Greetings,

I can’t believe that Rendezvous Nationale 2019 is right around the corner. Joe and I have had three weeks to recuperate from the back to back Grande visitations and are ready for an exciting and productive week in Myrtle Beach!

August 1st thru August 4th found us traveling to Antigo, Wisconsin for the Grande de Wisconsin’s Rendezvous. There are three ways to travel to Wisconsin from Michigan. 1st is through the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (The UP), 2nd via the Ferry across Lake Michigan or 3rd my least favorite way – through Chicago. We made a bit of a detour and bypassed Chicago, going about 90 miles out of our way to proceed West until we were clear of Chicago and it’s suburbs and then drove straight north into Wisconsin to Antigo. I must say is was a beautiful trip without all the stress of “city” driving. We arrived in Antigo (Don and Fay Emley’s home town) on Thursday afternoon. As we drove into the hotel parking lot who was the first person we saw but our good friend “the Carrot Lady” - Doreen Wages. Joe and I have made many, many trips to Wisconsin so again it was like old home week to see so many of our old friends. After a visit and a beverage or two it was off to dinner at Luigi’s for some AWESOME pizza, one of my favorite meals! After dinner Joe and Terry Sims walked back to the hotel so I was treated to a private tour of Antigo by Don and Fay, what a lovely little town! Friday morning I was excused from the Cheminot to go on a travel excursion to Camp American Legion which I have heard so much about for several years. It was my pleasure to travel with my Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick, and Chef de Chemin de Fer, Bob Kaseman, Wm. ‘Joe” Jamnick (aka Pack Mule), Don Emley and Ken ‘Doc’ LaFleur along with several others. We had a first class tour given by Director Don Grundy. The camp is located in Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin consisting of over 300 acres of lakes, and woodlands. Those in our entourage, including myself, were under the impression that Camp American Legion was a camp for children. To our surprise we found out that it is in fact a camp for Veterans and their families. Their mission statement is “Helping to Heal those who served, continued to serve, and their families, thorough Wisconsin’s Northwood’s Experience. Their vision is “Giving Wisconsin Veterans the pathway to quality of life”. The one-week camp is free and includes a private cabin, three meals per day in the dining hall and an opportunity to spend time with family, go fishing, do crafts, take walks or just sit and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. We were so impressed by the golf cart tour of the facilities and surrounding area that once back to the dining hall the “Chefs” took up a collection and presented Don with $640 to go toward renovations that are being made at the camp. This camp is truly a lifesaving experience for the Veterans and their families. After the tour we had a quick lunch at a very quaint bar/restaurant that handled our crowd with just the bartender, who was also our waitress, and a cook. Friday night dinner was handled by the awesome food in the hospitality room which allowed some time for – you guessed it – Mexican Train Dominoes! Saturday morning bright and early I had the privilege of installing the newly elected Grande officers – thank you Wisconsin for waiting for me to return from my excursion to Camp American Legion to perform the installation. Thank you Dorene Wages and Michele Dejounge-Hill for assisting in the installation. During the Rendezvous awards were handed out and Wisconsin reported a total of money, miles, and
hours in excess of $325,000. Congratulations to Dame Lisa York for being presented the Wisconsin Dame of the Year award. I also want to congratulate Grande de Wisconsin on an outstanding year supporting LaSociete! The banquet Saturday night was next door to the hotel in a lovely ball room in the local bowling alley. The dinner was outstanding and the booze raffle was the LARGEST I have ever seen. After a good night’s sleep it was back on the road to Michigan for a short four day rest before traveling to Michigan’s Grande.

August 8th thru August 11th we traveled to Lansing, Michigan for Grande Rendezvous. I was truly back home for this visitation. The Promenade/Rendezvous were held in the Causeway Bay Hotel where I had my homecoming just a few short months ago. Since the incoming Chef Lonnie Haynes does not have a Jackson County Cabane the Dames from Cabane 946 stepped up to the plate again and did an outstanding job. Thursday evening was spent in the hospitality suite of Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Jim Coe – no stranger to first class hospitality. Jim and Lori, along with Lori Bolley Majeske and Carrie Haynes started our weekend off with a BANG by having drinks and snacks for those that arrived Thursday. Lori, Lori, Rick and I also received awesome gift packages from Lonnie and Carrie. Friday morning was a shopping trip to my favorite Polka Dot Boutique, Kaleidoscope (?I think) Boutique and Sir Pizza. After some much needed retail therapy, and my favorite pizza, it was back to the hospitality room to meet and greet my Michigan family as well as those that traveled from Ohio, Indiana, Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina and yes – even Alaska! Saturday morning Michigan has a joint Memorial Service followed by Grande Rendezvous. Reports progressed quickly because each Chairman sends a printed report to our Trophy and Award Chairman, Sharon Schulte. Sharon prints a Book of Reports and each Dame attending receives a copy of the report book. Any additional information is reported on the floor by the Chairman along with presentation of awards. Lunch break took us to the Lansing 946 Chateau where we ordered lunch and had time to visit before getting back to the hotel for election and installation of officers followed by Cheminot. It was my distinct pleasure to install Lori Bolley Majeske La Grande Presidente for a history making third term. Congratulations Lori and officers, I know you will have an amazing year! After close of business it was back to the hospitality room until time to get ready for the banquet. The banquet dinner was awesome, quite unexpected for hotel food. After dinner the Tres Amigo’s (Joe, Bob, and Terry) installed Grand Chef de Gare du Michigan elect Lonnie Haynes into his office. Congratulations Lonnie – I know you will do an amazing job as Chef! Your Michigan family is behind you 100%. After the banquet we once again retired to the hospitality room where Carrie Haynes had Strawberry Bailey’s short cake and a variety of flavors of popcorn. We were all pretty stuffed from our dinner but who can turn down strawberry (spiked) short cake and popcorn!

This visitation to Michigan’s Grande was the last on my list of visits until Myrtle Beach. I have learned so much this year traveling across the country representing Cabane Nationale and having the opportunity to spend time with those that work so hard for LaSociete but don’t usually travel outside their Grande. I thank all of you for your warm hospitality during my visits – I will remember this year always!

Now for a bit of business before I sign off. On Friday afternoon in Myrtle Beach our job is to elect the following. We currently have the letters of intent as follows:

[Need to Elect 1] La Presidente: **Penny Haigler** - NC, and **Michele Dejonghe-Hill** - SC
[Need to Elect 4] La Sous Presidente: **Lori Bolley-Majeske** - MI
[Need to Elect 1] Commissaire Intendante: **Carol Kaiserian** - FL
[Need to Elect 2] Garde de la Porte: **Janet Walsh** - GA, and **Laura Blue** - MN
[Need to Elect 1] Historian: **Robert(Robbie) Garland** - FL
[Need to Elect 1] Aumonier:
[Need to Elect 2] Drapeau:

Please look this list over and come to Rendezvous Nationale prepared to choose our leaders for 2019-2020. As you can see we still have six open positions: 3 La Sous Presidentes, 1 Aumonier and 2 Drapeaus. Please consider running for one of these offices. The best way to learn is to get involved. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask any Nationale Officers or Past Nationale Presidentes for advice. They each have a wealth of knowledge and are more than willing to assist in any way.
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2019 Membership is closed, I have started getting 2020 cards out to who orders them. Please make sure you all watch the totals from website, they post every Thursday afternoon starting in September. After Nationale

New price sheet for Emblem Sales, on line print forms.

WE WILL BE DOING DITTY BAGS, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2019 IN THE EXHIBIT HALL. 9 AM

It has been a pleasure to serve you all, and our Nationale Presidente Cheryl Jamnick at Nationale Headquarters.

We keep learning something everyday.

If you don’t know what to do, please call, or email.

Thank you to all the Officers, that would listen and help with questions.

See you all at the Beach.

“MERCI”

Carol K Austin
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