

Whistle Stop

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From the Grand Chef

Greetings Voyageurs!

Here it is, my final Whistle Stop article as Grand Chef. It has been a whirlwind year. I want to thank all that helped me make it a great experience. Especially, Grande La Presidente, Lori, for traveling around the state and country. And of course, her “sister wife”, who is loved by everyone. My Voiture (946) has supported me for many years and I can say, without reservation, they are some of the finest that there is. Merci.



We met with several successes this year, and a few failures. We got a start on communication with the help of our La Editer, Rich Adams; we have our Grande website, and a Grande Facebook

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The Voiture 946 train rolls by in the shadow of the Michigan Capitol Building during the Fourth of July Parade in Lansing.

From the Grand Presidente

Dear Dames,

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Grande Rendezvous this month, I look forward to catching up with all of you, I hope you have had a wonderful summer.

As I mentioned in the last Whistle stop I would love to hear from anyone interested in taking a chairmanship or an office, I am available to help and answer questions. Please feel free to call me at 1-517-204-2077 or email me at loribolley@sbcglobal.net.



Yours in Service,
Grande La Presidente
Lori A. Bolley-Majeske

Voyageurs,
I need correct listings of chefs and correspondents. The listings should include their street address, phone numbers and email address (if they have one). Thank you
Dave Webb
Grand Correspondante

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page. In case you didn't get the word, this is the communication path of the future. You need to get on board and plugged in, otherwise you will always be behind the power curve. Remember—knowledge is power. So, load up on some!

We were a little short on membership this year. We did make it to 96 percent but fell short again. We need to get serious about membership. Get some new blood in and share the load. Thanks to the Voitures who made it to 100 percent and over; we had 10 of them. Another six or so only needed one or two to make it. One consolation, we beat Ohio rather handily. Their Grand Chef will be at our Promenade to take delivery of his new Detroit Tigers shirt, which he will proudly wear while visiting us.

Grande Promenade is 10-11 August in Lansing. Registration forms and hotel info have been sent out and are on the web site. It is of the utmost importance that your Voiture be represented. The Chef de Chemin de Fer and Nationale La Presidente will be attending.

Of course, we will be having elections on Saturday. We will be electing the Grand line for next year. Endorsement letters should be on file, and nominations will be taken on the floor. As many of you know, we will be electing two (2) to enter the line; a new Lampiste and a Garde de la Porte. Let's get some hard-charging, dedicated Voyageurs to help guide our future. Interested individuals can contact me for more information.

We also will have a vote

on a special resolution—all good. Another situation we will be discussing is the proposed dues increase of \$5 per Voyageur at the Nationale level. If passed, it would take effect in January 2020. We need to agree on how we will vote our Grande at Nationale Promenade, which is 11-15 September in Louisville, KY. We will also be seeking delegates to same.

I need to close this down, I'll talk more at Grande Promenade. Thanks for a memorable year! Keep it rolling! Get those officer lists in. Good luck to Grand Chef Bob.

James A. Coe, II
Grand Chef de Gare

From the Grand Chef de Train

Greeting Fellow Voyageurs,

Here we are in the heat of summer and the final few days before Grand Promenade. It looks like we will fall short of the Grand Chef's membership goal of 100 percent. As of July 5th, we are at 96.29 percent with a total of 1,011 voyageurs and in 11th place overall. I was hoping to at least match last year's total of 1,049 voyageurs. Grand du Ohio is at 87.63 percent and in 43rd place. Great job to all who went out of their way to recruit new members and renew

memberships.

Since this will be my last report as Grand Chef de Tran, I want to thank everyone for their support and cooperation this past year. If God is willing and the rivers don't rise and with your support, I will be selected as Grand Chef de Gare and try to carry on the traditions and high standards of those that have gone before me.

I still have several openings for Grande Officers and we also have a couple openings in the Grande Line. If you know

of someone who is up to the challenge, please pass their names along.

Hope to see everyone at Grande Prom in Lansing on August 10 & 11. We have worked hard all year, now let's celebrate our accomplishments. Thank you for your continued service to our Country. Sincerely,

Robert Bialecki
Grand Chef de Tran
Grande du Michigan



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