

Whistle Stop

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From the Grand Chef

Happy New Year Voyageurs! New year, new challenges, new opportunities, and hopefully, new attitudes.

The good news on membership is that we have 5 Voitures at 100% or more. Fantastic! We have 4 others who only need one more member turned in. Several need less than 10. Bad news is that we have 2 Voitures who have turned in zero memberships for 2018. This is just unacceptable. We need to get a huge push to get to the finish line.

I had a Voyageur tell me the other day that they had until June to pay their dues. This is just plain wrong! The 2017 cards expired along with the

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From the Grand Presidente

Dear Dames,

I am hoping that Christmas brought you safe travels, family and great spirit. I am also hoping that the New Year has brought to you everything it hoped it would. I have missed you all this winter but am looking forward to seeing you this spring!

Spring Cheminot is March 3 at 1p.m., lunch will be available if you are interested starting at 11:30 a.m.. I so look forward to seeing all of you there. Wishing you safe travels and a Great Year.

Yours in Service,

Lori A. Bolley-Majeske
La Grande Presidente



'Twas the season: V946 in Lansing (above) hosted the Stuff the Train event for Toys for Tots during their Christmas party. V1153 in Monroe had the Christmas cheer as well, celebrating the season in their train.



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old year. Any Voyageur who hasn't paid their 2018 dues is delinquent. Let's get the membership train back on the track!

I was also given information from an ill-informed individual that the Grande du Michigan is going away. This is laughable, and frankly, very upsetting to me and my team who are working hard at keeping things going. No, we don't have the membership that we enjoyed back in the '80s and '90s, but we still have nearly a thousand Voyageurs who still believe in La Societe and its programs. It's up to you to sell the goods. As I have said before, we must do things that set us apart from all other organizations. Things that make qualified Veterans want to join the Fun and Honor Society!

Are we having fun? If not, we need to adapt and overcome. If we do what we always did, we get what we always got. Let's go to work and get some great members on

board. Ask them, tell them about all the great things we do.

Support our programs! When was the last time you sold some pins for our programs? I still have 65 Carville Star pins and 25 Nurses Training pins—all are \$3 each. Let me know so we can get these accounts cleared and move on. Call me; I'll mail some to you at my expense. Get excited! Make some changes and enjoy the results.

Random thoughts— Grande du Indiana is looking to buy a locomotive, anybody selling? Let me know a.s.a.p.

Upcoming dates:

Feb. 16-17: Chef de Chemin de Fer Homecoming, Lafayette, LA.

March 3: Grand Cheminot, V-946, Lansing. Exec. Cmte 10 a.m., Cheminot 1 p.m.

April 14: Grand Chef/Grande La Presidente Testimonial, V-946 Lansing. Flyer is on the website.

May 12: State Wreck, V-946 Lansing. PG's report NLT 10 a.m.

June 7-9: Great Lakes

Promenade, Lafayette, IN. Flyer on Nationale website.

Aug. 10-11: Grande Promenade, Lansing. Flyer coming soon.

Sept. 11-15: Nationale Promenade, Louisville, KY. Flyer on Nationale website.

In closing, please take a moment to ask yourself if there is anything you can do to help your Voiture. Instead of woe is me, how about why not me?

Grand Cheminot is coming soon—it is extremely important that all Voitures are represented.

Thanks for your time and attention. Let's get 'er done!!

Chef Jim

Footnote: Also at Spring Cheminot, we will discuss the vacancy created via the resignation of our Grand Guard de la Porte. Possible special election to position of Lampiste. Need quality candidates. Please submit a resume to me.

From the Grand Chef de Train

Greeting Fellow Voyageurs,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season full of family, friends and food. Now that we started off 2018 with an Arctic blast that froze us to the core, it's time for us to shake off the cold start getting those membership renewals.

December was the final month before the 2017

membership cards expired. The 2017 cards are no longer valid and without a current membership card, your Voiture may not have a quorum to conduct official business. I have found that Personal contact with a voyageur is the best way to get a renewal.

Locale Chefs and Correspondants should start calling those voyageurs that are

taking their time paying.

We currently are falling short of membership goal. Grand du Michigan is in 14th place overall with only 76.48%. We can do better. Much better.

Thank you for your continued service to our Country. Sincerely,

Robert Bialecki
Grand Chef de Tran

From the Grand Correspondent

Greetings All,

Hope everyone is enjoying the new year and surviving the ice age we went through. Just think, spring is around the corner (we HOPE).

Here is a list of upcoming events to look for:

- * March 3: Spring Cheminot, Voiture 946, Lansing
- * April 14: Grand Chef and Grande La Presidente Testimonial, Voiture 946, Lansing
- * May 5: 2018 Passe Chef Silver Key dinner, Voiture 946, Lansing
- * May 12: Mother’s Day wreck, Voiture 946, Lansing
- * June 7-9: Great Lakes Promenade, Lafayette, Indiana
- * Aug. 9-11: Grand Promenade, Lansing, hosted by Voiture 1153

Dave Webb
Grand Corespondant

From the L'Editeur

Fellow Voyageurs,

As you can see, the Whistle Stop is still a work in progress. I am working with the Grande officers in having informative and meaningful content.

I urge Voitures to send me any news updates or photos of events that we can include in the Whistle Stop. You can email them to me at richadams946@gmail.com or via snail mail at 15855 Turnberry Street, Lansing MI 48906. I encourage your participation in the publication, which will be produced every other month.

You also can access information about what events are coming up and find forms at our website, www.40et8Michigan.com or at our Grande du Michigan Facebook page at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/miwhistlestop/>

Yours in Service,
Rich Adams

Grande du Michigan Totals

Voiture	2017 TYD Total	2018 YTD Total	2017 Year End Total	% of Quota	Short/Over
102	65	64	65	98.46%	-1
120	57	51	64	79.69%	-13
161	5	5	5	100.00%	0
181	15	12	26	46.15%	-14
396	27	23	27	85.19%	-4
545	25	20	29	68.97%	-9
553	12	1	17	5.88%	-16
599	4	1	22	4.55%	-21
600	18	13	26	50.00%	-13
659	10	0	22	0.00%	-22
663	1	1	5	20.00%	-4
669	34	32	35	91.43%	-3
721	8	9	18	50.00%	-9
746	34	38	36	105.56%	2
756	14	15	14	107.14%	1
767	34	33	34	97.06%	-1
868	3	3	14	21.43%	-11
946	81	160	140	114.29%	20
957	63	65	71	91.55%	-6
997	108	86	114	75.44%	-28
1002	5	16	22	72.73%	-6
1061	39	35	42	83.33%	-7
1116	21	8	24	33.33%	-16
1153	29	30	40	75.00%	-10
1206	11	10	11	90.91%	-1
1223	6	6	6	100.00%	0
1288	4	16	26	61.54%	-10
1363	3	2	9	22.22%	-7
1420	1	0	24	0.00%	-24
1425	25	24	25	96.00%	-1
1536	31	28	37	75.68%	-9
TOTALS	793	807	1050	76.86%	-243

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La Societ  des Quarante Hommes ET Huit Chevaux

To: Grand Officers
Grand Cheminots
Voiture Officers

Grand Committeemen
Grand Executive Committee
Interested Voyageurs

By order of the Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Voiture du Michigan, The Spring Cheminot will be held on Saturday March 3, 2018.

At Voiture 946, 2949 S. Waverly Highway, Lansing MI

Pre-registration \$10.00 send to: James A. Coe, II, 277 Maple Run, Mason MI 48854

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO VOITURE 946

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will open the meeting, then each committee will be called, then the EXECUTIVE Committee will close the meeting.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 3, 2018—Finance and Audit 10:00 a.m.
Executive Committee—same time?

Saturday 11:30 a.m. lunch. CHEMINOT RECONVENES at 1 p.m., Aka 1300 hrs.
ALL OFFICERS, CHEMINOTS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTEURS ARE ADVISED
TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF THEIR REPORT TO Correspondant.

James A Coe II
Grand Chef de Gare

David Webb
Grand Correspondant

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux
Testimonial Honoring
Grand Chef de Gare Jim Coe
And
Grand La Presidente Lori Bolley-Majeske
Saturday, April 14, 2018
V-946, 2949 S. Waverly Highway
Lansing, MI

Cocktails – 4:30, Dinner – 6:00, Short Program to follow
Please return bottom portion NO LATER than April 1, 2018 to Jim Coe, 277
Maple Run, Mason MI 48854 or via phone 517-582-1035. Checks payable to Jim Coe.
**If you need a hotel reservation, please email Jim, csmcoe@yahoo.com or
call 517-582-1035.**

Return this portion w/your payment

Menu (choose one per person) Beef Tips w/Noodles _____ @ \$25.00
Chicken Marsala _____ @ \$25.00
Two drink chips included w/meal

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Enclosed Check # _____ for _____ meals @ \$25.00 each Total \$ _____