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2020 GRANDE PROMENADE & RENDEZVOUS

CANCELLED

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and the overall health and wellbeing of our membership, both Voyageurs and Dames, it is with much regret that the 2020 Grande Voiture de Wisconsin 2020 Grande Promenade & Rendezvous scheduled for August 6th thru the 9th at the Keshena Hotel and Conference Center (casino) has been cancelled.

If you have already made hotel reservations, either call up there at the end of the month or send them a letter cancelling. They are closed up until the end of May so I sent them a letter with all of the confirmation numbers and dates for the cancellation.

The decision to cancel was made by the Cheminot. First a feeler was sent out and after that an official form was emailed to everyone for voting. It was unanimous.

Forty et Eight Days At Camp American Legion

Camp Days is not an official function of La Societe. It is a tradition. Many of you have expressed a desire to still be up there that weekend; just practice social distancing.

All functions will be at the Rustic Manor and after calling up a few of the other eateries and adult beverage disbursement venues, they are all planning on being open by the end of the month.

We will be auditing the financial records and selecting those who wish to serve on the National Committee. Other than that, bean bag tournament, bon fires, shopping, a trip to the Three Lakes winery and the best camaraderie anywhere under the sun.

Remember that Camp is officially closed until July 1st.

NURSES TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

On Thursday May 7th, a number of Voyageurs met for the purpose of selecting this year's Grande Voiture scholarship winners. Four were selected. There is still one opening for a \$500 scholarship. Those selected are as follows.

Sheridan Schmitt	Hartford
Erica Fryman	Fond du Lac
Michele Evans	East Troy
Abigial Vinz	Watertown

As stated, there is still room for one more scholarship so if you have a 2nd year student who is in a four year program, get the filled out application to Grand Directeur Pat Sukowski.

The new 2021 Nurses Training pins will soon be ordered so put your Locale order in ASAP.



From The Correspondant

La Societe Updates

Last night I had the pleasure of joining Racine County # 497 in a teleconference Promenade call. It was free and very enjoyable to speak to the Voyageurs who joined.

A few of the items we brought up was having a 1st District Cheminot as soon as the State opens back up. All Locales within the District will be invited and an election will be conducted for a new District Cheminot. All odd numbered Districts. Hope to have it in Elkhorn which is centrally located. We'll be discussing other topics such as membership and the programs of La Societe.

I been asked about how we will be installing the new Officers for the new year. Very good question! Do we meet at a location for everyone or do we install the Officers individually. After speaking to past Grand Chef's Dale Mitchell and Ken Kozubek yesterday; they stated we could go either way. Don't think that is a major problem but does need to be addressed.

The 1st week of July, all Locales and the Grande Voiture Cheminot will receive an official ballot for voting on the new Officers and for voting on our Constitution & Bylaws resolutions (House keeping), the nomination for Joe Story for Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, and whether the Grand Correspondant should receive another 5 year appointment to said position.

How is everyone doing with their 2020 Communique reports. Headquarters has only received three sets so far. I know for a fact we all have extra time to get these completed.

Don't forget to sent your Special Awards nominations to Ron Pfalzgraf.

The June - July - August edition of the Badger Forty et Eighter is scheduled to come out the first part of June. I would like for all Voyageurs Officers and Directeur's to submit an article for this edition. The same holds true for all Dames.

Under membership the Grande needs 57 more for 100% for 2020. Now I know this pandemic isn't helping our efforts but as Voyageurs I do know we will all do our utmost in obtaining this goal.

Remember that we can still preform White Collar Wrecks and still practice social distancing so none are effected.

So many have been calling up or emailing me at Grande Headquarters so what better idea than to try to answer them right now.

First off our candidate for Chef de Chemin de Fer has not yet heard on the selection. We'll let everyone know if and when it happens.

The 2020 Great Lakes Promenade in State College PA was postponed and will take place on July 23rd - 25th. Many of us are still planning on being there for the event.

Sandusky, Ohio is the site for the 2020 National Promenade & Rendezvous. Nothing there has changed and we do expect a very large delegation from our Grande Voiture.

The 2021 Forty et Eight Days at Camp will be held on June 24th - 26th so if you won't be there this year; I do suggest you make your reservations a year in advance.

When and how are we going to have a Memorial Service for our fallen Voyageurs and Dames that is normally done at the Grande Promenade & Rendezvous. We have a lot of choices on this. It can be done at the fall Cheminot; the Midwinter Petite or we can even wait until next year in St. Croix Falls.

I even got an email about the \$2,000 annual donation to Camp. This donation is part of our annual budget and will be presented along with any other donations to the Camp on Friday at the Rustic Manor. The \$10,000 donation to Cabin 22 will be presented as soon as the Cabin is completed. Right now no one is allowed in Camp until July 1st. That includes construction workers and volunteers. That is the reason why we cannot install the new security door, fans, screens on the overhead doors and fix the busted window at the flowage.

