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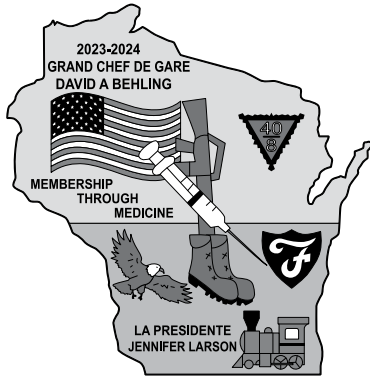
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40 ET 8 DAYS AT CAMP

Grand Chef de Gare's Message

Dave Behling



I just want to take this first opportunity to thank everyone for the honor to serve as your Grand Chef de Gare. When I first embarked on this voyage, I had no idea what would happen and where it would go. Richard Ruland walked up to me one day and asked why I wasn't a "Line Officer" yet. Had no answer for him. Talked it over with the members of Voiture Locale # 750 and the wheels were turning. Past Grand Chef "Ken Kozubek" said his five years moving up to becoming a Grand Chef went screaming by. I feel the same way. Just can't believe how quickly time passed and now here we are at the changing of the guard. If I can do half the job as Past Grand Chef John Edelblute did, I'll be a happy Chef.

Would like to thank everyone for a very successful Grande Promenade & Rendezvous. A special "thank you" to our Custer, South Dakota National Membership Directeur Gena Keller. Everyone really enjoyed her professional presence and inspirational speech at the Saturday evening banquet.

On August 19th many of us attended the Brown Collar Wreck that Monroe County Voiture # 804 sponsored in Tomah. Four new Voyageurs from Tomah joined the ranks of La Societe. Tom Orval was the Wrecking Chef and as always did an outstanding job. I took the opportunity to pass out my lapel pin and invite everyone to the November 4th Cheminot and Testimonial Dinner honoring Cabane Presidente Jennifer Larson and myself. National Ritual Directeur Steve Bradley was on hand for the initiation and thought the proceedings went very well. I won the 50/50 drawing. Yes, the day went well!

Some have asked me what I do for Veterans.

- Long time member of the American Legion and run (2) hamburger stand crews at the Lake Mills slider stand where

we sell 1,300 – 1,500 burgers every Friday from May through the 1st Friday in October.

- Am currently VFW Post Commander in Fort Atkinson.
- VVA Past President of Black Hawk Chapter 409.
- Belong to the Marine Corp League in Watertown.
- Of course, Grand Chef de Gare of Wisconsin.
- Actively participate in Military funerals for I have Honor Guard uniforms for the American Legion, VFW and Vietnam Veterans of America.

As you can see my calendar is full but I am committed to the 40 et 8 which is my first priority. As a matter of fact, I've already booked a hotel room for next years 40 et 8 Days at Camp. Can't miss the honor of riding the Pink Pig. As I've been told it's only reserved for the Grand Chef and Grande Cabane Presidente.

Have been expecting invitations to many different Locales events this year as my schedule is quickly getting filled up. Hope to meet as many of you as possible.

Medical Minute

It is my understanding that a Covid Booster Shot is in the works for the Fall-Winter. In my opinion I suggest that everyone consider getting theirs. Cannot remember how many immunizations I've received over the years but have no doubt that I am better for it. Here is an example. We saw polio, small pox and other diseases emerging in various places. Got our thumb on it but the recent infections are among the non-immunized.

In closing I hope to see many of you on November 4th in Fort Atkinson for the Cheminot and Testimonial dinner.

Stay Safe!



You are Cordially Invited to Attend the Testimonial Dinner Honoring

Grand Chef de Gare Dave Behling

Grande Cabane Presidente Jennifer Larson

November 4 • 6 pm
Fort Atkinson

Fort Atkinson American Legion

Post #166

201 S. Water St. E

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Testimonial Dinner

Pork Loin, Chicken Cordon Bleu, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, corn, salad, rolls, etc.

\$20 per person
Deadline for reservations is October 21.

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Reservation Deadline: October 7.
Mention 40 et 8 when making reservations.

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I've just completed updating the Badger Forty et Eighter mailing list. Hopefully we'll have just a few address changes for this issue. If your Locale has not yet received the 2024 membership cards from National, please call them at 317-634-1804. Do know that there have been some problems with the USPS.

Calumet County Voiture Locale #1434 surrendered their charter. Most of the Voyageurs from #1434 are transferring over the Outagamie #1140.

May 10 and 11 of next year has been scheduled as Rainbow Flowage Clean Up. We hope to see as many of you as possible there. As I'm on the subject of Rainbow Flowage, it was voted on at the recently concluded Grande Promenade that the Amish up by Whitehall will be constructing new windows with vinyl sills for the pavilion. We will be doing the installing ourselves. Cost is approximately \$3,900.

The Grande Promenade hosted by Jefferson County #750 was by all standards a success. National Membership Directeur "Gena Keller" gave a very inspirational speech at the Saturday evening banquet about La Societe. We thank her for all she does in promoting membership and the programs of La Societe. Due to health and timing, we had to vote on three different Grande Voiture Delegates to the National Promenade. Along with John Edelblute and Tom Orval, they are Ken Laatsch, Jim Vissers and Doug Schaller. Next year the Grande Promenade & Rendezvous will be held in Tomah. The Midwinter Petite Promenade is going to be in Black River Falls at the Orange Moose.

This year we were able to eliminate the Sunday morning Cheminot. It was held immediately after the closing of the Grande Promenade on Saturday morning. For the Midwinter Petite we will have just three Committee meetings on Friday starting a little later so more can get to the destination more conveniently without rushing to the hotel and location of the meetings.

Fort Atkinson is where the Fall Cheminot will be held on November 4. (Reservation form on the front page.) The Cheminot will be at 1:00 PM. This is where you will hear about all the happenings at the National Promenade to include Committee Program meetings, elections and appointments of Officers, changes, etc. That evening we'll be honoring Grand Chef de Gare Dave Behling and Grande Cabane Presidente Jennifer Larson.

I was given the honor once again of being the Wrecking Chef for the "Brown Collar Wreck" in Tomah on August 19th. New Voyageurs Roger Davis, Byron Kelly, Casey Mayhew and Jennifer Sawade were all welcomed into the ranks of La Societe. While there for the Initiation I was informed that Locale Chef de Gare Lori Zimmerman is planning on submitting a resolution for her to run for Grand Commis Voyageur next year. It's so heartwarming to know that the dedication and enthusiasm for the Wisconsin Forty et Eight is running at such a high level among the Voyageurs throughout our great state.

My good friend and Voyageur "Kurt Troemel" of Whitewater passed away recently. He was a WWII Veteran who spent D-Day evening sleeping in the hedge rows of Normandy. Here is the kicker, when I sent the notice of his passing to Voiture Nationale, they accidentally put my name on the website obituaries. It got straightened very quickly. No Harm No Foul!

See you down the road.

Faith - Family - Forty & Eight

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Rest We Forget

**SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER**

VOYAGEURS

KURT TROEMEL	V-750
RONALD HOLM	V-1140

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE

Grand Voiture Membership 2023 FINAL

VOITURE/COUNTY	AREA	2022	2023
236 POLK-BURNETT	1	26	27**
260 TREMPALEAU	1	42	43**
410 KENOSHA	4	11	17**
497 RACINE	4	11	11*
525 EAU CLAIRE	1	9	6
526 WALWORTH	4	5	5*
652 SAUK	2	32	31
683 DANE	2	39	37
750 JEFFERSON	4	49	40
751 WINNEBAGO	3	27	24
774 BROWN-KEWAUNEE	3	40	40*
804 MONROE	2	37	37*
821 CLARK	2	16	15
830 LA CROSSE	2	86	80
831 PORTAGE	3	19	20**
840 COLUMBIA	4	9	7
844 ROCK	4	8	8*
856 DODGE	4	38	34
898 WASHINGTON	4	21	19
904 PIERCE	1	42	42*
986 SHAWANO	3	36	36*
1080 SHEBOYGAN	4	15	11
1139 WOOD	3	4	4*
1140 OUTAGAMIE	3	19	20**
1156 VILAS-ONEIDA	1	16	12
LINCOLN			
1204 LANGLADE	3	40	38
1268 RICHLAND	2	43	39
1323 JUNEAU	2	38	38*
1372 GRANT	2	8	9**
1434 CALUMET	3	11	11*
1455 IOWA	2	9	8
1485 ST. CROIX	1	6	7**
1519 MILWAUKEE	2	43	43*

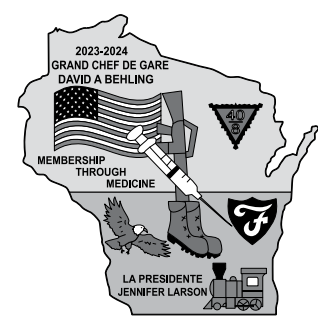
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**OVER THE TOP * 100%

AREA STANDINGS

	2022	2023	Percent
AREA 1 - 2nd Place			Ken Laatsch
TOTALS	141	137	97.16%
AREA 2 - 3rd Place			Melissa Guthmiller
TOTALS	308	294	95.45%
AREA 3 - 1st Place			George Heck
TOTALS	196	193	98.46%
AREA 4 - 4th Place			Jack Vissers
TOTALS	210	195	92.85%
GRAND TOTAL	855	819	95.79%
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GRAND CHEF DE GARE'S PASSE GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN

1978 Norbert Lohuis	2013 John Helgeson
1986 Ralph Ricker	2014 Lloyd Granberg
1992 Jerome Warner	2015 Dale Mitchell
1998 Gary Dotzauer	2016 Ken Kozubek
2001 Roger Oleson	2017 Richard Ruland
2002 Carl Sjolander	2018 Doug Schaller
2003 Lloyd Koeller	2019 Joe Story
2007 Don Emley	2020 Jim Bassett
2008 Tom Orval	2021 John Aasen
2009 Ron Pfalzgraf	2022 Larry Winger
2011 Jim Vissers	2023 John Edelblute IV



**JEFFERSON COUNTY
VOITURE LOCALE #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

Dale Mitchell Directeur Nurses Training
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Commissaire Intendant
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Dave Behling**

Monroe County #804 Helps Tomah Fire Victims



Monroe County Voiture Locale # 804 Child Welfare Directeur Mikki Bradley through the Charles W. Ardery Memorial Child Welfare Trust Fund, assisted two children who were displaced due to a fire on July 11th.

**JUNEAU COUNTY
VOITURE LOCALE
1323**

CHEF DE GARE CORRESPONDANT
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**GRAND VOITURE DE
WISCONSIN VAVS**

John Edelblute, Grand Directeur

I would like to start off by thanking everyone for the support, guidance and help during this past term as your Grand Chef de Gare. Never in a million years would I have imagined what a wonderful experience I had as your Grand Chef. From visiting Locale's for Promenades to being able to ride along in Parades with Locale 830 on their Loci which happened to coincide with being the Fourth of July. Thank You for all you do and continue to do for our great organization.

I have been appointed VAVS Directeur by our Grand Chef de Gare David Behling for this coming term. I have some big chausures to fill in taking over for Voyageur Dale Mitchell. I am humbled to be given the opportunity to represent the Grande in this position. As many of you know I am the current Forty and Eight representative at the Zablocki VA in Milwaukee where I have an average of about 26 hours a week which I enjoy. On August 25, Zablocki held their annual Baby Shower event where the Voluntary Services presented needed items to Veteran mothers of newborn or are expecting a new arrival in their families. Through the "Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling" campaign I was able to acquire \$400.00 to help for this event.

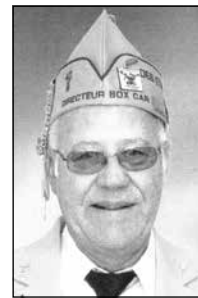
Our Grande Promenade in Fort Atkinson was a great time as always. Thank You to Jefferson County 750 for hosting this event. I want also thank my escorts Voyageurs Winger and Austin for escorting me to Grand Chef de Gare Passe Luncheon during our Grande Promenade. I never felt safer. Hopefully there are some photos of me with them. I really embraced the moment as it should be being as it only comes around once. I already have plans for our Grand Chef for next August.

In closing with probably the shortest article I have ever written for the Badger Forty and Eighter; I would be remiss in not mentioning a heartfelt thanks to all who served with me whether it be a Line Officer, Directeur's, Committee Chairmen, Locale Chef de Gare and Correspondant. You are that made it happen for me and the Grande. I will see some of you at the Nationale Promenade in a couple weeks and hope to see all of you at the Grand Chef's Testimonial in November.

Until next time...

GRAND COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT

Jim Vissers



Here is your reminder that if your Locale's finances are based on the fiscal year, you have until November 15 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 veteran's 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.

At the Grand Promenade in Fort Atkinson, the audit committee went over the checkbook, receipts, investments, and bank statements. Everything was found to be in order. I would like to thank them and the Finance Committee for the involvement during the past fiscal year.

Our investments past fiscal year did fairly well. As of the end of June, we have a moderate gain on our portfolio. We did withdraw from our investment this past fiscal year to replenish the checkbook and for the purchase of the new tractor at Camp American Legion. Next year, it was voted on to replace the windows in the pavilion at the Rainbow Flowage. John Aasen got a real good price from the Amish community. We will probably install these during the Spring cleanup in May.

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.

All of the financial information for the past fiscal year and next year's recommended budget were available at the Grande Promenade in Fort Atkinson in August. If you need a copy of them, please let me know and I will send them to you by email. Also, all of our tax information has been sent to an accounting firm to be made out and filed.

In closing, I hope everyone stays healthy this coming year. Hope to see many of you at future events. Be sure to keep our troops in your prayer.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
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AMID THE SCENIC HILLS OF
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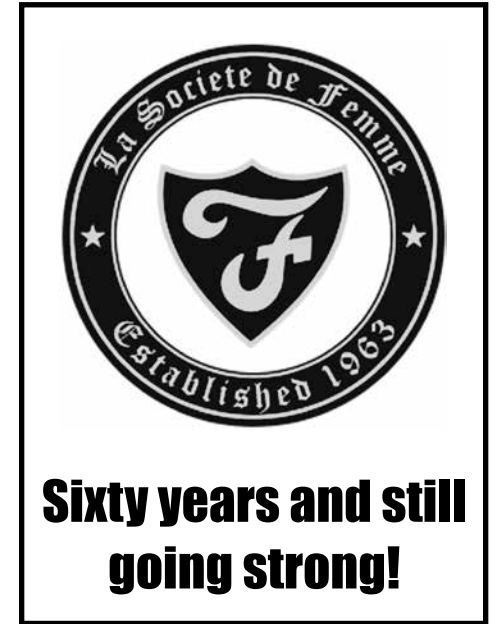
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Two Locomotives for Richland County



For years Richland County Voiture Locale #1268 draped their flag on the table held up by a railroad tie painted yellow and a wooden meat tenderizer. Well, Sandy Kramer, Chef de Gare of #1268 retired those two items forever. Her husband, Voyageur Dan Kramer, and Sandy gifted these two items to Locale 1268 for draping their alter cloth flag from the table. Needed something a bit more classy; they are a bit heavy and should do the trick. Jim Hying and Larry Winger did the honor of unveiling these items with Chef de Gare Sandy in the middle holding the Alter Cloth.

Milwaukee County Joint Installation



On May 23, Voiture Locale #1519 held a joint Installation and Initiation for three new Voyageurs. Dan Workanhaur, Ray Grabowski and Patti Winter - Schmidt become members at the Oak Creek Legion Post #434.

Scenes From the Grande Promenade



TOP LEFT: Newly elected Grand Chef de Gare Dave Behling is presented the Grande Voiture gavel by Installing Officer Gena Keller.

TOP RIGHT: The La Femme on Saturday morning before lunch.

AT LEFT: Many of the program winners along with Grand Chef de Gare John Edelblute and National Guest Gena Keller.

BELOW LEFT: John Aasen and Larry Winger with the newest past Grand Chef de Gare. hubba hubba!

BELOW RIGHT: Pat Young, Gena Keller, Andy Minch and Daisy being sworn in at the Wisconsin Past Chef de Gares Club meeting.

BOTTOM LEFT: John Aasen and Eric Diekmann receive their 40 et 8 Days at Camp Bean Bag trophies.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Jim Vissers (accepting for his son Eric) and Ken Laatsch receive their 40 et 8 Days at Camp fishing trophies.



Tomah Initiates Four Voyageurs



On August 19 in Tomah, four new Voyageurs were initiated into the ranks of La Societe. National Directeur of Ritual Steve Bradley was on hand just to see what a Brown Collar Wreck actually was. The new Voyageurs were Jennifer Sawade, Casey Mayhew, Byron Kelly and Roger Davis, all of Tomah. Tom Orval was the Wrecking Chef with assistance from the locale Voyageurs.

More from the Grande Promenade



ABOVE: New Grande Voiture Officers for 2024

AT RIGHT: John Edelblute is awarded the 2023 Grande Voiture Voyageur of the Year Award which was presented by Special Awards Directeur Ron Pfalzgraf.

BELOW LEFT: George Heck was the recipient of the Harald Kahlert Meritious Service award.

BELOW RIGHT: National Membership Directeur Gena Keller was presented an award from the Grande Voiture de Wisconsin for her outstanding work on membership and other programs of La Societe. She also was presented a embroidered sport shirt and other gifts.



POW/MIA

Jim Basset, Grande Directeur POW/MIA program



Greeting fellow voyageurs and dames, hope all is well with you. Flu season is fast approaching and is likely to be joined by RSV and a new strain of COVID-19. I encourage all to consult with their healthcare professional and if recommended, get vaccinated with the new upcoming vaccines and boosters.

Last year the POW/MIA scholarship program awarded ten \$1,500 dollar scholarships to qualified descendants of POW/MIA's. This was made possible by generous donations in the form of cash and pin sales. The 2024 pins are available for a donation of four dollars. Voyageur Tom Orval has once again graciously stepped in to handle the 2024 pin sales as I have been unable to leave home this past year due to family obligations. Prior year pins, danglers, earrings, and necklaces are also available for those who may be collecting or would just like to provide additional support to this worthy program. I also have a few bolo ties available.

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Please add the POW/MIA program to the agenda of your next Locale Promenade. Be sure all your Voyageurs are aware of the scholarships available to the qualified survivors and descendants of POW's and MIA's and the need to support this worthy program. Anyone in need of a scholarship application can obtain one from the national web-site: fortyandeight.org. Stay safe, keep the faith, and support the Forty and Eight.

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CHILD WELFARE

Eric Diekmann, Grand Directeur

Greetings everyone,
I had a great time in Fort Atkinson. Thank you Jefferson County #750 for hosting a successful Grande.

Winter is coming up fast and we should be prepared to help if the need arises. You can spend up to \$300 per child and \$1000 per family on immediate needs.

If you spend over these amounts, you should expect not to be reimbursed for the overages.

For the past year Wisconsin Locales spent a total of \$16,898.75, and 1,324 children benefited from the program and we had a total mileage of 3,254 miles in support of Child Welfare Programs.

I have 2024 Child Welfare Pins for sale \$3 each. Please email or call me to place an order. The money raised supports this great program.

Please encourage your Locales to purchase these Pins. Send me an email or give me a call to place your order, I will get them in the mail to you right away.

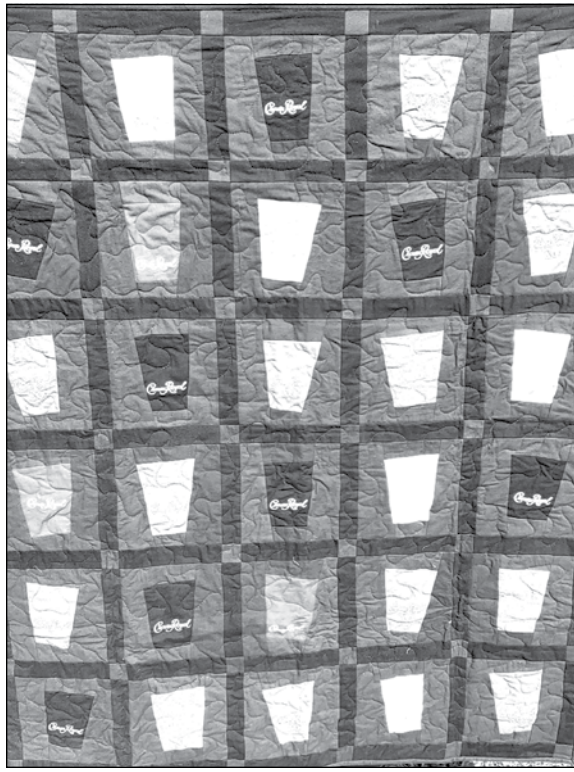
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Please remember if you use the Ardery Fund the money that is reimbursed to your locale does not go on your yearly reports.

Keep in mind when doing your reports every Locale should have something to report, as 25 cents from every Voyageurs dues goes into the fund.



Calling all Crown Royal fans!

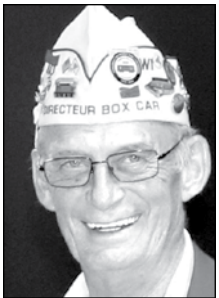


This could be yours!

The Grande Presidente's Passe Club, at their meeting at Grande Rendezvous in August, voted to accept this quilt from Presidente Passe Beth Laatsch and raffle it to raise money for the window project at the flowage at Camp American Legion. The group will be selling chances for \$5.00 each at Fall Cheminot on Nov. 4. The quilt is made from Crown Royal bags that were donated to Beth over the years by members of the Forty and Eight.

NATIONAL BOX CAR ASSOCIATION

John Aasen, Grand Directeur



As your Grande Voiture Box Car Directeur, I was again honored to once again be appointed as your Directeur for 2024. Our Program sells Crew and Associate cards for \$1.00 and yearly pins for \$3.00. All of the proceeds collected over the year go right back to the other programs of La Societe. We also make a yearly donation to the locale VA Hospital or Medical Center wherever the

National Promenade happens to be.

We have had many Voyageurs over the years serve on the National Committee from Wisconsin. Dale Peterson of Kenosha was the first National Box Car Secretaire. Both Tom Orval and Jim Vissers have served as National Directeur's of the program.

At the Great Lakes Promenade in June, I obtained the 2024 supply of Crew & Associate cards along with the 2024 pins. Crew cards can only be sold to Voyageurs. Associate cards anyone or anything can buy. We even have those who have purchased these cards for their pets or favorite car or golf clubs. "You get the idea"!

To receive an order of cards and pins. Please contact me at:

John Aasen
W15478 Aasen Lane
Whitehall, WI. 54773
715-5332928
aasenj@msn.com

Thank you Jefferson county Voiture #750
Wishing you the Best of Luck
Hosting the 2023 Grande Promenade

VOITURE LOCALE 804 MONROE COUNTY

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

GET WRECKED WITH US

Chef de Gare Lori Zimmerman	Correspondant Melissa Guthmiller	Dommissaire Intendant Eric Diekmann
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GRANDE PRESIDENTE

Jennifer Larson



Thank you for trusting me to serve as your Grande Presidente this year. It will be my second go-round at doing this job, having held the position in 2020-21.

The year promises to be exciting for me. The theme is "Membership through Medicine," which, chosen by Grand Chef Dave, to my amazement fits me perfectly because I have been a CNA and care worker for the last 20 years. My program will, appropriately, be Nurses Training. In my time in this field of work I have seen first-hand how hard nurses work to keep us healthy and safe. I am happy to be doing my part to contribute to their success.

My fines will go to the Old Glory Honor Flight, which takes Appleton-area veterans on a one-day trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the war memorials at the National Mall where they can honor and pay their respects to their fallen comrades.

I hope to have as much success this year as my predecessor, Barb Dotzauer, has had for the last two years, and reach 100 percent in membership. To the Cabanes I say start early. Collect dues now and get that task out of the way so you can concentrate on working on your programs.

I am looking forward to a great year with Grand Chef Dave and hope to see you November 4 at Fort Atkinson for our joint testimonia banquet.

GRANDE PRESIDENTE'S SWEEPSTAKES REPORT

Beth Laatsch

I'm pleased to announce the results of another successful year for the Grande Presidente's Sweepstakes. Every one of the 200 tickets was sold by the end of the first day at Fort Atkinson. I thank everyone who helped sell the tickets, with extra kudos to LaCrosse County Cabane 830 for selling a total of 50 tickets!

Also, of course, a big thank-you to everyone who bought tickets, especially those who took advantage of our special price of two for \$20 (LOL.)

Congratulations to the 2023 winners: Jim Vissers, Nancy Eberhardt, David Kiupfer, Karen Degner, Larry Winger, Bobby Brooke, Tom Graff, Al Johnson, Kat Laatsch, David Kiupfer, Kevin Drea, Lisa Neve, Ray Laatsch, Joe Ternes, Carol Ternes, Matt McCallson, Ron Pfalzgraf, Larry Winger, Ron Pfalzgraf, Mary Beth Hewitt. If you see one name listed multiple times, rest assured that it is not a typo: in fact, every ticket drawn is tossed back into the bucket for more chances to win, each ticket has 20 chances in all.

The delegates at Grande Rendezvous voted to repeat the sweepstakes for 2024. Tickets will be available starting Nov. 4 at Fall Cheminot. I look forward to another successful year, with proceeds going towards Grande Presidente Jenny's special program, Nurses Training.

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
Germantown Post #1

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

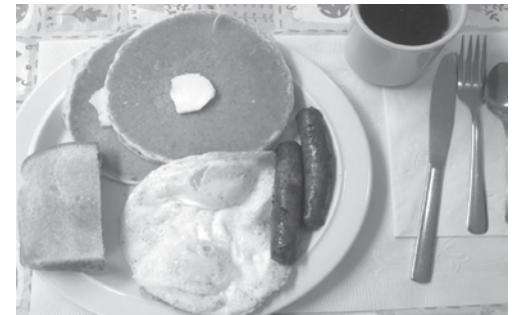
Chef de Gare
Craig Blawat

Correspondant
Mary Millikin

Commissaire Intendant
Mark Baldwin



Last Sunday of Every Month Except in December THOMAS-HOLCOMB POST 304 PALMYRA AMERICAN LEGION



7:00 A.M. to Noon
Pancake Breakfast

115 North 3rd St, Palmyra, WI

ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR \$7.00
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.

Compliments of Trempealeau County Voiture No. 260 Grand Voiture de Wisconsin



2023 Officers

Chef de Gare
Gavin J. Johnson

Correspondant
Charles Hizer

Commissaire Intendant
David Aldach

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

Compliments Of DODGE COUNTY VOITURE & COBANE #856



Grand Chef de Gare Passe
Wayne Faber Ron Pfalzgraf

La Grande Presidente Passe

Joyce Kiel	Mary Buschke
Gloria Faber	Bea Griner
Judy Pfalzgraf	Lisa York Jackie Mitchell

Voiture # 856

Chef de Gare	Dennis Bruesch
Correspondant	Ron Pfalzgraf
Commissaire Intendant	Ron Pfalzgraf

Cabane # 856

Presidente	Micki Polster
Correspondante	Judy Pfalzgraf
Commissaire Intendant	Judy Pfalzgraf

LA GRANDE CABANE CORRESPONDANTE
Mary Orval



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

Jennifer Larson was elected La Grande Presidente for 2023-2024. The logo is a: State of Wisconsin. The theme is: Membership through Medicine. Her project is Nurses

Training and her fine money will go to Glory Honor Flight.

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

Nationale positions submitted for 2023-2024 are: Judy Pfalzgraf – Nationale Child Welfare Chairman, Barbara Dotzauer – Nationale POW-MIA Chairman, Mary Orval-Correspondante Nationale and Gail Reed – Nationale Co-Chairman of Trophy and Awards. Super for Grande de Wisconsin Dames!

Nationale Rendezvous is in Sandusky, Ohio. September 12-16, 2023. Please bring white outfits and white gloves and beret, 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 the issue of the Badger Forty ET Eighter. See below at the end of this article.

Directeur: New Directeur books have been mailed out to you. In the updates there will be: List of Officer, Directeurs, Locale Presidentes and Correspondante's, and our information booklet

Membership: Starting as of July 1, 2023 Cabane dues can sent to Cabane Nationale. 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 email to Beth Laatsch. She is doing all the proofreading for the Dames.

Dates to Remember:

Our Fall Cheminot was held on November 3-4, 2023 in Fort Atkinson, WI at the America Inn, 1225 Janesville Avenue, Fort Atkinson, WI (920) 563-6444. Please mention: 40 & 8 for room block. The banquet that evening was the Testimonial Dinner for our Grande Chef, David Behling and La Grande Presidente, Jennifer Larson at the American Legion Post 166.

Mid-Winter-Black River Falls-February 8-10, 2024. One day event. If you would like to make reservation to stay at the hotel: Orange Moose Sure Stay Plus Hotel, 600 Oasis Road, Black River Falls, (715) 284-9471. Mention 40 & 8 room block. See details in the Badger 40 & 8er in January edition.

Grande-No bid has been submitted.
A very heartfelt thank you to everyone.

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux



The Voyageurs And Dames Of

Shawano County #986 Voiture & Cabane

Home of Grand Chef de Gare Passe

Norman Kelly Ralph Ricker
Norman Habeck Roger Oleson
Lloyd Koeller Don Jahnke Bob Polaske

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 Presidente Sandra Beggs
Cabane Correspondante Kathy Gramza

Grande de Wisconsin Cabane Awards

Aid to Voiture

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

Americanism

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

Box Car

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

Camp American Legion

First Place Sheboygan 1080
Second Place Walworth 526
Third Place Dodge 856

Carville Star

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

Child Welfare

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

Nurses Training

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

POW-MIA

First Place Walworth 526
Second Place La Crosse 830
Third Place Sheboygan 1080

Youth Sports

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

Grand Total for Programs

Aide to the Voiture	\$20,278.50
Americanism	\$32,594.00
Box Car	\$1105.00
Camp American Legion	\$5,530.00
Carville Star	\$166.00
Child Welfare	\$28,557.00
Nurses Training	\$9,727.00
POW-MIA	\$2,210.00
Youth Sports	\$3,420.00

Grand Total \$103,587.50

Polk-Burnett Locomotive Had Busy Summer



Voyageurs from Locale #236 participated in a number of events and parades this summer in their miniature locomotive. This picture was taken at the Clear Lakes Days in June at their parade. Roger Norquest (Voiture 236 Chef de Gare) - Driving the Train; Roland Mortensen (Voiture 236 Correspondant) - Riding in the Coal Box; Wayne Hancock (Voiture 236 Chef de Gare Passe and District 12 Cheminot Passe) - Riding on the Cannon Car.

La Crosse Locomotive Makes Run on the 4th



La Crosse Voiture # 830 Loci participated in the 4th of July parades in both La Farge and Ontario. Those present are Grand Chef de Gare John Edelblute, Ray Kline, Matt McCallson, Joe Rivers, Ron Corn, Pete Opitz, Liz Staff, Roger Mathison and Pat Young. Doug Schaller was present but needed to take the picture.

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

DANE COUNTY
Voiture & Cabane 683

GRAND CHEF DE GARE PASSE

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

CHEF DE GARE
Richard Ruland

CORRESPONDANT
Keith Lovell

COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT
Gerri Scalissi

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

Compliments of
Rock County
Voiture Locale 844

Bill Babb
Chef de Gare Correspondant
& Commissaire Intendant

40 ET 8 DAYS AT CAMP

Tom Orval
Chairman, 40 et 8 Days at Camp



Our 54th Installment of 40 et 8 Days at Camp was once again a fantastic relaxing time with our La Societe family members. There were about 30 of us up there already on Thursday. Almost all of us went to the Sayner Pub for pizza and other delicious items on the menu. Friday some went shopping to Eagle River or Minocqua while some went to Camp American Legion for a tour by George Heck. I

was one of those who took the tour and George showed us areas there that none of us even knew existed.

That afternoon we all met out behind the Rustic Manor for the annual Bean Bag Tournament. When the smoke cleared Eric Diekmann and John Aasen were the 2023 tournament champions. There was more than enough food from the picnic we had. In the evening the annual bonfire took place.

Saturday morning the fishing tournament took place but this time it was held at the Rainbow Flowage. A ponton boat was brought over from camp. Ken Laatsch and Eric Vissers were this year's winners in the Game Fish and Pan Fish categories. Those not fishing were over at Timbers Bar & Grill enjoying bloody marys or other adult beverages. In the afternoon there were sightseeing excursions on the ponton boat at the Flowage.

For this year we tried something a bit different. Instead of relying on the Camp for food we purchased or made the food ourselves. Everything was just plain delicious and a thank you to all who donated food or financial offerings. Was very happily surprised that Beth Laatsch's bingo games had twenty-two patrons.

Going back to the Rustic Manor for another bonfire that evening where just about everyone gathered to tell stories and enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow Forty et Eight family members. The firewood was compliments of George and Cathy Heck who brought it over from the Flowage.



Those who participated in the annual Bean Bag Tournament.



The annual \$2,000 check is presented to Camp Director Jim Klement and retired Camp Director Dan Liota from Grand Chef John Edelblute and past Grand Chef Larry Winger.

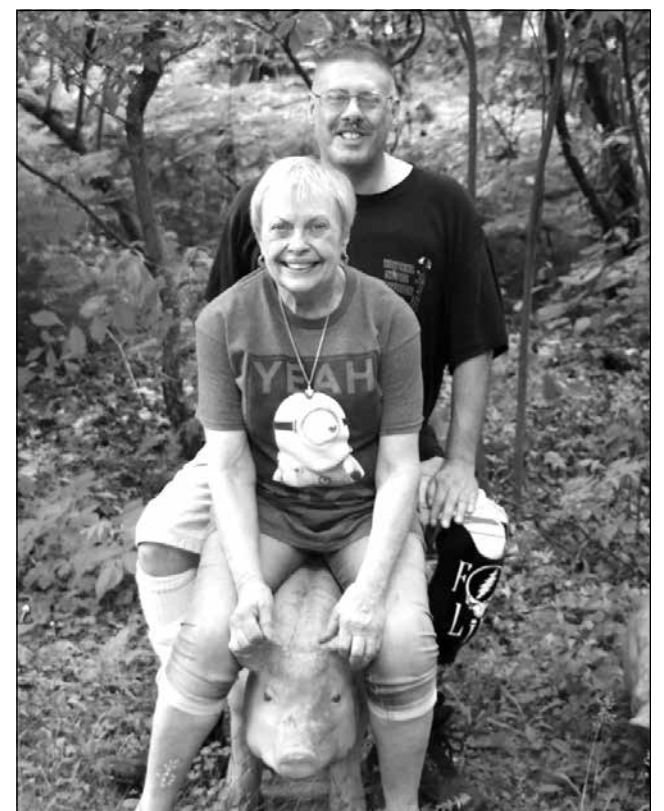


Many of the Voyageurs who were at the Saturday afternoon picnic at the Flowage.



Group picture at the Flowage Saturday afternoon.

Next year the dates are June 22nd – 25th. If you wish to stay at the Rustic Manor in St. Germain, call 715-479-9776 and ask for Bob. Make sure you let them know you're there for the Forty et Eight Days at Camp. If there is enough interest next year, I'll plan a trip to the Three Lakes Winery for Friday morning.



The tradition continues — Presidente Barb and Grand Chef John ride the pink pig.

Milwaukee County
Voiture 1519
Member of the Mighty 4th District

Chef de Gare
Andrew Minch
&
Correspondant
Linda Pfeiffer







SHEBOYGAN COUNTY
VOITURE / CABANE #1080

Chef de Gare
Mark Degner

Correspondant
Joe Ternes


Presidente
Mary Orval

Correspondante
Barbara Dotzauer

Working Together As One We Get The Job Done

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY
VOITURE LOCALE 1140



Home Of
Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe
Jim Vissers
Grand Chef de Gare Passe
John Marr
Jim Vissers
Jim Bassett

Jim Bassett
Chef de Gare

Jim Vissers
Correspondant