



# Happy Holidays



# Whistle Stop

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## From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greeting Fellow Voyageurs,

If you are reading this you survived the nation's mid-term elections and the Veterans' Day weekend of events. I hope everyone went out and participated in both.

Our membership totals are not doing a good as they should be. When out and about, if you see a fellow Voyageur ask them if they have renewed their membership. If you haven't heard from someone in a while give them a call or write them a letter. Let them know they have not been forgotten. We have a long way to go to get to our goal of 100 percent by the end of December.



District Cheminots, have you contacted the Chefs of the Locales in your District? How are they doing on their membership renewals? What events do they have planned? What problems are they encountering that the Grande can help them with? You should be contacting them at least once a

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## From the Grand La Presidente

Greetings Dames,

Thank you Cabane 997 I had a wonderful time at your November Rendezvous. It was nice to see those of you I don't get to see often and it was great meeting a few I had never met before. Lunch was awesome and the hospitality was phenomenal!

I was curious as to who actually reads this article so I am conducting a test if your up for the small challenge?? If you have read this I am asking you to send me an

email: [loribolley@sbcglal.net](mailto:loribolley@sbcglal.net), text me or call 517-204-2077. I appreciate all you and hope to hear from everyone.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and know I am thankful for each and everyone of you in my life! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy & safe New Year!

**Yours in service**

**Lori A Bolley-Majeske**  
**Grande La Presidente**



### From the Grand Chef de Gare

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month. For any organization to be successful, communication amongst its members is vital.

How is everyone's pin sales going? I know some think these pins are a pain but they are an important part of funding for our programs. It also gives you a chance to explain our programs to possible new members. It shows that our organization gives back to our communities and our Veterans.

With the holidays coming up, please remember our veterans and local citizens who aren't as fortunate as we are. Please get with your Locales and try to donate time, money or food so that many can have a happier holiday season.

Thank you all for your continued service and may God Bless you and your families,

**Robert Bialecki**  
**Grand Chef de Gare**  
**Grande du Michigan**

### From the Grand Chef de Train

Greetings Voyageurs!

Michigan is falling behind as of Nov. 15 we were 29th at 55.27 percent. We are third in the Great Lakes we all need to pull together and focus on membership.

As director of special awards, I would like to see each voyageur submit a Voyageur of the Year candidate. I would like to be represented at Nationale for special awards.

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

#### 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](mailto:richadams946@gmail.com) or via mail to 15855 Turnberry St., Lansing MI 48906.

### From the Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer

Greetings!

I hope everyone had a great Veterans Day. This is a great time of the year to get our membership up to par. I'm sure the Grand Chef de Gare has a plan, but as Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, my goal is to get Michigan, along with my 16 states, at or over 100 percent. We got close to 97 percent last year but we couldn't quite do it.

Also, I have about 90 Nurses Training pins that we need to sell. If you would take some on consignment, let me know. I'll get them in the mail right away.

Happy Thanksgiving - hope you enjoyed your feast. I did as it was also my birthday. Enjoy the entire holiday season, be safe, take care of yourself and each other.



**Jim Coe**  
**Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer**

