

# Whistle Stop

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## From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings Voyageurs,

I'm sure you all know by now that Grand and Nationale Promenade have been canceled due to the current pandemic. A letter was sent out earlier to each locale plus put on the website explaining the state and national officers will remain in place for the following voiture year.

I am looking for some motivated Voyageurs to step up and take a directorship. If interested, please let me know. We also need qualified Voyageurs to step up so we can fill the Grand line. As of 20/7/20 Michigan is 64 Voyageurs short of making 100%. By the time you read this, a new membership year will have started.

I will be getting in touch with the national Directeurs to get the 2021 pins, and hopefully each Voiture will pick them up at Fall Cheminot. As you know, I did not do much traveling this year. Hopefully, everything starts clearing up so me and the Chef de Train can get out and visit other Voiture Locales. Those of you in the UP, I am still planning on making a visit before the end of summer.

That's it for now. I hope everybody is in good health. Hope to see you all soon. If I can help in any way, let me know.

**In service**

**Grand Chef Lonnie Haynes**



## From the Grande La Presidente

Dear Dames,

Well, with Grande Rendezvous being canceled I miss you even more than I did in the last edition. This is a very difficult time for some more than others but I truly myself just want to hug someone!!! I am hoping that I might get the chance to see you in October, I will cross my fingers.

I did at least have a bit of fun with Grande Chef Lonnie, Carrie and Mike delivering goodies to some of the local emergency responders. I look forward to doing a bit more of this in August.

I hope your summer has been filled with good memories even though it is hard right now. I look forward to when I get to see you next and hope if there is anything I can do for you that you will call.

Please feel free to call me at 1-517-204-2077 or email me at [loribolley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:loribolley@sbcglobal.net).

**Yours in Service,**

**Grande La Presidente**

**Lori A. Bolley-Majeske**



### Stay well

The following guidelines from the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention CDC could help you avoid the COVID-19 virus

Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

#### KNOW HOW IT SPREADS

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, which is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person:

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet);
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks;
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby, or possibly be inhaled into the lungs;
- Some recent studies have suggested COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

To prevent spread of COVID-19, everyone

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### Submissions accepted

We encourage any Voyageur or Voiture Locale to submit articles and photos to be used in the Whistle Stop. Email submissions to richadams946@gmail.com or via mail to 15855 Turnberry St., Lansing MI 48906.

### From the Grand Avocat

Greetings to all!

I sincerely hope everyone is well and staying safe. Many have said that we can get through this if we follow the guidance of the health care professionals. Do not forget to check on your neighbors and any Voyageurs that you haven't seen in a while.

New membership cards are out, we need to get on it quick. As you should all know by now, virtually everything has been canceled for this year. Our Grand Prom, Great Lakes Prom, Nationale Prom, most other Grand Proms across the country.

We are still working though. We are in the process of getting pins for our various programs. We need to figure a way to get them to the Voitures to get them sold. Grand still needs Directeurs of various programs, along with line officers. Qualified Voyageurs need to step up! Two or three people cannot properly run a Grand Voiture. Many hands make short work. I am available via call or email me at csmcoe@yahoo.com. Hope to see you in October, if we can swing it. Take care of yourself and each other.



**Yours in service,  
James Coe II  
Grand Avocat  
Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe**

## From the Grand Chef de Train

July 27, 2020  
Michigan Voyageurs,

### 2020 Membership Final Numbers

Total 29: 15 at 100% or better, 7 at 90%, 0 at 80%, 4 at 70% and 6 at 60.

### Great Job to all 15 AT 100% ers

Overall for our state, 7<sup>th</sup> largest in the U.S. we did very well.

I'm sure 100% effort was given to get to 100%.

### 2021 Membership

Now it's a new year all over again, national has not updated from 2020 yet no new numbers to report as of this stop.

Grand Promenade August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, has been canceled.

Fall Cheminot will be held in Lansing, here at V946. On 10 Oct 2020.

Call me, text me or E-mail me, I WANT TO AND CAN HELP!!!

**Respectfully Submitted;**  
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To prevent spread of COVID-19, everyone should:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

It is especially important to wash hands:

- Before eating or preparing food;
- Before touching your face;
- After using the restroom;
- After leaving a public place;

- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- After handling your cloth face covering;
- After changing a diaper;
- After caring for someone who is sick; and
- After touching animals or pets.

If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together.

