



Boxcar Bulletin

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From the Chef de Gare

At the November Prom we had a medical emergency. Richard went down hard, but because of the quick response of two of our members and the help of all in attendance, Richard was back in time for Thursday Coffee. I want to take this opportunity to thank Jerry and John for quickly going to Richard's aid. Their swift action averted what could have been a very serious situation. I do not think I am being melodramatic when I say that Richard was lucky he was at the Prom where he got the help he needed. I also want to thank all who were in attendance for getting out of the way and letting Jerry and John take charge of the situation. I felt helpless at the podium, but was confident that Richard was in good hands. That is one big at-a-boy for Jerry and John.

One thing that came to mind is the progress of medical science in testing for so many conditions. I know it is contrary to the warrior code to run to sick bay at every opportunity, but on the other hand we are not getting any younger. I ask each of you to get those medical tests none of us wants, but each of us needs. It was a simple blood test that found my cancer.

Next time you are at the Chateau, take the time to locate the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) we have. It is on the wall by the door to the storeroom behind the bar. I hope we never have an opportunity to use it, but it is there.

Lastly Candee and I want to wish each of you and yours, a very merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

- Remember that dues for the 2015-16 year are due now. National has changed the due date for us to send all our dues and membership numbers in form September 31st annually, to December 31st of the current year, moving up the process by nine months.
- I would like to ask all Directors to work with Bill Hauser and set up a tab within the website explaining the purpose of each of your programs. I recently solicited a contribution for the Loci and was surprised that we did not have anything I could refer to.

Thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings.

Jim Renton
Chef de Gare
2015-2016

From the Correspondant

Our Constitution requires Voiture 99 to have a Wreck each quarter of the year. To keep within the guidelines of the Constitution we will vote on nominees in September, December, March and June. The introductions and voting will be vocal to eliminate wasted time. If your nomination is not received prior to the scheduled voting Promenade, it will be pushed back to the next scheduled voting. The wreck will be held in October, January, April, and July. This will give me time to get a letter to your nominee and a return so I can have their paperwork prepared.

Chef de Train description. The Chef de Train is the understudy of the Chef de Gare. He/She will be concerned with the internal operation of the Voiture, especially membership. The Chef de Train should memorize the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and other parts of the Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies which you will be expected to carry out. You must always be aware of the proper conduct of the Voiture and be actively interested in maintaining and promoting membership in the 40 et 8. Be prepared to stand in for and assume the position of the Chef de Gare should the occasion ever arise.

Safety tip: With darkness coming earlier each day, it is a good idea to have someone walk around your automobile to verify that all your lights and turn signals are lighting up. Also learn where your fog light switch is. Fog lights are only useful on dark foggy nights. They do nothing by being on during the daytime or on clear nights.

When you come to the Chateau for the promenade or the Cheminot, please verify your information on the check in sheet. Have you moved? Have you changed your email address? Have you changed your phone number? It's a

waste of money to have to mail your newsletter or membership card only to find out that you moved. That is .49 to you, .49 to receive it back at the Chateau, and another .49 cents to remail it to you. This does not include the cost of effort, printer ink, label, and franked envelope.

At this writing, we have 261 members renewed. This gives us a percentage of 69.8. Now we need the other 113 to send in \$25.00 for the 2016 renewal. Remember that your membership expires on 31 December. I'd rather have your renewal now than receive it as a Christmas present!

Phil Yasson
Correspondant

From the Loci Committee

The Loci Committee has announced that this is the December schedule.

December -
4th Walnut Grove School delivering Santa 5:00 pm Jim
5th Randall Children's Hospital
8:00 am Jim
5th Open House Ministries 3:30 pm Jim
12th Acres at American Legion
12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm George
19th Post 14 Children's Christmas Party 11:00 am Marc
21st Reside Care @ 40 et 8 12:00 Noon Jim

If you want to ride on the Loci in one of these events contact the driver listed to make sure there is room. Watch the schedule posted in the entryway at the Chateau for last minute cancellations or additions.

VAVS Bingo

In November John Landahl, Steve Slegers and George Cruz picked up 28 Quilts & 120 Christmas stockings from Winlock. These are to be given out to patients at the VA hospital.

Chateau Schedule for December 2015

Members and guests allowed on Friday for breakfast. Saturdays Chateau is open to voyageurs and guests at 2 pm.. Thursday morning coffee & doughnuts at the Chateau at 8 am.
Chateau Manager - John Clapp (360)574-3872

REMEMBER the Lounge will be open on Fridays

Hours of operation will be Noon to 5:00 pm

December 3rd (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

December 4th (Friday)

Members and Guest Breakfast
Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order \$8.00
7:30 am to 9:00 am

December 5th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm
Dinner \$8.00 starts at 5pm
Salad Bar and Brisket

December 7th (Monday)

V99 Prom / C99 Rendezvous
Dinner at 5:30 pm

Menu: presented by the Veterans Resource Committee/ Trout, Coleslaw and fries

Cost: Your Donation for the Homeless Veterans
Dinner on December 23rd

December 10th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

December 11th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order \$8.00
7:30 am to 9:00 am

December 12th (Saturday)

Dinner: \$8.00 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Salad Bar/Bar BQ Pulled Pork or Chicken

December 15th (Tuesday)

Past Chefs Dinner In Bingo Hall
Cost: \$15.00 You Must Rsvp
Invitations Have Been Mailed
Prime Rib Or Chicken
No Cheminot This Month.

December Trivia:

What is the longest road in the United States?

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December 17th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

December 18th (Friday)

Members & Guest Breakfast
Menu: Breakfast off the Grill and eggs to order \$8.00
7:30 am to 9:00 am

December 19th (Saturday)

Chateau Opens 2:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Menu: Salad Bar/Lasagna

December 24th (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

December 25th (Friday)

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Chateau Is Closed

December 26th (Saturday)

Chateau Is Closed

December 31st (Thursday)

Members & Guest Coffee
8:30 am to 10:00 am

The Chateau will be Closed on
January 1st and 2nd

Rules for the Queen of Hearts Game.

1. A game board with a jackpot, containing fifty-four cards (numbered and sealed face down) will be displayed in a secure case with the Queen of Hearts as the Jackpot Card.

2. Members of Voiture 99 and Cabane 99 who are in good standing, and guests signed in by them, are eligible to play.

3. You participate by buying a ticket from the Game Administrator or person/persons designated to sell tickets. Tickets will be \$1.00 each, with no limit on the number of tickets purchased. All tickets are two part tickets. One part of the ticket will be placed in the raffle drum. The night's winning ticket will be randomly selected.

4. The Queen of Hearts drawing will occur every Saturday at 6:30pm. Tickets will be drawn by a member of Voiture 99. Tickets will be sold from 3:30PM to 6:15PM. At that time ticket sales will close.

THE CLUBROOM CLOCK WILL BE THE OFFICIAL CLOCK

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5. You must be present to win. The winning ticket will be surrendered prior to drawing a card from the game board. Any jackpot prize will be paid \$300.00 cash and the balance by a Voiture 99 check. If the prize is \$600 or more, the winner will be issued a W2-G (1099). This is a requirement of the IRS. No prize over \$600 will be awarded until the W2-G (1099) information is completely filled out. If the winner is unwilling to fill out the W2-G (1099), the prize will revert back to the Voiture 99. The weekly proceeds are as follows: 50% will be retained by Voiture 99, and 50% will be added to the Queen of Hearts Raffle Pot.

6. If your name is drawn, you will present your ticket to the Game Administrator or person/persons designated who are running the Queen of Hearts drawing, and you will draw one playing card from the displayed game board. The card drawn will determine how much money you win.

Prize values are as follows:

- QUEEN OF HEARTS = Entire Value of Raffle Pot
- JOKER = \$20.00
- FACECARD OR ACE = \$10.00
- ALL OTHER CARDS = \$5.00

Each week, after the drawing, all non-winning tickets will be destroyed.

7. If the game proceeds to week 26, on that day, we will draw 2 tickets. We will then resume drawing one card per week until the Queen of Hearts is drawn. The cards will be drawn in the order that the tickets are pulled. As the week goes by, the pot grows bigger and bigger; also, there will be fewer and fewer cards to choose from which increases the odds of drawing the Queen of Hearts.

8. Each card selected and turned will have the winning ticket attached, and that card shall remain on the board. Once the Queen of Hearts is drawn and the prize awarded, the board will no longer be in play and will be placed in storage with the attached winning tickets for a period of (3) years. A new board will be placed in play.

9. The jackpot is Voiture 99 money and can be removed from play at any time.

Army / Navy Football Game

The Navy/Army football game will be viewed at the Chateau on Dec 12th starting at 1000 hours. There will be a chili cook off, hot dogs and much more.

Women's Vet Connect

The Women Vets Connect meeting will be held on December 12, 2015 at 11:00 am. The meeting will be a holiday potluck. Families are welcome.

Attention La Femmes



Thanks to Sandy Knudtson and the team of Dames who organized and set up the Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale. Everyone did a really great job and it was quite successful. We had more vendors than in the past, and they seemed to do well.

The Dames agreed to hold another Book Sale on May 20 – 21, 2016. Do start collecting books to donate to the sale. Roberta Giesler will store any books you give her for the Book Sale. Contact Roberta with your Book Sale Donations.

Remember the Thursday morning Social that meets in the Chateau at 9:00 a.m. each Thursday. Coffee and donuts are available. The company is very good and we've discussed many interesting things.

Norma and Caroline are working together to do the shopping for the VA transplant lodge that is currently operating at capacity. Remember to bring your food donations to the Chateau when you come for a meeting or a meal. Norma distributed the shopping list at the November Rendezvous. Contact Norma if you have questions.

The Dames agreed to have a combined Rendezvous and Cheminot that will be held on Monday December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boxcar Room. At that time we will celebrate the 4th anniversary of the founding of Cabane 99 on November 20, 2011. In addition we will hold our Christmas Gift Exchange during the Rendezvous-Cheminot.. Bring a wrapped gift that costs no more than \$10.00. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m. There will not be a separate Cheminot in December due to the Passe' Chef Christmas Dinner on December 15. We will have both a Rendezvous and Cheminot in January as usual.

If you have questions about La Societe de Femme or are interested in joining the Dames of Cabane 99 contact La Presidente Marsha Keen at 907-0424 or La Sous Presidente Barbara Yasson at 574-1152.

40 & 8 Americanism Newsletter December 2015

From the desk of: Dixie Lee Hotaling –

Winter Greetings to all. Holiday decorations brighten spirits. Kitchens are filled with the aroma of sweets. The joy of giving fills the air. This is the time for sharing stories, inviting new people into the 40 & 8, embracing each moment before it becomes a memory.

Excitement is everywhere. "Your enthusiasm will be infectious, stimulating, and attractive to

others. They will love you for it. They will go for you and with you." Norman Vincent Peale.

This is the season to touch someone's life. The other day I noticed a woman struggling to keep a bouquet of balloons tied while pushing a shopping cart with a toddler in it. I struck up a conversation – remarking on the red, white and blue balloons. She shared a moment of her life: her son was returning from deployment, her family planned a large celebration. This would be the first time her son would meet his daughter. She continued to share, that when she got out of the Army, no one cared. Talk about a golden opportunity. I gave her my contact numbers. She will be invited to our Women Vets Connect group and later into the 40 & 8. Who would ever imagine such a chance encounter? BUT WAIT! Our Women Vets Connect was the feature story for a local newspaper for Veteran's Day. The story generated phone calls – one was from a WW11 veteran. She is anxious to get involved in helping other vets and sharing her military experiences for the first time. Another is a Vietnam Vet. She needs resources and support. Again, our own 40 & 8 comes to mind. We welcome all veterans. SO – keep your eyes peeled, hearts open, you are bound to locate another veteran.

On November 7 the Vancouver 40 & 8 Loci hosted some of the All American Girl Princesses from Washington and Oregon. These girls ranged from ages 6 – 16. They had to have done something worthwhile in their community. Our 'Flag for First Graders' coloring book cover girl was among them. We had a great time. Each girl took 12 flags home to share with their friends and neighbors. They can hardly wait to ride the LOCI again promoting Americanism.

While you are enjoying the holidays don't forget to remember our soldiers serving away from home. The American Red Cross sends cards to the troops every year. Check on your local branch and help out. Keep Americanism alive. Take time to sketch out next year's 2016 events and strategies. Above all, enjoy your family and friends.

Merry Christmas
Dixie Lee Hotaling
Sous Americanism Directeur Area A

"Surviving the Blitz! A Personal Remembrance."

December 5 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Free

The National Park Service is pleased to announce a free public lecture in the Tex Rankin Theater at Pearson Air Museum on Saturday,

"Surviving the Blitz! A Personal Remembrance" will be presented by NPS Volunteer-in-Parks Mr. Peter Stenhouse. Stenhouse was born in London, England, in 1932, and has vivid personal memories of living in London during the

Battle of Britain in 1940, and during the subsequent aerial bombing campaign by the German Luftwaffe, called the "Blitz," for the next several years.

"Some of my clearest memories as a child revolve around spending time in air raid shelters, seeing and hearing the aerial battles between the RAF and the Luftwaffe, and seeing the resulting destruction of London in the aftermath," said Stenhouse. "These harrowing events within a major metropolitan area such as London over a period of years are hard to imagine occurring today."

For more information call 360-816-6253

VA Transplant Lodge

Here is a listing of items that are needed for the Transplant Lodge. Items may be deposited at the Chateau entry way in the barrel in the corner.

- Splenda for baking
- Sugar free jam
- Low cal salad dressing
- Canned Mushrooms
- Healthy heart soups
- Canned water pak tuna
- Canned chicken
- Catsup
- Dill pickles
- Zip lock bags qt and gal
- Scotch disinfectant spray cleaner
- Canned cream soups (any)

Perishables

- Fruit and Vegetables
- Non-fat yogurt
- Low fat sour cream
- Low fat cream cheese
- The list is always changing.
- There is also a barrel for a toy collection.

For perishables, call Norma Cooley at 360-687-4107 or 360-281-9141

Trivia Answer

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation website, the longest road in the United States is U.S. Route 20. US Route 20, which stretches 3,365 miles in an east-west direction from Boston, Massachusetts, to Newport, Oregon, is the seventh longest highway in the world and the longest road in the US. The highway's eastern terminus is in Boston, Massachusetts, at Kenmore Square, where it meets State Route 2. Its western terminus is in Newport, Oregon, at an intersection with US 101, within a mile of the Pacific Ocean. The highway was commissioned in 1926 and was extended in 1940.

Annual Walk and Knock

Remember the Walk N Knock, the drive for food for the Clark County Food Bank will be held on 5 December. Please put out a bag of groceries for the scouts to pickup. You will be getting a bag on your doorstep next week.

Voyageurs Militaire

Just a note to let you all know that I am taking jackets to have 40 et 8 emblems and other insignia put on them. I have found that it is better for you to bring me a jacket of your choice that you know fits and is in the price range that you wish to spend and then I will take them to have any emblems put on that you wish. The cost to have this done is \$35.00.

I have a small supply of red polo shirts on hand for \$30.00 and a few larger white ones for \$20.00 and a limited supply of t-shirts for \$15.00. For any of the lady Voyageurs I will be happy to special order you a ladies cut polo shirt, also for the men, if I do not have the size you need I will order it for you. I can get colors other than red but that would be a special order (takes about two weeks to get).

I am at the Chateau most Friday mornings and on both Prom and Cheminot nights so just look me up and I will be happy to help you with either a shirt or jacket. Roberta Giesler, rmgiessler506@comcast.net, 360-909-5124.

NEW YEARS EVE

at the

40 et 8 Bingo!

BIG SPECIALS and FREE GIFTS!!

Ticket pre-sale has begun for new years eve at 40 et 8 bingo.

\$20 reserves you a seat, a machine, (if you choose to play one), and will go towards your buy in.12/31/15

- Doors open at 5pm and bingo starts at 7pm
- This is a first come, first serve event. We will not hold seats!
- There will be a buffet style dinner special available.
- Raffle tickets will be available & of course, we have fun free gifts for you too!!!

Stop in TODAY and pick up your ticket!
Have questions?
Call us 360-574-8461

Hope to see you there!!



Annual Past Chefs' Christmas Dinner

will be held on Tuesday, 15 December, at the Bingo Parlor,
hosted by Passe' Chef Jerry Keen.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.

Fill out the enclosed form and return to;

40et8 Bingo Parlor

7607 NE 26th Ave.

Vancouver WA 98665

Include name, guest name, phone, email, meal preference

Each member may invite one guest.

Widows and Widowers are encouraged to invite one guest.

Please return the enclosed form even if you are not able to attend.

We must receive your reservation on or before Friday December 4th

2016 dues must be paid prior to attendance.

Semi-formal dress. Chapeaus not required.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy 2016.

Jerry Keen

Chef de Gare Passe'



2016 membership cards required



Voiture 99 40 et 8 2015 Past Chefs' Christmas Dinner Reservation

A response is needed prior to 4 December 2015.

Reservations are necessary so that we can have your meal ready for you. Please include your phone number and email address.

Cost per meal; \$15

Member _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Menu Selections

PRIME RIB -- Number _____

Rare___ Med Rare___ Med___ Med Well___ Well___

CHICKEN -- Number _____

All meals are served with dinner salad, potato, vegetable, dinner roll and dessert.

Please return this information to:
40 et 8 Bingo Parlor 7607 NE 26th Avenue Vancouver WA 98665
or email to office@40et8bingo.org



Past Chef's Luau
November 21



The Loci making it's annual appearance in Vancouver's Veterans Day Parade. In the rear are the All American Girl Princesses from Washington and Oregon riding along to get in out of the rain.