cornerstone.

4. Abraham Lincoln was at the 1848 cornerstone ceremony. The eclectic guest list

included three James Buchan-an, Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Dolley Madison and Alexander Hamilton's widow, Betsey Hamilton, and of course, the then-current President, James K. Polk.

5. So how does the Pope fit into all of this? The Society asked for people to donate ceremonial stones as part of the construction process. Pope Pius IX donated a memorial stone of marble, which infuriated the anti-Catholic Know Nothing Party. The Know-Nothings got their revenge by rigging the leadership election for the Washington National Monument Society. Congress cut off monument funding for 5 years until the Know Nothings left the group.

6. Nothing happened to the monument for a 22-year period. After the Know-Nothing takeover in the 1850s, the monument became stalled to the point that it was used as a slaughter yard and cattle pen during the Civil War. Congress took over the project in 1876.

7. It took the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to get the job done. The Engineers worked with Lt. Col. Thomas Lincoln Casey to modify the

original ornate plans. The monument's stripped-down, lean look was part of a cost-cutting effort. On December 6, 1884, an aluminum cap used as a lightning-protection device was placed on top. In February 1885, the dedication ceremony took place.

8. The Monument was the world's tallest building when it was dedicated. The Washington Monument as dedicated stood at 555 feet 5 inches tall. The Cologne Cathedral had been the world's tallest man-made structure. The Eiffel Tower soon surpassed the Monument.

9. The Monument is an engineering marvel. The Washington Post recently pointed out an interesting fact in an on-going debate about the Monument as the world's tallest free-standing masonry structure. The Monument's marble blocks are held together by just gravity and friction, and no mortar was used in the process.

10. The Washington Monument: Movie star. Nothing says "location shot" in a film like the Washington Monument, especially when the icon is under attack from aliens and terrorists, or used



as a backdrop in a thriller or mystery. But maybe the most memorable appearance, in a real-life moment, occurred in August 1963, when Martin

Luther King Jr. spoke on the mall in Washington, with the Lincoln Memorial stage facing the Monument.

POW/MIA

Steven W. Siegers, Sous Directeur Nationale POW/MIA North West



The purpose of the National POW/MIA Program is to raise funds in Honor of the Servicemen and Women who were Prisoners of War or are considered Missing in Action while serving in the defense of the United States of America, or its allies during times of conflict. These funds ensure the formation and continuance of our Scholarship Trust Fund. These Scholarships are

for the direct descendants of verifiable POW/MIA Servicemen and Women. Scholarships are limited to the Veteran, the Spouse, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of the Veteran.

Funds for this Program provide students with \$1000.00 each in Scholarship money to assist in their education. This year, Trade Schools have been added for consideration

of selection. Every year the recipient must resubmit the proper application paperwork to be selected for subsequent years. Merchandise sales, and donations provide all of our monies in support of these Scholarships.

2. Raising our POW/MIA Scholarship Program
 3. Consolidated Reports
 4. POW/MIA Pin Design
- Merchandise/Donation Contact: Sous Directeur Colinda Walker 317-840-6252, colinda.walker@yahoo.com

DO NOT FORGET OUR FOUR GOALS:

1. Merchandise sales

CELEBRATING LA SOCIETE'S BIRTHDAY

VOITURE NO. 316 GRAND DU OREGON CELEBRATES THE FORTY & EIGHT'S 99TH BIRTHDAY

March 16th, 2019 Voiture 316 of Grand du Oregon held its annual Birthday celebration to honor the 99th Birthday of the Forty & Eight. Local Chef de Gare Paul Trueax praised the Forty & Eight for all the programs available that help Veterans and their Families, Youth and Nurses of the local community. He went on to say where would our community be if the Forty & Eight had not been formed



Pictured from Left to Right: Larry Bingham youngest Voyageur, Norm Fraser oldest Voyageur and Chef de Gare Paul Trueax eating the Birthday Cake.



Birthday Cake Voiture 316

SHAWANO COUNTY NO. 986 CELEBRATES THEIR 99TH BIRTHDAY OF LA SOCIETE



Dan Rindt on left is Chef de Tran and Jack Beggs on the right is Chef de Gare.

V-1637 CELEBRATES THE 40 & 8'S BIRTHDAY IN CANADA



FLAGS FOR 1ST GRADERS



V-751

Winnebago County No. 751 Grande de Wisconsin has been participating in the Flags for 1st Graders program since 2009. As these two pictures will show; their motto is BIG OR SMALL WE DO THEM ALL referring to the size of the class.



V-338

For many years Liberty School in Sonoma county has held a Veterans Day recognition program. Each student at the school gathers in the multi-purpose room and honors veterans with songs, readings and poems. Sonoma County Voiture 338 gives each student an American flag. The enclosed picture shows over 250 students all waving American flags in their salute to Veterans. The Voyageurs present were touched by the outpouring of respect and care these students have given in a program to honor veterans held each year for many years.

Submitted by:

Jack Schipper
Sous Directeur Nurses Training North, Grand Du California



SCENES FROM CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER RICK WILLIAM'S HOMECOMING

April 4th - 6th in Cleveland, Tennessee; was the site of the combined Hillbilly Wreck and Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams Homecoming. The weather was outstanding along with all of the scenic sites in eastern TN. A large crowd of Voyageurs, Dames and friends were on hand for Rick's Homecoming. New York, Florida, Arizona, Missouri and other parts of La Societe all gathered to honor for Big Chef Rick for his outstanding contributions to La Societe.



South Carolina Voyageurs in attendance



Chef de Chemin de Fer Williams seated along two new Voyageurs and the Wrecking Crew from the Hillbilly Wreck.



Big Chef Rick receiving his own enlarged pin from Joe Jarnick.



National Presidente Cheryl and Big Chef Rick before the banquet.



Kathy & Chuck Graham still can't get over the nice weather in Tennessee compared to upstate snowy New York.



Johnny and Sam Hun Keel of Louisiana present Big Chef Rick with a beautiful eagle from Voiture Locale No. 274.

WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER?

Mike Wood



Webster's defines the word Volunteer as "One who offers himself for a service of his own free will." We all realize that all of the leaders of the various programs in La Societe are volunteers. It has been said that you can only ask these individuals to do so

much because they are volunteers, so we must tread lightly when discharging the duties of those program committees. I do not believe that this is true and we should run the programs just as you would run any business to be successful. Sometimes you must be truthful and factual and these are times that you cannot tread lightly to get the results needed. This is why I believe the programs of La Societe that are comprised of volunteers should be run to be successful and can be done so with volunteers.

When a person volunteers for a program he is doing so because he wants to or he believes in that program, and is doing so of his own free will just as defined by the dictionary. I believe that this service

is even more vital and demanding because he is doing it willingly. I have heard it said that "They are volunteers, you are not paying them." This is very true and I ask you to consider the following. We all work for a living to get paid and we do this for one reason, it is a necessity. We have a responsibility to our families to provide them with shelter, food and the basics of life. So as you can see there is no choice there, we must work for a living. Now, when we volunteer for anything we are doing so because we want to, not because it is a necessity of life. This is not something that we are required to do to live or support a family; it is of our own free will. In knowing this, I believe that volunteer work is just as sincere and

honorable, if not even more so, than the work that we do for pay that is required. I believe this and think that we should offer the very best of our abilities to do volunteer work as we would do work that is for pay.

In closing I ask that you consider this the next time you volunteer for any position in the Forty and Eight. If you are not prepared to work that project just as you would one that you would be paid for, maybe that is not something you need to get involved in. I believe that volunteer work carries a reward that is more valuable than money and that is self-satisfaction and self-pride that you were a part of something that improves or helps a program for the betterment of an organization that

you believe in, and there is no paycheck in the world that is better than that feeling.

So as a volunteer be prepared to work that program just as you would a business. Follow the direction of the leadership and be prepared to do what is necessary to get results from your subordinates. This may involve not always being "The nice guy." However the end results of the work done by you will be beneficial.

A Volunteer is the finest of people and doing the most honorable type of work that any human being can do because it is done for a noble cause that you believe in. Not everything in life is measured in dollars and cents.

Merci,
Mike Wood



FROM THE NATIONALE PRESIDENTE

Cheryl Jannick, Nationale Presidente



Before starting on my next adventure I do want to make one correction to my Florida trip. In my previous article I thanked Voiture/Cabane 162r for the hospitality room. I later learned that the hospitality room was put on by the Grande Voiture candidates for office. Thank You!

Having survived the "Polar Vortex" on January 30 and 31 with sub-zero temperatures, it was off to Forest Lake Minnesota for their Mid-Winter. When we left Detroit on Friday February 1st the temperature was 40° F when we came home on Sunday the temperature was 50° F. Like they say, if you don't like the weather in Michigan wait an hour and it will change.

We were met in the Minneapolis airport by Rob who was assigned by Lorinda to transport us to the hotel. I was amazed to see that Minnesota looked just like Michigan, a little snow, a little ice, cloudy and lots of dirty cars. We got settled into our room and it was off to lunch at Keys Restaurant and then over to the Forest Lake American Legion Post for some social time. Chef Rick had driven to Minnesota on Thursday and was out "ice fishing". I was NOT sorry that was not part of my agenda - Thank You Lorinda! A group of us went to Vanellies for an excellent dinner Friday evening then back to the hotel for a good night's sleep.

The Minnesota Grande Cheminot started at 10:00 AM at the American Legion Post. Each chairman gave a brief history of their program and what progress has been achieved to date. The reports were interesting and very well done. Chef Rick was escorted in to bring greetings to the La Femmes and I was escorted over to the Grand Voiture Cheminot to bring greetings to the Voyagers. When the Cheminot was over Forest Lake Legion Post #225 served an excellent lunch. Then it was back to the hotel for a quick change and back to the Legion for dinner, program and presentations. I must say I have never had a "Legion banquet" as good as this one was. Normally I slide

my entree over to Joe's plate and just eat the vegetables and dessert. Not this night - Joe kept waiting and watching as I consumed my entire meal. That was the BEST roast beef I have ever had! After the banquet we returned to the hotel to enjoy the hospitality room hosted by several Voiture's with varying beverages and snacks. Since we did not have to drive home on Sunday we had a little extra time to sit in the hospitality room and visit with our Minnesota "family".

On Sunday morning I was treated to a wonderful breakfast at Keys Restaurant with the Minnesota Grande Presidentes Passe. Then it was off to the airport in the foggy, misty, icy morning weather. Thank you Minnesota for your hospitality!

On Tuesday February 19th (Pack Mule Joe's birthday) we headed South to the Cajun Wreck. Joe and I have been making this road trip since 1992 and have always enjoyed the fact that the further south we go the greener it gets and more flowers we see. That gives us Northerners some hope that Spring isn't far away. We arrived in Lafayette, LA on Wednesday afternoon and were greeted by Verona Courville and her husband. Verona had our room all ready with "refreshments" and snacks. Wednesday evening we attended the Lafleur dinner party hosted by Ken "Doc" and Patricia. As always everything was excellent and I received some pretty awesome Marti Gras beads.

Thursday morning bright and early we were on our way to Carville, LA to visit the Hansen's Disease Museum and grounds. Tom Adams from Mississippi is the Carville Director. He is just getting into his first year and doing an awesome job! He has several new projects that will be presented to the membership for support in the coming year. I see good things in the future for the Carville program. After our visit to Carville we had lunch at a quaint little restaurant along the Mississippi River. Thursday night we had dinner at Randall's, another Cajun restaurant then back to the hotel to mingle and enjoy some southern hospitality.

On Friday afternoon I attended the Carville Committee meeting and heard Directeur Tom Adams present his plan for the program going forward. If you have never visited Carville you should put that on your bucket list. It is important to preserve the history of the residents of Carville and of those that dedicated their lives to take care of the residents. Friday evening

was the delicious Early Bird dinner. For dessert several of us were presented with a pie in the face to raise funds for a program of our choice. Even though Box Car is my program this year I couldn't help but donate the approximately \$240 raised from my pie to Carville.

On Saturday afternoon I attended the Grande Cabane Cheminot followed by entertainment provided by a Cajun Band and some of the famous fried alligator which we always enjoy and look forward to when we attend the Cajun Wreck. Saturday evening was the annual Cajun banquet and more hospitality to complete an awesome Louisiana weekend.

Thank you Louisiana for your hospitality!

March started out with Michigan's Grande Cheminot hosted by Cabane 946 Lansing. After the Cheminot we had a "team" meeting to discuss the last minute details of my Homecoming. I must say I would not have been able to have a homecoming if it wasn't for the work of the Voyagers and Dames of 946.

Thursday, March 14th found us at Causeway Bay Hotel at 9:30 AM, the start of an exciting weekend. There was plenty of help there to unload all the food and beverages for the weekend.

Guests started arriving early afternoon Thursday. There were a few issues with cancelled flights, missed flights, and lost luggage but by the end of the day we had twenty-nine for dinner at Applebee's.

Friday was a day of lunch and shopping at Old Towne in Lansing which has quaint little boutiques, a popcorn store and a restaurant that has the best pizza. Friday evening we traveled to Lansing 946 Chateau for their Fish Fry and/or Steak dinner. Then back to the hotel for more hospitality and Mexican Train Dominos for some of us. All of a sudden it's Saturday - Homecoming Day - and there are the Lansing Voyagers and Dames hustling around, making sure everything is moving as planned. They have hospitality down to a science. What would I do without them!

Bob Kaseman was gracious enough to accept the job of Master of Ceremonies for the evening. I knew he had something planned because we kept getting hints of the Tres Amigos throughout the weekend. For those of you that don't know about the Tre's Amigos, they were "born" during one of our trips to Arizona. Joe, Verne and Bob were presented with sombreros and named the Tres

Amigos. Everyone at the dinner was given a headband with sombreros and just prior to dinner the Tres Amigos and the Posse of Chef de Chemin de Fers marched in with awesome black and gold sombreros.

I was fortunate enough to have nine Chef de Chemin de Fers, seven La Presidente's Passe and one Honorary Presidente Passe in attendance. Guests were from Michigan, Florida, Indiana, Georgia, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alaska, Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina and Minnesota.

I received monetary gifts, gift cards, and many beautiful and thoughtful gifts. I was also fortunate enough to receive a wood sculpture of my pin hand crafted by my Pack Mule, aka Joe, truly a one of a kind gift.

How do I begin to thank everyone involved for making the weekend possible? Those that worked their butts off to make sure that I didn't have to worry about anything and could enjoy my guests. Those that traveled many miles to share this once in a lifetime experience with me. I am truly blessed to have such an awesome La Societe family!

I do want to say a special THANK YOU to Jim Coe my hotel man, Lori Coe my money lady, Mike Brokenshire my everything I needed man, Janice my organizer/bartender/van driver and Suzanne my bartender. There were many more behind the scenes but these five were there the entire weekend.

April found Joe and I traveling to Cleveland Tennessee on Thursday the 4th for Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams Homecoming and Hillbilly Wreck. What a beautiful trip. We left the Frozen, Grey North and traveled South to the ever changing Spring countryside. The further we drove the warmer, sunnier and greener it got. We encountered some rain showers but it seems rain is more tolerable when you see the beautiful green grass, trees starting to bloom and flowers popping up along the interstate. Cleveland was only an 8 hour drive so we arrived in Cleveland just in time to enjoy the early bird barbecue. We spent the evening at the Cleveland Legion Post and enjoyed listening to some of our own entertaining us with Karaoke, and we even danced just a little.

After breakfast on Friday it was back to the American Legion Post for hospitality and, Yes, some rousing games of Mexican Train Dominos. Thanks to the Kaseman's we even have an awesome crown



that the winner of each game gets to wear. After an afternoon of fun we went to the Olive Garden for a great dinner (Thanks Rick!). We were so full after dinner it was very difficult to force down a few drinks, but we managed, then it was off to the room to rest up for Saturday's events.

Saturday morning about 9:30 several Dames (and Doc Lafleur) were off to a private wine tasting at a local winery. What a lovely drive through the Tennessee countryside all green and abloom. We tasted several different types of wine made onsite, my favorite wine is muscadine. Because our wine tasting was in the morning my breakfast consisted of wine and oyster crackers. The oyster crackers were simply to "clean the pallet" and made a very interesting breakfast - and surprisingly not a bad thing either! After our wine tasting we were off to shop and/or have lunch before returning to the American Legion Post for wreck's Third Degree. After some hospitality at the hotel we were back at the Legion Post for cocktails and Rick's Homecoming Dinner. The food was excellent, the company was awesome and Rick's Homecoming is now in the history books!

The Voyagers and Dames of 735 did an excellent job of setting up and following through with all the work needed to make the Hillbilly Wreck and Rick's Homecoming a huge success!

Thank you to Cabane 735, especially Angie, Dallas and Debbie for all the gifts in my room, the beautiful hat box filled with bling and all of your Southern hospitality.

Thank you Rick for your hospitality. I look forward to the opportunity to share our upcoming Forty and Eight and LaFemme adventures with you until our finale in September in Myrtle Beach.

In closing I want to say - Thank You to Kay Wesner, Nationale Presidente 1986, Nationale Avocat, my good friend and longtime mentor. We will miss your smile, your laugh, your jokes, and most of all your kind and loving soul! May you now rest in peace with your beloved Red. I Love You!

Still Living the Dream!
Cheryl Jannick
La Presidente Nationale 2019



AMERICANISM

Dan Evers, National Directeur

Well we are at the downhill slope of the year. Things will start moving so fast it will make your head spin. If you have not been keeping track of your hours it is a good time to set back and start counting. We need all the Grands to send in your year-end reports. That would be

great. Looking at the hours that we put in with less than half of the Grands responding, if they all did we would be in the millions of dollars and time. Due by July 15th.

We have a few Dog tags left so if you want some just give Milt Harrison a call. Give one to your spouse, they

would love it. I hope to have the new pins for next year by the end of April. We will get the word out to all when they arrive. We will also be doing pre orders on them so hopefully you have them in time for your Grand Prom.

There is still time for Flags for First graders and with

Memorial Day and Flag Day not far away this is a great time.

Have you found anyone for the Americanism Award? There are a lot of people out there that are deserving of the award. I need these by June 1.

I am going to Arlington this year to help with the Memorial Day ceremonies. I'm looking forward to it since it will be my first trip to D.C. but won't be able to do as much site seeing as I would like. Hope to see a lot of Voitures there.

NATIONALE POW/MIA

Barbara Dotzauer, Chairperson



Greetings Dames,
My name is Barbara

Dotzauer, and I have the honor to serve you as your Nationale POW/MIA Scholarship Chairperson. My purpose is to assist in any way in promoting this wonderful program. We as Dames can assist in keeping these scholarships going by a variety of ways selling pins, and collecting Pennies for POW/MIA. It doesn't have to be just pennies; any time you're out and about just pass a container and ask for donations for the program. Anyone can contribute to our program.

The purpose of the National POW/MIA Program is to raise funds in Honor of the Servicemen & Women who were Prisoners of War, or are considered Missing in Action while serving in the defense of the United States of America, or its allies during times of armed conflict. The funds are raised to facilitate the formation and continuance of a Scholarship Trust Fund for the direct descendants of verifiable POW/MIA Servicemen and Women. Scholarships are limited to the Veteran, the

Spouse of the veterans, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of the veteran. This is our way of thanking these families for losing a loved one who has given the supreme sacrifice for our daily freedoms.

For detailed information and scholarship form visit the National 40 et 8 website.

Each year a goal is established to help with the scholarships and we as Dames have done a fantastic job of trying to meet this goal. I hope we can continue to do

so and exceed this goal every year. If I can be of any assistance to promote this program reach out to me and I'll do my utmost to assist all questions. Remember Presidente Cheryl's motto: "Together we can!" So let's work together to make this a great year for our Scholarships.

Yours in Service,
Barbara Dotzauer
Nationale POW/MIA Scholarship Chairperson

NATIONAL PRESIDENTE'S HOMECOMING

March 14th - 16th in Lansing Michigan, a celebration for National Presidente Cheryl Jammick took place. The weather cooperated and many Voyageurs and Dames from all over La Societe converged to honor Cheryl this weekend. Great food, wonderful camaraderie, making new friendships along with renewing old ones.



What better reason to build the wall than this!



Cheryl with members of her family.



Madame Presidente addressing the audience.



Big Chef Rick and National Presidente Cheryl celebrating St. Patrick's Day



Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Jim & Lori Coe enjoying the evening.



Cheryl receiving her own gavel from Carol Austin.



A beautiful gift from husband Joe.

NATIONAL BOX CAR ASSOCIATION

Wanda Hunter, National Sous Directeur



The National Box Car Association is in the last months of ending the year 2018-2019 with a "Bang". I am sure that every Voyageur has been asked at least once or twice to buy Box Car Pins, Crew and Associate Cards, Coins and the new Whistle. Every year the Box Car Association wants and needs a complete sellout of all "Merchandise"

to accomplish our goal. What is the "Goal" you ask, it is to donate to every National Program. At Promenade Nationale, a donation is made to sponsor a "Children Party" where a local Elementary School located near the Venue is invited to come and have a day of fun with lunch. The Elementary School is also given a monetary

donation. The Box Car "Hobos" provide entertainment to the children. The Box Car Association donates all monies received to Hero of the Year, Law Officer of the Year, Membership, VAVS, Merci Box Car Maintenance Fund, PALS, and 40 et 8 er Magazine. The Box Car Association needs your increased

support to continue providing for all Programs at National. The 2020 Box Car Pin design contest was won by Sous Directeur Dennis Matarrese, and will be available in June 2019. For all orders please contact Box Car Secretaire/Treasurer Frank Kronen (216)210-1898.



La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux WHO ARE WE?



- **La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, the Society of 40 Men & Eight Horses** is an independent, by invitation, honor organization of male and female U. S. veterans, more commonly known as the **Forty & Eight**.
- The **Forty & Eight** is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well being of veterans and their widows, widowers and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurse's training.
- The titles and symbols of the **Forty & Eight** reflect its First World War origins. Americans were transported to the battle front on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a "40/8", denoting its capacity to hold either **forty men or eight horses**. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar to all who fought in the trenches; a common small misery among American soldiers who thereafter found "40/8" a lighthearted symbol of the deeper service, sacrifice and unspoken horrors of war that bind all who have borne the battle.
- The **Forty & Eight** was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion, the **Forty & Eight** became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.

WE ARE ALL VETERANS WHO LOVE AND STILL WANT TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY, OUR VETERANS AND OUR COMMUNITY!

Child Welfare

- The Voyageurs Militaire (Military Travelers) founded a Child Welfare Program in 1923 to ease the pain and suffering of those children whose fathers never returned or who were unable to care for their needs after the "Big War." Today, this program has grown to include all children with emergent needs, and our efforts amount to over eight million dollars annually.

Youth Sports

- The Youth Sports Program was established in 1994. Through this program, the 40/8 provides financial assistance in the form of grants to individual athletes or teams who lack the funds required to attend and participate in amateur sports programs. This program encompasses all amateur sports programs for all youths from 7 to 20 years of age.

Nurses Training

- In 1955, the Voyageurs Militaire, recognizing the shortage of Registered Nurses, adopted a program to provide financial assistance, in the form of scholarships, to those individuals who enrolled for this training. With 2,131 students receiving over \$1,100,000 in scholarships this past year, the Forty & Eight has granted in excess of \$35,000,000 and graduated over 35,000 Registered Nurses since the inception of this program.

Carville Star

- As one of their ongoing programs, the Voyageurs Militaire offer continuing support of the publication, "The Carville Star," which disseminates the information regarding the research into Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) taking place in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There they have been successful in isolating, controlling and soon, through their research, the development of a vaccine to prevent Hansen's disease. "The Star" is published at Greenfield, Indiana. This patient-published publication carries the research works of not only this center, but those of the rest of the world, and is translated into and forwarded to 128 countries in addition to a circulation of more than 60,000 in the United States.

Americanism

- By virtue of being veterans who have served their country in its time of greatest need, the fun-loving, hard-working Voyageurs Militaire maintain a strong commitment to the American way of life. Americanism projects, respect for the flag, Constitution, Law and Order and the proven willingness to defend these principles is evident in the day-to-day activities of members of our society.

(VAVS) Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service

- The Forty & Eight, as are most Veterans Organizations, is an active member and participant in the VAVS program. As part of this program, Voyageurs (called Deputy Representatives) visit the Veteran Administration Medical Centers on a regular basis, where they give comfort and assistance to, or just visit with, the hospitalized veterans. The Forty & Eight has adopted an additional program for these veterans, called "Keep Those Wheelchairs Rolling." Under this program, the VAVS Representative writes a brief letter outlining a "need" of the patients. These "needs" may cover a project, equipment or comfort and convenience items needed by the hospitalized veterans. The entries are then judged on the need and benefit to the patients, and those selected receive the item(s) requested, courtesy of the National Box Car Association.

National Box Car Association

- The National Box Car Association (NBCA) is an independent association within the Forty & Eight which raises funds by selling Crew or Associate Membership Cards. All funds raised by the Association are used within the year they are obtained. The National Box Car Association supports several special projects at Promenade Nationale (National Convention). Each year, a party for special children is planned at the host city. These special children and their escorts are treated to lunch, train rides and entertainment provided by HOB0 Clowns and bands. The entire cost of this party is paid by the NBCA from the funds collected in their annual membership drive. Another project at Promenade Nationale is a monetary donation made to the local VAVS Hospital or Clinic. This contribution usually goes to the Patient Services area. The NBCA also contributes large amounts to the various programs of Voiture Nationale (National Headquarters), such as the Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund and the Charles Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund. Monies are also given to the other programs which my require assistance, such as the Membership Committee, Forty & Eighter Magazine, Law Officer of the Year Program and many others.

POW/MIA Program

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National Special Awards Program

Each year Voiture Nationale of the 40/8 recognizes special people and Cities or Towns from around the Nation. These awardees are selected and nominated by Local Voiture's like V346. National Awardees in each category are:

• HERO OF THE YEAR

- The Hero of the Year award was adopted by La Societe during 1991. The purpose of the award is to recognize and pay tribute to a person whom, without hesitation or regard for their own safety, did demonstrate an unselfish desire to aid others. The 40/8 feels it is of paramount importance to recognize and respect those who perform a heroic deed.

• VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR

- The Voyageur of the Year was adopted by La Societe during 2001. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor Voyageurs who have performed outstanding service to La Societe. This service can be for something done for a particular program. Nurses Training, Child Welfare, Americanism or any of our named programs or for La Societe in general.

• LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR

- The Law officer of the Year award has been in existence for some time and has been well received by the Membership. The purpose of this award is to recognize and pay tribute to a Law Enforcement Officer who has done an outstanding job of performing his or her duties at the level of his employment, both past and present. Candidates for this award may be obtained by seeking recommendations from the agency chief executive (Superintendent, Sheriff, Chief, etc.) or directly by the Voiture Locale.

• CITY OR TOWN OF THE YEAR

- The City or Town of the Year was adopted by La Societe during 2001. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor a City or Town which has and/or is doing something significant for veterans in that City or Town. There are many cities and towns that meet this requirement. These cities and towns should be recognized and given publicity at all levels; Locale, Grande and Nationale. This recognition, hopefully, will encourage other cities and towns to do more for Veterans.

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For more information check us out at <http://www.fortyandeight.org/> or <http://www.ilfortyandeight.com/>





V-80 DONATION

Acknowledging National Child Abuse Prevention Month Lane County Votive 80 Grande du Oregon invited Peggy Whalen, Executive Director of the Family Relief Nursery, who provides assistance to children and families in Creswell, Cottage Grove and Drain at their monthly Promenade and presented her this ceremonial check along with a donation of Seven Hundred Dollars.



V-812 NURSES SCHOLARSHIPS

On Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 6:17 PM Fulton Co. V-812 Grande du Illinois presented the annual Nurses scholarships at Graham Hospital School of Nursing on Tuesday April 30th. The scholarships have been a program of V-812 for several years. Nurses that are in their Junior and Senior year are eligible for consideration. Two of the scholarships are given by the Steve Wagner Nurses Trust Fund. Voyageurs presenting the checks from the left are; Jim Watts, Commissar Intendant, Gerald Smith, Past Chef, Harold Rose, Past Chef, Jerry Surrells, 5th District Cheminot John Spahn, Chef De Gare, John Smith and Wally Hammond. The Scholarship presentation is one of the many presentations we make each year.



NORTHERN WISCONSIN WRECK

Five new Voyageurs were initiated into the ranks of La Societe in Grantsburg, Wisconsin on April 27th. Performing the initiation were Grand Chef de Gare/ Joe Story, Jim Vissers and Jim Chapin.



SOUTHLAND DIXIE GRAND CHEFS AND BIG CHEF RICK

Saturday evening at the Southland Dixie Promenade on April 27th had the following Grand Chef de Gares with Chef de Chemin de Fer (seated Rick Williams) pose before the banquet. Back Row L to R: Tom Reesman -Georgia, Mike Cartwright-Kentucky, Diane Yager-North Carolina, Gary Cox-Tennessee, Russell (Mac) McCarthy-Florida, Debbie Reynolds-South Carolina, Randy Schrader-Virginia.

100 PROMENADE NATIONALE IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC

September 10th, 2019 - September 14th, 2019



Our 100th Promenade Nationale is quickly approaching and we are encouraging

every Voyageur & Dame to come join us for this momentous Event.

I wanted to make sure everyone knows that the Early Bird on Tuesday will be a traditional Low Country Boil, which consists of Shrimp, Sausage, Potatoes, and Corn cooked all together in a pot with some southern spices (it's REAL good!) We will also have some chicken for those who cannot have seafood (please let us know in advance) We are also planning some entertainment.

A few weeks ago, I sent an email to every Grande Chef de Gare & Grande

Correspondant regarding Hospitality Rooms. If you, your Locale, or your Grande would like to host a Hospitality Room for a day please send me an email. The rooms are \$175 and will only be used for Hospitality Rooms. There will be no beds or sleeping in these rooms. You can, however, bring your own Beer, Booze, and food into the room; it does not have to be purchased through the Hotel. To reserve one, you must contact me and let me know. These are 1st come, 1st serve and need to be reserved as soon as possible.

William Simpson is putting a Golf Tournament together for Saturday-Wednesday. If you

are coming early or staying late, we can set you up for those days as well. Please send him an email at wsimpson204@comcast.net

if you are interested in playing golf while you are here. With over 100 courses in the area, it should be a good time.

Between now and September, I will be sharing more information as we get closer to this historical event. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to



contact me.

En Service,
Dave Hill
President
100th Promenade Nationale Corporation



Grande du South Carolina invites you to attend the 100th Promenade & 56th Rendezvous Nationale Myrtle Beach, SC September 10-14, 2019



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