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Grand Chef de Gare's Message

Jim Bassett

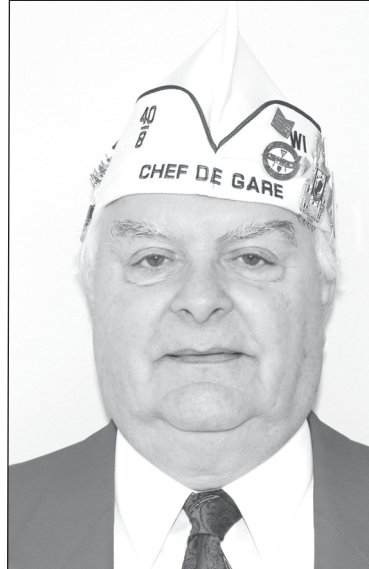


Fellow Voyageurs,

While I thought the last Badger and Forty Eighter contained my final article as your Grand Chef de Gare, the times have delayed the changing of the guard, so I write to you as the Grand Chef de Gare Almost Passe.

I hope all are well and following safe practices of hand washing, social distancing, and mask wearing. If not for yourself, do it for your families, fellow voyageurs, and dames. As we all wait on the pharmaceutical industry to develop vaccines and therapeutics for the COVID-19 virus, don't forget to check on fellow voyagers and dames. While face-to-face contact is not recommended, we still have means of communications to reach all our members: telephone, email, Facebook, Twitter, Tik Tok (at the moment), two way radio, telegraph, snail mail, semaphore flags (for Navy veterans), and carrier pigeon.

Don't forget to keep all the fine programs of the Forty and Eight going in the new year. Pin sales are critical to most of the programs, so keep selling and donating to the Almost Directors who should have pins available in September.



Since Sherry is in the highest risk category for the virus, we have been staying at home, using curb side pickup for groceries, occasionally visiting family members with safe practices, and using a few fast-food drive through services.

I hope many of you will be able to participate with masks and distancing at the installation of Grande Officers and the Wreck in Tomah on September 26, 2020 where I can move from Almost Passe to Totally Grand Chef de Gare Passe.

Stay safe, God Bless all of us, and God Bless the United States of America.

Jim Bassett
Grand Chef de Gare
Grande de Wisconsin

Langlade county voiture welcomes third generation voyageur



Langlade County Voiture 1204 held their August 2020 Promenade outside practicing social distancing and wearing masks. In the picture above, Chef de Chemin de Fer 2016 Don Emley, right, is congratulating Voyageur Kevin Kamps, left and Correspondant Dan Kamps, middle, for being third generation Voyageurs Militaire. Their Grandfather Edward Menting (WWI) served Voiture 1204 as Chef de Gar and their Father Sam Kamps (WWII) was a long time Voyageur of Voiture 1204. Voyageur Dan Kamps is a Vietnam Veteran and his brother Kevin is a Desert Storm and Afghanistan Veteran.

You are Cordially Invited to Attend the Testimonial Dinner Honoring

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October 10, 2020



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October 10
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2021	Grande Promenade	St. Croix Falls
2021	National Promenade	Springfield, MO
2022	Midwinter Petite	Port Washington



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Greetings from Grande Voiture Headquarters! The voting is all in and John Aasen of Whitehall is our new Grand Chef de Gare. Congratulations to him and all of the other Grande Voiture officers for the upcoming year.

Two Constitutional & Bylaw changes were voted on and passed. One was for housekeeping which will update our Constitution to keep

it in line with the National Constitution. The other is for the purpose of changing the number of District Cheminot we have from twelve to four. This is because one District doesn't have a Locale and two only have one Locale within their District. As soon as the updated Grande Voiture Constitution & Bylaws have been proofread and approved by the Grand Avocat Dave Wegener and National Avocat Mike Wood of Georgia; they'll be emailed to everyone.

It was voted on and passed that Joe Story will have his nomination papers sent in to National for the purpose of considering him for the high position of Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. The election will be next September in Springfield, MO.

On September 26th at the Tomah American Legion, Monroe County # 804 will be sponsoring their annual (BROWN) Collar Wreck starting at 1:00 P. M. What the heck is a Brown Collar Wreck you may ask? It's not really an active Wreck or just a formal Wreck but somewhere in between. In other words a lot of fun for the PG's and Voyageurs in attendance!

Before the Wreck at 11:00 that morning on the 26th, all Grande Officers for the upcoming year will be installed. Both Grand Chef de Gare Pass'e Carl Sjolander and Al Ross will be doing the honors of the swearing in. The luncheon will be served at NOON with the Wreck to follow. It is again a privilege to have been asked to perform the duties as Wrecking Chef. I think mainly because I have a very loud voice and know most of the Initiation by heart.

The Fall Cheminot and "Testimonial" dinner honoring Grand Chef De Gare John Aasen and Grande Cabane Presidente Jennifer Larson will be on the 10th of October at the Surestay Plus Hotel in Black River Falls. Many of us know it better as the Orange Moose. That evening we'll also be presenting the winners of our Special Awards: Voyageur of the Year, Correspondant of the Year and the Harald Kahlert Meritorious Service Award! The Grande Cabane will also be presenting their Dame of the Year. The Grande Voiture and Grande Cabane Cheminots will begin at 1:00 P. M. that day. The program for the Cheminot has been sent out to everyone by email. Had to change it somewhat due to not having a National Promenade this year!

Immediately following the Cheminot we'll be having a short meeting on hosting the 2022 National Promenade. We will have a table setup in Springfield, MO to pass out brochures, registration forms and other items of interest about Green Bay!

Grand Chef de Gare elect John Aasen stopped by the house on his way to Milwaukee recently one morning and dropped off some additional National Box Car Association pins and Crew & Associate cards. Almost out of the Associate cards again! Have sold over 100 of them. Just ask!

Congratulations Wisconsin! We have once again won the "John Kilgus Award" for the outstanding Grande Voiture publication in La Societe. This award is shared by everyone who submits an article or picture for the publication during the year.

I was once again voted on and approved to remain as your Grand Correspondant for another five years. That will make 20 years at the end of this next term.

Received word on August 25th that Joyce Federwitz passed away in January! She was my counterpart as Grande Cabane Correspondante the first five years as Grand Correspondant. A very classy lady who will be missed!

Most, if not all travels this past year have been canceled due to the pandemic. 2021 should be a much more livelier time. We're already planning on attending the Southland Dixie in Myrtle Beach, Great Lakes in State College, PA, National in Springfield, MO Midwinter in Appleton, Camp Days, the Grande Promenade & Rendezvous in St. Croix Falls and anywhere else Mary and I decide to go.

One last item I need to mention and that is the publishing of this magazine. Until things get back to normal - or at least the way it was; we'll only be publishing the Badger Forty et Eighter on a quarterly basis. Just don't have enough articles or pictures that pertain to La Societe for six issues a year.

See You Around The State
 Faith - Family - Forty & Eight
 And Stay Safe

Grand Voiture Membership 2020

FINAL

VOITURE	COUNTY	DISTRICT	2019	2020
236	POLK-BURNETT	12	33	31
260	TREMPEALEAU	10	41	40
410	KENOSHA	1	15	13
497	RACINE	1	17	13
525	EAU CLAIRE	10	11	9
526	WALWORTH	1	7	7*
652	SAUK	7	41	27
683	DANE	3	44	42
750	JEFFERSON	2	62	58
751	WINNEBAGO	6	25	23
774	BROWN-KEWAUNEE	9	37	38**
804	MONROE	7	50	54**
821	CLARK	7	19	20**
830	LA CROSSE	7	96	98**
831	PORTAGE	8	22	23**
840	COLUMBIA	2	7	8**
844	ROCK	1	11	10
856	DODGE	2	44	43
898	WASHINGTON	2	23	23*
904	PIERCE	10	45	45*
986	SHAWANO	8	41	41*
1080	SHEBOYGAN	2	15	15*
1121	GREEN	3	5	4
1139	WOOD	8	7	7*
1140	OUTAGAMIE	9	19	19*
1156	VILAS-ONEIDA	11	27	23
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1204	LANGLADE	9	49	49*
1268	RICHLAND	3	52	47
1323	JUNEAU	7	36	39**
1372	GRANT	3	9	8
1434	CALUMET	6	17	12
1455	IOWA	3	11	10
1485	ST. CROIX	10	9	8
1519	MILWAUKEE	4	40	42**

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AREA STANDINGS

	2019	2020	Percent
AREA 1 - 4th Place			Dale Oatman
6th District	42	35	83.33%
9th District	105	106	100.95%
11th District	27	23	85.19%
TOTALS	174	164	94.25%

	2019	2020	Percent
AREA 2 - 2nd Place			Larry Winger
2nd District	151	147	97.35%
3rd District	121	111	91.73%
8th District	70	71	101.42%
TOTALS	342	329	96.19%

	2019	2020	Percent
AREA 3 - 1st Place			John Edelblute IV
1st District	50	43	86.00%
4th District	40	42	105.00%
7th District	242	238	98.34%
TOTALS	332	323	97.28%

	2019	2020	Percent
AREA 4 - 3rd Place			Dave Behling
10th District	106	102	96.22%
12th District	33	31	93.94%
TOTALS	139	133	95.68%

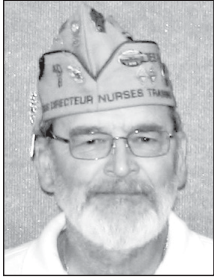
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Greetings

I'm sure we are all tired of this new normal thing. All we have to do is watch the local news to see what our school systems are trying to do. Decide how to open school for the next year. Is it going to be Virtual education, or are students going to the class room full time, or part time?

If you have had a financial arrangement set up with your local schools, or youth sports clubs, are they going to be operating this year?

You can support your YMCA sports, County or Community park sports league. As long as it is a sanctioned sport. From bowling, swimming, gymnastics, even shooting sports. If it is part of a sanctioning organization you can support it.

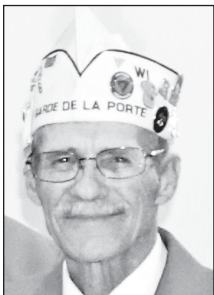
The problem we need to focus on now is determining whether these functions are going to be active or not due to the COVID-19 virus. I don't know what is going on in your area, but in our Oostburg schools, they haven't decided yet. Don't wait for your leagues to contact you. Please contact them and ask what their plans are for the future.

Please contact me and let me know what's going on in your Locale. My E-mail is joeternes@aol.com. I hope to hear from you.

PS, don't forget to order Youth Sports Pins.

MEMBERSHIP

Larry Winger, Grand Chef de Train



Let me begin by thanking everyone for electing me as your Grand Chef de Train this year. It is truly an honor the Grande de Wisconsin as not only Chef de Train but also Membership Chairman.

This last year our Grande Voiture was 38 members short of obtaining 100%! That number doesn't sound like much and it's not. "HOWEVER" every year we lose more

Voyageurs due to death and not renewing than we have in recruiting new members.

Recruiting new members into the ranks of La Societe should not be a hard sell! Our programs are geared for our fellow Veterans, community and our children are second to none. Assisting children who are victims of house fires or other disasters, VAVS and our Nurses Training programs would in my opinion really have our Veterans who are asked to join think seriously about becoming a member of such an outstanding organization as La Societe.

Don't forget our greatest selling point that our Grand Correspondant continues to preach and that is the comradery we have as Voyageurs. The friendship one feels whenever he or she walks into a Promenade or other 40 et 8 event is overwhelming. A few months ago I attended 40 et 8 Days at Camp and the feeling of family was very powerful. It was such a joy that I've already booked a room for next year.

"OK" the point I'm trying to make when approaching a potential PG or for better terminology a new member is we're not just another Veterans organization, we really are family!

Thank You

As many of you know, I was in the hospital for 33 days (7/11 to 8/14) because of an infection caused by a tick bite. I received over 200 cards from 40 and 8ers, legionnaires and friends. Gerri and I want to thank everyone who sent a get well card. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Cheminot on October 10th.



Have a great day, Joe and Gerri

VAVS

Dale Mitchell, Directeur



I probably should have written an article sooner about what is happening at the VA Hospitals around the State. They have started taking more patients and most of the clinics are open. However, they are taking patients by need first and still doing online visits when that works. If you need a

procedure you have to have a COVID-19 virus test a day or two before you are admitted. Then please isolate till the procedure.

I'm a driver for Veterans for Jefferson County. I started driving Veterans up to the hospitals again about a month and a half ago. When it started, we could only take one Veteran at a time in the van, they have installed shields that separates the driver from the Veteran and we both have to wear a mask. Then they added another shield in front of the very back seats. Now we can take 2 Veterans at a time. We still do not take Veterans that have tested positive until after they been self-quarantine for 15 days.

With that taking a DAV or a VA hospital van is very safe so don't miss your appointments. I hope that everyone is staying safe and having fun. That is enough about the big COVID-19.

I am also trying to put together a history book for our Grand Chef Jim almost passé. If anyone has pictures of Jim try and send them to me. My e-mail is dmitchell012@centurytel.net or at N99470 Haltur Lane, Eagle, WI 53119. With all the events that have been canceled it is hard to get a nice book together.

The website will be updated when I get the new information from our Grand Correspondant and Grande Cabane Correspondante. If you have any items to put on the website please let me know.

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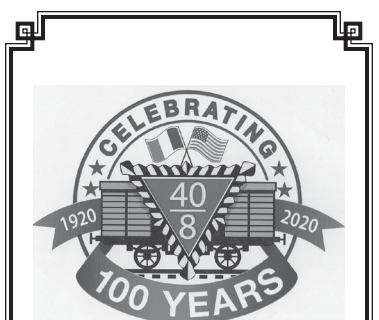
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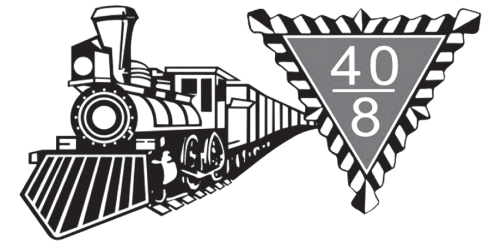
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Nurses Training



ABOVE: Ron Pfalzgraf presents Erica Fryman of Fond du Lac with one of the Grande Voiture Nurses Training scholarships.

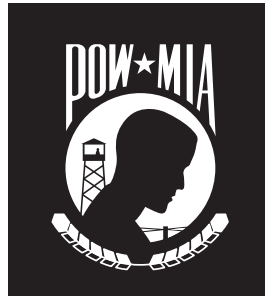
ABOVE RIGHT: Representing Trempealeau Voiture # 260 Charlie Hizer and Gavin Johnson present Avery Aasen of Melrose with one of their Locale Nurses Training scholarships.

RIGHT: Tom Orval and Tom Voigt present Abigail Vinz of Watertown with her Grande Voiture Nurses Training scholarship.



POW/MIA SCHOLARSHIPS

Jim Basset, Grande Directeur POW/MIA program



Greetings fellow Voyageurs from your POW/MIA Grand Director for the New Year! The POW/MIA program: 1. Raises scholarship funds for surviving veterans that were Missing in Action or Prisoners of War or their descendants; 2. Raise awareness of the availability of the scholarships; and 3. Administers the scholarships.

The POW/MIA program needs funds for the scholarships. If sufficient funds are not raised through merchandise sales and donations, the value of the scholarships awarded will need to be reduced.

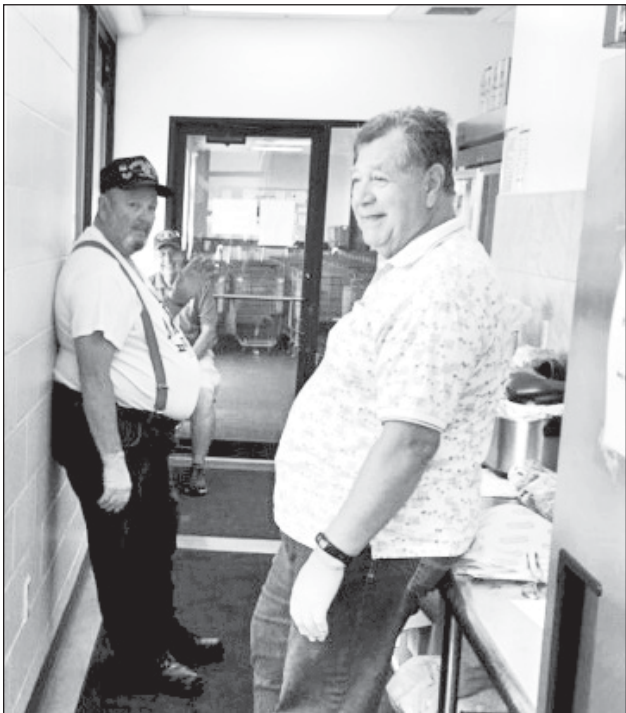
For 2021 a dangle pair that attaches to the 2020 pin is being offered for \$5. Any voiture that did not purchase enough 2020 pins from Voyageur Orval this past year is not out of luck. The 2020 pins are available for \$3 each. Orders for pins (\$3) and dangle pairs (\$5) can be sent to me via email at jamescbassett@gmail.com or by snail mail at 7161 Clarks Point Rd, Winneconne, WI 54986. All orders will be plus postage. I also plan on having dangle pairs at the installation of Grand Officers and the wreck in Tomah.

Other merchandise including previous year pins, necklaces, and earrings are also available.

Let's show our support for the POW/MIA scholarships by purchasing and distributing fundraising merchandise.

Stay safe and support the programs of the Forty and Eight.

Shawano Voiture Locale # 986



Voiture 986 held a three-day brat fry fundraiser from 23-25 July at the Red Barn in Shawano. LEFT: Manning the front line from front to back are Voyageur Robert Powell, Chef de Gare Jack Beggs, and Commissaire Intendant Phil Nelson. Past Grand Chef de Gare Roger Oleson supervised the grill crew and a good time was had by all.

RIGHT: Sandra Beggs, newly elected Presidente of Voiture 986 Cabane is congratulated by Kathleen Gramza Correspondante of Voiture 986 Cabane.





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Monroe County # 804 Nurses Training Scholarship



Voyageur Mikki Bradley presents the Monroe County Voiture Locale # 804 Nurses Training Scholarship check to her niece Haley Bradley. This is the second of three installments for her studies in the Nurses Training schooling.




DANE COUNTY Voiture & Cabane 683

GRAND CHEF DE GARE PASSE

Reginald C. Golden	1961	Tom Borman	1999
Lloyd Richardson	1968	Ken Kozubek	2016
Jim Wages	1988	Rich Ruland	2017

CHEF DE GARE Gerry Scalissi	CORRESPONDANT Keith Lovell
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Grande Voiture de Wisconsin



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Chef de Gare
Gavin J. Johnson

Correspondant
Charles Hizer

Commissaire Intendant
Dennis Moe

Teamwork and Having Fun Make the 40 et 8 No. 1

Voiture #683

Brat Fry

Dane County Voiture # 683 & Cabane have been sponsoring Brat Fry's this summer to raise money for their Nurses Training Scholarship and General Funds. The events have been held at the American Legion Post # 501 in Madison and at the Park on Lake Monona.



Members of the Voiture & Cabane manning the stand on Saturday morning.



Chef de Gare Gerry Scalissi accepts a donation from retired Nurse Barb Johnson who was picking up food at their drive thru.

RAINBOW FLOWAGE WORK PARTY

Jim Vissers

A work party was at the Rainbow Flowage during the first weekend in August to finish the work that was not completed during Forty and Eight Days at Camp American Legion in June. During the Forty and Eight Days at Camp, the broken window was repaired. A rear key locking door was also replaced by Rene Naranjo and myself.

My brother Jack and I arrived on Thursday. After checking out the flowage to see what was needed to complete the work, we headed to Camp American Legion to get the necessary supplies to finish the work. Most of the grass in the parking area was cut with the rest of the work to be done on Friday and Saturday.

After breakfast on Friday morning, Jack and I, along with George Heck from Green Bay, headed for the flowage. While there, we raked leaves and cut the rest of the grass. A little later in the morning, Doug Schaller and Ken Laatsch arrived to install the new fans. While the fans were being installed, George and I installed new screen curtains on the two garage door openings. I also installed a new 2 X 4 across the double doors, totally securing the pavilion.

We broke for lunch and finished the curtains and fans in the afternoon. When we were done, we swept the pavilion and locked everything up. An extra set of keys were made and taken to Camp.



Installing the screens.



Making necessary adjustments.



Following the work being completed at the flowage; Cheminot National Doug Schaller installed Grand Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissers and Grand Garde de La Porte Ken Laatsch to their positions for 2021.

Ten Fascinating Facts About The Washington Monument

1. James Madison had an early role in getting the monument project started. In 1833, the Washington National Monument Society, a private organization, came up with the idea for the tribute to the first President. Madison along with Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall started the society.

2. The first monument design featured a rotunda and a Roman-like George Washington. The initial winning bid came from architect Robert Mills, whose designed a flat-topped obelisk with a statue of Washington in a chariot, along with statues of 30 Founding Fathers. The current obelisk design was proposed in 1876.

3. The Masons and the Pope were involved with the monument. Yes, the Free Masons were involved in the cornerstone ceremony and they used Washington's Masonic symbols in the ceremony. At the 1848 ceremony were 20,000 people, and a container that held copies of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and other objects was buried in the cornerstone.

4. Abraham Lincoln was at the 1848 cornerstone ceremony. The eclectic guest list included James Buchanan, Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Dolley Madison and Alexander Hamilton's widow, Betsey Hamilton, and of course, the then-current President, James K. Polk.

5. So how does the Pope fit into all of this? The Society asked for people to donate ceremonial stones as part of the construction process. Pope Pius IX donated a memorial stone of marble, which infuriated the anti-Catholic Know Nothing Party. The Know-Nothings got their revenge by rigging the leadership election for the Washington National Monument Society. Congress cut off monument funding for 5 years until the Know Nothings left the group.

6. Nothing happened to the monument for a 22-year period. After the Know-Nothing takeover in the 1850s, the monument became stalled to the point that it was used as a slaughter yard and cattle pen during the Civil War. Congress took over the project in 1876.

7. It took the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to get the job done. The Engineers worked with Lt. Col. Thomas Lincoln Casey to modify the original ornate plans. The monument's stripped-down, lean look was part of a cost-cutting effort. On December 6, 1884, an aluminum cap used as a light-



ning-protection device was placed on top. In February 1885, the dedication ceremony took place.

8. The Monument was the world's tallest building when it was dedicated. The Washington Monument as dedicated stood at 555 feet 5 inches tall. The Cologne Cathedral had been the world's tallest man-made structure. The Eiffel Tower soon surpassed the Monument.

9. The Monument is an engineering marvel. The Washington Post recently pointed out an interesting fact in an on-going debate about the Monument as the world's tallest free-standing masonry structure. The Monument's marble blocks are held together by just gravity and friction, and no mortar was used in the process.

10. The Washington Monument: Movie star. Nothing says "location shot" in a film like the Washington Monument, especially when the icon is under attack from aliens and terrorists, or used as a backdrop in a thriller or mystery. But maybe the most memorable appearance, in a real-life moment, occurred in August 1963, when Martin Luther King Jr. spoke on the mall in Washington, with the Lincoln Memorial stage facing the Monument.

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| Grande Presidente Passe | Gloria Faber |
| Grande Presidente Passe | Bea Greiner |
| Grande Presidente Passe | Judy Pfalzgraf |
| Grande Presidente Passe | Lisa York |
| Grande Presidente Passe | Jackie Mitchell |

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| Correspondant | Ronald Pfalzgraf |
| Commissaire Intendant | Tom Meyer |

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| Presidente | Micki Polster |
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GRANDE PRESIDENTE

Jennifer Larson

Greetings, Dames and Voyageurs,

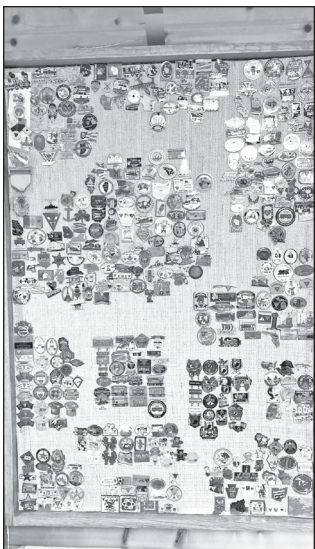
I pray you are staying safe and well amid all the uncertainty this fall is bringing. As for me, I'm filled with mixed emotions. I am saddened by the passing of Joyce Federwitz, a wonderful lady who had helped and encouraged me throughout the years, and who was a big part of the reason I came to love this great organization. I am also very excited about seeing many of you at the Fall Cheminot and Testimonial Dinner on Oct. 10. I have truly missed all of you and the fun times we have together.

As I stated in my last article, I have chosen Camp American Legion for my Grande Presidente's project because it is close to my heart. The services provided to veterans and their families by this one-of-a-kind Up-North retreat are priceless, just like my Forty and Eight family.

The fine money we collect at rendezvous will be sent to Easter Seals Crossroads, a facility in my area that offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities deal with life's challenges and achieve personal goals. My stepson spent time there and really enjoyed doing group therapy and activities with the other children. The staff there, too, are second-to-none: patient, kind, and understanding.

It looks like the COVID-19 restrictions are going to remain in place for a while yet, and that will likely impact your plans for holding rendezvous this fall. Please continue to work for our programs the best you can despite current difficulties. As always, keep track of the time and money you spend and the miles you travel. A few notes jotted down now will help you immensely when it's time to fill out the annual reports next spring. And remember, it's never too early to send in your dues. The final deadline is Dec. 31, which seems a long way off, but in fact will be here before we know it.

PROGRAM PINS



Every year the Directeur's are busy selling their program pins. We all know it's a thankless job but they are very diligent in using the pins to promote and support their respective programs. Who are these Directeur's? Ken Laatsch – Americanism; John Aasen – National Box Car Association; Jim Witte – Carville Star; Eric Diekmann – Child Welfare; Pat Sukowski – Nurses Training; Jim Bassett – POW-MIA and Joe Ternes – Youth Sports.

We do have other Directeur's such as Ken Kozubek – Activities; Richard Ruland

– Public Relations; Steve Bradley – Ritual; Ron Pfalzgraf – Special Awards and Dale Mitchell – VAVS. However those Directeur's don't have pins for sale.

The pins and cards that are sold with the money raised, goes right back into the program to help fund the endeavors of each program. OK, you may say that I have enough pins for my chapeau or vest but when you purchase a pin for \$3.00, that money goes back to help fund the program itself.

The National Box Car Association from all of their money raised each year goes right back into assisting the other programs of La Societe. That and donating money to the various VA hospitals across the US! Last year two sizable donations were made to the Milwaukee and Tomah VA's. This money for items purchased came directly from the NBCA.

Year in and year out Wisconsin uses the Charles W. Ardery Child Welfare program more than usually all the other Grande Voiture's combined. Money for the Ardery Fund comes directly from the sale of Child Welfare pins.

Wondering what to do with all of the pins you collect over the years? I put them in my shadow box. Just remember that when you purchase a pin, you are also donating to the program.

Charles W. Ardery – Child Welfare



Trempealeau County Voiture Locale # 260 assisted a family from the Osseo area who were victims of a house fire that destroyed the entire home. Assisting the family were Correspondant Charles Hizer and Chef de Gare Gavin Johnson.

Lest We Forget

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

VOYAGEURS

DONALD KRAEMER	V- 652
RICHARD BRESSETT	V- 683
ROBERT BERTZ	V- 821
JEROME MALIN	V- 830
WILL LEHNER	V- 831
TOM WANTA	V- 831
ROBERT CHUBECK	V- 986
GARY PABELICK	V- 986
TONY TERRELL	V- 986
DALE VAUGHN	V-1204
ALBERT WERWIE	V-1204
JAMES WHITT	V-1204
ARMO BRENDELMAUHL	V-1372
FRED BLASKA	V-1434
JOHN ENDSLEY	V-1434
DENNIS ANTONSON	V-1455
JOE FOREMAN	V-1455
PAT HALPIN	V-1455
RAYMOND HANSON	V-1455
CHARLES WILLIAMS	V-1455
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AMERICANISM REPORT

Beth Laatsch



I know the pandemic has made it difficult, if not impossible, to participate in many of the activities we usually take credit for on our annual reports. Americanism, however, might be a little bit easier, especially now.

Everything that's going on in the country: COVID-19, wildfires, riots, give us as Americans many chances to help those around us. Give blood. It's always needed, now more than ever. And donating is safe to do even during the pandemic. Food pantries need our help; they are struggling to keep up with the demand from those who have lost their jobs and have families to feed. Maybe you are aware of a family in your own community that you could take under your wing and see to it that they are taken care of. And with the election coming up in November, you might want to volunteer to work at the polls or provide refreshments for the ones who are. Opportunities abound, just look for them.

I will be attending Fall Cheminot on Oct. 10 and will have the new 2021 Americanism pins for sale there. If you won't be there, just call or email me and I will get your pins to you. At \$3.00 apiece, they are the very simplest way to contribute to the program.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY Voiture Locale No. 750

GRAND CHEF DE GARE PASSE

ART MINNING 1957
JOHN MODEL 1973
CHARLES LENZ 1985
THOMAS J. ORVAL 2008
DALE MITCHELL 2015
KEN KOZUBEK 2016

GRAND OFFICERS 2020

Dale Mitchell	Directeur VAVS
Pat Sukowski	Directeur Nurses Training
Dave Behling	Grand Commis Voyageur
	2nd District Cheminot
Tom Orval	Grand Correspondant
	Directeur POW-MIA
Ken Kozubek	Directeur Voiture Activities

VOITURE LOCALE OFFICERS

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Dale Mitchell	



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LET'S ALL BE GREAT IN THE BADGER STATE

Sheboygan County Voiture/Cabane 1080

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Presidente
Shirley Krier



Correspondante
Barbara Dotzauer

Working Together As One We Get The Job Done

GRANDE CABANE CORRESPONDANTE
Mary Orval



Greetings wonderful Dames of Wisconsin! I am honored to announce our New La Grande Presidente, Jennifer Larson—Cabane 986. Congratulations!!

Since we had to cancel our Grande due to the coronavirus, we had to come up with a new way to vote for our officers. This process involved Voyageurs and Dames. The Grande de Wisconsin had to mail out a voting ballot to elect our officers for 2020-2021.

Nationale Rendezvous in Ohio was canceled due to the coronavirus. Nationale was still going to process their Trophy and Awards. I asked all Locale Cabanes to submit their end year reports. I was very happy to see all the dedicated and hardworking Dames still able to help with the programs regardless of this coronavirus problem. Awesome job Dames!!

Nationale positions for 2020-2021 are: Judy Pfalzgraf – Nationale Child Welfare Chairmen, Barbara Dotzauer – Nationale POW-MIA Chairmen, Mary Orval-Nationale Nurses Training Chairmen, and Gail Reed – Nationale Americanism Chairmen. Congratulations! Grande de Wisconsin Dames!!

Many remarkable reports were submitted showing how hard the Dames have been working for the programs of La Societe. Let's keep up the good work this year. A list of the award winning Cabanes appears at the right of this column. Jennifer Larson was elected La Grande Presidente for 2020-2021. Her project is Camp American Legion and her fine money will go to Community Pathways-Autism.

Directeurs: Updates are being mailed out to you. In the updates there will be: List of Officer, Directeurs, Locale Presidentes and Correspondantes and a new information booklet.

Membership: Congratulations to Locale Cabane 683 - Dane they are already at 100% in membership. Starting as of July 1, 2020 Cabane dues can sent to Cabane Nationale now. Please, everyone, let us get Grande de Wisconsin 100% in membership as soon as possible. We are a strong, hardworking, dedicated group of Dames!! All Locale Cabanes have received an updated list of members. If there are any changes at all to your membership lists, please let me know.

Reminders: Check the Voiture and Cabane Nationale website; fortyandeight.org for just about anything you need to know. Wisconsin has its own website; wifortyandeight.com. This website has all the updated forms. Thank you, Dale Mitchell.

All Dames news articles are to be emailed to Beth Laatsch. She is doing all the proofreading for the Dames.

1. For 50/50 Raffle: Fall Cheminot – Cost of (6) tickets for \$ 5.00. Announced at Banquet.

Special Note: For Fall Cheminot we will be starting at 12:30 pm, we need the Finance and Audit committees to meet before the 1:00 pm Installation of Officers begins.

Our Fall Cheminot will be October 9-10, 2020 in Black River Falls, WI at the Sure Stay Hotel by Best Western (Orange Moose). See detailed information in the Badger Forty ET Eighter. The banquet that evening will be a Testimonial Dinner for our Grande Chef, John Aasen and La Grande Presidente, Jennifer Larson at the hotel. I hope to see many of you there.

Dates to Remember:

Mid-Winter-Appleton-February 12-13, 2021

Grande-St. Croix Falls-August 6-8, 2021

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone.

Cabane Awards

Aide to the Voiture	First Class	First	Sheboygan	1080	Second Class	First	Dodge	856
	First Class	Second	Shawano	986	Second Class	Second	La Crosse	830
Americanism	First Class	First	Sheboygan	1080	Second Class	First	Dodge	856
	First Class	Second	Shawano	986	Second Class	Second	La Crosse	830
Badger 40 & 8er	First Class	First	Sheboygan	1080	Second Class	First	Dodge	856
	First Class	Second	Walworth	526	Second Class	Second	La Crosse	830
Box Car	First Class	First	Sheboygan	1080	Second Class	First	La Crosse	830
	First Class	Second	Walworth	526	Second Class	Second	Dodge	856
Camp American Legion	First Class	First	Sheboygan	1080	Second Class	First	Dodge	856
	First Class	Second	None		Second Class	Second	La Crosse	830
Carville Star	First Class	First	Shawano	986	Second Class	First	La Crosse	830
	First Class	Second	Walworth	526	Second Class	Second	Dodge	856
Child Welfare	First Class	First	Sheboygan	1080	Second Class	First	Dodge	856
	First Class	Second	Shawano	986	Second Class	Second	La Crosse	830
Nurses Training	First Class	First	Sheboygan	1080	Second Class	First	La Crosse	830
	First Class	Second	None		Second Class	Second	Dodge	856
POW-MIA	First Class	First	Sheboygan	1080	Second Class	First	Dodge	856
	First Class	Second	Shawano	986	Second Class	Second	La Crosse	830
Youth Sports	First Class	First	Walworth	526	Second Class	First	Dodge	856
	First Class	Second	Shawano	986	Second Class	Second	La Crosse	830

Grand Total dollar amount for all the programs was: \$ 222,876.50

Aide to the Voiture	\$ 63,330.50	First Class	First Place	Cabane 1080	8
Americanism	\$ 64,847.00	First Class	First Place	Cabane 986	1
Badger Forty & Eighter	\$ 1,443.00	First Class	First Place	Cabane 526	1
Box Car	\$ 12,474.00	First Class	Second Place	Cabane 986	5
Camp American Legion	\$ 6,240.00	First Class	Second Place	Cabane 526	3
Carville Star	\$ 84.00	Second Class	First Place	Cabane 856	7
Nurses Training	\$ 3,465.00	Second Class	First Place	Cabane 830	3
POW-MIA	\$ 12,558.00	Second Class	Second Place	Cabane 830	7
Youth Sports	\$ 12,816.00	Second Class	Second Place	Cabane 856	3
Grand Total Programs	\$ 222,876.50			Total Awards	38

Wisconsin Homeless Veteran Program Receives Federal Support

Department to expand housing capacity by 35% and add female housing

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) has been awarded a grant from the US Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to continue to operate and expand Wisconsin's successful Veterans Housing and Recovery Program (VHRP), which provides temporary housing, training, and supportive services to military Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in order to help them obtain permanent housing.

For more than 25 years, VHRP – through its community partnerships and extensive referral network – has helped homeless veterans in Wisconsin receive the job training, education, counseling and rehabilitative services they need to obtain steady employment, affordable housing and the skills to sustain a productive lifestyle. As part of the VHRP program, three transitional Veterans Housing Centers located in Chippewa Falls, Union Grove, and Green Bay provide housing and services to 78 Veterans in need.

"It is so important that we support the well-being of our state's vulnerable Veterans," WDVA Secretary Mary

Kolar said. "I'm pleased the VHRP will continue to assist at-risk Veterans – men and women – navigate the pathway to stable housing by providing the tools and support to help put homelessness behind them."

Under the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, the USDVA agrees to make a per diem payment to the State for each day a Veteran participates in the VHRP. With announcement of this grant, WDVA will expand services at both the Chippewa Falls and Union Grove locations, adding an additional 18 beds at Chippewa Falls and an additional 10 at Union Grove, allowing housing and other assistance to be provided to at least an additional 28 veterans during this grant cycle. The Union Grove location will also include housing and services for female Veterans.

The grants, awarded by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, are part of the Grant Per Diem program which provides funding to community organizations that provide transitional housing and supportive services for homeless Veterans, with the goal of "helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and income and obtain greater self-determination."

A Blast from the Past



March 1950 – Voyageurs from Dane County Voiture Locale # 683 present checks to three Madison welfare groups; Rev. J. Van Handel of the Madison Catholic diocese welfare bureau, Rabbi Manfred Swarsensky of the Madison Jewish welfare fund, and Thomas S. Toal, Chief Rabban of the Madison Shrine Temple for the Shrine welfare fund. 40 et 8 members are Reginald Golden, Chef de Gare; Ted Raymond, Child Welfare Directeur presenting the check, and Everett Gerry, Correspondant.

Langlade County Voiture 1204

La Verne Yonkee
Chef de Gare



Dan Kamps
Correspondant

HOME OF

Don Emley

Chef de Chemin de Fer 2016

Dale Oatman

Grand Sous Chef de Train

Jack Eaton

National Lampiste Passe

Steve Bradley

National Directeur Ritual

Richard Schuh

National Cheminot Passe

Marie Schuh

Grande Cabane Presidente 2005

51st Annual 40 et Eight Days at Camp American Legion



Enjoying La Societe camaraderie on Thursday afternoon.



The participants in the Beanbag tournament.



Ray Pasbrig is congratulated by Tony Wittman for winning the Beanbag tournament



A 40 et 8 tradition; "The Timbers"



The annual donation to the Camp.

La Crosse Voiture & Cabane Brat Fry



La Crosse County Cabane 830 had a Brat Fry at the Holmen, WI, Festival Food Brat Barn, on Saturday, August 22, 2020. Also there was La Crosse County Voiture 830 Locomotive. Mary Schaller and Mary Uchtyl were two of the workers.

Masks Around the State



Ken and Beth Laatsch and Doug & Mary Schaller model the Crown Royal masks at a recent fishery event near Phillips.



Jefferson County # 750 with proper 40 et 8 masks presenting the Colors at the committal for a fellow Voyageur



Got to have a little fun during the mask mandate!