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The Palomar Observer is the official publication of Palomar Voiture 1406 of the Grand Voiture du California of La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, The Forty and Eight.

Appreciation Party: Palomar always does it right. Those who participated in this “no cost to you” event enjoyed themselves and left well sated.

We enjoyed the fellowship of all who attended, met some new prospective members, and some established Legionnaires who are not members. The Voyageurs of Palomar put on their best, as usual, and were perfect hosts to our guests.

A special word of thanks to the “Partners of Salon 621”. They provided some awesome side dishes, as did our own members.

Just so you know the total cost of the party, food and bar, was just over \$300. A good investment; we shall reap the rewards.

Palomar Voiture Officers for 2009

Chef de Gare
Rene Cortez

Chef de Train
Freddie Sisario

Correspondant
Carl Asher
Grand Chef Passé

Comm. Intendant
Ivan “Ernie” Pyle

Conducteur/ *Chef de Cuisine*
Richard Cross

Guard de la Porte
Art Ramirez

Drapeau
Mark Stephenson

Commis Voyageur
Howard Haworth

Avocat
Harvey Benne

Lampiste
Bernard Homberg

Aumonier
Lanny Peterson

Cheminot
Joe Donovan
Tom Rauscher
Larry Lynch

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Membership: We are at 68 members transmitted to Nationale; that is only 88% of our goal of 77. Unless we take some immediate action, such as recruit new members and reinstate some others, we will not make goal.

Voyageurs we must adjust to the times. We have no choice if we wish to continue to be a functioning organization. I know some of you have heartburn about the changes to the National Constitution and By Laws. The members at Promenade Nationale made the changes; we must accept them. Yes, we do determine our own destiny, who becomes an invited member of Palomar Voiture, but we also must reach out to all qualified veterans to join us in membership in La Société. We have expanded upon our nom parqué, or roughly, the name we have become know by, to: "The Honor Society of Veterans".

Who is a "qualified veteran" you ask? They are an individual who has served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, or a current active duty member of the Armed Forces of the U.S.

Nurses Training: May is designated as Nurses Training Month and there will be graduations with nurses being pinned throughout the nation. Grande of California will stand proud, knowing they are a critical part that celebration.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Freddie Sisario announced the date for presenting the Albert LaVaque/Dale M. McCoy Scholarship awards. The awards will be presented at the Palomar College Annual Scholarship Honor Night Reception on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Student Union at Palomar College. Refreshments and Desserts will be available beginning at 6:15 PM and program begins promptly at 6:30 PM. Voyageurs your presence would be greatly appreciated.

§A Lady with a Lamp shall stand
In the great history of the land,
A noble type of good,
Heroic womanhood.

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: Santa Filomena, 1858
(reference is to Florence Nightingale in the Crimean War)*

Correspondant: This year has really flown past. Seems like only a couple of weeks ago we installed the current officers. Now it is time to start the process of nominations and elections for this coming Voiture year.

These is the time in our annual cycle to stop, sitdown, and give thought to what you want Palomar Voiture to be, what direction you want it to take to be successful. It is time to evaluate what you and the other members have done in support of the Voiture and the programs we support.

We will be conducting the first nominations for next years Voiture officers this month, are you willing to meet the challenge of holding an officer in Palomar Voiture? Take it from someone who knows, it is not that difficult and it can be fun too. Sure, you have to meet certain obligations, but those are not so restrictive that you have to do a major overhaul and modification to your personal life and life style.

- Reports-we are at or near the end of the reporting cycle for this year. Please continue to submit your Americanism time, money and miles expenses. If you do not see a title for some activity you have been involved in, put that activity down on the sheet as a note, I will fit it in the appropriate box then let you know where it should go for next time. Many of you are helping your community in one way or another. Let me know about that. Report it, there is absolutely no shame in reporting what you are doing around the Voiture, Post, Lodge, neighborhood, church and so on. You are just telling us what you are doing for the Good of the Order. Be proud, report your valuable efforts.

- Cheminot and Promenade: Every effort should be made to honor the obligation we took to attend our Voiture Locale's Cheminot and Promenades. It is important that we attend and conduct the business of the Voiture. If you have difficulty in driving to and from these important monthly activities, or any other Voiture activity for that matter, please contact us. I am certain we can assist in getting you to and from the events.

- If I did not previously do so, I want to thank George Megeath for his continued support of the great Nurses Training program of Palomar Voiture.

Special Awards: Since its inception into to our organizational programs, Special Awards of La Société has been a popular and prosperous program; both in California and nationally.

In the early days of California's program, there was no funding. None had been budgeted and was not likely to receive financial support. Fred Walton, who I believe was the first Grand Directeur Special Awards, was tasked with developing methods to support the program. Thus, the Special Awards raffles at each Grande Cheminot and Promenade. Special Awards is supposed to be the only group, other than those of the sponsoring Voiture, to have raffles at those events. Somehow, others are holding raffles too. I digress.

Through the efforts of the newly established Special Awards committee, Directeur and 3 Sous Directeurs, the program was well received. We now have funds in the Special Awards account that provides the needed monies to bring the Law Officer, Hero and Voyageur of the Year to Grand Promenade, including their spouses. Included is funding for a representative of the City/Town of the Year selection.

None of these efforts means much unless supported at the Voiture Locale level. That is, inputs recommending people and places to receive the recognition and awards. That is where you come in. You are the most important piece of the Special Awards pie; you must make the recommendations to your Voiture. You must assist the Correspondant in preparing a worthy submission to the Grande Voiture Special Awards Directorate.

Wont you submit that special law enforcement, hero or Voyageur and city/town for recognition. Please do it today. Time is running out.

If you have an individual or city/town in mind, please share it with your Correspondant, he will do his utmost to see they receive due credit. However, Monsieur Correspondant cannot do it alone.

Calendar of Events

May 16-Grand Wrecking Crew South annual "Clean Up Wreck" for Riverside Voiture 394 at Perris American Legion Post 595, Perris, CA. PG's at 10:00 AM, Wreck at 12:00 PM.

May 24-7:30 AM; Palomar Steak and Egg Breakfast @ Escondido Veterans Memorial Bldg. Promenade follows.

May 31-11:00 AM; Memorial Day Services, Oak Hill Mem. Park and Oceanside Elks Lodge.

June 13-2:00 PM; 5th District Cheminot, Buena Park Post 354. 8071 Whitaker St, Buena Park, CA.

June 28-7:30 AM; Palomar Steak and Egg Breakfast @ Escondido Veterans Memorial Bldg. Promenade follows.

Birthdays



May

- 08 - Mike Diaz
- 09 - Kent Moser
- 23 - "Ernie" Pyle
- 24 - John Lighthill, Sr
- 26 - Cliff Henne

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

FYI

What is the cost of a new issue chapeau at today's prices? (As listed in latest Emblem Sales Catalog and online)

Issue Chapeau \$33.50
Lettering @ .95/letter \$12.35
Tax @ 8% \$3.67
Handling per chapeau \$3.50 (this is in addition to the below shipping charge)
Shipping \$8.00
TOTAL: \$61.02

Initiation fee \$65 minus cost of chapeau = \$3.98; minus first years dues -\$25 = -\$21.02 = our loss.

Since January 1, 2009, each new member costs us \$21.02.

Do you see a need in raising our initiation fees? I do.

The Nursing profession

We constantly hear of the critical shortage of Nurses in the medical field. Then you note there is a long waiting list to get into the program through normal credited colleges and universities and wonder why.

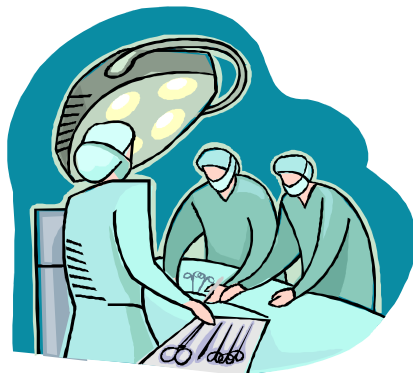
I discussed this issue with some senior (Charge Nurses etc.) at Tri-City Medical Center and the two skilled nursing facilities my wife has been staying. The common answer...an accredited and license RN makes more money practicing their profession than they would as an instructor.

Nurses-continued: It is the same old story. If you want to have qualified, and genuine professionals, you must first have those who are themselves qualified and genuine, to teach the initiates and apprentices.

How do we get to that level?

We, as individuals, must involve ourselves in the issues of our educational institutions. We must speak out for the student who wants Nursing as a career and we must support adequate salaries for those who dedicate themselves to the training of those individuals. Carl.

MAY IS NURSES TRAINING MONTH



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