

Whistle Stop

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La Femmes install 2017-18 officers

The Grande Cabane de Michigan installed new officers during the Grande Rendezvous at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing on Aug. 11-12.

Lori Bolley-Majeske of Cabane 946 was installed as Grande La Presidente for the current term. Congratulations to Lori and the rest of the La Femmes who will serve for the coming year.

Also installed were:

1st La Sous Presidente Adel Astela

2nd La Sous Presidente Patsy Gilmer

Correspondente Cheryl Jamnick

Sous Correspondente Karen Webb

Commisaire Intendante Judy Eccleston

Conducteur Erica MacLachlan

Aumonier Sandy Christian

Garde de la Porte Kathy Kaseman and Julia Rodriguez

Drapeau Angie Gregor

Avocate Sharon Schulte

Cheminot Nationale Laurie Bunch

Alternate Cheminot Nationale Lori Bolley-Majeske.

From the Grand Chef

Greetings to all!

What an exciting time of the year. By now, we have made it through Veteran's Day, opening of deer season, my birthday, and Thanksgiving. I hope everything has gone well for each of you and your loved ones. We are closing in on the Army-Navy game, Pearl Harbor Day, plenty of food, football, and friends. Please enjoy everything safely.

As we approach the holidays, I wish you health and happiness, regardless of how/what you celebrate. I say Merry Christmas, but I am well aware of the other faiths that celebrate in their own way.



From the Grand Presidente

Dear Dames,

It has been a great year so far I am very thankful for all your support. I have been to Fall Cheminot in Oscoda and as usual had a great time, the dames of Cabane 669 always do such a great job and make everything so enjoyable. Hopefully this will be a year full of new challenges that lead to great outcomes for all of us.

As the holiday season is approaching I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope each comes full of love and joy for all of you. I hope



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Thanks to those of you who showed up for the Wreck in Lansing on 10-21. Kudos to V-120, V-746 and V- 957 for bringing PGs. The next active Wreck is the State Wreck 5-12-18, also at V-946, Lansing. Grand Chef de Gare and Grand La Presidente Testimonial will be held 4-14-18, Lansing, V-946. Flyers and full info will be out soon. We will have it on the Grande website, Nationale, and Facebook. Looking to have a great time.

Membership is a concern! I thank the Voitures that are at, or above 100% already—V161, V-756, V-946, and V-1223. Way to lead the pack! The concerns are for several who sit at less than 10%, some in the 20% range, and the goose eggs, V-659, V-1206, and V-1420. These Voitures have turned in no 2018 dues. That means that neither the Chef de Gare nor the Correspondant from these Voitures have paid their dues. If they or anyone else is sitting on dues, PLEASE get them submitted so we can get a true reading on where we are. We do know that we are currently somewhere between 7th

and 9th in the nation. If we are not first, we are an also-ran. The National goal is to be at 80% now. We are at 68%. We need to be at 100% by the end of December, then we can work on our goal of 110%. Get ‘em in, let’s get ‘em wrecked!

Remember, wherever you hold your Promenades or do your business, you have to do things that set you apart from the rest so that non-members will want to join you. You have to ask them. My Voiture is at 114%. We already have four to white collar and full wreck in May. Sell our program! Speaking of programs, let’s get the pins sold and Directeurs get the dollars in to Nationale Treasurers. I still have 25 Nurses Training pins that need to be gone. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Get those dues in, expect personal contact for some. Have fun and get the job done honorably. Thanks for your time.

Chef Jim

Carville Star pins available

Breaking news!

Grand Chef Jim Coe was just advised that we have 65 Carville Start pins to sell.

The Grand Chef said he will take it over and get the job done.

He encourages Voitures to let him know how many pins they can take, and he will get them to you.

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each comes full of love and joy for all of you. I hope to be able to get around to going to all of your Cabanes this year it would be nice to get some local input to see where we feel we could improve.

Yours in Service,
Lori Bolley-Majeske

From the Grand Chef de Train

Greeting Fellow Voyageurs,

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated Veterans Day. I hope everyone was able to get out and participate in the many activities that were held. This is a great way to show the public and fellow Veterans who and what the 40 & 8 is. One of our greatest recruiting tools is visibility.

Getting involved in our many programs, Child Welfare, Youth Sports, Nurses Training, VAVS, etc., is also a great way to promote the great work that the 40 & 8 does.

We are coming up on another holiday season. I know everyone is busy preparing for festivities with family and friends. But while you are out and about, look for the men and women wearing the veteran's ballcaps, jackets or sweatshirts and greet them and thank them for their service. If you have the time, ask them about their service and if they are a member of any local veteran's organizations. It may be an opportunity to introduce them to the 40 & 8.

December is the final month before the 2017

membership cards expire. This is the time for a strong push to get those renewals in. Personal contact is the best way to get our fellow Voyageurs to renew.

I hope that everyone has a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued service to our Country.

Sincerely,

Robert Bialecki

Grand Chef de Train

Grand du Michigan

From the Grand Correspondent

Greetings Voyaguers

On Oct. 21 Voiture 946 held the second wreck of the year. We have six new Voyageurs. They are:

Voiture 120: John Lutzke, Navy; William Livesay, Air Force; and Charles Parker, Army.

Voiture 746: Phillip R Wilson, Army; and Brandon Hunter, Navy.

Voiture 957: Tim Rankin, Army.

Congratulations to all!

Hope everyone enjoyed your special day, Veterans Day. With all the parades and other

ceremonies, it was a great day.

MEMBERSHIP

At present we are in ninth position, according to National. We are short about 336 voyageurs to reach our goal of 100 percent.

With the holidays just around the corner, it would be a great gift idea to give someone a membership as a present.

ROSTER

We still have the same old problem of not receiving correct listings of officers from Voiture Locales. We also are not receiving Taps

notices from Voiture Locales that have a deceased voyageur to report.

The snowbirds are heading south, so we know the holidays are nearing. Hope everyone enjoys their time with family and friends.

Please say a prayer for all the service personnel who are watching our backs.

My wife Karen and I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Dave Webb

Grand Correspondant

Grande du Michigan

Six new voyageurs wrecked in fall event



Grande du Michigan Chef de Gare Jim Coe (center) poses with six new Voyageurs after they were wrecked at Voiture 946 during the Fall Wreck.

Grande officers participate in Turkey Step ZeroK

Grand Chef Jim Coe and Grand La Presidente Lori Bolley-Majeske participated in the Turkey Step Zero K race at Voiture 946 in Lansing. Grand Chef Coe, dressed as a grand chef, won the costume contest. The race was followed with a turkey sandwich lunch.

