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*Merry Christmas and Happy New year
To all our readers!*



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Louis Chabot and his faithful companion

Louis is a volunteer and devoted man who created the computerized database allowing more efficient management of the list of members of the association. For this reason, the Board and members of the 2013 association awarded him the title of honorary member. Congratulations!

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At the occasion of Feasts, the Board, thought to make one Gift to its readers: a reviewed edition entirely in color.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2013!

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President's Message



Dear members,

As you know, our annual meeting happened on October 6, 2013 at the Relais des Pins à l'Île d'Orléans, close to Québec. One hundred forty-seven people attended. I would like to thank them for their presence and encouragement of all, year

after year.

I, myself, must also thank the volunteers; because without them, we could not succeed. If you would be able to help us next year, let us know. All was not perfect, but be certain that we will keep in mind the suggestions that you gave us.

We can already announce that the next meeting will be held in the region of Sherbrooke. We will confirm the place in one of our next issues.

I also want to thank the members of the Board of Directors for 2012–2013 for all the work that they accomplished for the association: Christian, Marcel, Jean- Louis, Gaéтан and myself. Our vice-president, Christian Chabot finished his term. I want to thank him for the hours that he dedicated to the association.

All other members have been re-elected, and we welcome two recruits to the Board 2013–2014: Helen (Vice-president), and Yvette Chabot (treasurer), who had the courage to join themselves to four male associates, Marcel (secretary), Jean-Louis and Gaéтан (administrators), as well as yours truly.

We will all work to improve your Association and we ask for you to help us in making the newsletter. Send us everything that you can find out about your families: texts, photos, etc.

We found, during the last year, some problems of members who had paid for their membership and didn't receive their newsletter; their address being incorrect, etc. We created a computerized data base to correct the situation, hoping thus, to have eliminated these irritating errors.

As this issue of the newsletter, *Les Chabotteries* will be sent to you in the middle of December, I hasten to wish very Happy Holidays to all!

Maryo Tremblay

Editor's Message



Hello to our readers,

I believe that the recent annual meeting, held on the Island of Orleans, was a straight forward success in spite of the small annoyances that inevitably occur at the time of such events. The increased efforts by a handful of volunteers ensured

that all take place in a well organized fashion.

This meeting with Chabots from all locations sometimes lead to some very instructive exchanges. In this issue is a good example. By chance, I ran into a gentleman whom I had met the previous year, having at that time learned that he was a craftsman who made sculptures from mineralized stones. I wanted to know more on his life and what had brought him to also invent an original hobby. Graciously, he answered all my questions. I told myself then that it would be worth the trouble to bring to light, in the newsletter, a part of the life of that gentleman while showing that creativity is in the reach of whoever is endowed with an imagination and passion.

As he had little education, he said that he was incapable of writing a summary of his miner's career and his new hobby. I proposed to him that I would prepare a short questionnaire that I would then send to him when he returned home. Which I did. Some days later, I received his answers, which to my astonishment, were well written in French. I edited his text; and the subsequent article, that is somewhat abridged, appears on page 10 of this issue.

He certainly exists among ten, maybe a hundred, of these unrecognized heroes of which achievements deserve to be related. I often think of him I can and I am inclined to give a hand to those that have histories to tell, but that don't dare to try it, because they themselves believe they are incapable. Please put the worry aside, and give me a sign when it pleases you!

This is the 25^e issue of the newsletter Les Chabotteries. No small feat, in the uncertain circumstance of an organization without the lucrative means that is necessary to run it.

Marcel Chabot

The gathering 2013 in texts and in pictures

For those who could not attend the event, here is an account of the 7th Chabot Association Annual Meeting held Sunday, October 6, 2013, at the Relais des Pins, Île d'Orléans, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Those present: Yves Chabot, Chairman of the Meeting, members of the Board: Maryo Tremblay (Chairman), Christian Chabot (Vice-chairman), Marcel Chabot (Secretary), Gaétan Chabot (Administrator), as well as 147 people in the audience.

1. Appointment of the chairman of the Meeting

The name of Mr. Yves Chabot, who has assumed this task successfully in the past, is moved by André Goggin, seconded by Marcel Chabot.

Yves Chabot moves that Marcel Chabot is to act as Secretary of the Meeting. This motion is supported by Viviane Chabot.

2. Welcome and introduction of the members of the Board

The chairman of the Meeting welcomes the members present on this beautiful autumn day and introduces in turn the four members of the Board who are present: Treasurer, Jean- Louis Chabot is absent due to illness; Maryo Tremblay, current Chairman; Christian Chabot, Vice-chairman; Marcel Chabot, Secretary; Gaétan Chabot, Director.

3 Reading and acceptance of the agenda

The adoption of the agenda read by the Chairman of the Meeting is moved by Roland Chabot, seconded by Charles Chabot.

4. Reading and acceptance of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of October 7, 2012 (which was held in St. François-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud)

As the minutes of this Meeting were published in full in No. 21 (Winter 2012) of the newsletter *The Chabotteries*, and consequently the members were given the opportunity to read it, the Chairman of the Meeting suggested that it be adopted forthwith, if all agree. Helen Chabot makes the motion, supported by Yvon Chabot.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman of the Association, Maryo Tremblay, begins by thanking the members present for coming in such a large number; then he thanks the members of the Board and volunteers, including our hosts of the day, for giving their support to ensure the smooth running of the gathering.

Before beginning his report, he notes that the Relais des Pins, where our gathering is held, was erected on the land of Ludovic Prémont, married to Elmina Chabot, and the land to the left belongs to Oscar Paquet, husband of Irene Chabot, sister of Elmina, and adds that both were daughters of Bernard Chabot and Auxilia Plante. Then, he also notes that the banner deployed outside the building is one that had been crafted for the largest of our gatherings, that of 1979, and given to Claude Chabot, founding Chairman, as a token of appreciation for his work. He said that the three colors of the banner represent the three sons of Mathurin (Michel, Pierre and Joseph) whose lineages were identified at that time.

Then he reviewed the achievements of the past year:

- the publication of four issues of the newsletter *The Chabotteries*;
- making the coat of arms official;
- the creation of a computerized database for the management of enrollment and of membership cards in order to eliminate the monitoring problems which occurred in recent years;
- redesigning of the website to make it more user-friendly, comprehensive and easy to read;
- the revision of the publicity flyer;
- the continued incessant and relentless research by Claude Chabot and Diane Chabot-Pard to constantly enrich the database of Mathurin's descendants;
- the correction of the membership information update form in which we failed to include the mention of the address.

Finally, he addresses special thanks to other members of the Board: Marcel Chabot, Secretary, responsible for the newsletter and the website; Christian Chabot, Vice-Chairman, responsible for the organization of this gathering; Jean-Louis Chabot, Treasurer (absent because of illness); Gaétan Chabot, Director, who performs various essential tasks; Léon Chabot, who assumes the revision of the financial statements of the Association; Yves Chabot, who, despite his many duties, has agreed to chair our Meeting; Claude Chabot; and Diane Chabot-Pard and her husband, François Pard. To each one, he gives a small gift of appreciation. He takes the opportunity to pay tribute to Louis Chabot, the creator of the database management, and announces that the latter is made an honorary member of the Association, the third to earn this title.

He ends his speech by asking participants to help strengthen the Association by recruiting new members and challenges them to find at least one person among their acquaintances who would become a member.

Then he gives the floor to the Founding Chairman, Claude Chabot. The latter wishes to express his appreciation for François Pard, spouse of Diane Chabot, who devotes himself body and soul, as does his wife, to the cause of the Association.

At this point the Chairman of the Meeting introduces to the participants, two couples who recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary: Monique Chabot and her husband Jean-Paul Houde; André Chabot and his wife, Laurette Henry.

6. Presentation and adoption of the Financial Report 2012–2013

It is André Goggin who tables the financial report in the absence of the Treasurer and who reads it. This report has been reviewed by Léon Chabot, accountant, and endorsed by the Board at its Meeting on August 6, 2013.

To a question by a member of the public regarding the decrease in the amount of contributions in 2013, Maryo Tremblay cites the inaccurate data he inherited to explain it: deceased, forgotten, not joined members, etc. The creation of a computerized database was expressly designed to put the locomotive back on track. That said, he invited members who have had problems of this kind to let him know. He adds he wants to deal more intensively, over the coming year, with the recruiting of new members.

7. Appointment of Auditor

André Goggin proposes that the responsibility for the revision already assumed by Léon Chabot, accountant, be assigned to him again for the coming year, if the latter accepts. His motion was seconded by Denis Chabot. The members present unanimously agree to ratify this appointment.

8. Presentation of the Coat of Arms

It is the Founding Chairman and first honorary member, Claude Chabot, who is called to make this presentation (his description and explanations largely overlap those found in the website.) He added that a reproduction, letter size, is included in the USB key (it is possible to print it) which was given to each and is also on sale for only \$2. He brings some additional clarification to the effect:

- that it was the first Treasurer, Nicole Chabot, who discovered the slogan "Get to the bottom of things" which, according to him, expresses the attitude of the Chabots in dealing with life events;
- that this coat of arms represents the Chabot family in general, and if it is to be applied to a particular line, an element would have to be added;
- that it is through these symbols that the memory of our roots is to perpetuate.

9. Election (and allocation of responsibilities)

First, the chairman of the Meeting introduces the three current members of the Board who are willing to extend their terms for a second year, that is Maryo Tremblay, Marcel Chabot, and Gaétan Chabot. At the request of André Goggin, he submits the letter in which Jean-Louis Chabot expresses his willingness to continue being part of the Board for another term. Then, as the Board must consist of at least five persons, he appeals to the members in the room that are in good standing, and who would like to submit their candidacy, to do so. Only Hélène Chabot and Yvette Chabot respond to the invitation. The new Board will be composed of six people who are invited by the chairman of the Meeting to meet separately in order to allocate among themselves the responsibilities for the coming year. This operation unfolds smoothly under the supervision of the Chairman of the Meeting. Results:

Maryo Tremblay, again, assumes the presidency;

Hélène Chabot, Vice-chairman;

Marcel Chabot, the secretary;

Yvette Chabot, Treasurer;

Gaétan Chabot and Jean-Louis Chabot will serve as administrators whose functions are still to be defined.

This exercise revealed an anomaly in the regulations which the Chairman suggests should be corrected for adoption at the General Annual Meeting in 2014. The amendment would remove from the regulations (Art. 11, p. 10), the article concerning the function of archivist-genealogist which, in the present formulation, must necessarily be occupied by a member of the Board, (which is not the case in this instance). Therefore, it is best to remove this binding item.

10. Introduction of the new members of the Board

Back at the Meeting, the Chairman introduces the new Board and specifies the function each will have to assume (see point 9).

11. Period of exchange with members

Here is, in short, a list of the comments and suggestions made in the sidelines of this Meeting:

- provide drinks and refreshments at the beginning of the Meeting and during breaks;
- distribute adhesive labels to identify participants and possibly their place of residence;
- provide the member's number when communicating with the Association;
- organize on the sidelines of the Annual Meeting, a dinner or a social activity that would allow fraternization;
- provide training on the theme of genealogy...

Responding to these questions and queries, Maryo Tremblay promises that the Board will look into each of them during the year in order to find simple and practical solutions, to the extent possible. He adds that the purpose of the Association is not to accumulate money, but to better serve the members. He took the opportunity to thank the sponsors and donors who will be listed in the next issue of the newsletter and on the website.

One participant, Jean-Guy Dion, then asks for the floor to congratulate the organizers of the Meeting who are visibly working for the success and progress of the Association. A round of applause confirms the members' satisfaction.

12. End of the Meeting

It was around 2 p.m. when Yvette Chabot moved the closing of the Meeting, seconded by Hélène Chabot.



The 2013-2014 Board

Back row: Gaetan Chabot, Director;

Maryo Tremblay, Chairman

Marcel Chabot, Secretary

Front row: Yvette Chabot, treasurer

Hélène Chabot, Vice-Chairman

Marcel Chabot, Secretary

Mini-album Souvenir



**A full house...
An attentive audience...**



**The brunch was abundant and succulent,
and appreciated by guests...**



**Yves Chabot, our chairman of the meeting,
who, with his customary enthusiasm,
and his unparalleled mastery,
led the meeting with fervor**



**Léon Chabot, another avid volunteer
who has, year after year, with great devotion
reviewed the financial statements of the
Association, since it was founded**

The Sad Fate of Leon Edmond Chabot



Leon Edmond Chabot was one of five children of Henri Chabot and Chagnon Ernestine, both of which were from St. Hyacinth in Quebec.

He was born March 11, 1917 at Gardner in Massachusetts.

In 1936, he entered the naval academy of Annapolis. During his free time, he practiced sports, track, and football. He frequented the gymnasium, all this in order to develop his determination, patience, and team spirit. He was a sincere man, possessing a keen sense of justice.

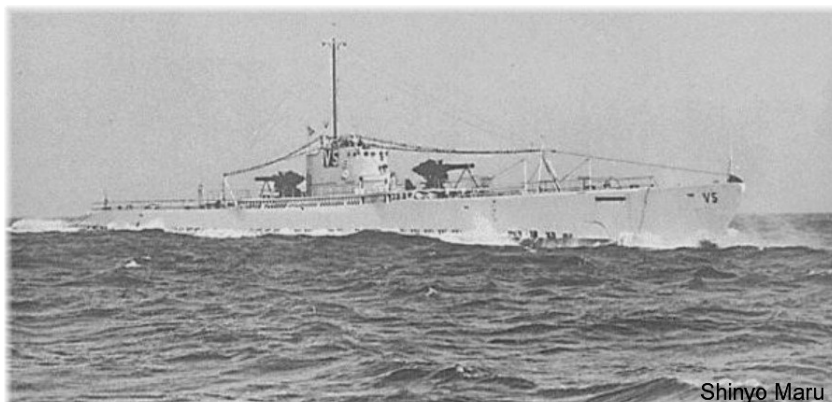
After having received his diploma in 1940, he joined the United States Marines and was assigned to the Philadelphia Navy Yard. In 1941, he was transferred to the Marine Corps base in San Diego; and a little time after, he was sent to the Pacific and to the Philippines, when the war broke out, in order to prepare the beaches defenses of the Corregidor island.

After the flight of the Filipino government, Japanese controlled the entire archipelago to the exception of the island of Corregidor which had housed the headquarters of General MacArthur and served to shelter President Manuel L. Quezon as the Japanese troops approached. The hold of the island constitutes for Japanese their final victory which was the ultimate objective, because it would permit them to control the bay of Manila.

Bombardments intensified and the Japanese infantry regiment finally disembarked on the island. In spite of the ferocious Filipino and American soldier resistance, on the island of Corregidor, Léon Edmond Chabot was captured on May 6, 1942; and was held on an apron of concrete for three days without water and food. On May 23, he was embarked on a Japanese ship to Manila where he and 4,000 other prisoners of war, both Filipino and American, were whipped as they were paraded through the streets of Manila, until they reached the Bilibid Prison. The following day they were loaded into box cars, standing room only, no separation of ranks, where several died of fatigue and suffocation on

this trip before arriving in the city of Cabanatuan. Leon and others were parked in a school yard given a very small ration of rice over several days. The following day, they were forced to walk close to nine miles, toward another jail, with naked feet on a rocky road, their feet suffering badly. Close to 2,000 prisoners died at Cabanatuan in the Philippines mainly of malaria and dysentery. Twenty were executed by the Japanese.

Toward the end of the year 1942, Captain Léon Edmond Chabot was sent to Davao to the south of the Philippines. Finally, on September 3, 1944, he was put aboard the Japanese ship Shinyo Maru with 750 other prisoners. Some individuals say the commander of this Japanese ship was an extremely ruthless man.



Shinyo Maru

As told in stories of the jail boat, prisoners were heaped as sardines having very little air to breathe, almost no food or water to consume, for crossings that could last several weeks. Many would die of asphyxia, hunger, malaria or dysentery. Because of their body heat in these humid places, prisoners became delirious or went crazy. Being kept nearly in a total seclusion, they cut and bit each other through the arms and legs and sucked their blood. In order to keep from being murdered, many had tried climbing the ladders to escape the hold, and were promptly shot by guards. We can only imagine the sickening odor that reigns in the place. The only possible escape of these pestilent-ridden holds was to crawl over bodies of other passengers. When this boat-jail arrived at its destination, a lot of the passengers had made their last journey. As for others, they were sent to the sorting where they were judged to ascertain if they were able to be taken care of and sent to work camps, or if it was better to

let them die without care; because their life reached the limit of their physical endurance.

September 7, 1944, an incident comes to darken the life of these poor prisoners of war, still aboard the Shinyo Maru. The ship was torpedoed by the US submarine *Paddle*. Only 83 passengers survived, Léon was not among them.

Léon Edmond Chabot was promoted to first lieutenant in March 1942, and was awarded the title of Captain while he was a prisoner.

He received several medals and decorations:

- the Silver Star for the battle of Fort Mills, in the Philippines, for his heroism and bravery, in February 1942;
- the Prisoner Medal of War, for being a prisoner of war, in May 1942;
- the Purple Heart, awarded in the name of the president of the United States, granted to soldiers who are either wounded or killed while in service;
- the Commendation Ribbon, a military decoration awarded for acts of heroism or for actions worthy of mention, while in direct contact with the enemy.

For the deceased soldieries in foreign countries and whose bodies can be repatriated in country, we erected a monument to honor them and to perpetuate their memory. Captain Léon Edmond Chabot has his own memorial, for his contribution to the effort of the war, in the Massachusetts Veterans Winchendon Cemetery, in Worcester, Massachusetts.

We honor these valorous Canadian and American soldiers that risk their lives every day so that inhabitants of allied countries may live in peace and liberty.

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Diane Chabot-Pard



An acute sense of organization!



Laurianne, the daughter of Gaétan Chabot and Linda Lachance, received the award for the female artist of the year, awarded by College François-Xavier-Garneau

Laurianne Chabot(1), St. Clair (riding* of Bellechasse) has been recognized for her extracurricular achievements at the François-Xavier Garneau Cégep where she is a student.

She was granted the title of female artist of the year by that educational establishment for having set up benefit shows supporting the *Mental Illness Foundation* and the *Heart Disease Foundation*.

She is the Department Director of the artistic production service of Garneau-Travail, the representative of the socio-cultural component of Student Life Commission, and the organizer of the province-wide *Tailgate rendezvous of the Secondaire en spectacle* shows. She was a member of the comedy, Chicago musical and attended the Shaved-Head challenge! She sometimes even manages to study to become a psycho-educator! A very busy young woman! The newsletter *Les Chabotteries* is pleased to report on her accomplishments.

*a third of a part of... (especially of a county)

From an article by Eric Gourde, published in *La voix du Sud*.

Collected by *Claude Chabot*



Charles E. Chabot, a man of a thousand talents



I was born in St. Marguerite-Marie in the Matapédia Valley in 1940. My mother died when I was three and a half years old. I was raised by my grandmother until the age of seven, at Causapsal, in the Matapédia region. My grandmother was married to Cyriac

Chabot, son of Cyriac Chabot of St. Lazare-de-Bellechasse, in the Beauce region. My father, Adélarde was the youngest of the family.

I arrived in Chibougamau in 1960, when I was twenty. At first, I was a construction worker, then a lumberjack. Around 1961, there was an expansion of the mining industry, and they began to recruit workers. I submitted an application, and easily got the job. Over the years, after gaining experience in all areas of the mining profession, I became a foreman.

The mining boom lasted until 1997 when metal prices collapsed, and one by one all the mines in the region closed their doors. In the meantime, around 1972, I left the area for some years to go to work in a uranium mine, in Ontario, after being invited by a friend who had settled there. Wages were, of course, better; but I was away from my family who remained in Chibougamau.

The idea of making trinkets out of rocks taken from the local mines came to me when I saw a diamond drill core split in two. After looking for a saw that could cut rock and making



myself a functional saw bench, I cut some mineralized rocks that I had collected in the vicinity. I made a few mountings of which I was quite proud. Encouraged by the people around me, I continued to imagine and produce new works of art.

To create these objects, I use the saw bench that I made along with a 28 inch diameter blade (I have four other sizes which I use according to the size of the rocks to be cut). The assembling is carried out using epoxy resin.

The rocks that I use are rich in chalcopryrite (copper ore) and pyrite (called *fools' gold*, because of the many gold seekers who allowed themselves to be fooled by it), which is softer and less difficult to cut.

With time and experience, I began to vary my creations: from clocks, I went to pen holders, key chains, nativity sets, bookends—Of course, I accept special orders—Recently, someone asked me to make a wall lamp representing a maple leaf to adorn his business of equipment for maple sugar production, a request that I fulfilled with pleasure. I must say that I had already made other mountings to meet the demands of customers: a map of Québec, of the James Bay territory; emblems of hockey teams, of the Montréal Canadiens, the Boston Bruins, and the Toronto Maple Leafs...

At the moment, because of the sufficient number of items I sell, I am encouraged to persevere in refining my work techniques and invent new models. This hobby allows me to have fun and to exercise my creativity while earning a few pennies.

Since I left the mining industry in 1997, in addition to making trinkets, I occasionally work (on call) at the local funeral home. Being always active, I have been doing volunteer work in many community activities. For eight years, I have been responsible for the St. John Brigade (that brigade that won the bronze medal at the provincial level in 1986 while I was responsible for it), and its trainer as well. Also, I have been a volunteer for the *Heart Foundation* for 25 years. I like to devote myself to my community. It is rewarding and it makes one feel useful.

That, in a few short paragraphs, is an overview of my life and my work.

Charles E. Chabot

Note of the coordinator: The above text was written largely by Mr. Charles E. Chabot from a framework that I had submitted. I revamped it a little, but the background is from his pen. Charles is one of those everyday heroes whose story deserves to be unearthed and made known. I'm glad to have met him and given him the opportunity to make himself known. And I hope many others like him will follow his example and be willing to reveal some interesting parts of their lives. We will be happy to help them in such a task and to publish it.



The craftsman behind some of his handicrafts.
The original name of the small business is
L'Or de Chez Nous (418 748-3558)

Brief genealogy of Charles E. Chabot

Mathurin Chabot/Marie Mésangé 11/17/1661
Jean Chabot/Éléonore Énaud 11/17/1692
Jean Chabot/Marie Dufresne 4/26/1718;
Geneviève Bouffard 11/1/1737
Pierre Chabot/Thérèse Leclerc 4/17/1752
Jean-Baptiste Chabot/Marguerite Lacasse 1/8/1781
Landry Chabot/Mélanie Nolin 10/19/1819
Cyriac Chabot/Marie-Anne Gosselin 7/3/1855;
Philomène Goulet 5/16/1881
Cyriac Chabot/Odile Goupil 9/3/1889
Adélard Chabot/Amanda Laplante 1/7/1936;
Gertrude Dubois 9/23/1948
Charles-Eugène Chabot/Régine Imbault 12/23/1962
Their children: Denis, Francine et Christine Chabot



Cyriac Chabot, the great grandfather



The holiday season is upon us!



Why not offer a membership of the Association as a gift to a brother, a sister, a son or a daughter, or even to a distant relative of another province or state? For the modest sum of \$ 25.00 (or \$ 35.00 for people living outside of Canada), the person will receive four issues of the magazine *The Chabotteries* and will be entitled to other benefits, including access to the vast repertoire put together by Claude, president and founder, as well as consultation of the website that promotes the Chabots, the ancestors and the contemporaries as well. In my case, I intend to offer a membership to my dear sister M as a small recognition for her kindness in putting me up when I was a young man.



Communion to life



Here is a text that I wrote as part of my course Creative activity in literature with Neil Bissoondath. It was a requirement that our work, plus or minus two pages, should lead to happiness without using any word, adjective, noun, verb or adverb associated with happiness. At first, I thought of doing it about the Easter we had

just celebrated, which I considered as pure happiness; but the funeral of my brother Claude imposed itself on my mind.

There is not one living thing in the parking lot. I drove too fast, it is only 9:30 a.m. I leave the car, and stretch my legs. The wind shakes the branches and freezes my bones. And this ridiculous hearse-limousine adds its coldness to that of the wind: as if its length of nine meters [29½ ft.] was needed to carry my brother Claude's ashes, resting in a small urn just 25 centimeters [9.8 in.] tall. I re-enter the already cooled car and start the engine (never mind the environment) in order to warm ourselves up (our 86 year old aunt, Thérèse; my wife, Jeannine, and myself) while waiting for the arrival of my sister, Cécile, and my brother Denis.

Before the religious ceremony, we must welcome relatives and friends near the urn, at the entrance of the chancel*. Cécile arrives in her red Yaris; I head for the sacristy, behind her. The morning sun makes the water sparkle in the little fast flowing Nicolet River. Here, it splits into two branches between which the first settlers built the town of St. Clotilde de Horton, in the early 1860s.

The church, like a flagship, overlooks the tip of the island: a bulwark for the faithful. We plunge into the church's corridor away from the wind and the cold. I throw myself into her arms. What warmth! Quite a contrast after the coldness of the telephone, the emails, and the countless formalities of the last two weeks!

The priest greets us and gives a brief outline of the ceremony. We sign the register, and he hands me the assigned text for the first reading (from the Book of Job) and the list of intercessions to which I must invite the faithful to respond.

Finally, my brother Denis arrives. My arms surround him, we hug and our eyes meet. No words are exchanged, but everything is said: his cancer of the pancreas, the results of the biopsy, etc. We'll find time to talk about it all, later.

By ten o'clock, the aisles on the right and rear of the temple are full of relatives and friends wishing to express their affection for Claude and offer their support. They came from Abitibi, Montreal, Bellechasse, Drummondville, Québec...from here and

there. It's as if each one brings his or her quilt square, impregnated with his life, to be assembled into a large comforting blanket that connects all of us to each other. I drink to the life within us, and the warmth that welds us together. My hand fits the one I hold, delicate, soft, strong, virile. My eyes question, agree and fill with tears while they mingle with the fragments of intense life projected and offered by other eyes.

My mind escapes, I hear myself speaking without thinking, I offer my condolences to people who are offering theirs to me.

Big Clément Grondin speaks to me of the last time we saw each other. In 1964, after the finals of Bois-Francs hockey league: I had a shutout against the strongest team, that of St. Majorique, and he had a hat trick. He crushes me in his arms. The beer's good taste comes back to my mouth while the smell of the locker room invades my nostrils.

The beginning of the liturgical ceremony concludes this hour of runaway emotions. This moment of communion revives in me the energizing feeling of being alive with others in the midst of a community of living beings. Although I have abandoned my religious practice for over 50 years, I find myself returning to it more and more in recent years, for funerals, almost always outside the major cities. I can not resist the need to enter into communion with others. Being together: the strength and energy that I draw from that gratifies me.

Now, most of us meet at the Community Center for fraternization and a meal. Everyone is hungry: as much for food as for words to be exchanged. These wonderful reunions! All about the life that springs up and which we talk about during these meals in large halls, after the burial. Parents are aging, children are growing, babies are being born. We're all here, wishing without saying it, that another death will provide an opportunity to come together once again to celebrate life.

The room slowly empties. Each one returns to his everyday life, full of energy and love drawn from these religious and human encounters, and after having sensed the truth evoked in these words of Félix Leclerc:

This is a great thing: death!

It is full of life inside.

*The space around the altar in the sanctuary at the liturgical east end of a traditional Christian church.

Jean-Louis Chabot

Mr. Bissoondath loved it. He wrote this comment on my text: "A very original text, which reveals a happiness which is not simple and which comes from the depths of one's being."

A great Fairy-godmother



Lise Chabot of St. Anselme, is one of the volunteers who doesn't hesitate to give her time and come to the aid of her peers. She has held the title of fairy-godmother for the last year and one-half, for the *Family House of Bellechasse*, where she is employed in the nursery.

A Fairy-godmother is a substitute mother. She also plays a role as a grand-parent. She helps new mothers learn their

roles and gives them some respite time, as needed. There are eight fairy-godmothers working there, but six are much more active.

Ms. Lise spends between three and nine hours per week in this role. For example, from April 2012 to March of this year, she has given 131 hours of her time during 43 visits to mothers in need. She is the mother of two sons, and is waiting to become a grand-mother for the first time, which may explain her devotion to this cause.

After I read an article, written by journalist, Éric Gourde, which was published in *La Voix du Sud*, I immediately contacted Lise to tell her that on April 16, 2013, she would be honored, along with 91 other volunteers at the *House of Culture of St-Damien de Bellechasse*.

In the name of the *Chabot Association*, I offer her our sincere congratulations.

Note:

As the newsletter *Les Chabotteries* is dedicated to genealogy, it seems important to mention that Lise Chabot, married André Girou, and is the daughter of Réal Chabot and Thérèse Leclerc.

Source: Article by Éric Gourde as published in *La Voix du Sud*.

Claude Chabot



An indefatigable worker



Born in Montreal on April 12, 1929, Gérard Chabot is the son of Raymond Chabot and Desneiges Chénier. He was an educator, and then a school director much like his father. He was the father of five children.

Gérard was administrator at the Ville St. Pierre credit union from 1951 to 1996. However

his work in cooperative institutions did not end there, he also functioned in the following institutions as well:

- a *Confédération des caisses Desjardins*
- *Le Développement international Desjardins*
- *La Caisse centrale*
- *L'Assurance-vie Desjardins*
- *La Fondation Desjardins*, all of which are organizations that he dedicated himself to body and soul with all his heart and energy.

And that is not all, Gérard Chabot established several associations in various socioeconomic sectors. Among other things, he was the creator of unique programs in the community through *la Fondation Desjardins* such as scholarships from Raymond-Blais, whose objective was to help young adults eighteen to thirty realize an individual project linked to a return to studies, to improve access to the labor market or the creation of a small business.

Anxious to provide substantial assistance to his community, he devoted his life to volunteering and to the promotion of cooperative values. In 1996, he was nominated president of the Desjardins St. Henri credit union. He died the July 18, 2003 at the age of 74.

Voilà, yet another of those unsung daily heroes that *Les Chabotteries* is proud to salute.

Claude Chabot



A Backgammon champion!



Claude Chabot

I was asked to generate a short text on this rare feat...so voila! I won the Quebec backgammon championship at the end of July 2013 perched up there in the tower of the Olympic stadium. I also jokingly said that I was close enough to God to ask him to grant me the roll of the dice necessary to win! One must know that in backgammon, chance plays a considerable role much like poker. You might be the world champion, but if you do not have good cards in your game you can get trounced by a beginner.

I began to play backgammon about eight or nine years ago I'd say...It was my friend and mentor, David DeFreitas, who showed me how to play and provided me with a wide range of miscellaneous tips. We met at a chess club some 15 years ago...I've always been a fervent fan of traditional games, rather than the video games that are in my opinion way too complex for beginners. The game of backgammon is one of the worlds oldest, invented some 5,000 years ago.

A word about my family. I was born at Ville La Salle on August 6, 1977. My father Alyre Chabot, age 73, married Diana Haché, my mother. He was the oldest of 15 children and was born in St. Fabiende-Panet, which is part of the regional municipality of Montmagny. My grandparents, Welly(Willy?) Chabot and Ida Bilodeau lived well into their nineties, if my memory is correct. Only one of his brothers, Paul Chabot, is deceased.

To learn more please visit the following site:

<http://fbq.quebecjeux.org/claude-chabot-champion-quebecois-2013/>

Claude Chabot



Text transmitted by *Maryo Tremblay*

Another member honored



**The MP Roméo Saganash
And Louis-Marie Chabot**

Born in Val D'Or on August 5, 1954, Louis-Marie Chabot, attorney, is the son of Désiré Chabot and Émilienne Coté.

Married to Ruth Barette on September 5, 1980, the couple has three children, Virginie, Nicolas, and Catherine Chabot.

Here is his journey

After primary and secondary school in Val-d'Or, he continued his college studies in Rouyn-Noranda.

In 1977, he obtained his law degree from the *University of Ottawa*. He became a member of the Quebec Bar in 1978. From 1978 to 1985, he held various positions in the *Ministry of Justice of Quebec* in Val-d'Or.

From 1985 to August 2010, he practiced his profession as a lawyer at *Community Legal Centre of Abitibi-Témiscamingue (Legal Aid)*

Alternately, he was a lawyer, office manager in Val-d'Or, and from 2005 to 2010, Director General of *Community Legal Centre of l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue (www.ccjat.qc.ca)*.

Alongside his work, he has held various volunteer positions in organizations related to his profession or the community.

In connection with his profession

Member of the Executive Committee for the *Abitibi-Témiscamingue Bar*, he has held the following positions: counselor (one year), Secretary (four years), and finally elected *Bâtonnier* or lead barrister of the section in 1990. He was also responsible for regional training of lawyers (four years), member of the Board of Directors of the *Library Network of Quebec law* (15), and a member of the Board of the *Centre for Access to legal information* (seven years).

He served as president of the *Congress of the Association of Lawyers of the province* held in Val-d'Or in 2004, and chaired the committee for the expansion of the courthouse in Val-d'Or.

He was a member of the *Commission for Protection of the Rights of Youth* (1990-1996) Commissioner to the *Commission for the Protection of Human Rights and Youth* from 1996 to 2007. He was chosen Recipient of *Merit Abitibi-Témiscamingue Bar* in 2005.

In connection with the community:

Over the years, from 1990 to today, he assumed several responsibilities and held various positions, including the following:

- member of the Board of the *Centre d'orientation l'Étape Inc. of Val d'Or*, from June 1989 to December 1990;
- member of the *Corporation of the Club de ski de fond de Val d'Or Inc.*, from May 1989 to May 1992;
- Director of the *Club de ski de fond de Val d'Or Inc.* in 1990, 1991, and 1992;
- volunteer at the Summer Games of Quebec of Val d'Or in 1988;
- Director of the *Corporation des parcs et espaces récréatifs de Val d'Or Inc.*, from June 1992 to January 2012;
- Vice President of the *Corporation des parcs et espaces récréatifs de Val-d'Or Inc.*, from April 1999 to March 2001;
- President of the *Corporation des parcs et espaces récréatifs de Val-d'Or Inc.* from March 2001 to January 2012;
- Director of the Volunteer Center of Vallée-de-l'Or from September 2002 to February 2007;
- member of the Protocol Committee: 75th Festival of the City of Val- d'Or;
- member of the Board of Directors of Youth Center of Abitibi- Témiscamingue since January 9, 2012.
- Chairman of the Board of Youth Center of Abitibi- Témiscamingue since February 21, 2013. (www.cjat.qc.ca).

For this rather impressive career he received on January 20, 2013 the Jubilee Medal of Queen Elizabeth II at the hands of MP Roméo Saganash.

On behalf of the Association of Chabot, I offer him my warmest congratulations.

Claude Chabot



Miscellany



Richard Alphonse Chabot from Florida personified Santa Claus for 38 years. Unfortunately he passed away on August 12, 2013 at the age of 86.

The Board of Director's wish to all members, their spouses, and parents, who have aged (or younger!) one year during the last quarter a very happy birthday with Health and long life!

We offer our condolences to those that have lost a loved one.

Little reminder!

Reproduction of photos at the time of layout and printing of the newsletter is still a bit problematic, so, we ask those who send us photos to accompany an article, select those whose clarity and contrast are the best possible. This will prevent us from sometimes having a poor quality finished product.



Mini-album Souvenir (continued)



Our friend Claude, always well surrounded, in this photo by Viviane Chabot and Diane Chabot-Pard



Three families went to visit our ancestors House...



...striding up the beautiful park to our ancestors House

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