

Whistle Stop

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A publication of the Grande du Michigan Forty and Eight



From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greeting Fellow Voyageurs,

Here we are winding down our year and gathering up our reports. You will have or already have had your Locale elections. Make sure all the reports and list of officers get to the program directors and our hard working Grand Correspondant. We need to maintain updated information so that we can keep the communication flowing.



Our membership is a mixed bag of results. Voitures have either done really well in getting new members or have done poorly getting renewals. I know my own Voiture did terrible and couldn't even get local Voyageurs to contact us about their intentions. To all those Voitures that are 90% or higher great job. To those over 100%,

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From the Grand La Presidente

Greetings, Fellow Dames,

Looks like summer is finally here - or at least making a good attempt at it. With the arrival of summer we have many events, both those that have taken place and some just around the corner.

I want to thank the La Femmes who came to Lansing and Voiture 946 from across the United States to join Madam La Presidente Nationale Cheryl Jamnick at her homecoming dinner. It was very rewarding to see so many friends from across the wonderful nation of ours. Congratulations on a year of serving your fellow dames in our highest office.

I also want to thank the dames who attended our bingo party at Voiture 946 during the Mother's Day Wreck. We always have a good time, filled with good food, good company and

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Grand Chef Robert Bialecki cuts the cake at his testimonial dinner as his father, Larry, looks on. Attendees enjoyed a meal and fellowship at VFW 9656 in Lambertville.



From the Grand Chef de Gare

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SUPERB JOB !!.

Now that warmer weather is finally getting here, let us all get out there and make the 40 & 8 more visible. We have several holidays throughout the summer and many events that we can visible and show the communities that we live in who and what the 40 & 8 is all about. In this time of transition we need to continue to work together to keep this great organization going. I want to give a big thank you to all who continue to work hard for the 40 & 8, Grand du Michigan and your Locales. Keep up the good work.

Hopefully, I will be seeing a lot of you at Great Lakes Promenade in Akron, OH. Let the Great State of Michigan invade Ohio and show them who rules the Great Lakes.

May God Bless you all.

Regards,
Robert Bialecki
 Grand Chef de Gare

From the Grand La Presidente

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fun while the Voyageurs are going through their ceremony.

I want to remind everyone of the upcoming Grande Promenade and Rendezvous the weekend of Aug. 9 and 10 at the Causeway Bay Hotel and Conference Center in Lansing. Registration forms are in this edition of the Whistle Stop, on our Facebook page, on the Grande website. I understand it also will be mailed to individual Voitures locale.

I look forward to seeing you at Rendezvous. Don't forget the sun screen!

In Service,
Lori Bolley-Majeske
 Grand La Presidente

From the Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer and Grand Avocat

Greetings to all.

By the time you read this, I will have attended the Memorial Day festivities in our nation's Capital. I had the high honor of assisting the Chef de Chemin de Fer in placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is always a fabulous, sacred time at Arlington. I will be home for a week and then its off to Ohio for Great Lakes Promenade.



July will find Lori and I in Tucson, Arizona. Probably stay warm there! Speaking of warm, we really need to warm up our membership. We can't afford to lose 10% each year.

It won't be long and Grand Promenade will be upon us. We are desperate to get some quality, qualified Voyageurs in our line. As it stands right now, we have a potential Grand Chef and Chef de Train. That means we will have three (3) openings in the line. This is unheard of. It all starts with the participation of ALL Voitures. We don't see too many new faces these days.

I also still have 40 Nurses Training pins available; \$3 each. Give me a call and I'll send them. Remember—we all promised to support the 40 ET 8 programs. The pin sales are the easiest way. Do you? I hope to see many of you soon. Get involved, please! Take care of yourselves and each other.

Jim
 Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer

From the Grand Chef de Train

Greeting Voyageurs

I hope everyone has good holiday weekend. Right now, Michigan is 32nd at 88% we still have time we need to reach out to our members who haven't paid their dues.

The deadline to get your reports in to the Directeurs is coming up soon, so the Directeurs have time to get their reports in to Nationale. As Special Awards Directeur, I would like to see Michigan represented at Nationale.

The Grand Promenade will be held at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing same as last year. I will have additional information in coming months.

**Yours in service,
Lonnie Haynes
Chef de Train**



Voiture 946's train was packed for Memorial Day observations this year. The train participated in parades in Dimondale and Holt, and provided the rifle squad in Dimondale.

From the Grand Correspondant

Voyageurs,

Presumably all Voitures Locale have completed their elections for the coming year. It is vital that I receive a list of officers for the coming year so I can update the Grande roster and get the correct names in the correct offices.

You can email names of officers for the coming year to richadams946@gmail.com. If

you prefer snail mail you can send them to me at 15855 Turnberry St., Lansing MI 48906. Again, I cannot stress the importance of having the correct information so we can improve our communications. That lack of communications has been a serious problem despite having a Grande du Michigan website and Facebook page.

As others have noted, we are in need of voyageurs to step

up and become involved as a Grande officer. I currently hold two appointments in Grande (and work full time) or I would step up to the plate. Please give an office serious consideration to keep Grande du Michigan relevant in the Forty and Eight

Yours in service,

Rich Adams

Grand Correspondant

Memorial Day at Arlington Cemetery



The Forty and 8 had the honor of laying the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during Memorial Day commemorations at Arlington National Cemetery. The La Femmes also took part in wreath-layings during the somber observances, remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.

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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 du Michigan, the Grande Promenade will be held Aug. 9 and 10, 2019 at Causeway Bay Hotel, 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing, MI 48911

SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 9, 2019

Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.

The Executive committee will open the meeting then each committee will be called in the following order; Finance and Audit, Time and Place, and Credentials and Resolutions, then the Executive committee will close the meeting.

Saturday, Aug. 10th 2019

Memorial Service 9:00 a.m.

Grande Promenade 9:30 a.m.

District Caucus 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Noon

District Caucus 1:00 p.m.

Promenade Reconvenes 1:30 p.m.


Cheminot for 2019-2020 Officers, Cheminots, Directeurs after adjournment.

Cocktail Hour 6:00 p.m.

Banquet 7:00 p.m.

All Officers, Cheminots and Committee Directeurs are advised to provide a written copy of their report to the Sous Grand Correspondant when giving their report..


Robert Bialecki
Grand Chef de Gare


Rich Adams
Correspondant



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
 carrie.haynes@ymail.com

Checks payable to V746

La Femmes send registration only to:

Grand Cabane du Michigan
 Lori Coe
 277 Maple Run
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Registration \$10 # _____, La Femmes \$15 # _____

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

Deadline July 20

Total sent _____