

Whistle Stop

June 2024



A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

From the Grand Chef de Gare

Voyageurs,
We have lost two more Voyageurs who were dedicated to La Societe. In April Grand Avocat James Coe II of Voiture 946 and Grand Chef de Gare John Bradford of Voiture 1002 passed away. Our prayers are with their families. Their shoes will be difficult to fill, but I am confident Voyageurs will step up and offer to fill these offices. Coe also was Directeur of Time and Place and Nurses Training Directeur. Don't forget that Grand Promenade will be in Okemos. A registration form is in this edition of The Whistle Stop and on both the Grand du Michigan website and Facebook page. It is once again a one-day function without a banquet, but the hospitality room will be available on Friday, August 9 and after Promenade on August 10. I'll bring up membership again, because we are so close to being 100%. Thomas Reesman Nationale Sous Directeur of Membership, Region 4, reports that Region 4 has three Grands at 100%. We now have 77 out of 190 Voitures at 100% or more. Grand du Michigan is at 92,27%, placing us fifth in the list of 12 Grands in Region 4. We only need 56 more members to be at 100%. Let's double our efforts and get these members to pay their dues and lift Michigan to 100%.



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From the Grande La Presidente

Hello, Dames!

Hello, Dames. I hope you are all healthy and enjoying our wonderful spring. Since my last letter, I have been informed that Michigan has reached 100% membership. Great job to all! Thank you so much for all of your efforts.

Last weekend was our Nationale La Presidente's Homecoming weekend. We missed those who could not attend, but it was a great weekend to honor Lori Bolley. I think she had a good time.



Next up is Grand Rendezvous in August, at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center in Okemos. Again a one-day event, however Hospitality will be open on Friday for those wishing to come early to socialize. The schedule will be on the Official Call when it is sent out.

As I noted at Spring Cheminot, all Grande line positions are open. If you are interested in an office or chairmanship, please let me know. If you are a current officer/chairperson, please let me know if you are willing to continue for another year.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you who reached out in some way; phone call, text message, card, etc., to me after Jim's recent passing. I was overwhelmed by your kindness.

Yours in service.

Lori Coe

Grande La Presidente

From the Grand Chef de Gare

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Speaking of Promenade, we will have to fill several offices in the Grand Line — Chef de Gare, Chef de Train, Conducteur, Avocat — pretty much the entire Grand Line. If you are interested in serving in any of these offices, please contact me or Correspondant Rich Adams.

Your Grand Chef de Gare
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The image above is the Grand du Michigan Grand Promenade pin for the August 10 event in Okemos. They will be available at the registration desk, which will be available both Friday night and Saturday morning.

From the Grand Correspondant

Greeting Voyageurs,

Hope the summer brings you plenty of sunshine and lots of time outdoors. I am headed to Great Lakes Promenade this month and look forward to seeing Voyageurs from the other Great Lakes states.

As the Grand Chef noted, we lost two Voyageurs who were extremely active on the Locale, Grand and Nationale level. I've known Voyageur James Coe II for 12 years and worked with him on several projects at Voiture 946 and when he was Grand Chef. I only met Voyageur John Bradford when he became Grand Chef de Train a few years ago. I was always entertained by his speeches at Grand Cheminots and Grand Promenade, ad libbed and both funny and informativ. Both will be sorely missed.

Not much to report. Now that my cruise is over, our moving has concluded (Okemos to East Lansing) and I have been relieved as Chef de Gare at Voiture 946, which concluded with our annual Past Chef/Silver Key Ladies/Past La Presidente banquet in Lansing. As far as we are aware, V946 is the only Voiture in the nation that pays homage to past officers and widows of Voyageurs.

There's no telling what direction our Grand Line will go in August. I have been in touch with several Grand officers who said they will not be moving up the line for various reasons. So candidates are needed. Last year we had a complete Grand Line, and it would be disappointing if nobody stepped up. And remember -- Chefs de Gare Locale who turn in their reports and attend Promenade will be eligible for per-diem for doing so.

I hope to see everyone at Grand Promenade on Aug. 10 in Okemos. By the end of June I hope to have a mail merge of every Voyageur in the state so I can send out this edition of The Whistle Stop.

Respectfully,

Rich Adams

Grand Correspondant (again)

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La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

To: Grand Officers Grand Committeemen
 Grand Cheminots Grand Executive Committee
 Voiture Officers Interested Voyageurs

By order of the Chef de Gare, Grand Voiture du Michigan, Grand Promenade will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at Best Western Okemos Hotel & Suites, 2209 University Park Drive, Okemos MI 48864.

Pre-registration \$10, send to Rich Adams, 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864
Make all checks payable to Grand Voiture du Michigan.
Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available at registration desk.

Femmes pre-registration \$15, make checks payable to Grande Cabane de Michigan and send to Lori Coe, 277 Maple Run, Mason MI 48854.

Registration for voyageurs and dames begins at 1700 on Friday, Aug. 9, and 0830 Aug. 10.

SCHEDULE

Memorial Service, 0900 sharp. Executive Committee meets at 1000 with each committee to be called in order. Promenade begins at 1030. Past Chef luncheon at 1200. Promenade reconvenes at 1300 for elections and installation of officers.

**ALL OFFICERS, CHEMINOTS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTEURS ARE ADVISED
TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF THEIR REPORT TO THE CORRESPONDANT.**

Clare Knickerbocker
Grand Chef de Gare

Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant



**Grand du Michigan
Grand Promenade & Rendezvous
Hosted by Voiture 946
August 10, 2024**

Name _____ Grand _____ V/C _____

Address _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Dame Name _____ Grand _____ V/C _____

Registration: \$10 Voyageurs # _____ \$15 Dames # _____

Ads: Half page \$25, full page \$50

Boosters: \$2/name

Boosters _____

**Best Western Hotel & Conference Center
2187 University Park Drive
Okemos, MI 48864
517-349-8700**

Room block held until July 19. Use code Forty and Eight.
Nightly rate \$105.00, suite \$135.00, if available
Attendees responsible for making their own reservations.

All activities (Memorial Service, Promenade and Rendezvous) held on Saturday, There is NO banquet. Hospitality room will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. and Saturday after Promenade. Specific times for Memorial Service is 0900 Saturday. Promenade and Rendezvous will be held at 1030.

Send Voyageur registration fee, booster and ad monies to Rich Adams, 1283 Chartwell Carriage Way N, East Lansing MI 48823, payable to Grand Voiture du Michigan.

Send Dames registration to Lori Coe, 277 Maple Run, Mason MI 48854, payable to Grande Cabane du Michigan. You can also register on site Friday or Saturday

Registration(s): \$ _____
Ad: \$ _____
Booster(s) \$ _____
Total amount sent: \$ _____

Please return this form with registration.