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# Moving Forward With The Basics



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## *From the Grand Chef*

I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter on April 9, 2023. Don't forget to get your tax returns in by 'Tax Day' on April 18th. If you are still working and in a managerial position, don't forget your secretary or assistant on April 26th as it is Administrative Professionals Day.

I would like to thank everyone who made the effort to attend the Homecoming of Grande La Presidente, Annie Anderson, and myself. A great time was had by all. It is very humbling to be shown so much support. Thank you, all! Although it doesn't seem to be enough, I would like to say a gigantic "THANK YOU" to Voyageurs of Voiture 1610 for hosting the wreck, Lawson and Cynthia Dukes for hosting the hospitality room and the great food at the banquet. Also thank you to Locale La Presidente, Anita Lee of Cabane 304. A big 'Thank You' for the gifts given to us.

When I became Grand Chef, I said I would not be micro-managing but I having a hard time understanding the low attendance at Grand functions. When you take a position, whether as an elected or an appointed officer/directeur, you have agreed to fulfill an obligation. Too many of you have not fulfill your obligation. Obligation, as defined, is the condition of being morally or legally bound to do something. Your obligation as an officer is to attend ALL grand functions. If you cannot make these events it is your responsibility and obligation to inform the Grand Correspondant AND ensure your report is presented in your place.

The next scheduled Grand event is the Grand Promenade. The dates are June 8 through 11, 2023. ALL elected and appointed officers and directeurs are expected to attend. Additionally, each Voiture Locale is expected to be represented. Voiture Locale Chefs de Gare or a representative are obligated to attend.

### RENEW! RENEW! RENEW!

A reminder, anyone who has not renewed their membership card for the 2023 year, he/she will NOT be able to participate in any event, whether Locale or Grand or Nationale, until said mentioned membership has been renewed.

If you have any questions or need help with anything please contact me. My phone number and email are listed above. I expect everyone to do their job, have a positive attitude, and to recruit. Remember we are a fraternity of veterans.

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### ***Grand Correspondant***

I know all of my articles seem to say the same thing over and over again. But I feel it is necessary only because not everyone reads the Bulletin each time they get one or they forget what they read. So.....The Grand Promenade is only a couple of months away. That means elections are coming up very soon at the Locale and Grand levels. Every Locale should be getting their officer list together now and getting the ones running for office vetted. The Grand Correspondant needs to have a copy of each Locale's Officer list **PRIOR** to the Grand Promenade. As of this printing, the dates for the Grand Promenade is June 8-11, 2023. The registration form is attached to this bulletin. Officers are expected to attend the Grand Promenade. Plan accordingly.

Once again, any Voyageur wishing to run for an **ELECTED** position at the Grand level **MUST**

submit, at the very least, a letter of nomination to their Locale who must recommend you. The Locale Chef de Gare or the Locale Correspondant need to forward the approved nomination to the Grand Correspondant thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Promenade. Those wishing to be appointed must let the Locale Chef de Gare know so your name can be submitted to the current Grand Chef, who will pass the information to the incoming Grand Chef. Please be aware that an appointed position, also, has expectations of the office.

If you are confused as to which positions are elected, here's the list:

- Grand Chef de Gare
- Grand Chef de Train
- Grand Conducteur
- Grand Garde de la Porte (2)
- Grand Commis Voyageur
- Grand Commissaire Intendant

This list constitutes "the chairs." Grand Commissaire Intendant is not actually part of the chairs as not everyone has the capability to handle the financial side.

Any Voyageur wishing to run for an **ELECTED** position at the *Nationale* level **MUST** submit a Resolution to their Locale who must recommend you. The Locale Chef de Gare/Locale Correspondant must forward the approved nomination to the Grand Correspondant thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Promenade. An appointment on the *Nationale level* needs a letter of request for nomination to their Locale who must recommend you and forward the approved recommendation to the Grand Correspondant thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Promenade.

☛ **ALL CANDIDATES MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE LOCALE, WITH THE GRAND AND WITH NATIONALE.**

☛ **IMPORTANT NOTE: LEARN WHAT YOUR POSITION IS, WHAT YOUR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE BEFORE YOU**

**REQUEST THE NOMINATION OR GET ELECTED/APPOINTED.**

Regional delegate's name and contact information: This is not anything new, each Region MUST elect a delegate every year. The following Regions do not have a current delegate: 1, 4A, 6B\*, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15\*, and 17\*. (\*These Regions only have 1 Locale.)

**☛ IF YOUR REGION HAS THE SAME DELEGATE AS THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THAT NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION MUST BE SENT AS WELL. DO NOT ASSUME THAT THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT CAN READ YOUR MINDS.**

Pursuant to the Grande du Florida's Constitution found in Article VIII, Section 7, each Voiture Locale shall have its own Constitution and Bylaws. The following Voitures have a Constitution/Bylaws on file with the Grand Correspondant but are seriously out of date: 199, 954, 1219, 1604, and 1610. Please review your constitution/bylaws and update them as soon as you can. The following Voitures do not have a constitution on file with the Grand Correspondant: 215 (I know you are working on yours), 294, 334, 472, 795, 880, 1120, 1352, 1490, 1526, 1606, and 1621. (By the way, your Locale had to have a constitution to charter, and it should be available at all Promenades. Contact Nationale to get a copy of your constitution.) It is the Locale's responsibility to review and update as well as furnish a copy to the Grand Correspondant.

**THE GRAND LAMPISTE** – Shall perform the duties of an Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms at all Grande Promenades and such other duties as required by the Grand Chef de Gare.

**THE GRANDE VOITURE COMMITTEES** – There are 9 Grande Voiture Committees within Grande du Florida. They are as follows:

1. **TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE** – Shall receive and consider bids or invitations for the holding of subsequent Grande Promenades and any Petite Grande Promenades, dealing with sites, accommodations, and facilities. A report and recommendation for approval shall be rendered for adoption at the Annual Grande Promenade.
2. **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE** – Shall record and tabulate all registrations of delegates, alternates, visitors, and any visiting dignitaries in attendance at any proper function of the Grande Voiture du Florida; particularly at the Annual Grande Promenade. It shall give a proper and accurate account of the delegate and voting strength at all Grande Promenades, with verification that all delegates and alternates including officers and Grand Chefs de Gare Passé, shall have registered and paid the proper registration fees.
3. **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE** – Shall receive, propose and consider any changes or amendments to the constitution of Grande du Florida. The Grand Avocat shall be the Chairman of this Committee and shall make recommendations for the Committee for adoption of any changes or amendments at the Annual Grande Promenade.
4. **COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE** – Shall coordinate and receive reports dealing with community service by the Voitures Locale and make such reports to the Grande Voiture, or elsewhere, as appropriate.
5. **AUDIT COMMITTEE** – Shall conduct an annual review and audit of the financial records of the Grande Voiture du Florida and make a report to the Grande Voiture Finance and Budget Committee at its annual meeting immediately prior to the holding of the Grande Promenade. The Audit

Committee may request quarterly statements of financial receipts and disbursements from the Grand Correspondant in order to maintain financial continuity.

6. RITUAL COMMITTEE – Shall consider all constructive and beneficial changes to the Ritual of La Société and shall make recommendations for consideration and Grande Promenade for concurrence and further recommendation to the Promenade Nationale. The Ritual Committee shall attempt to inform and educate the Voitures Locale on the proper use of the Ritual and maintain uniform application thereto of all its provisions.
7. GRAND FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE – Shall consist of the Grand Commissaire Intendant, as Chairman, and five (5) members at large. Upon election, each Grand Chef de Gare shall appoint a member at large to serve for a period of five (5) years. The Grand Chef de Gare shall serve as an ex-officio member and the Grand Correspondant shall serve as Secretary of this Committee.
8. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – Shall receive and consider all resolutions for recommendation(s) as to approval or rejection by the Grande Promenade assembled or the Grands Cheminots if expediency is required between Grande Promenades; having due concern for those matters and interests of La Société as to established policies and programs of Voiture Nationale, the Grande Voiture and Voitures Locale.
9. GRAND TROPHIES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE – Shall consist of three (3) members at large, to be selected annually by the Grand's Cheminots. Such Committee shall select its own Chairman. The Committee shall be responsible for promulgating such rules and regulations as

my be required for the awarding of each trophy or award. The Committee shall recommend to the Grand's Cheminots the establishment of any new awards and trophies and including any stipulation(s) by or for the honoree or donors.

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### **Grand Chef de Train**

My fellow Voyageurs, we are in April, and we still have 88 members who have not paid their 2023 membership dues yet, and 2024 dues will be on us soon. You, the local Chef de Gare's, and Correspondent's need to call those who have not paid yet. Make sure they know their Status by calling them or sending them an email. At this time, we should be at 600 members, not just trying to get our quota.

We attended the Northeast Florida First Coast Wreck in St Augustine. There was a good time had by all.

After the wreck we attended the homecoming dinner of our Grand du Florida's Grand Chef de Gare Binion Williams, and Grand La Presidente Annie Anderson. The meal was wonderful, and the atmosphere was great with the St. Patrick's Day Irish Theme.

Your Local elections are coming and you should be looking for new officers or putting in bids for the position you yourself would like to hold. If you like the way the Voiture is being run but the membership is dropping off You need to reevaluate your Voiture and make some changes. This may mean changing the way the things the Voiture is doing or the leadership that is running it. That is why we have elections.

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**Grand Advocat/ Protocol**

NO INPUT THIS MONTH

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### **Grand Ritual**

Greetings Voyageur's, I attended the Northeast Florida First Coast Wrecking Association Wreck / Grand Chef de Gare Binion Williams and Grand La Presidente Annie Anderson Homecoming, last month. Congratulations to everyone, I thought it was a fun and enjoyable weekend. I was happy to see some of you took my advice and brought along your Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies manual to the event. As your Grand Ritual Directeur, I want Voyageur's to bring out there manual at all ceremony events. It's just good practice and will help you when you have events back at your local. It's almost that time again, everyone will need to have their Ritual consolidated report to me by the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. I didn't receive many reports last year, so be sure to send me a report this year. Merci.

### **Lawson Dukes**

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### **Grand Conductor**

Greeting Voyageur's, I Mention last month that I was going to be attending a wreck in March. With that, I want to give everyone the duties of the Conducteur: "The Conducteur shall be the Executive Officer of the Wrecking Crew: subject, however, to the orders of the Chef de Gare, and will be responsible for the proper exemplification of the initiatory work. They shall appoint all Sous Conducteurs and Gardes des Prisonniers. During the initiatory work, they have entire charge of the Voiture, and can call Voyageurs to order, give instructions, and receive the password. Should they allow improper conduct, or conduct themselves improperly, the Chef de Gare must intervene." Congratulations to Northeast Florida First Coast Wrecking Association, you put on a fine wreck. I was impressed with the teamwork

your organization showed. Five different Voitures all working together. I saw a lot of cooperation, and I just want to say. Keep it up! Merci.

### **Lawson Dukes**

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### **Boxcar**

It was a grant time in St Augustine at Voiture 1610's Wrack/Grand Chief de Gare Binion Williams home coming. That said, change of command is just around the corner. Participation is paramount for all to keep our programs alive, for all our friends and family within and out of the 40 and 8. The Shadow Box for the Nurses Pin collection will have its final draw during June convention. If you order pins and cards, it would much appreciated. For those who have not order their pins, they will be available in June, or send me an email, telling me which Voyageur/Cabaña unit you are in, what you want and how many you need. I will send them to you in the mail. You can send a check, or you can get them on consignment. Remember Crew Cards money goes to adult cancer patient and Associate Cards money goes to the children cancer patient. Without your support our program will not be as successful as it is. The box car pins are \$4.00 each, crew and associate cards \$1.00 each. Remember Crew Cards can ONLY be sold to Voyageurs; Associate Cards and program pins may be purchased by anyone wishing to support the program. Final reminder, the box car program is the only one that will allow you to get credit for two programs when you send monies through the box car program. That makes the program truly one of kind. Final note, The request for 2023 Box Car Maintenance fund has been sent to National with updated pictures from Holly Hill. See in June.



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## POW-MIA



NO INPUT THIS MONTH

## Jesse Hixson

### Voiture Activities

Remember to report all of your hours, mileage and time. Do a Easter Sunday kid's event egg hunt or Church help for a 40 & 8 booth for Easter candy.

Set up for a May Memorial Day event Visit a VA Cemetery or Cemetery near you.

## Gary LaFrance

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## Grand Trophies and Awards



Nick Weyers

Nationale Sous Director of Youth Sports

Grande du Kansas Chef de Train

Grande du Kansas Director of Youth Sports

Voiture 58 Avocat

Voiture 58 Chef de Gare Passé, 2021-2022

## Americanism



April 1 - Did you Know? Some historians suggest that April Fools' originated because, in the Middle Ages, New Year's Day was celebrated on 25 March in most European towns, with a holiday that in some areas of France, specifically, ended on 1 April, and those who celebrated New Year's Eve on 1 January made fun of those who celebrated on other dates by the invention of April Fool' Day April 2, 1513 - Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for the Spanish Crown after landing at the site of present-day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the continental U.S

April 6, 1917 - Following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the U.S. entered World War I in Europe.

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1320 Happy Tartan Day; North American celebration of Scottish heritage on this date the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320.

April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded while watching a performance of Our American Cousin at Ford's Theater in Washington. He was taken to a nearby house and died the following morning at 7:22 a.m.

April 21, 1918 - During World War I, the Red Baron (Manfred von Richtofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme. He was credited with 80 kills in less than two years, flying a red Fokker triplane. British pilots recovered his body and buried him with full military honors.

We are down to two months to collect your information for the Americanism Petite communiqué.

Be proud of what your Voiture does and send it to me as soon as you can.

**HOLIDAYS AND MEMORIALS:** Calvin Kain Memorial Service, Grave Decoration, 4th of July, Memorial Day, Memorial Services, funerals, memorial dedications, Parades, patriotic events, installations, Veterans Day. **Note!** *This is self-explanatory, but participation includes as a spectator part of the ceremony.*

**AMERICANISM SPEECHES AND FLAG**

**ACTIVITIES:** Flag presentations, raising ceremonies, flag retirement ceremonies, etc.

**NOTE!** *If you collect worn flags from your neighbors and take them to the local Veterans Organization for retirement, then take credit. Any activity involving our National Flag (playing of National Anthem at a sporting event, etc.) is eligible in this category.*

Please let us have a good showing of your reports. Without your inputs it looks like the 40 and 8 is doing nothing.

Membership is vital to your Voiture without it we have no 40and8.

Come see us at the Grand du Florida Promenade in Orlando Florida June 8<sup>th</sup> thru 11 2023.

See the information and flyers issued by our Grand Corresopondant, and Registration Chairman Deb Reynolds

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**Youth Sports**

**Vacant**

**Nurses Training**

Here we are at ST. Augustine the Northeast Florida First Coast Regional Wreck. If you are not here, you are missing out on a good time. That is for another time.

Many Voyageurs are wondering how to raise money for their Locale. There are many ways to do this, fund raiser;

- 1- Yard sales
- 2- Dinners (fish fry, spaghetti dinner)
- 3- Bingo
- 4- Having fun party

And many more different ways these are a few that I know work.

Your Locale have to work as a team. It is hard work at first, but it works.

I am still working on trying to set up a scholarship for the grand, it is not easy, and I know time is getting short.

This is short but I am working on it.

**John Alicia**

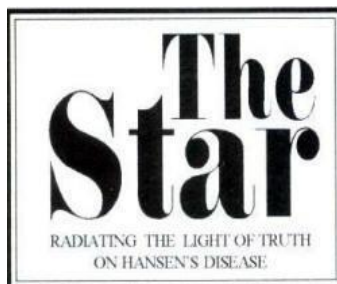
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**Carville Star**



There is a new Nationale special project in support of the Carville Star which is restoration of the monument located in the first Carville cemetery and your donations are very much needed to make this

project a success. Make your checks out to "Carville Star" annotated in the remarks "Special Project" and send checks to your Grand Directeur Carville Star. I have 14 pins remaining so for those locales that still haven't supported the program and still want pins please send me your order. A picture of the 2023 pin is depicted above. Pins for 2022 are still available as well. You can order them now by sending a check made out to Grand du Florida for the pins at \$3.00 each for the 2023 pins and \$1 each for the 2022 pins. Your support is desperately needed as this is one of our organizations oldest programs and pays for the distribution of the Carville Star research paper that comes from the only research center in the US and is distributed virtually all over the world. When you order pins send your request to me, again if paying by check please make it out to "Grand du FL". If your Locale would like to buy a country or buy a clinic you can download the forms for each of those subprograms that also support the Star from the Nationale website at [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org) under the caption forms.

**John R Lee**

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### **Child Welfare**



Greetings fellow Voyageurs.  
Enjoyed the NE Fla 1<sup>st</sup> Coast Wreck last month. Was nice to visit and share camaraderie with fellow Voyageurs and Dames.  
As I posted in last month's bulletin, I will be able to order the 2024 Child Welfare pins around April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please let me know how many pins you want for your Voiture, so I will have an idea on how many to order. I asked for this information in February and March Grand Bulletins, however received no response. Do we not read the bulletin

entries?

I still have beaucoup Russell Home, American Flag and PG Passe pins remaining.  
Again, keep the Ardery Trust Fund for children in need. The 40/8 Ardery Trust Fun can reimburse Locales for monies spent on the children affected by a disaster. Children need not be associated with the 40&8. The information is located on the 40&8.org website under programs. The reimbursement for this program is there for the asking. You can also contact me, and I will assist you with applications.

I continue to ask for your Voiture's support of The Russell Home. Keep in mind, the home is operated entirely from donations and receives no Government funding. Although I ask this every month, I am getting NO support other than from my Locale Voiture and Cabane. Come on folks. Everyone has clothing and household items lying around, that can be donated to their Thrift Store. Additionally, you can donate paper products, cups, plates, paper towels, toilet paper, and kitchen products (anything you use in your own kitchen). If you will take the initiative to collect them, I will take the initiative to deliver them for you.

I will be pushing Russell Home pins at the Grand Promenade. They are only \$2.00 each. You can purchase a brick from The Russell Home in your name, your Voiture's name or in memory of someone.

**CHILDREN ARE OUR MISSION  
CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE**

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The **HILLBILLY WREK**  
 March 30, 31 & April 1, 2023  
 American Legion Post 81  
 227 James Asbury Dr. NW  
 Cleveland, TN

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

Voyager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address : \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dame/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cabane #: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

Early Bird Greeting 30<sup>th</sup> 4 to 6 pm..... \$ 20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hillbilly Wrek Registration 31<sup>st</sup> 9 am to 4pm ..... \$ 30.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Banquet 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$ 30.00 each  Turkey  Ham \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE ON YOUR OWN. SUGGESTIONS**

BE SURE TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH THE FORTY AND EIGHT

- Exclusive Quarters 423 479 1333 210 James Asbury Dr.
- Clarion Inn 423 559 1001 185 James Asbury Dr (ONLY NON SMOKING) (headquarters)
- Red Roof Inn 423 472 5566 156 James Asbury Dr
- Quality Inn 423 478 5265 153 James Asbury Dr
- Classic Suites 423 339 4900 179 Bernham Dr

All of the motels are within walking distance of the American Legion.  
 Early Bird and Wrek Events to take place at the American Legion Post 81

**AD BOOK**

**DEADLINE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 2022**

Color Full page	\$80.00	\$	_____
Color Half page	\$50.00	\$	_____
Color Quarter page	\$35.00	\$	_____
Booster \$2.00 per name (list on back)		\$	_____
e-mail word format or jpeg to: <a href="mailto:voiture735_tn@charter.net">voiture735_tn@charter.net</a>		\$	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	_____

Make checks out to: Voiture 735 40 & 8MAIL to: Voiture 735 40 & 8 Societe  
 P. O. Box 2153  
 Cleveland, TN 37320-2153

**INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS?**

Rick (423) 716-3370, or Gary (423) 364-9119 Leave Message if no answer.  
[voiture735\\_tn@charter.net](mailto:voiture735_tn@charter.net)



**GRANDE PROMENADE  
GRANDE DU FLORIDA  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

**June 8-11, 2023**

**Courtyard Orlando Lake  
Buena Vista at Vista Centre  
8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, Florida 32836**

**RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE BY MAY 15, 2023**

USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL VOYAGEURS/DAMES/GUESTS

Voyageurs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand/Locale: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Dame Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand/Locale: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner, Lodging and Program Ad**

Full registration includes promenade and banquet. The Hospitality Room is **NOT** a Grande function and is provided by those who are running for elected positions.

Voyageur Registration \$10.00 (per Voyageur) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet – \$55.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ (covers meal & tips) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging - **\$115.00 per night** x \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Program Book – **Flyer is attached to this form** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check or Money Order #: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For Credit/Debit Cards: Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW THIS YEAR!!!!** The Grand now has the ability to accept credit cards! The Grand Correspondant has opened a Square Account which allows accepting credit/debit cards. **There is a fee however that will be added to your account. The fee is 4.5% per transaction.** All is needed is to fill out this form and mail it to The Registration Chairman Deb Reynolds, 12383 162<sup>nd</sup> Terrace, McAlpin, FL 32062. Of course, you can still pay by check.

**>Make ALL checks payable to: Grand du Florida.<**

**Reservations can be made individually by calling 407-239-6900. Advise you are with 40/8 Grand Du Florida Hotel Room rate per night - \$115.00 plus tax. (See attached page 2,**



**GRANDE PROMENADE  
GRANDE DU FLORIDA  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA**



**June 8-11, 2023**

Courtyard Orlando Lake  
Buena Vista at Vista Centre  
8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, Florida 32836

**AD ORDER FORM – BOOK SIZE IS 8½” BY 11”**

**➡ MUST BE RECEIVED BY GEORGE NLT MAY 22, 2023 ⬅**

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**\*\*GRANDE DU FLORIDA\*\***

Full Page \$80 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Half Page \$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Quarter Page \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Boosters \$2 each name (Mr. & Mrs. = \$4) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

(It is advisable but not mandatory that those running for elected positions place an ad)

**Send ads via Email in PDF format to George Hall at**

[georgehall@earthlink.net](mailto:georgehall@earthlink.net)

**Send payment for ads to George Hall, PO Box 213,  
Woodville, FL 32362. (If you wish to pay by Credit Card  
contact Deb Reynolds at 843-729-6011.)**

**➡ MUST BE RECEIVED BY GEORGE NLT MAY 22, 2023 ⬅**



# GRANDE PROMENADE GRANDE DU FLORIDA ORLANDO, FLORIDA

June 8-11, 2023

COURTYARD ORLANDO LAKE BUENA VISTA  
AT VISTA CENTRE  
8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836



The Time and Place Committee has negotiated with the above mentioned hotel and are confident that you will be pleased with the choice made on your behalf.

There are a few pieces of information that must be passed along to you before you plan your attendance.

- Unfortunately, the cost of living (or staying) has gone up. The committee was not able to lower the cost of reserving a room but were able to get a lot more bang for your buck. Items like
  - Free buffet breakfast for everyone (up to 4) in your room for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. (\$20 per person per day savings)
  - No charge for parking. (\$17 per day savings)
- Additionally, the cost of food increased, therefore, the cost for the banquet also increased. This is the reason for the increase in the banquet cost.
- Again, you will be able to reserve and pay for your room through the Grand which will utilize the tax exemption status. (The hotel charges 22% hospitality tax) You must pay for your room in full at the time of registration in order to take advantage of this privilege. The tax savings will be about \$25 per night and with the other items mentioned there will be approximately an \$82 SAVINGS per night.
- **AGAIN THIS YEAR!** Grand du Florida has the capabilities to accept credit/debit cards. When submitting your registration just fill in the spaces provided on the form and let the Grand Correspondant know what type of room you will require. There is a catch – (isn't there always?) there is a fee attached to that privilege. The fee will be 4.5% per transaction. **YOU STILL CAN USE A CHECK!** Whichever is more convenient for you.
- If you have any questions feel free to contact the Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds (843-729-6011) or the Chairman, Time and Place Committee, D.R. Richards (954-439-4093) Monday – Friday, 8am-8pm.
- **IMPORTANT!** If you plan on attending but need to pay at the event, it is important that a registration form be filled out and sent by the deadline in order to reserve your room and ensure there will be enough food prepared for your meals. Waiting to register at the event WILL NOT guarantee you will be accommodated.

**REMINDER.....**

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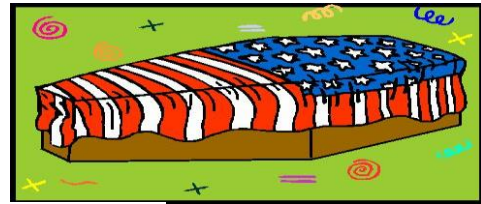
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Richard Drapeau

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2/28/23

**Upcoming Events**

**April 13-16 2023**

Great Western  
Promenade

**April 14-16 2023**

Grand Cheminot &  
Promenade, PA

**April 20-23 2023**

Southland Dixie

**April 20-23 2023**

Central States Wreck

**May 18-20 2023**

37<sup>th</sup> Annual Gator  
Wreck  
Goose Creek SC

**May 18-20 2023**

Mid Atlantic  
Association Cheminot

**May 27-29 2023**

Memorial Day in  
Arlington –

**June 1-3 2023**

62<sup>nd</sup> Great Lakes  
Promenade  
Okemos MI

**July 14-16 2023**

Arizona Grand  
Promenade

**July 21-23 2023**

Oregon Grand  
Promenade

**July 28-30 2023**

Virginia Grand  
Promenade

**2023Nationale**

Kalahari  
Sandusky, OH

**Remember ALL Activities for this calendar must be sent by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to Deb Reynolds, Grand Correspondant**

County	Locale	Region	Meets	2023	2022	% of Quota	Short/ Over
Hillsborough	199	15	Tampa	14	16	87.50%	-2
Orange	202	6B	Orlando	0	0	00.00%	0
East Duval	215	5	Jax Beach	30	30	100.00%	0
Polk	218	7	Winter Haven	5	17	29.41%	-12
Palm Beach	290	11	W. Palm Bch	32	42	76.19%	-10
Volusia	294	17	Daytona Bch	16	22	72.73%	-6
Duval	304	5	Jacksonville	27	29	93.10%	-2
St. Lucie	334	12	Fort Pierce	5	7	71.43%	-2
Lake	400	6A	Mt. Dora	15	18	83.33%	-3
	472	1	Panama City	10	10	100.00%	0
	728	9	Plantation	0	0	00.00%	0
Collier	795	13A	Naples	17	29	58.62%	-12
Manatee	880	8	Bradenton	15	15	100.00%	0
Broward	890	9	FT. Lauderdale	40	38	105.26%	2
Highland	899	8	Avon Park	21	19	110.53%	2
Brevard	954	12	Cocoa	15	20	75.00%	-5
Leon	1120	2	Tallahassee	26	21	123.81%	5
Citrus	1219	4A	Crystal River	25	34	73.53%	-9
Okaloosa	1233	1	Ft Walton Bch	0	0	00.00%	0
Columbia	1352	3	Lake City	16	18	88.89%	-2
Alachua	1388	4B	Newberry	1	1	100.00%	0
Okaloosa	1490	1	Niceville	4	5	80.00%	-1
Charlotte	1526	13B	Port Charlotte	1	1	100.00%	0
Escambia	1571	1	Pensacola	19	23	82.61%	-4
South Pasco	1576	16	New Port Richey	0	0	00.00%	0
South Marion	1580	4A	Bellevue	33	32	103.13%	1
North Lake	1598	6A	Lady Lake	0	0	00.00%	0
North Duval	1604	5	Jacksonville	32	35	91.43%	-3
Bay	1606	1	Panama City	25	27	92.59%	-2
St Johns	1610	5	St Augustine	12	14	87.71%	-2
S Brevard	1621	12	Palm Bay	29	39	74.36%	-10
	1634			9	9	100.00%	0
				494	571	85.51%	-77

NA = New Locale - No Quota Established.

**New Totals as of 31 MARCH 2023**  
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*Our Very Special Newsletter Boosters*

Bill Barkett	due 1/29	Clarence Richardson	due
**Pat Beamer	due 1/25	3/24	
Paul Bosco	due 1/27	Carol Sloat	due 1/24
Bosco	due 1/27	<u>Tom Smith</u>	due 1/19
Gloria Case	due 10/23	<u>Cheryl Smith</u>	due 1/19
*Ron Garland	due 1/24	Don Wittenberg	due 1/26
*Robbie Garland	due 1/24	Voiture 472	due 1/22
IMOJohn Gore	due 1/22	**** Voiture 899	due 1/26
IMOJacque Gore	due 1/22	*****Voiture 1120	due 1/27
Barbara Guglielmo	due 6/24	Voiture 1604	due 3/24
George Guglielmo	due 6/22	<b>Boosters:</b>	
George Hall	due 8/27	<b>Add boosters \$5.00 a year. A *</b>	
Joanne Hirst	due 1/22	<b>for each additional \$5.00. Ask</b>	
*Wanda Hunter	due 1/24	<b>your Voiture to be a booster.</b>	
Roland Jones	due 1/26		
Carol Kaiserian	due 1/24		
John Kaiserian	due 1/24		
John Lee	due 10/3		
Terry Lee	due 3/23	<b>Underlined due dates are soon to</b>	
Anita Lee	due 3/23	<b>be removed from this special list.</b>	
Henry Legros	due 8/23		
Andrew Nagy	due 1/24		
*Charles Patterson	due 1/27		
Mirna Perez	due 1/27		
****Debra Reynolds	due 1/25		

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