

Whistle Stop

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Chef de Chemin de Fer Kenneth "Doc" Lafleur installs Grand Chef de Gare Robert Bialecki into office (left). Grand La Presidente Lori Bolley Majeske and La Presidente Nationale Joyce Robberstad share a moment at the podium (above).

From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings Fellow Voyaguers,

I would like to thank everyone for selecting me to serve as your Grand Chef de Gare. I am truly honored.

You know as veterans we have learned either through life or military service these attributes, 1. Love 2. Patriotism 3. Respect 4. Honor 5. Courage 6. Sacrifice 7. Patience and probably a mess more.

We learned to take care of those around us, how to be great friends, that the truth is always best, how to take a joke no matter how sensitive it might be, and to find the positive in those darkest of days.



We veterans make up 1 percent of this great country's population, that means there's 99 percent of the people who need to learn by your example, serving your country doesn't stop when you rotate out. Most of those civilians look up to us and expect us to be some type of leader or example on how to live. The veteran community should be seen as one solid cohesive group of people, who respect those around us and represent the veteran community with those same attributes that we so proudly boast about.

STAND TALL and STAND PROUD and set the example the rest of the country hasn't been able to experience. I LOVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO HAVE SACRIFICED FOR ME, And I promise I will try my best to represent

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you with honor and integrity.

Let us all get involved in supporting and managing the many 40 & 8 programs that help our fellow Veterans and the communities we live in. Let's show what we do and who we are. Everyone needs to be active in recruiting new members and encouraging our current members to renew their memberships and participate in the 40 & 8 events. Every one of us needs to ensure that our fellow Voyaguers are kept up to date on all the happenings throughout the year at Grande du Michigan. Together we can make this a very productive year. I look forward to talking with all of you.

We still have Grande Line openings and the Grande Directuer openings for VAVS, Historian and Grande Organizer.

Sincerely,
Bob Bialecki
Grand Chef du Gare
Grande du Michigan

From the Grand La Presidente

Greetings Dames,

Congratulations Cheryl Jammick Nationale Presidente 2018-2019. We are so proud of you.

It has been a busy time between Grande and Nationale, I hope to get out to see everyone in the next few months weather permitting I will be trying to make it to your locale Rendezvous.

Gearing up for Fall Cheminot and hoping to see all of you there. If there is anything I can do for you or your locale please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in service,
Lori A. Bolley-Majeske
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From the Grand Avocat/Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer

Greetings from the Grand Avocat!

Just back from Promenade Nationale in Louisville, KY. Lots of meetings, info, etc. Too much for here. Best way to get all the pertinent stuff is to show up for Grande Cheminot next month in Lansing.

We had some success at elections/appointments. I was elected Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer for the next year. Receiving



appointments were Randy Gregor and Gary Bourdeau.

Michigan was presented six plaques (that I will give out at Cheminot), mostly for our efforts on membership! I also picked up the pins for our various programs. We need to get these out to the Voiture Locales to get them sold and support our programs.

We got to about 97 percent last year in membership. We need to get to 100 percent this year! I will gladly carry another load of plaques home from Myrtle Beach.

The password has not changed. We have two vacant

positions in the Grande line which we need to fill. Its hard to imagine that out of over a thousand members, we can't find five who are worthy of getting in the line and eventually becoming Grand Chef. The apathy has to be eliminated!

We have a voiture with three PGs. If there are more out there, please notify me or the Grand Chef and we'll put together a wreck.

Be represented—see you at Cheminot.

James A. Coe II
Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer

Photos from Grande Promenade 2018



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La Societe Des Quarante Hommes ET Huit Chevaux

To: Grand Officers
Grand Cheminots
Voiture Officers

Grand Committeemen
Grand Executive Committee
Interested Voyageurs

By order of the Chef de Gare, Grande Voiture du Michigan, the Fall Cheminot will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Voiture 946, 2949 S. Waverly Highway, Lansing, MI 48911

Pre-registration \$10, send to Rich Adams, 15855 Turnberry St. Lansing MI 48906
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO VOITURE 946

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets at 1000 hours, then each committee will be called in order, then the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will close the meeting.

SCHEDULE

Friday, October 5, 2018 Fish fry at Voiture 946
Saturday, October 6, 2018 Time and Place, 1030 hours
Saturday, lunch SOUP AND SANDWICHES, \$6
CHEMINOT CONVENES at 1300 hours

ALL OFFICERS, CHEMINOTS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTEURS ARE ADVISED
TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF THEIR REPORT to the Correspondent.


Robert Bialecki
Grand Chef de Gare


Rich Adams
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