

Whistle Stop

August 2019



A publication of the Grande du Michigan Forty and Eight

From the Grand Chef de Gare

From the Grand La Presidente

Greetings Fellow Voyaguers,

As one year ends, another one begins. We had some good and bad things happen in the Grande this year. We all put in some hard work in our communities for our Veterans and for our neighbors.

The one thing we didn't do well was report our activities. We have 30 Voitures in Grand du Michigan. As the Grand Directuer of Child Welfare and VAVS program, I received only three reports for each program. That's it. I know the Locale Voitures are doing more than this.

By the lack of reporting, it appears the we are not fulfilling our promises to our local veterans and our communities. All of us need to be involved in supporting and managing the many 40 & 8

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Hello Dames,

It has been a speedy year full of great times, I have seen many of you throughout the year and I want to THANK YOU for your continued support. I appreciate each one of you as you all contribute to making Grande de Michigan a wonderful organization.

This newsletter brings many thoughts to my mind; I have had a great year serving you as Grande La Presidente. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Grande Rendezvous August 9th and 10th, I hope to see some new faces and look forward to having our very own Cheryl Jannick, Nationale La Presidente back in Lansing again.

With these thoughts, it also keeps me to thinking about what we need to do to keep our organization going and keep it running well. I have learned so much more than I thought was

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Grand du Michigan Chef du Gare Robert Bialecki presents a \$500 check to Voluntary Services at VA Ann Arbor. The check is from the "Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling" contest.

From the Grand Chef de Gare

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programs that help our fellow Veterans and the communities we live in. We must show what we do and who we are.

This is my last article as Grand Chef de Gare. I would like to thank everyone for supporting me as Grand Chef de Gare. I am truly honored. Our La Femmes have been very supportive of our programs and our events. Thank you, Ladies! I would like to especially thank our humble Correspondant, Rich Adams. He took on a very tough job and has been doing great work keeping up with all details that go along with the job. Next time you see Rich, thank him for the work he does for the Grand.

I hope everyone gives their support for our incoming Grand Chef. We are going to have another challenging year and we need to step up and help now more than ever.

Once again, thank you so very much for your support of and the 40 & 8. May the Good Lord Bless you and your Families.

Sincerely,

Bob Bialecki

Grand Chef du Gare

Grand du Michigan

From the Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer and Grand Avocat

Ramblings from the Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer—

Greetings to all! We are in the midst of some extremely important times of the year. Locale elections, Grand Promenade, Nationale Promenade, and Fall Cheminot. All within 3 ½ months. Please make sure you get your officers list to the Grand Correspondant.

We are now facing a critical point in our Grand line. As of Grand Promenade, we will have a new Chef de Gare and NO other Voyageurs in the line. This is horrible! We need four (4) solid individuals who are willing to fill in the gaps and help our Grand Voiture into the future. We also need delegates to Nationale Promenade in Myrtle Beach, SC this September.

We will be picking up all our program pins at this time and will have them at Fall Cheminot for distribution. It is of the utmost importance that your Voiture is represented. Any questions? Contact me. Communication is a must!

James A. Coe, II

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer



From the Grand La Presidente

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was possible, I have found friends and family that means the world to me. This family that I have chosen for myself has brought me more joy than I knew to be possible so Thank you all for all you do.

Keeping our Grande running takes a village; I know that not everyone wishes to be an officer. I am once again going to ask you to look within your heart and your Cabane to see if there are willing participants to become Grande Officers. I implore you to look at the big picture and know that in order to run smoothly we need willing participants and officers to keep us

going. Please consider running for an office or a Chairmanship. Anyone interested in a chairmanship should contact me with what you would like to do. Please let me know if you at all interested in anything, I would be happy to hear from you.

I hope to see several letters of endorsements soon as August is only a couple of weeks away. If you are interested in doing anything, please contact me.

Yours in Service

Grande La Presidente

Lori A. Bolley-Majeske

From the Grand Chef de Train

Voyageurs,

This will be the last Whistle Stop before Grande Promenade Aug. 9-10, 2019. We have a lot of work to do in the Grande line! Our Conducteur has recently resigned. This means currently I'm the only one planning on moving forward in the Grande line.

I know we have qualified Voyageurs who can step in and fill these positions. I will gladly assist you. It's important we have good turnout for Grande Promenade to discuss this critical issue and more. So, there's still time to pre-register for Grande Promenade by using the forms on the Grande Website <http://www.40et8michigan.com/> and as always you can register the day of Grande

Promenade Aug. 10, 2019.

If any Officers or Chairman would like their report to appear in the program book for Grande Promenade please email me at carrie.haynes@ymail.com, or via mail to 506 Mill St, Leslie, MI 49251 before the end of the month.

Also, you can place an ad in the program book by using the Ad Contract Form located at Grande Website <http://www.40et8michigan.com/> . If you have any questions please call me at 517-652-4847.

**Yours in Service,
Lonnie Haynes
Grande Chef De Train**

From the Grand Correspondant

Fellow Voyageurs,

It's been a learning year for me as correspondant, and the lessons keep on coming. My inattention to detail resulted in Grande du Michigan being the only Grande in the Great Lakes Region to not have an ad in the Great Lakes Promenade program. My apologies to all.

I presume most Voiture Locale have held elections, yet I have only received one call

regarding officers. It is vital that I

have a list of officers from each Voiture Locale so I can update the Grande roster, which is already horribly out of date. Please either email your list to richadams946@gmail.com, call me at 517-388-4962 or mail the list to me at 15855 Turnberry Street, Lansing MI 48906. I will have blank officer forms at Grande Promenade to accumulate information needed to update the

roster.

We need voyageurs to step up and enter the Grande line. Grande du Michigan is seriously lacking in officers in the line. Please, please consider becoming an officer so our Grande can be a strong and active element in the Forty et Eight.

**Yours in service,
Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant**

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.

Send us you Officer Lists

We need up-to-date info on all Locale officers. Name, address, phone number and email (if available) Email lists to richadams946@gmail.com or via mail to 15855 Turnberry St., Lansing MI 48906.

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By order of La Grande Presidente Lori Bolley-Majeske, of the Grande Cabane de Michigan, Grande Rendezvous will be held on August 9-10, 2019 hosted by Grande Cabane de Michigan at the Causeway Bay Hotel & Convention Center, 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, MI 48911 (517) 694-8123

Pre-Registration: \$15.00 payable to Grande Cabane de Michigan (no later than August 1, 2019)

Mail to: Lori Coe, 277 Maple Run, Mason MI 48854 loriene2000@yahoo.com

SCHEDULE

Friday August 9

Registration 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Audit of the Books – 8:00 PM

Saturday August 10th

Registration 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

9:00 AM Joint Memorial Service

10:00 AM Grande Rendezvous

11:30 AM Lunch Break

Past Presidentes Luncheon will be at Voiture 946 – transportation will be available

(all Dames are invited to the luncheon, it is not just for Past President's)

1:30 PM Grande Rendezvous Reconvenes

Post Grande Cheminot 2018-2019

Immediately following Grande Rendezvous

Audit of the Books 2018

Immediately following Grande Cheminot

Banquet \$35/per person. For tickets contact Lonnie Haynes, 506 Mill St. Leslie, MI 49251 no later than July 20, 2019. Banquet checks only payable to V-746. Carrie.haynes@ymail.com

Grand Promenade 2019 is being hosted by Jackson County Voiture 746. Since there is no Cabane 746 Grande Cabane de Michigan will be handling the registration this year.

If you are interested in helping with registration either Friday or Saturday please contact Grande Presidente Lori Bolley-Majeske

Attested by:	Attested by:
Lori Bolley-Majeske	Lori Coe
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Grande du Michigan
Grand Promenade
Hosted by Voiture 746
Aug. 9-10, 2019



Name _____ Grand _____ V/C _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Registration \$10/\$15 per person # _____ Booster Ads \$2 per name _____

Booster Ads _____

Banquet \$35 per person _____ Choice of Steak _____ or Chicken _____ **July 20 deadline**

Causeway Bay Hotel & Convention Center

6820 S. Cedar St. Lansing MI 48911

517-694-8123

You must make your own reservations. Room rate is \$102.83 (includes tax).

Tear off and keep for your records

**Send all money except
for La Femmes registration to:**

**Lonnie Haynes
506 Mill St.
Leslie MI 49251
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Checks payable to V746

La Femmes send registration only to:

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Registration \$10 # _____, La Femmes \$15 # _____

Banquet \$35 per person _____ Choice of Steak _____ or Chicken _____

Deadline July 20

Total sent _____