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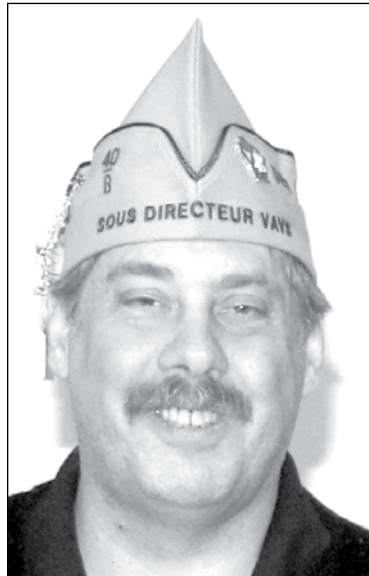
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GRANDE PROMENADE

Grand Chef de Gare's Message

John Edelblute IV



I wish to say a warm hello to my Grande de Wisconsin Forty and Eight family. I hope everyone has been staying happy and healthy as much as possible. Even though we all go through our individual bumps in the road we still have each other which is one thing that never changes.

As your immediate Passe Chef de Train I want to thank everyone for their efforts to reach us to 97.16% for our Grande. We were only 25 members short of attaining our 100% goal. In reviewing the final membership report we had 17 Locales at 100%, most of the other 16 only one or two members needed to reach their 100% goal. My chapeau is off to you all for working on probably the toughest part of any organization, to keep us growing and moving forward. Unfortunately Promenade Everlasting is inevitable so that is one of the reasons we all seem to fight to get new members.

As I am writing this article the 2022 National American Legion Convention is here in Milwaukee. I attended it back in 2010 when it was here and enjoyed it greatly but alas not this year except for a couple outside tasks I was involved with. I know of a few Milwaukee County Voyageurs that are there which I have conversed with, and they are a very busy and having a wonderful time. I hope some you also attended as it is something to experience.

Sunday August 14, we held the Cheminot at this year's Grande Promenade weekend. Committee Chairman and Appointments were made official following the usual order of business and protocols. If you need help and or question any of the Committees, please contact the Chairman or me. We all could use some help to make us stay on the correct road with the programs of La Societe. Monroe County Voiture did a FINE job on hosting the event. As we all know it takes a little bit of work to put it all together. I hope everyone that stopped by

the Hospitality Room on Friday night in Tomah enjoyed themselves. Once again Thanks to the set up and cleanup crews. A lot of work!

I will not be going into details about the upcoming Brown Collar Wreck on October 8 in Tomah or the Fall Testimonial on October 22 in Black River Falls. Information on these two events is already mentioned in this issue. I do want to encourage all of you to attend these events. It would mean a lot to Monroe County Voiture #804 and to Le President Barbara and myself. Try to make it.

As my project as Grand Chef de Gare I am going to also be working on something in conjunction with one of Le President Barbara's pet projects, Service Dogs. I have reached out to a few Service Dog Trainers in Wisconsin and am currently trying to narrow it down to Service Dogs who are trained to help Autistic children. I will have more updates for you to help with this project in upcoming Badger Forty et Eighter issues. It's all about helping children with special needs with me.

I will have attended the Jefferson County Voiture #750 September Promenade by the time you read this. I am looking forward to planning as many visits and functions as I am invited to along with the already mandatory events. If you would like me to stop by please email or call me so I can put it on my calendar. I want to make the most of my year as your Grand Chef de Gare and look forward to seeing all of you soon and thank you for your commitment to our great organization.

Till next time... God Bless!



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GRAND CHEMINOT 2023

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2007 Don Emley	2020 Jim Bassett
2008 Tom Orval	2021 John Aasen
2009 Ron Pfalzgraf	2022 Larry Winger
	2023 John Edelblute IV



GRAND CORRESPONDANT

Thomas J. Orval



What a summer it has been in the Grande Voiture. We started out by traveling to Rochester, NY for the Great Lakes Promenade. There were fourteen of us from Wisconsin at the event. Side trips to the Finger Lakes, a local museum, two wineries and Voiture Locale 111 Chateaux for an evening meal and refreshment! The Great Lakes camaraderie is second to none. Our own Grand

Chef de Gare Larry Winger brought all of the gifts for the banquet raffle which had a very distinctive Wisconsin flair. Craft beer from New Glarus! Next year the event will be held in Okemos, Michigan.

The end of June brought many of us together in Lake Tomahawk-St. Germain for the 53rd annual Forty et Eight Days at Camp. There is a separate article on this so I'll just say that we have more fun and enjoy ourselves so much every year!

Our Grande Promenade & Rendezvous in Tomah was another huge success. The Voyageurs of Monroe County #804 and Dames of La Crosse #830 are to be commended on a job very well done. John Edelblute IV was elected as our new Grand Chef de Gare. John is from Cudahy and his Homecoming/Testimonial dinner will be held on October 22 in Black River Falls; the same date and place of the Fall Cheminot. Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Gary Cox of Tennessee was our National guest and he gave a most inspiring speech at the Saturday evening banquet. Also in attendance was Steve Dircks of Minnesota who is a candidate for Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer this coming year with the election in Green Bay. Ken Kozubek was awarded the 2022 Voyageur of the Year, Melissa Guthmiller won the 2022 Correspondant of the Year and a very emotional Doug Schaller received the Harald Kahlert Meritorious Service Award.

Leonard Borgen was the Grande Voiture 2022 Hero of the Year award winner. He was also chosen as the National Hero of the Year and will receive his award in Green Bay during the National Promenade. Officer Joshua Jarvis of Mt. Horeb was selected as the 2022 Law Officer of the Year in Wisconsin.

At the Sunday morning Cheminot, the question of doing this on Saturday came up once again. It comes down to where are we going to fit this portion of the program in on Saturday and not get everything squeezed together where everything is on a time frame. I can remember years ago when we had to fight like heck just to get the Cheminot changed from 9:00 to 8:00 a.m. Many were a bit groggy from the night before! If someone can come up with a decent agenda where nothing is downgraded due to a time frame I'm sure everyone will listen.

On October 8 at the Tomah American Legion, Monroe County #804 will be hosting their annual Brown Collar Wreck. Reservations for the luncheon have to be in no later than September 21. The Wreck will begin soon after the luncheon which is slated for noon. Official information is elsewhere in this publication. I have once again been asked and accepted the invitation to be the Wrecking Chef.

On October 22 at the Orange Moose/Sure Stay Hotel by Best Western we will be having our 2022 Fall Cheminot which starts at 1:00 p.m. This is where you will find out all of the important transactions and changes that happened at the National Promenade. That evening we will be honoring Grand Chef de Gare John Edelblute IV at his and Grande Cabane Presidente Barb Dotzauer with their testimonial dinner.

You will be receiving this Fall edition of the Badger Forty et Eighter before we host the National Promenade & Rendezvous next week. We can use some volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday to assist at the Registration & 50/50 raffle table. Wednesday morning we are installing the wooden posts and Grande location signs in the Promenade floor so all Voyageurs will know where their Grande Voiture is located. The Voyageurs of Brown Kewaunee County #774 have volunteered to assist on Wednesday.

In my 18th year as your Grand Correspondant and 46th as a member of La Societe; I am so honored to be associated with so many fine hard working Voyageurs from the State of Wisconsin. In my travels I've seen both camaraderie and friendship and not just in Wisconsin but throughout all of La Societe. There are instances of malcontents but too few to mention. We just have to all remember that the Good Lord put us on this earth for a short time so let's make the best of it and do as much good as possible!

See You Around The State
Faith - Family - Forty & Eight

Grand Voiture Membership 2022

FINAL REPORT

VOITURE	COUNTY	AREA	2021	2022
236	POLK-BURNETT	4	31	26
260	TREMPEALEAU	4	42	42*
410	KENOSHA	1	12	11
497	RACINE	1	10	11**
525	EAU CLAIRE	4	9	9*
526	WALWORTH	1	5	5*
652	SAUK	3	28	32**
683	DANE	3	39	39*
750	JEFFERSON	1	50	49
751	WINNEBAGO	3	25	27**
774	BROWN-KEWAUNEE	2	40	40*
804	MONROE	3	43	37
821	CLARK	3	18	16
830	LA CROSSE	3	86	86*
831	PORTAGE	2	19	19*
840	COLUMBIA	1	8	9**
844	ROCK	1	9	8
856	DODGE	1	40	38
898	WASHINGTON	1	23	21
904	PIERCE	4	42	42*
986	SHAWANO	2	34	36**
1080	SHEBOYGAN	1	15	15*
1139	WOOD	2	5	4
1140	OUTAGAMIE	2	20	19
1156	VILAS-ONEIDA	4	19	16
	LINCOLN			
1204	LANGLADE	2	44	40
1268	RICHLAND	3	43	43*
1323	JUNEAU	3	38	38*
1372	GRANT	3	8	8*
1434	CALUMET	3	12	11
1455	IOWA	3	10	9
1485	ST. CROIX	4	8	6
1519	MILWAUKEE	1	45	43

TOTAL	880	855
**OVER THE TOP	* 100%	

AREA STANDINGS

	2021	2022	Percent
AREA 1 - 3rd Place			Dave Behling
TOTALS	217	210	96.77%
AREA 4 - 4th Place			Ken Laatsch
TOTALS	151	141	93.37%
AREA 3 - 1st Place			Melissa Guthmiller
TOTALS	350	346	98.85%
AREA 2 - 2nd Place			George Heck
TOTALS	162	158	97.53%
GRAND TOTAL	880	855	97.16%
	-25		

GRAND RITUAL

Steve Bradley, Directeur



Voyageurs,
In September at Promenade Nationale in Green Bay, WI the National Ritual Committee will meet to discuss Ritual business.

As a reminder, let us review the instructions given by the Wrecking Chef in the Third Degree of a Wreck.

"In a Voiture of La Societe, the Officers are addressed by their full title and always with the French term as 'Monsieur Chef de Gare' or 'Madame Garde

de la Porte,' etc. Wishing to address the Promenade, you will arise, give the French salute, and address the Chef de Gare in the proper manner. If your salute is returned, you have the floor.

"In placing a motion before the Promenade, you will state 'Monsieur Chef de Gare, I would offer a notion,' noting the word 'notion' and not 'motion.' When the notion has been seconded, and properly discussed, the Chef de Gare will call for a vote by saying 'The notion made is before the Promenade. All those in favor will give the usual affirmative sign.' The sign is 'oui.' The negative sign is 'non.'"

At our National Ritual Committee meeting, please offer your notion so it may be seconded and your issue will be discussed and voted upon.

Grande Voiture Hero of the Year



Leonard Borgen receives the 2022 Grande Voiture Hero of the Year Award. He will also be the recipient of the 2022 National Hero of the Year Award in Green Bay in conjunction with the National Promenade.

Winnebago County Voiture 751 Nurses Training Banquet



Winnebago County Voiture 751 held their Nurses Training banquet on Monday, August 22, at Pizza Ranch in Oshkosh and awarded checks and plaques to two students that are attending UW-Oshkosh. From the left is Chef de Gare and Nurses Training Director, Jim Hoyman, Junior Sophia Nielsen received \$300 and Senior Mara Connell received \$500. Jim Vissers, the National Nurses Training Director, joined us in the celebration.

Voiture 804 Wreck Come get Wrecked with us October 8, 2022

**Tomah American Legion
800 Wisconsin Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660**

Locale # _____
 PG Name _____
 Sponsor Name _____
 Guest Name _____
 Guest Name _____
 PG Name _____
 Sponsor Name _____
 Guest Name _____
 Guest Name _____

PG's arrive at 1000 hours (10:00 am)
 Lunch 1200 hours (12:00 pm) \$13 per plate
 Wreck will follow lunch

Mail Registration and Payment
 no later than September 21:

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Langlede County #1204 Installation

Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Don Emley swears in the new officers of Langlede County #1204 at their August Promenade.

La Crosse #830 Assists Fire Victims

Voyageurs Les Brown, Al Johnson and Carl Sjolander assist the Bluska family who were victims of a house fire earlier this summer. Using the Charles W. Ardery Memorial Child Welfare Trust Fund, they were able to spend up to \$300 per child on essential clothing. The Grande Voiture de Wisconsin has once again led all of La Societe in assisting families who were victims of house fires or other natural disasters.



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

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Past Grande Presidentes surprise Mary Orval by presenting her with an honorary Past Grande Presidente lapel pin.

Great Lakes Promenade



A group picture of the Voyageurs and Dames of Wisconsin who attended the Saturday evening banquet of the Great Lakes Promenade in Rochester NY on June 4.



Meritorious Service Award

Doug Schaller receives the 2022 Harald Kahlert Meritorious Service Award.

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Thank you to Monroe County Voiture 804 for a wonderful time in Tomah. All the hard work you put into this year's Grande Rendezvous was noticed and appreciated. I also want to express my gratitude to La Crosse County Cabane 830, who, in the absence of a Cabane Locale in Monroe County, stepped up and made sure that we Dames also had a successful Rendezvous.

I have returned as your Grande Presidente for another year and will serve alongside Grand Chef John Edelblute. Our theme is "Chasing Down Membership."

The Grande Cabane de Wisconsin had great success last year, with all our Cabanes reaching 100 percent in membership. We can do it again! Let's hit the ground running. Now is the time to catch those memberships.

Grande Rendezvous is now a memory, and our next adventure is Rendezvous Nationale, just a week away in Green Bay. If you have never been able to attend this nationwide event, now is the time. Take advantage of having it in our "backyard." Rendezvous Nationale is a perfect time to learn more about our programs and the workings of the Cabane. There are so many opportunities to attend workshops that explain the programs, to learn the basics of filling out reports and to just glean general information. Not to mention the best part of all: meeting other Dames and making new friendships.

The past presidents had their first meeting in a long time during Grande at Tomah and we decided to welcome Mary Orval, our Grande Correspondante, into our club, naming her an honorary Presidente Passé. Mary was presented with a pin and honorary membership card. Congratulations Mary, you deserve this honor!

I hope to see many of you at Fall Cheminot and the Joint Testimonial in Black River Falls on October 22. Details are elsewhere in this issue of the Badger 40et8er.

In closing I ask you to keep CHASING DOWN MEMBERSHIP!

CAMP AMERICAN LEGION

Cathy Heck

Here are some observations I made while spending a week volunteering at Camp American Legion.

One day there was an hour-long interactive presentation on the Red Tail Hawk given by Bart Kotarba from the Wildlife Center in Minocqua. He had items for the kids to handle and they asked questions. They were very respectful when the hawk came and sat on Bart's glove.

Cornhole was played every day. It's a perfect activity for all ages. Camp Director Jim Klement made professional-grade boards.

Talented ladies volunteer in the craft shop and assist campers in making jewelry, painting rocks, and creating mosaics. The gals figured out a way to improve the lighting at the workstations. It made a big difference and was very much appreciated.

An individual donated a very nice pool table; said "just come and get it." The older kids practiced their skills all week. What a nice addition to the Rec Center.

They held blindman canoe races. I overheard a sister comment to her brother: "I didn't think we could win, but we did."

Wednesday after Chapel there is usually musical entertainment but this week it was canceled due to illness. So, Monica, Jim and Jess put in motion to have Bingo in the dining hall. They gave out lots of prizes.

Every week there are regular activities: snowshoe baseball, a hike through the woods, fishing, swimming, paddle boating, and Minocqua Cruise.

The staff and volunteers keep the campers busy during the day and each one ends with campfires, S'mores and popcorn. Just sitting around relaxing I heard this conversation: "I served my country and walked away with a smile on my face, life was good. Where I live every little town has a Legion Post. There are Legion baseball teams being supported by these Posts that work concession stands, sell raffle tickets or hold weekend tournaments. I never joined a post. I never talked about my 14-year Army Career." His wife agreed that this is true. But being at Camp rekindled memories of all the places he saw as a general's driver in the 1970s. He had some interesting stories to share. And that is what Camp is about. At times to just listen, at other times to hear them remark: "Gosh I remember when that happened."

So come to Camp and help rekindle someone's memory.

40 ET 8 DAYS AT CAMP

Tom Orval
Chairman, 40 et 8 Days at Camp



What a great time we all had up in the northwoods again this year visiting Camp American Legion on our 53rd installment of 40 et 8 Days at Camp. Thursday most of us sat around behind the Rustic Manor and enjoyed the company of our fellow 40 et 8 family members. Of course the evening would not have been complete without one of Don Emley's bonfires.

Friday morning many of us went in different directions. George & Cathy Heck led a tour to Camp for those who have not yet experienced it. Everyone was very impressed with the upgrades of the Camp. Others went to Eagle River for shopping and then took a trip around Big St. Germain Lake. A third group went to Three Lakes to visit the local winery.

Two short meetings were held. One for nominations for National appointments and the other for Special Awards recipients! Starting at 1:30 that afternoon the annual Bean Bag Tournament was held and when the smoke cleared John and Clarice Aasen were the 2022 Champions. Another great picnic was held and Big Chef Larry and Presidente took their place on the pink pig for pictures.

Saturday morning many went to Timbers Bar & Grill to sample their bloody marys and other adult beverages while many ventured into Minocqua for some tourist shopping. That afternoon everyone ventured out to the Rainbow Flowage for our annual picnic and to make donations to Camp American Legion with Director Jim Klement on hand to give us all an overview on the ever-changing and remodeling of the Camp. Beth Laatsch sponsored bingo with 26 players. Jim Vissers, John Helgeson and Dale Mitchell did the cooking on a new stainless steel outdoor grill. Everyone walked out on the new pier that was installed just the week before.

Another evening and another bonfire compliments of Don Emley and extra firewood brought in from the Flowage by George Heck.

About the only thing that went wrong was the canceled fishing tournament due to the possibility of rain. Next year the Camp hopes to bring a pontoon boat over to the Rainbow Flowage and have the tournament there and then to give rides on Saturday afternoon.

Next year the 54th installment of Camp Days will be held on June 22 - 25. You can make reservations at the Rustic Manor by calling 715-479-9776 and please mention the 40 et 8 when doing so.

DONATIONS

CAMP AMERICAN LEGION - FLOWAGE

Grande Voiture de Wisconsin	\$2,000
West Salem HS Class of 1968	\$400
Vilas-Oneida-Lincoln #1156	\$250
Larry Winger	\$100
Brown Kewaunee # 774	\$50
Ken & Betty Kozubek	\$50

In memory of Dave & Carol Wegener

Barb Dotzauer	\$50
Cabane # 830	\$50
Jim & Cher Vissers	\$50
Outagamie Voiture # 1140	\$50
Tom & Mary Orval	\$50
Chuck Cooney & Patricia Griswald	\$50
John & Clarice Aasen	\$50
Sheboygan Cabane # 1080	\$25

Thoong awarded Outagamie County Voiture 1140 Nurses Training Endowed Scholarship



Celeste Thoong was awarded the Outagamie County Voiture 1140 Nurses Training Endowed Scholarship for 2021-2022 at a banquet given by Bellin College attended by Voyageur Russ Hanseter. Celeste is an Appleton resident. Pictured from left to right is Renee Thompson, Russ' daughter, who is a nurse in the Intensive Care Neurology Unit. She has had many young nurses come through her unit while training. Next is Celeste Thoong and Russ Hanseter.



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PASSÉ CLUB NEWS

Beth Laatsch, 2012-13 Grande Presidente

The Grande Cabane de Wisconsin Presidente's Passé Club held an informal meeting during Grande Rendezvous in Tomah. Those in attendance were Jennifer Larson, Mary Schaller, Barb Dotzauer, Beth Laatsch, and Judy Pfalzgraf.



Officers were selected for the year 2022-23: Mary Schaller, Presidente; Judy Pfalzgraf, Correspondante; Barb Dotzauer, Aumonier; and Beth Laatsch, Membership Chairman.

This was our first opportunity since she was La Presidente for us to officially install our newest member, Jenny Larson. What a willing participant she was! She played her part with style and entertained both the Dames and the

Voyageurs with her "snowman swagger."

We also welcomed another new member to our elite group. By unanimous vote it was decided that our Grande Correspondante Mary Orval, who will probably never be in the position to actually ascend the chairs and reign as Grande Presidente, should be given honorary membership in the Presidente's Passé Club. This decision was announced at the banquet Saturday evening, and, very surprised and delighted, Mary tearfully accepted her award.

The Presidente's Passé Club is organized for the purpose of assisting the Grande Cabane and mentoring all members. Our secondary goals are to have fun and spread goodwill. To any Dames or Cabanes that have questions or are struggling with implementing your programs, we are here for you.



ABOVE: Group picture out at the Rainbow Flowage. TOP LEFT: Grand Chef Larry presenting Camp American Legion Director Jim Klement with a \$2,000 check for the facility. BOTTOM LEFT: The tradition of riding the Pink Pig lives on. Barb and Larry pose for the cameras. BELOW: A tribute to Dave Wegener.



53rd Installment of 40 et 8 Days at Camp American Legion



LEFT: Grand Chef de Gare Passe along with current Grand Chef Larry Winger Saturday at the picnic. RIGHT: Past Presidentes including Arlene Katcher from Delaware.

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Memorial Day Parade



Roger Letourneau, Jim Vissers and George Heck get ready to march in a Memorial Day parade in Green Bay.

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Dennis Moe

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

CHILD WELFARE

Erick Diekmann

I attended the 101st Grande in Tomah, Wisconsin. I hope everyone there had a good time and enjoyed themselves.

The Voyageurs Militaire (Military Travelers) founded a Child Welfare Program in 1923 to ease the pain and suffering of those children whose fathers never returned or who were unable to care for their needs after the "Big War." Today, this program has grown to include all children with emergent needs, and our efforts amount to over eight million dollars annually.

In Wisconsin for the last year, we spent a total of \$3,906 helping 5 families with a total of 18 children. This was for natural disasters; more money was spent for other Child Welfare activities as well. These dollar amounts shine light on the need we have here in Wisconsin and how important it is that we all support this program. The easiest way we can all help is to buy Child Welfare Pins every year as the proceeds go directly to the needs of families affected.

Winter is coming up fast and we should be prepared to help if the need arises. Historically Wisconsin uses the lion's share of the allotted funds due to our long heating season. For this reason, I do encourage you to buy pins for your Locales as the money goes for this much needed program.

If your Locale has assisted a family be sure to include Voiture Locale & County, number of children affected, nature of event, and how much money was spent. Remember that we are allowed to spend up to \$300 per child and \$1,000 per family. Please keep in mind that you can only purchase necessities. By that I mean no designer jeans or expensive name brand clothing.

If you want 2023 Child Welfare Pins they are \$3 each. I can mail them to you. Please email, call, or text me to place an order before they are gone. The money raised supports this great program.

Eric Diekmann
ericdiekmann@hotmail.com
608-343-2464

CABANE AMERICANISM

Beth Laatsch, Directeur

Membership in our Grande Cabane has dwindled to just seven Cabane Locales, and just over 100 Dames. Despite this, our Americanism program remains one of the strongest. Well of course, Americanism actions are practically as natural to us as breathing.

This year at Grande Rendezvous in Tomah I reported on the activities that our Dames regularly participate in. They include activities within the community like volunteering at food pantries, blood drives, and fundraisers; also, assistance to members of the community like veterans, students, the elderly or handicapped. They might provide transportation, supply treats, or write letters for nursing home residents. One Wisconsin Dame volunteers the entire week at Badger Girls State.

Promoting patriotism is also something that comes naturally to the Dames of Wisconsin. They appear in parades, donate flags to civic or youth groups, and perform the Flags for First Graders program in their local schools.

Cabanes that have the financial resources have found it in their hearts to donate cash to charitable organizations like the Salvation Army, Red Cross, American Cancer Society, and homeless shelters. With the present rate of inflation and high cost of living, it's not hard to look around and see that the need is there, now more than ever.

Collectively the Dames of Wisconsin worked 1,390.5 hours and traveled 2,616 miles for the Americanism program this past year. These amounts along with other reported activities added up to a grand total of \$23,372. Dodge County Cabane 856, with \$16,872 received the first-place award. Second place went to La Crosse County Cabane 830 having reported \$2,247, and Shawano County Cabane 986 took third with \$1,947.

Dames, I am proud of you all. As the saying goes, "Keep up the good work!" Then remember to keep track of the things you do and report them.

GRANDE PRESIDENTE'S SWEEPSTAKES REPORT

Beth Laatsch

Thank you, everyone! We did it, we sold all 200 tickets! I especially want to thank the Dames at Grande Rendezvous, who, upon seeing that there were fewer than 30 tickets left to sell, made an all-out effort to get them all sold before the end of Friday. As Grande Presidente Barbara said in her year-end report, one person does not do it alone, we all work together. It's a group effort.

Congratulations to the 2022 sweepstakes winners: Pat Young, Kathy Gramza, Ken Laatsch, Jim Witte, Al Johnson, Claire Aasen, Tom Sear, Jason Schelper, Mary Uchytel, Cabane 526, Mary Schaller, Matt McCallson, Cindy Sheckler, Jim Vissers, Kim Collier, Chuck Cooney and Tony Greene. All but two of the winners were from Wisconsin. And there were actually three multiple winners, because each ticket drawn is put back into the bucket. So, you see, for your \$10.00 investment, you really do have 20 chances to win a \$50.00 cash prize.

This year at Grande Rendezvous we discussed a couple of other ways to make money for the Grande Cabane, but eventually decided to ride our current wave of success and go with the tried-and-true approach. Our Grande Presidente Barbara is going to serve a second consecutive term, and her fundraising emphasis will remain the same: POW/MIA scholarship fund and Camp American Legion. Half of the sweepstakes profits will go to each of those programs.

I am proud to announce the 2023 Grande Presidente's Sweepstakes raffle tickets are now available, and I will have them at Rendezvous Nationale in Green Bay and at Fall Cheminot in Black River Falls. If you aren't going to be at either event, just contact me personally and I will see to it that you are not left out. Call 715-332-5288, text 715-820-3677 or email knb4575@pctnet.net.

GRAND DIRECTEUR OF BOX CAR

John Aasen



Greetings Voyageurs All,

It's hard to believe how fast this year is slipping by! It's already time to start fundraising for 2023 and Box Car is no exception. Personally, I think Box Car is the most important of all the 40&8 charitable programs primarily because the Box Car Program expends all funds raised during the year to all the programs of the 40&8 that may need help to reach their goals. The program

also funds the Promenade Nationale to treat special children and their escorts to lunch, train rides and entertainment by the Hobo Clowns. Donations are also made to VAVS Office at the local VA Hospital or Clinic.

This year we are fortunate to have the Nationale Promenade & Rendezvous in Green Bay beginning September 11. This is a great opportunity to show our Voyageurs from all over the country what a great place Wisconsin is to visit and live!! I will have the newly designed Box Car Pins, along with the Crew and Associate Box Car cards available at this time. If your Voiture would like pins, you can email me at aasenc@msn.com or text 715-533-2928 and I will try to fill your orders as promptly as I can. There are 33 Voiture Locales in Wisconsin, if each Locale took just ten of each: Pins, Crew, and Associate Cards, we could lead the nation in program sales!!!

I'm looking forward to a great year for the 40 & 8 and all the programs, including membership! Let's all work together to make this happen!! Hope to see you in Green Bay!

LANGLADE COUNTY VOITURE 1204

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La Crosse
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on one of their
many trips this
summer with
the locomotive.
Preschool
students and
their teachers.

LA GRANDE CABANE CORRESPONDANTE
Mary Orval



Greetings wonderful Dames of Wisconsin! I am honored to announce our New La Grande Presidente, Barbara Dotzauer – Cabane 1080. Congratulation!!

Barbara Dotzauer was elected La Grande Presidente for 2022-2023. The logo is a: Motorcycle. The theme is: Chasing Down Membership. Her project is POW-MIA and repairing windows at the flowage and her fine money will go to Dogs2dogtags.

I was very happy to see all the dedicated and hardworking Dames still able to help with the programs. Wonderful job Dames!!

Nationale positions submitted for 2022-2023 are: Judy Pfalzgraf – Nationale Child Welfare Chairman, Barbara Dotzauer – Nationale POW-MIA Chairman, Mary Orval-Correspondante Nationale and Gail Reed – Nationale Nurses Training Chairman and Co-Chairman of Trophy and Awards. Super for Grande de Wisconsin Dames!!

Nationale Rendezvous in Green Bay, Wisconsin. September 11-17, 2022. The Dames who are attending Nationale, your help would be greatly appreciated with 50/50 raffle, registration, Emblem Sales, Founders Club, Ways and Means, grab bags and the Memorial Service. Please bring white outfits and white gloves, if you are able to help for the Memorial Service.

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 in this issue of the Badger Forty et Eighter. See this page.

Directeurs: Updates will be mailed out to you. In the updates there will be: List of Officers, Directeurs, Locale Presidentes and Correspondantes, and our information booklet.

Membership: Starting as of July 1, 2022 Cabane dues can be sent to Cabane Nationale, but as of after Nationale Rendezvous all membership renewal dues will be sent directly to my home in Johnson Creek. 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 should be emailed to Beth Laatsch. She is doing all the proofreading for the Dames.

Our Fall Cheminot will be held on October 21-22, 2022 in Black River Falls, WI at the Sure Stay by Best Western (Orange Moose), 600 Oasis Road, Black River Falls, WI 715-284-9471 Please mention: 40 & 8 for room block. The banquet that evening is the Testimonial Dinner for our Grande Chef, John Edelblute IV and La Grande Presidente, Barbara Dotzauer at the hotel.

Dates to Remember:

Mid-Winter – West Salem – February 10-11, 2023. One day event. If you would like to make reservations to stay at the hotel: Americana Motel, 125 Buol Road, West Salem, WI. 608-351-2883. Mention 40 & 8 room block. See details in the Badger 40 & 8er January edition.
Grande – No bid has been submitted.

Grande de Wisconsin Cabane Awards

Aide to the Voiture

First Place Sheboygan 1080
Second Place Dodge 856
Third Place La Crosse 830

Carville Star

First Place Dodge 856
Second Place La Crosse 830
Third Place Walworth 526

Americanism

First Place Dodge 856
Second Place La Crosse 830
Third Place Shawano 986

Child Welfare

First Place Dodge 856
Second Place Sheboygan 1080
Third Place Shawano 986

Box Car

First Place Sheboygan 1080
Second Place La Crosse 830
Third Place Dodge 856

Nurses Training

First Place La Crosse 830
Second Place Dodge 856
Third Place Grant 1372

Camp American Legion

First Place Sheboygan 1080
Second Place Dodge 856
Third Place La Crosse 830

POW-MIA

First Place Sheboygan 1080
Second Place Walworth 526
Third Place Shawano 986

Youth Sports

First Place Dodge 856
Second Place Walworth 526
Third Place La Crosse 830

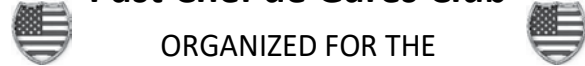
Grand Total for all programs: \$146,612.50

Aide to the Voiture	\$58,098.50	Child Welfare	\$23,272.00
Americanism	\$23,372.00	Nurses Training	\$5,605.00
Box Car	\$14,043.00	POW-MIA	\$16,816.00
Camp American Legion	\$3,296.00	Youth Sports	\$1,988.00
Carville Star	\$122.00	Grand Total Programs	\$146,612.50

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone.

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Voiture & Cabane 683

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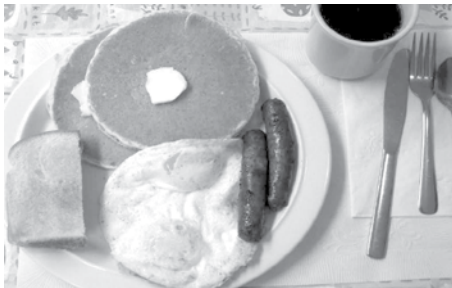


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Grande Promenade and Rendezvous held in Tomah

ABOVE RIGHT: New Grande Voiture Officers being sworn in.

ABOVE LEFT: Past Grand Chef Larry being initiated into the Past Grand Chefs Club. By the way; he hates the Green Bay Packers.

AT LEFT: Grand Chef de Gare John Edelblute IV with the new fine box.

BELOW LEFT: Voiture Locale Program Award Winners.

BELOW RIGHT: 2022 Membership Award Winners.



LEFT: Ken Kozubek receives the 2022 Grande Voiture de Wisconsin Voyageur of the Year award. CENTER: Melissa Guthmiller of Monroe County Voiture # 804 was chosen as the 2022 Grande Voiture Correspondante of the Year winner. RIGHT: John & Clarice Aasen accept the 2022 Bean Bag Championship trophies.