

# THE BADGER FORTY et EIGHTER



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MIDWINTER

## Grand Chef de Gare's Message

Larry Winger



Voyageurs and Dames, Just can't believe that my year as your Grand Chef de Gare is half over already. Even with the pandemic I have been able to travel and meet so many fine Voyageurs and Dames throughout our great state of Wisconsin whenever invited to your Promenades or other functions.

Read in Grand Correspondant Tom's Correspondants Corner that we are down to 100 more renewals/new Voyageurs to hit the 100% mark! I do hope everyone is trying to nail down those last renewals and actively recruiting new members of La Societe.

A tip of the chapeau to the Voyageurs and Dames from Locale #1080 for hosting such a spectacular Mid-Winter Petite in Manitowoc! With Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson and wife Dell being such gracious guests it made for a very special time here in Wisconsin. My fine box sure got a lot heavier and by that I mean during a Promenade we all learned never to call a Voyageur by their first name unless you start by referring to him or her as Voya-

geur first. I'd say that over \$100 was collected; and a lot of it was mine!

Besides membership we are all working to promote the programs of La Societe and to get the word out to our fellow Veterans about this great organization. We speak of the camaraderie we have between our members. I can honestly say that in my travels everyone has been just wonderful towards me. A special thanks to Grande Cabane Presidente Barbara Dotzauer and all of our hard working Dames for all they do for our organization.

I believe the next official function of the Wisconsin Forty et Eight is the spring clean-up at the Rainbow Flowage in May. Hope to see many of you there.

### GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN

#### 2022 Grande Promenade

Proudly Hosted by Monroe County Voiture #804 August 11-14, 2022

##### REGISTRATION - \$10 Per Voyageur

Name \_\_\_\_\_

##### BOOSTER CLUB - \$2 Per Name

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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##### BANQUET RESERVATIONS- \$28.00 Per Person

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bourbon Chicken and Beef Tips, mashed potatoes and gravy, California style vegetable mix, coffee, milk, rolls and cheesecake. Promenade, Banquet and Headquarters to be held at

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Mail checks to:

Melissa Guthmiller  
326 W Milwaukee Street  
Tomah, WI 54660

### 2022 GRANDE RENDEZVOUS

August 12 - 14

Best Western • Tomah, WI

Dames: Registration is: \$10 Meetings will be held at: Best Western

Dames: Friday and Saturday Luncheons: \$30 Both luncheons will be served: Meeting Room

Friday, August 12, 2022 – Deadline: July 30 Cabane and Passé Presidente's Luncheon at 11:30 am. (\$15) each Dame Ham or Turkey Sandwich with Pasta Salad and beverage tax and tip included.

Saturday, August 13, 2022 – Deadline: July 30 Installation Luncheon at 11:30 am (\$15) each Dame or Guest Vegetable Soup and Chef Salad and beverage with tax and tip included.

The Installation Ceremony will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 9:00 am. Then the Cheminot will follow after installation ceremony. Deadline for final count and to be paid before is: July 30.

Note: Registration and luncheons must be paid before deadline—NO payments will be accepted at the Grande.

Registration is: \$10 per Dame Friday and Saturday luncheons is: \$30 per Dame Registration and both luncheons for total cost of \$40

Make checks payable to: Locale Cabane 830 Mail to: Marian Bloom, 505 Kilbourn Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660

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Grand Conducteur	Ken Laatsch	Philips
Grand Garde De La Porte	Melissa Guthmiller	Tomah
Grand Commis Voyageur	George Heck	Green Bay
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Grand Avocat	John Helgeson	Hudson
Grand Historian	Dale Mitchell	Eagle
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Jim Vissers	Appleton
Grand Sous Commissaire Intendant	Phil Nelson	Shawano
Cheminot National	Jim Bassett	Winneconne
Alternate Cheminot National	John Aasen	Whitehall
Grand Correspondant	Tom Orval	Johnson Creek
Grand Sous Correspondant	John Edelblute IV	Cudahy

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Region 2	Pat Young	La Crosse
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Region 4	John Helgeson	Hudson



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## GRAND CHEF DE GARE'S PASSE GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN

1972 Robert Polaske	2010 Al Ross
1978 Norbert Lohuis	2011 Jim Vissers
1986 Ralph Ricker	2013 John Helgeson
1992 Jerome Warner	2014 Lloyd Granberg
1998 Gary Dotzauer	2015 Dale Mitchell
2001 Roger Oleson	2016 Ken Kozubek
2002 Carl Sjolander	2017 Richard Ruland
2003 Lloyd Koeller	2018 Doug Schaller
2007 Don Emley	2019 Joe Story
2008 Tom Orval	2020 Jim Bassett
2009 Ron Pfalzgraf	2021 John Aasen
	2022 Larry Winger



## GRAND CORRESPONDANT

Thomas J. Orval



Let's start out with some good news! I received a call from Chuck Cooney a few weeks ago. He was speaking to a member of the American Legion Post # 444 in Milwaukee that is turning in their charter. Well it just so happens that they have a very nice speaker system that has now been donated to the Grande Voiture. Can't beat the price! Chuck and Pat dropped it off a few Saturdays ago on their way back from a dinner theatre in Fort Atkinson.

Thank you Post # 444 and Chuck and Pat!

The 2022 Communique reports were either handed out at Midwinter or were mailed to each Correspondant. Please get them filled and returned to Grande Headquarters no later than June 15. As I'm on the subject of the Midwinter, everyone had an outstanding time in Manitowoc. The hotel had a few snags due to manpower problems but we really enjoyed our time there. Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson and his wife Dell were our National guests. Being from Goose Creek, South Carolina they were not as used to the cold weather as us cheeseheads are but they survived. Don & Faye Emley presented Bill with a set of long underwear as a reminder of his trip to the frozen tundra.

During the Time & Place Committee meeting it was decided that Wisconsin will commit to hosting the 2024 Great Lakes Promenade. It was decided to have it at the Radisson in Green Bay. There was talk of having it in Madison or Manitowoc but our association with the hotel and catering staff in Green Bay swayed everyone's decision. John Edelblute IV is spearheading the event. Speaking of John, he has secured the Sure Stay / Orange Moose in Black River Falls for the 2022 Fall Cheminot and Grand Chef de Gare's Homecoming. Always a great time there!

I do have to commend everyone on their reports that were given. Almost all were very informative and interesting. We had no Resolutions, Constitutional or Bylaw changes that had to be discussed at the Midwinter. In other words everything ran very smoothly. A Big Merci Beaucoup to the Voyageurs and Dames of Sheboygan # 1080 for a job well done. One last item on the Midwinter Petite and that is the new Grande Voiture flag. Everyone was quite impressed with it. We are planning on purchasing a flag case in the near future to store the old Grande Voiture flag in. Still not sure where it will be housed!

The Rainbow Flowage Clean-Up is scheduled for May 13 and 14. Hotel reservations can be made at the Rustic Manor by calling 715-479-9776. What to bring is elsewhere in this edition of the Badger Forty et Eighter.

In the last month the Grande has sent in (4) Charles W. Ardery Memorial Child Welfare Trust Fund applications. They have come from La Crosse # 830, Monroe # 804 and two from Trempealeau # 260. I believe that we have assisted 15 children during this time.

As soon as the Grande meets again we are going to figure out a new system for the Line Officers and Cheminot for working on membership. It's a bit confusing to some so we are hoping to simplify it for the upcoming year.

As of February 26, the Grande Voiture is at 88.64% in membership sitting at 780 members. We need 100 more for 100%. New members have been added to the rolls recently. When you have a new member I need for their names and addresses to be sent to Grande Voiture Headquarters so they can be added to the Badger Forty et Eighter mailing list. As I'm on the subject of membership, we are still waiting for confirmation on a number of White Collar Wrecks in the Grande. I do know of four Locales who have members to be initiated and as soon as the time, place and date have been finalized, I will send the information out by email.

If you are not receiving correspondence from Grande Headquarters by email and would like to be included in the weekly membership reports, Correspondants Corner and other updates, just email wigrandvoiture@spectrum.net and request to be added to the mailing list.

What a time for the gas prices to be going up. In the next few weeks I'll be driving to Charleston, SC for the Chef de Chemin de Fer's Homecoming, Columbus, GA for the National Presidente's Homecoming, Rochester, NY for the Great Lakes Promenade the first weekend of June and a couple of trips to Camp American Legion and the Rainbow Flowage by St. Germain. Thank goodness the National Promenade & Rendezvous is in Green Bay this year.

On February 21, Mary and I traveled to Kenosha for the visitation of Connie Stukel. She passed away on the 12th of February. Connie, along with husband Bob were the Grande Cabane Presidente and Grand Chef de Gare in 1996. Connie also served as Grande Cabane Correspondante from 1974-1977.

On March 4 in Appleton we paid final respects to Voyageur Clinton Robson. Clint held numerous positions over the years in Wisconsin and he was National Sous Garde de La Porte in 2015.

As all of you are aware, Wisconsin is hosting the 2022 National Promenade & Rendezvous in Green Bay on September 13-17. If you know of any businesses or Locales who would like to take out an Ad, just look on the back of the National magazine or elsewhere in this edition of the Badger Forty et Eighter for the form. We don't have a company to sell National Ads for us anymore. During the pandemic they went out of business. The National Promenade booklet is where Wisconsin will make money.

See You Around The State

Faith - Family - Forty & Eight

## Grand Voiture Membership 2022

FEBRUARY 24

VOITURE	COUNTY	AREA	2021	2022
236	POLK-BURNETT	4	31	21
260	TREMPEALEAU	4	42	35
410	KENOSHA	1	12	11
497	RACINE	1	10	8
<b>525</b>	<b>EAU CLAIRE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9*</b>
<b>526</b>	<b>WALWORTH</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5*</b>
652	SAUK	3	28	21
683	DANE	3	39	33
750	JEFFERSON	1	50	49
751	WINNEBAGO	3	25	20
774	BROWN-KEWAUNEE	2	40	30
804	MONROE	3	43	28
821	CLARK	3	18	16
830	LA CROSSE	3	86	83
<b>831</b>	<b>PORTAGE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19*</b>
840	COLUMBIA	1	8	7
844	ROCK	1	9	8
856	DODGE	1	40	38
898	WASHINGTON	1	23	21
904	PIERCE	4	42	36
<b>986</b>	<b>SHAWANO</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36**</b>
<b>1080</b>	<b>SHEBOYGAN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15*</b>
1139	WOOD	2	5	4
1140	OUTAGAMIE	2	20	19
1156	VILAS-ONEIDA	4	19	14
	LINCOLN			
1204	LANGLADE	2	44	39
1268	RICHLAND	3	43	42
1323	JUNEAU	3	38	37
<b>1372</b>	<b>GRANT</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8*</b>
1434	CALUMET	3	12	11
1455	IOWA	3	10	9
1485	ST. CROIX	4	8	4
1519	MILWAUKEE	1	45	43

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>780</b>
<b>**OVER THE TOP</b>	<b>* 100%</b>	

## AREA STANDINGS

	2021	2022	Percent
<b>AREA 1 - 1st Place</b>			<b>Dave Behling</b>
TOTALS	217	206	94.93%
<b>AREA 4 - 4th Place</b>			<b>Ken Laatsch</b>
TOTALS	151	119	78.80%
<b>AREA 3 - 3rd Place</b>			<b>Melissa Guthmiller</b>
TOTALS	350	308	88.00%
<b>AREA 2 - 2nd Place</b>			<b>George Heck</b>
TOTALS	162	147	90.47%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>88.64%</b>
		<b>-100</b>	

## Lest We Forget

### MARCH - APRIL - MAY

**VOYAGEURS**  
 NEAL J. LONG V- 750  
 GEORGE MATHAUS V- 750  
 DON THILL V- 804  
 CLINTON ROBSON V-1080  
**LAVERNE L. YONKEE V-1204**  
**Chef de Gare**

**LA FEMME**  
**CONNIE STUKEL C-526**  
**Grande Cabane Presidente 1996**  
**MARIE SCHUH C-856**  
**Grande Cabane Presidente 2005**

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE

## WHITE COLLAR WRECK

April 23 • Noon  
 Oshkosh American Legion  
 1331 Spruce St., Oshkosh, WI 54901

## RAINBOW FLOWAGE CLEAN-UP CAMP AMERICAN LEGION

**Tom Orval**  
Chairman, 40 et 8 Days at Camp



I'm really excited about the two events up at Camp & the Rainbow Flowage this year. We'll start off with the Clean-Up slated for May 13-14. For those planning on being up there it is suggested you bring along cleaning supplies and gloves. We'll be borrowing rakes and other items from the Camp. We plan on washing the vinyl siding with a detergent that will take off the dirt and

mold without having to scrub it. The leaves will be raked and depending on the weather and regulations, burned in the pit. We also plan on cleaning up the brush in the area along with other debris.

Ken Laatsch has been planning on hauling his front end loader there (Ken & Beth live in Phillips) and getting a dump truck load of sand to restore the beach that was once there. Of course this has to be approved by the Camp Director, Camp Board and most importantly, the DNR before this project can be started. The new pier will be installed sometime after the Clean-Up. There is the old pier that has been rotting by the wood-line for the past 30 years and a few old picnic tables that are unsafe to sit on. We are asking the American Legion and Camp Director Jim Klement for permission to get rid of them.

At the Camp American Legion Board meeting in conjunction with the Wisconsin American Legion Midwinter Conference at Ho Chunk in January, Dale Slowik, who is a board member and Voyageur, got the members to approve moving two canoes from the Camp to the Flowage. Plenty of spots to chain them up when not in use.

Now on to the 53rd installment of 40 et 8 Days at Camp American Legion. Most of us will be arriving on Thursday, June 23 in St. Germain at the Rustic Manor. Camaraderie is the priority for the weekend and starting Thursday evening I've been informed that we are going to the Sayner Pub for pizza. No argument there. Friday morning some of us will be going to the Three Lakes Winery and others will venture into Minocqua for shopping. We are attempting to set up a trip to the Camp to see the additions and improvements that have been made this last year. Also on Friday morning, at approximately 12:30 p.m. we are asking everyone to meet in front of the Rustic Manor sign for a group picture in honor and remembrance of David Wegener. As we all know David passed away this last October.

That afternoon we'll have the annual picnic out in back of the Rustic Manor along with the bean bag tournament. The tournament starts at 1:30 p.m. and we'll be using two sets of heavy duty boards this year from the Camp. Hopefully every night we are there we'll have a bonfire in the back. Don Emley, along with his assistants John Aasen and George Heck, will be manning the fire.

Saturday morning Dale Mitchell will be coordinating a fishing tournament at the Camp. Not sure on the time yet. Jason of the Timbers Bar & Grill is opening at 10:30 that morning for those who wish to partake in his bloody marys. That afternoon at the Rainbow Flowage we'll be cooking burgers and brats along with all the trimmings. Beth Laatsch will be holding bingo games and we are inviting Camp American Legion Director Jim Klement and his wife to the picnic and will be making our annual donations to the Camp. Saturday evening there will be another bonfire behind the Rustic Manor. For those who are planning on coming for the first time, you'll be seeing an abundance of deer everywhere. Going to the Northwoods is an experience like no other. It's just beautiful with lakes and forests all around you and that's not to mention being with your Forty et Eight family.

To make reservations at the Rustic Manor, you can call 715-479-9776. Mention the 40 et 8 when doing so.

## CAMP AMERICAN LEGION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Cathleen Heck**  
Chairman, Cabane Camp American Legion

The following are the highlights of the Camp American Legion Board meeting that was held on January 14 at the Ho Chunk Hotel, Casino and Conference Center in Baraboo.

- Cabin # 18 behind the chapel will be a new Wausau Home. This is still in the planning stages.
- The main lodge wastewater management problems hopefully will be resolved this year.
- Cabin 1 has been torn down and plans for 2 & 3 to be taken down are for later this spring. A 2 story cabin is supposed to be going up. Need to go through the DNR on this undertaking.
- Sponsor a Vet Program with donations of any amount but it does cost approximately \$500 a week.
- Using the Amazon program with a percentage going to Camp!
- The maintenance shop has been insulated.
- A well has been put in for cabins 14, 15 and 16.
- An operations manual for the Camp is completed. It is set up so changes can easily be made.
- Future items for the Camp are an improved and relocated crosswalk on Hwy D. Not sure what to do on this yet.
- There is a position for a Recreational Director at the Camp this year. It will be a paid position.
- The Camp is the shining lighthouse of the Wisconsin American Legion. We need to take special care of the future of this facility.
- There will be a special 100th Birthday celebration of the Camp in 2025.

## VOITURE ACTIVITIES

**Ken Kozubek, Grand Directeur**



Well, it is getting close to that time of the year again to report your activities for the past year. The report forms were either passed out or mailed by the Grand Correspondant at the Midwinter Petite Promenade in the early part of February.

It is hopeful that your Locale's Chef de Gare has been checking with your Locale's Correspondant, or Activities Directeur, to make sure

they have been collecting the activities of your Voyageurs during the fiscal year.

Just a reminder that just about anything that two or more Voyageurs do together is an activity and should be reported! Here is a prime example. My wife Betty and I met with Tom & Mary Orval recently at the Stagecoach Restaurant outside of Milton for dinner one evening. Doesn't seem like a 40 et 8 activity but we did discuss a number of La Societe events. Also, don't forget that Promenades, listed as question number one on the report form, are reportable, and are not meetings.

Let's have some reports turned in.

## LANGLADE COUNTY VOITURE 1204

**Tom Demerath**  
Chef de Gare

**Dan Kamps**  
Correspondant

### HOME OF



**Don Emley**  
Chef de Chemin de Fer 2016

Dale Oatman  
Sous National Directeur  
Special Awards Passe  
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Jack Eaton  
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Steve Bradley  
National Directeur Ritual

Richard Schuh  
Grand Chef de Gare 2005

Marie Schuh  
Grande Cabane Presidente 2005



## RICHLAND COUNTY VOITURE 1268

LA SOCIETE DES 40

HOMMES et 8 CHEVAUX

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SOUTHWESTERN  
WISCONSIN

RICHLAND CENTER, WISCONSIN



Home of Larry Winger  
Grand Chef de Gare 2022

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# 1323

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Dennis Moe

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

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

<b>CHEF DE GARE</b> Gerry Scalissi	<b>CORRESPONDANT</b> Keith Lovell
<b>PRESIDENTE</b> Chris Schaefer	<b>CORRESPONDANTE</b> Sandy Lovell



Olivia Oachs



Addison Tollakson



Madison Thiex

## Polk-Burnett Locale 236 awards four scholarships to nursing students



Megan Osero

Polk-Burnett 40 et 8 Voiture Locale 236 recently presented \$600 Scholarship checks to four women from Polk and Burnett Counties to help them achieve their goals to become Registered Nurses.

The following four students were awarded their scholarships at the time of their High School Graduation Ceremonies. Current scholarships are for \$600 (renewable up to four years).

Olivia Oachs is a 2018 Grantsburg High School Graduate and is completing her 4th year at Bethel College in Minnesota. She will complete her Bachelor of Nursing Degree in May 2022. Olivia's parents are Chad and Kerri Oachs from Grantsburg.

Addison Tollakson is a 2019 Amery High School Graduate and is in her 3rd year of studies at Luther College in Iowa. Addison's parents are Kent and Karalee Tollakson from Amery.

Madison Thiex is a 2021 Siren High School Graduate

and is in her first year at the University of Eau Claire. Madison's parents are Travis and Amy Thiex from Webster.

Megan Osero is a 2021 Amery High School Graduate and is in her first year at Winona State in Minnesota. Megan's parents are Steven and Erin Osero from Turtle Lake.

40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux (Forty and Eight) was formed after WWI as the fun and honor society of the American Legion. In 1941 Forty and Eight began issuing Nurses Scholarships to deserving individuals willing to undergo formal training and make a career of that very noble profession. In 1946, an acute shortage of nurses came to the attention of Voyageurs and a Nurses Training Program was initiated at the Voiture Locale level.

In addition to annual Nurses Training Scholarships, Voiture 236 also provides funds for unmet emergent needs of children 17 years of age or younger. These situations may arise out of natural disasters, i.e., floods, tornadoes, fire, etc.



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### Rock County

### Voiture Locale 844

Chef de Gare	Bill Babb
Correspondant	Bill Babb
Comm. Intendant	Al Funk

## JEFFERSON COUNTY VOITURE LOCALE # 750

### GRAND CHEFDE GARE PASSE

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

#### GRAND OFFICERS 2022

Dave Behling	Grand Sous Chef de Train
Pat Sukowski	Directeur Nurses Training
Dale Mitchell	Directeur VAVS
and Curator	Grand Voiture website
Ken Kozubek	Directeur Voiture Activities
Tom Orval	Grand Correspondant
and	Directeur Public Relations

#### VOITURE LOCALE OFFICERS

<b>Chef de Gare</b>	<b>Correspondant</b>
Dave Behling	Tom Orval
<b>Commissaire Intendant</b>	
Dale Mitchell	

## CABANE NURSES TRAINING

Mary Schaller

As a former nurse, I sympathize with the plight of health care workers today. I don't know what I might have done if I had had to work through a pandemic. It takes a special kind of person to be able to deal with seemingly endless sickness and death.

Our Nurses Training Program is more vital now than ever, given the current world situation. Health care workers have been stretched to their limits and many are on the verge of burnout. Many have also just given up and found a different line of work. We cannot afford to lose these skilled and compassionate people, who are our frontline of defense in all things medical: from emergency rooms to operating rooms, from newborn care to end-of-life care. The work they do is priceless.

Every Voiture and Cabane in Wisconsin should do SOMETHING to support the Nurses Training Program, but providing scholarship money is probably the most appreciated by those who receive it. Money for books. Money for gas. Money for childcare while the parent works or goes to school. We are a charitable organization that works to raise this kind of money.

Host a fundraiser, or just pass the hat, but please, do something to raise some money and encourage those who do not have the financial resources to pursue careers in the health care fields. We need them now more than ever!

Of course, you can also contribute the Forty and Eight way: buy a pin! Contact me if you would like to go that route. Thank you and have a wonderful spring and a blessed Easter.

## NURSES TRAINING

Pat Sukowski, Grand Directeur



Regardless of someone's personal or financial circumstances, the Forty et Eight is here to provide help by offering scholarships to any male or female who would like to make a career in nursing.

Hospitals constantly are improving the overall health of the community and nurses are in high demand in this day and age especially with the COVID pandemic and other diseases. In the last fiscal year the Forty et Eight presented over \$120,000.00 in scholarships to deserving students.

If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a nurse, have them check with the Locale Voiture for more information. Grande Voiture applications are available on the Wisconsin Grande Voiture website.

## GRANDE CABANE AMERICANISM

Beth Laatsch, Directeur

I'm sorry to say I had to miss our Midwinter Rendezvous. I heard it was pretty quiet without me. I'll be sure to make up for it at Grande in August, so watch out!

If you follow current events, you know that Americanism is being challenged in this country. We cannot stand for that. Our husbands, fathers, uncles, neighbors who served in the military deserve to have their service mean something. We owe it to them to stand up for the American way of life: in one word—freedom. They thought it was worth fighting for, don't you?

It's so easy to work the Americanism program. You probably don't even realize how much you do. Anything for the betterment of your community: from marching in parades to working at the polls; from teaching flag etiquette to schoolchildren to transporting the elderly to doctors' appointments; donating blood or donating money to humanitarian organizations is Americanism in action.

Annual reports are due June 24. Have your Americanism efforts recognized by reporting your hours and miles. And fly the flag every day.

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY VOITURE 1519

Member of the Mighty 4th District

### Chef de Gare

Tim Baranzky

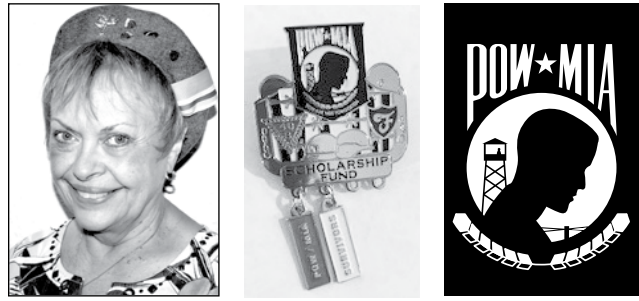
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Correspondant

Linda Pfeiffer



**POW/MIA SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Barbara Dotzauer, Nationale and Grande Directeur



Greetings Dames.  
It's hard to believe another year is almost over and we still have work to do. Currently, according to the report from Cabane Nationale, La Femmes have done pretty well selling the attachment bars and other items available to promote the POW/MIA scholarship program. Keep up the good work and don't forget to work with your Grande Directeurs; teamwork helps make our jobs easier and more fun.

According to February's Chatter we have donated a total of \$790.74 for Pennies for POW/MIA. This is commendable, but we do have quite a way to go to meet our goal of \$3,000. I know we can do this. There is a form on the national website that lists each of our programs. This form can be submitted with any donations you make. As an extra precaution be sure to earmark your checks in the memo line.

If there is anything I can help you with or questions I can answer about the POW/MIA program please reach out to me via email: bdotz1@earthlink.net or phone 262-689-8089. There is no such thing as a dumb question, and I love corresponding with you all.

Wishing everyone a very Blessed Easter and please pray for those who can't be with us.  
*Let Us Never Forget.*

**GRAND VAVS DIRECTEUR AND WEB MASTER**  
Dale Mitchell



As I mentioned at the Midwinter Petite Promenade, now is the time for VA Hospital Representatives to put in for Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling grants. I hope to hear from you!

We need volunteers at the Middleton Madison Hospital. As of now, there are only two: Gerry Scalisse and I. I drive Veterans up to the hospital from Jefferson County.

Madison isn't the only hospital needing drivers. Tomah and Milwaukee need them also.

I enjoy talking with the Veterans I take up. Most of them have interesting stories to tell about their lives and service. All you have to do is listen. A lot of you take Veterans to a hospital or clinic on your own. This time can be recorded on the VAVS report. It also counts if you help with a Honor Guard.

I also take care of the website. Someone else should learn how to do it. If something happened to me and no one knew what was going on; it would take a while to get it going again. I had to learn from scratch with a lot of trial and error. Still can't do things I would like to do. Go Daddy is the host on a Word Press format. If anyone is familiar with Word Press, it would be easy. It seems when I talk to people who know how to do it, they want more money than I am willing to spend to help me out. I will show anyone how to do it. Just let me know. My phone number is 262-495-2638.

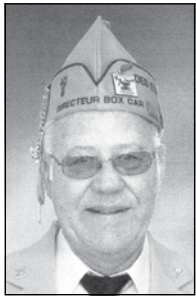
Once in a while, the website has an update to it and afterwards, something doesn't work. Please inform me so I can check things out. But, I don't always check everything.

I hope everyone has a good spring. I sure will miss seeing David and Clint around.

Visit Grand Voiture de Wisconsin on the Web at

[www.wifortyandeight.com](http://www.wifortyandeight.com)

**GRAND COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT**  
Jim Vissers



Here is your reminder that if your Locale's finances are based on the calendar year, you have until May 31st to file your IRS form 990 or 990EZ. It is very simple to do the 990EZ online, provided the person trying to do so, has the Voiture Employer Identification Number (EIN). If that number seems to elude you locally, your Grand Commissaire Intendant should be able to assist you in that matter. Please don't

let yourself fall out of good graces with the IRS.

I feel it best to point out once again that our tax exempt status pertains ONLY to income tax. There is not a veterans service organization in Wisconsin incorporated as a 501(C)19 entity, which covers our Posts and Voitures, that is exempt from Wisconsin state sales tax. Lest there be any doubt, we are required to pay state sales tax on our purchases for the Voitures.

Our investments so far this fiscal year have not been as good as last year. During the month of January, we took a pretty good hit. I suspect with the invasion of Ukraine, this month will be no different. Remember that we had excellent gains last fiscal year that should offset the losses. Hopefully, the rest of the fiscal year will show a profit.

Membership dues should provide the largest source of income to the Grand Voiture, but that share has decreased over the years. Please do not allow your Voiture to become stagnant by not recruiting new members to overcome our losses. These are the Voitures that come to the point of having just a few elderly voyageurs, no longer able to function as a unit, and are forced to turn in their charter. We need fresh younger blood to remain vibrant and grow. Believe it or not, they are out there. We just need to seek them out and invite them to join this great organization.

This fiscal year's current financial information was distributed to those who attended the Mid-Winter Petite Promenade in Manitowoc. If you need a copy of them, please let me know and I will send them to you by email.

In closing, please keep yourselves safe and don't let your guard down during this pandemic. If you haven't, make sure you and your families get vaccinated. God Bless all of you and God Bless America!

**Grande Voiture de Wisconsin Past Chef de Gares Club**

ORGANIZED FOR THE COMRADERAIRE OF OUR FELLOW VOYAGEURS

**For More Information Contact**

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Sgt - At - Arms  
Dale Mitchell & Raymond Pasbrig

**WASHINGTON COUNTY VOITURE # 898**

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

**GRANDE DE WISCONSIN HOME OF**

Sous chef de Chemin de Fer Passe - Dave Wegener  
Grand Chef de Gare Passe - Roland Moericke  
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Courtney-Carr-Milner	Hartford Post #19
Lt. Ray Dickop	West Bend Post #36
Robert G. Romaine	Kewaskum Post #384
Fohl Martin	Allenton Post #483
S. Sgt Henry F. Gumm	Jackson Post #486
Goetz - St. Louis	Hubertus Post #522

**Chef de Gare**  
Don Swearingen

**Correspondant**  
Craig Blawat

**Commissaire Intendant**  
Mark Baldwin

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY VOITURE LOCALE 1140**

<b>Jim Bassett</b>	<b>Home Of</b>
<b>Chef de Gare</b>	Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
	Jim Vissers
	Grand Chef de Gare Passe
<b>Jim Vissers</b>	John Marr
<b>Correspondant</b>	Jim Vissers
	Jim Bassett

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY VOITURE / CABANE # 1080**

<b>Chef de Gare</b>		<b>Correspondant</b>
Mark Degner		Joe Ternes
<b>Presidente</b>		<b>Correspondante</b>
Mary Orval		Barbara Dotzauer

*Working Together As One We Get The Job Done*

Last Sunday of Every Month  
Except in December

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7:00 A.M. to Noon  
**Pancake Breakfast**

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**ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR \$7.00 and ONE OF EVERYTHING FOR \$4.00**

**Children Under Six Years FREE**

Our breakfast includes **Pancakes, eggs** (no omelets), **sausages & toast**, Free with meal coffee, tea, milk, water, orange juice

**Take out is Available**

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**DODGE COUNTY VOITURE & CABANE # 856**

**Grand Chef de Gare Passe**  
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Joyce Kiel Mary Buschke  
Gloria Faber Bea Griner  
Judy Pfalzgraf Lisa York Jackie Mitchell

**Voiture # 856**

<b>Chef de Gare</b>	Dennis Bruesch
<b>Correspondant</b>	Ron Pfalzgraf
<b>Commissaire Intendant</b>	Ron Pfalzgraf

**Cabane # 856**

<b>Presidente</b>	Micki Polster
<b>Correspondante</b>	Judy Pfalzgraf
<b>Commissaire Intendant</b>	Lisa York

## CHILD WELFARE

Eric Diekman

Since January 2022 until the time of this writing there have been 4 fires reported in which the 40et8 have helped. A total of \$3,479.82 has been spent buying immediate needs for 16 children.

It is very important that the locale Child Welfare Officer secures some type of proof that a fire did exist in order for them to be reimbursed.

Please try to get pictures if the families are on board to publish in the Badger Paper so the rest of the Locales can see the all the good the 40et8 does around the state.

The Child Welfare program supports families with children age 17 or younger when those families experience a national disaster. The maximum claim allowance per child is \$300 with a maximum claim per family of \$1,000. Applications by Voiture Locale are submitted, along with supporting documentation, to the Grande Correspondant for a recommendation. Locales must attach a statement addressing the following questions:

1. Explaining why aid and assistance was needed by the family. The response should be supported by an investigation and documentation from the media, law enforcement, fire department, medical providers, etc.

2. Explanation of the purpose for which money was expended for each child to include receipts. Family adult expenditures are not authorized.

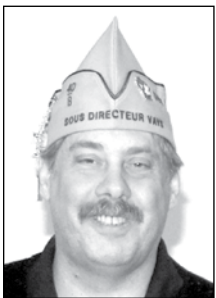
3. Explanation of the financial circumstances of the family at the time of need.

4. Prior to providing aid and assistance, the Locale is required to investigate the facts of the case to determine the degree of need and why local agencies were unable or unwilling to provide immediate help.

5. A Locale member must supervise any necessary purchases. The Grande then submits the application and supporting documentation to Voiture Nationale. Regardless of the Grande Correspondants recommendation, all claim applications that are found to be complete and correct in form, must be submitted to Voiture Nationale for consideration and final disposition by the Charles Ardery Trust Fund Disbursement Board. If approved, Nationale draws funds from the Charles W. Ardery Memorial Child Welfare Trust Fund. Grandes can receive up to \$5,000 each fiscal year. However, Locales should not be reluctant to submit an application knowing the Grande has reached its limit because Nationale can and has approved emergency awards beyond the allotted \$5,000. Claim application forms can be found on the Nationale website.

## GRAND CHEF DE TRAIN

John Edelblute IV



Greetings to my Forty and Eight Grande de WI family. It was nice to see everyone at the midwinter Petite a couple weeks ago in Manitowoc. My wife Sam and I enjoyed all the camaraderie and fellowship. For those who purchased raffle tickets from my American Legion Post 434 and AmVets Post 4 I sincerely thank you.

I only have a couple of notable comments to say about Membership right now. I hope we all work together and help our Grande and our Chef de Gare Larry Winger reach his 100% goal in membership. We are hosting the 2022 National Promenade in Green Bay this September. It would be quite the honor for Larry to be able to strut around and do some bragging and boasting to the other Grandes. Most of our Locales are only shy by one or two members. If there is someone in need just pass the Chapeau around and get it done. If you need a new member or two at this point; work your magic. Remember to always keep paying it forward and that doing good has no end when it comes to helping our friends and fellow Veterans. You have all I am sure read the Stats in our Grandes membership so please act upon it.

I have submitted my letter for the Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling 2022 requests for Zablocki VAMC in Milwaukee. Hopefully I will receive some monies for my VAVS office. This year I am asking for needed items in the Emergency Dept. I have also been busy at the National VAVS level sending out monthly newsletters and asking for greatly needed VAVS help in my assigned Area III. What a struggle. I am going to run a full-page ad in the 2022 National promenade booklet. Sort of a 'Help Wanted.'

As far as events I attended the Fall Testimonial and along with the Midwinter Petite as previously noted and am going to run over to Richland Center for some Pancakes on March 6. Please let me know if you need any assistance with any upcoming Wrecks you might be hosting in the future.

Until the next time whether in person or our next Badger Fort and Eighter... Stay Safe and God Bless.

## GRANDE PRESIDENTE'S SWEEPSTAKES REPORT

Beth Laatsch

Thank you, Dames and Voyageurs! We are well on our way to reaching our goal for the Grande Presidente's Sweepstakes. I am confident we will be able to sell all the tickets.

Who wouldn't want to win cash money? It's good everywhere, doesn't spoil, and takes up very little storage space. Each \$10 ticket you sell has a one in ten chance of winning \$50, and those are very good odds. I have been offering a package deal: two tickets for \$20. (I said deal, not discount.) And believe it or not, most people take two tickets.

Our current Grande Presidente Barbara is not only the Grande Directeur, but also the Directeur Nationale for the POW/MIA scholarship program. For this reason, it is even more important that the supportive Dames of the wonderful State of Wisconsin put their collective efforts wholeheartedly into this endeavor.

As I have mentioned in previous articles, the proceeds from this sweepstakes will be donated to the POW/MIA scholarship program, which offers opportunities to survivors of known and verified POWs or MIAs who served in the U.S. Military after WWI Draft Day, May 28, 1917. Read any POW's story about the impossible living conditions they were forced to endure, some for many years, and you will learn that these were incredibly strong human beings deserving of our unconditional respect.

Dames, keep up the good work you do for all of our programs. It has been a challenge the last couple of years, I know. If you can help reach the goal of the Grande Presidente's Project this year by selling sweepstakes tickets, please contact me and I will send some your way. My phone number is 715-332-5288. Or email me at knb4575@pctcnet.net.

## HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL HANSEN'S DISEASE PROGRAM

### PART TWO

1943 - The 40 et 8 Veterans organization donates a new printing press to "The Star" patient's magazine beginning an ongoing relationship of support.

1946 - Patients rights to vote in Louisiana are restored.

1950 - Betty Martin's autobiography "Miracle at Carville" hits the New York Times best-sellers list. Betty came to Carville at age 19. Her memoir recounts her life as a patient, the miracle of the sulfone drug treatment of the 1940s.

1950s - The hospital establishes departments of Rehabilitation, Training and Education. Patients are allowed to marry and the dormitories are remodeled to accommodate couples.

1966 - Married team Drs. Paul & Margaret Brand relocate to Carville from India where Dr. Paul Brand begins the first rehabilitation program and Dr. Margaret Brand becomes the world's foremost expert on leprosy on the eye.

1970s - All patient admissions to Carville become voluntary.

1971 - Capt. Robert R. Jacobson, MD. PH.D; USPHS, pioneered work on drug resistance and its prevention by introducing Rifampin as part of the multi-drug therapy for HD in the United States.

Dr. Kirchheimer, Research Scientist, develops the armadillo model as a tool for the development of systemic disease similar to human HD. M. leprae has not been cultivated on artificial laboratory media to date.

1981 - Outpatient clinics are opened around the United States. Hansen's disease officially becomes an outpatient diagnosis.

1982 - The new Health Resources and Services Administration assume federal responsibility for the management and operation of the HD facility at Carville.

1992 - Carville Historic District is placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service. The Center's Laboratory Research Branch moves to the Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Veterinary Medicine in Baton Rouge.

1994 - Centennial Commemoration (1894-1994) Recognition of the 100 year anniversary of the first patients' arrival at Carville.

1995 - A \$3.5 million grant is given to the Center's laboratory research branch.

1996 - Centennial celebration of the Daughters of Charity Mission to care for patients with Hansen's disease. The National Hansen's Disease Museum is founded.

1998 - The U.S. Congress passes a bill to relocate the Hansen's Research Center to Baton Rouge.

2005 - The Daughters of Charity officially end their Mission to care for patients at Carville.

2011 - Scientific evidence concluding that wild armadillos and many patients with leprosy in the southern United States are infested with the same strain of M. leprae is published.

2013 - The armadillo is recognized as model for studying the nerve damage caused by leprosy infection.

2015 - A second strain of leprosy bacteria shared by armadillos and patients is discovered in the southeastern United States.

2017 - Molecular diagnostic tests to detect leprosy bacteria are implemented as standard of care at the National Hansen's Disease Research Center.

2018 - Safety and efficacy studies performed by the NHDP Laboratory support advancement of a new leprosy vaccine into phase 1 Clinical trials.

## GRANDE PRESIDENTE

Barbara Dotzauer



There's only a few more days until spring arrives and we can say goodbye to winter. Unless you live in Wisconsin. Unless Mother Nature changes her mind again. We were lucky the weather cooperated for our Midwinter Rendezvous; no ice or snowstorms, just back and forth with the temperatures.

Speaking of Mid Winter, I hope everyone had a good time. It's always great to get together with our other "family" to enjoy some conversation, good food and adult beverages. We had a nice turnout for our meetings and had two new Dames join us. It's always great to see new faces at our sessions. I'm hoping our new Dames come and join us for more of our Grande functions.

Merci beaucoup Dames! With everyone "Stomping Towards Membership" we made our goal of 100%. I am so proud of all the membership effort put forth by you hard working Dames. I hope to meet some of the new Dames down the road and to see all of you that renewed your membership. If you want to have a great time and learn about the Cabane at the same time then please join us at one of the Grande functions this year: Forty and Eight Days at Camp June 24-25, or Grande Rendezvous in Tomah Aug. 11-13.

We conducted quite a lot of business at Midwinter. Please make it a point to read all information from Grande Correspondante Mary Orval, who always makes sure we are informed and updated about goings-on at the Grande level. We will be hosting Rendezvous Nationale this year in Green Bay, and we will need the help of many Dames to make this event a success. We will be expected to work at the registration table, emblem sales, Founders Club and with Ways and Means. It's a great way to meet Dames from Cabanes throughout the states. If you know you'll be attending let Mary Orval know when you'll be available to assist.

Year-end report time is fast approaching and it's never too early to start compiling your information. Please remember ALL reports must have a description on a separate sheet of paper of what you did to get your hours, miles, and donations. If this is not provided, we cannot accept your reports. If you haven't worked a program, you should still submit a report with NO ACTIVITY written on the report. Just like membership, I am hoping for 100% reporting from all Cabanes in Wisconsin.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter.

God bless America, keep our soldiers safe.

### THIS IS HALLOWED GROUND WHY YOU DON'T WALK OR REACH BETWEEN THE COLORS

Between the flags that proudly fly  
Let no one dare to stand  
For here our fallen comrades lie,  
We call it Hallowed Ground.  
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;  
Here let us ever humbly pause  
In Memory of the ones who fell  
In fighting for our sacred cause.  
On sea or land these buddies died.  
Some lie beneath a foreign sod  
In graves caressed by winds and tide,  
In spots unknown to all but God.  
And so this place is Hallowed Ground.  
And it shall be forever blessed,  
As though it were a grassy mound  
Beneath which gallant heroes rest  
Be ever watchful, Voyageur.  
Of those two flags which signify  
That we should guard this spot with care  
Where our departed comrades lie.  
And, if a man or woman should dare to tread  
This spot where lie our gallant brave,  
They desecrate those noble dead  
As tho they walked upon their grave.



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WINNEBAGO COUNTY

VOITURE 751

LET'S ALL BE GREAT IN THE BADGER STATE

**GRANDE CABANE CORRESPONDANTE**  
*Mary Orval*



The Midwinter Rendezvous was held February 12, 2022 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. I would like to say a special thank you to the Voyageurs and Dames of Locale 1080 for an outstanding job for our weekend. I just wish the weather could have been warmer, but the wonderful friends, friendship and laughter warmed everyone.

We had a wonderful time with our Chef de Chemin de Fer, Bill Simpson and wife Dell Simpson from South Carolina. Dell belongs to Cabane 1067 in South Carolina.

Congratulations to all of Grande de Wisconsin for 100% in membership overall. Great and Awesome Job Dames!!!

**MEMBERSHIP STATS**  
*as of March 2022*

Cabane	Current	Renewal	New	Percentage
526	8	9	1	112.00%
683	14	14		100.00%
830	16	17	1	106.25%
856	24	24		100.00%
986	16	16		100.00%
1080	16	18	2	112.50%
1372	5	6	3	120.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>105.00%</b>

**Reminders: Report Deadline: June 17, 2022** for mailing back reports to Grande Correspondante. Or if you are attending Camp American Legion Days, please bring them and give them to me.

**Award Deadline: July 22, 2022** for emailing or mailing results of Cabane awards winners for Grande. We will not have class areas, we have now gone to: First Place, Second Place and Third Place based on the dollar amount on each program award. Get me the information soon for printing out the award certificates.

**Awards for Nationale:** Please look at the Nationale website for the list of Nationale awards that your Locale Cabane could be eligible to receive.

**Reminder:** Bring all your raffle tickets, stubs and money for Grande Presidente's Project for Beth Laatsch, she must have them by Grande. If you have taken raffle tickets and cannot attend, please mail your ticket stubs and money to Beth Laatsch, W11885 County Road, Phillips, WI 54555 or call Beth Laatsch at (715) 332-5288.

**Grande: 2022 Grande-Tomah- August 12-14, 2022 Best Western, 1017 East McCoy Blvd. Tomah, WI (608) 372-3211.** Cabane Luncheons will be held in the hotel meeting room. Friday-August 12 -set up 11:30 am-Ham or Turkey Sandwich with Pasta Salad with beverage, tax and tip included for \$ 15. **Saturday-August 13** -set up at 11:30 am-Vegetable Soup and Caesar Salad with beverage, tax and tip included for \$ 15.

**Deadline for: Registration and Luncheon July 30, 2022.** Registration is \$ 10 and both luncheons are \$ 30, total of \$ 40. This will be sent to: Marian Bloom, 505 Kilbourn Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660. Make check payable to: Locale Cabane 830.

We have an upcoming again Grande Presidente, Barbara Dotzauer for 2022-2023. Congratulations to Barbara, you did and continue to do an outstanding job. Barbara Dotzauer was Grande Presidente in 2021-2022 and 2005-2006 and we are very honored as a Grande Presidente Passé to assist the Grande and take on the responsibility of being our Grande Presidente for the upcoming year. You're an awesome Dame!!

**Raffles for Grande** - Cabane 856, Cabane 1080 and Passé Presidente's Club bring raffle baskets.

**Grande Agenda**

We will start (same as last year) Friday morning Grande Rendezvous, break for our luncheon for the Grande Cabane and Passé Grande Presidentes. Then continue with our Grande Rendezvous in the afternoon. Saturday morning we will have our Grande Cheminot with the Installation of Officers and our new Grande Presidente Barbara Dotzauer. Doreen Wages or Beth Laatsch will be performing the installation service for our Grande on Saturday morning.

We are so honored and thank you. Our new Grande Presidente Barbara Dotzauer will open the Grande Cheminot. After the Grande Cheminot has been closed, we will have our installation luncheon. Remember: To dress for Grande in Red jacket, white top and blue pants/capris for our Grande Rendezvous on Friday and Grande Cheminot on Saturday.

**Dates to Remember:**

40 ET 8 Days at Camp American Legion - June 24-25, 2022  
 Grande Rendezvous - August 12-14, 2022 -Tomah, WI

Spring is almost here. Let us wish for warmer, safer, healthier and better tomorrows. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their help, hard work and support for the Grande de Wisconsin.

**La Crosse County # 830 Christmas Party**




A small crowd battled the elements to attend the La Crosse County annual Christmas party over the holiday season. The number of those who attended were small compared to other years but the friendship and fun was not to be denied.

ABOVE: Those who attended the event. AT RIGHT: Past Grande Cabane Presidentes Mary Schaller and Beth Laatsch. National Conducteur Doug Schaller, Locale # 830 Chef de Gare and Region # 2 Cheminot Pat Young, National Sous Directeur of Americanism Ken Laatsch and Grand Youth Sports Directeur Matt McCallson.



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**PRESIDENTE'S PASSE**





**Voiture Locale 804**  
**Monroe County**

Promenades Held Every Third Wednesday of Each month @ The Tomah American Legion 1900hrs

**Chef de Gare** *David Linenberg*  
**Correspondant** *Melissa Guthmiller*

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**40 & 8**

**VOITURE 830 & CABANE 830**  
**LA CROSSE COUNTY**

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**La Grande Presidente Passe**  
 Marjorie Ricker Jermaine Engel  
 Rosemary Koeller Liz Jahnke



**Chef de Gare** *Jack Beggs*  
**Correspondant** *Arien Herminath*  
**Commissaire Intendant** *Phil Nelson*  
**Cabane Persidente** *Sandra Beggs*  
**Cabane Correspondante** *Kathy Gramza*



Grande Presidente Barb Dotzauer hugs Chef de Chemin de fer Bill Simpson after he gives the Dames greetings from National. The Dames also fined him \$20 for forgetting to introduce his wife Dell. That mistake won't happen again!



Grand Chef Larry Winger and past National Big Chef Don Emley present Big Chef Bill Simpson with a plaque honoring Bill for all the work he has done promoting the programs and membership in La Societe.



A Wisconsin tradition, honoring the National guest with their own embroidered shirt.



## Highlights of Midwinter Petite Promenade & Rendezvous



ABOVE: Cathy, Carol and Karen manning the Dames registration table.

TOP LEFT: Voyageurs in a group photo.

BOTTOM LEFT: Along with Big Chef Bill Simpson, the past Grand Chef de Gares meet for Saturday morning breakfast at the Four Seasons Restaurant.

BELOW LEFT: Don & Faye Emley present Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill with a set of long underwear to remember his trip to the frozen tundra of Wisconsin.

BELOW RIGHT: The Dames gather for a picture after the banquet Saturday evening.

