NOTES FROM 102nd NATIONAL PROMENADE Springfield MO SEPTEMBER 15 – 18, 2021

## SENSITIVE INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN ON-LINE ISSUES OF THESE NOTES

16 Past Chef's de Chemin de Fer in attendance

Ardry Trust (Child Welfare) Donations were received \$6,000 from National Child Welfare. There were 14 claims, 13 approved totaling \$6474 this year. The turn-around time for claims is 2 days at Nationale. Full financial information is available on the Web site. Suggestion: Coordinate our Locale benefit program with Local Fire Departments. It all starts locally. Full info re the trust is on the National Web Site.

<u>Boland Fund</u> (Nurses Training) Each Grand is eligible for a grant, only 8 in the past year, more applications are needed. Full financial information is available on the Web site. Turn-around time at National is 48 hrs.

Resolutions Sous Avocat Bill Stroud, C & BL

GA New Article re Emergency Promenades in the event of declared emergencies. Article XVII CARRIED (Similar to CA adopted By-Law Revision at last Grande Promenade)

Finance Dan Dumas All financial information for the Forty and Eight is on the National Web Site Login ----- Password ----- (all lowercase) Contact Voiture National or Grand Correspondant for Login and Password.

<u>Child Welfare</u> 21 Grand Reports received, only 31 Grandes participated in our Pin program. Special thanks for Program Donations which totaled \$1874.00. Total program activity reported this past year \$375,268.00 and 15,526 children benefited from CW this year. Our program donated \$6,000.00 to the Ardery Trust. Best Locale Report V-1067 Grande du SC Best large Grand Report Grande du MO, Best small Grand Report Grande du AK.

GERMANY Club: Donated \$500 to Box Car, \$500 to Boland Trust, and \$232 to Walk (split between Ardery and Boland trusts)

YOUTH SPORTS: 9 Apps for grants this year, up to \$1000 per Grande. Money donated to Special Olympics in FL.

NURSES TRAINING: Highest participation Award to Grande du CA Well done Grand Dir Jack!

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Publicize Locale and Grande events. Register Web and Face Book sites.

LaFemmes donated \$650 Youth Sports, Hero & Membership \$500ea, Box Car \$2257, Nurses Training \$1863, Child Welfare \$950

BOX CAR: Donated Membership \$5000, Law Officer \$500, VAVS Emergency Fund \$5000, 40 & 8er Magazine \$500, National Historiens Assn \$150, National Historien \$300, Merci Box Car Maintenance \$1800 (CA check will be mailed to me), Photographer \$1000, and local VA facility \$500.00

Paul Bunion Gavel custodian donated \$522.00 to National Child Welfare

SPECIAL AWARDS: 2020 Hero of the Year from V-1450 recognized.

AMERICANISM Donated \$500 to Hero program

VOITURE ACTIVITIES: All 40 & 8 activity is reportable. Lets get with the program folks

RITUAL: Several issues were discussed, most all were defeated. (inconsistencies in the manual were not addressed as Directeur and Sous Directeur were not present.) New Password -------- or in French ---- The preamble recommended to be optional (? Change was made to the Constitution in 2019, CA Reso mandating approved in 2014 – Ritual cannot change Constitution)

TIME & PLACE Green Bay WI 2022, Sandusky OH 2023 and 2024 (hosted by IN and OH) Special bar for members with \$3,00 beer

<u>VAVS</u> Discussions are underway for a possible name change to the "Keep the Wheel Chairs Rolling" program within the VA. More details later. Most VA campuses are going completely "Smoke Free" Exposure to THC (marijuana) may invalidate VA Claims. (Federal Gov still classifies drug as illegal and a controlled substance) Expect to continue VAVS Training at each National Promenade.

POW 3 Scholarship applications for \$1.000.00ea 1 has been received and approved.

## Elections

Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson SC MAIN PROGRAM for the year YOUTH SPORTS Paul Emmerts MD

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Jerry Cox TN

Mike Verril IN

Joe Story WI Commissaire Intendant Daniel Dumas CA (2 Sous Commissaire Intendants)

Garde de la Porte Lonnie Means MI

Charlie Ellis NY

Historien Ron Pfalzgraf WI

Drapeau Sam Queen IN

Attendees from California: Alex Herrera V-47, Dennis Matarrese V-257, Steve Villegas V-365, Vic Kestner V-395, Dan Dumas V-527, Gary Wright V-557. Michael Stadnick V-1179, Monique Clemons V-1406, John Bartos and James Hadley V-1450 and representing the Grande Voiture: Joseph Donovan, Robert Mattson, Danielle Duffaut, Frank Campo and Gary Blackburn,. 14 Delegates and 9 Locales. While in MO, we were saddened to learn that PGC and Cheminot National elect Mildred S Wright Pearson was involved in a tragic accident in AZ while enroute to MO. She was hospitalized and in serious condition. Our prayers for her speedy recovery are sent by all from MO.

## CALIFORNIA Elected/Appointments

Commissaire Intendant Dan Dumas, National Photographer Monique Clemons V-1406, Cheminot Nationale Mildred S Wright Pearson V-31, Alternate Cheminot Nationale Michael Stadnick V-1179, Advisory Committee Joe Donovan V-1406, Time & Place Committee Robert Mattson V-395, Directeur Americanism Frank P Campo V-1179, Directeur Child Welfare Joseph R Donovan V-1406, Sous Directeur Americanism Robert C Brown V-1450, Sous Directeur Box Cars Dennis Matarrese V-257, Sous Directeur Carville Star Steve Villegas V-365, Sous Directeur Membership Howard Darter V-1406, Sous Directeur Ritual Court Bradbury V-268, Sous Directeur Special Awards, City/ Voyageur of the Year Jim Carpenter V-109, Sous Directeur Voiture Activities James Hadley V-1450

Joseph R Donovan, Grand Correspondant/Grand Chef de Gare