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## Message from the President



Hello to all members

I hope you had a great summer. I look forward to meeting you all at the extraordinary general meeting and brunch September 27th 2015. As you may have read in the journal *The Chabotteries* bearing number 31 and in this one, board members voted a motion of closure of the association. As provided by our regulations, the decision is yours. There will be a vote in which only association mem-bers in good standing have the right to vote. Sylvie Chabot having resigned and the other four board members will not renew their mandates. Claude has agreed to take the place of Sylvie until the 27 September brunch. Moreover, it is with sadness that I also give my resignation because I am unable to continue alone.

Many members are asking us to go on, not to close. They congratulate us, here are some examples: the magazine is beautiful, beautiful work, congratulations, keep up the good work, etc. As Claude had mentioned to you last year, it is impossible to do the work to keep the life in Association with two or three people. Thanks to Claude and Diane who helped me to search for text and to offer you some great issues. With board members who participated as best they could and some staff not being Chabot, it gave us an extra year.

We live like many other associations with the same problem: that is to say that no one wants to get involved or wants to help the Association of Chabot to remain alive.

Our association now has 283 members in good standing, as several have died. We have a very impressive database which belongs to Claude and he accepted to put at our disposal with pleasure. We are registered on the Register of companies, we have our coat of arms, we have accumulated 32 *Chabotteries* and several promotional items. Obviously I cannot and it is impossible for me to continue to chair the Association of Chabot. I would sincerely like to continue, but I cannot do the job without help.

I gave for a few years the best of myself with the knowledge that I had. I wish I could do more, but no one is required to do the impossible.

While I believe it is impossible that the association can survive, I remain hopeful nevertheless. What do you want? I like OUR Association. I count on you in large numbers on September 27 2015.

Maryo Chabot Tremblay, President

## An Adoption Story

**G**enevieve Chabot is my niece (see her family tree below). But to be honest, I've never met her, except perhaps long ago when she was a little girl. The family is large and since I do not live in the area, I do not succeed even every year to visit all my nieces and nephews, except on special occasions, weddings or deaths ... When I learned that she had adopted two children, I wanted to know more about the reason that led her, and her partner Guillaume Lapointe, to make this decision on the choice of the adoption country and the process of the two events. That's when I had the idea to tell this beautiful story in the journal The Chabotteries.



**Lea Sofia** was born on August 17, 2008, adopted on November 3 2009 and arrived in Quebec on November 15, 2009.

The couple has generously agreed to collaborate on my project by answering my questions and allowing me to use blog items ([lea-sofia.blogspot.ca](http://lea-sofia.blogspot.ca)) they had created to reflect on the adoption process of each child.

Here's what Genevieve wrote in an email that she sent me last January (2015). It can best summarize that experience and express her happiness to have realized the dream of starting a family with her life companion.

"[...]. Here are the answers to your questions about our project of international adoption.

Since I knew that I could not have children since my teens, I had put that idea aside until I met Guillaume. After only a few months of dating, we knew that we would start a family together and that is how adoption has quickly become a life project.

After completing our studies, traveling to a dozen countries and moving into our home in Lévis, we began our search for an adoption country in 2004. Since many countries required that we be married for 3 years and we were just engaged, our choice was limited to a few countries and South America was our first choice because of the proximity of our cultures and ease of learning Spanish as a third language. Following an information session on adoption in Colombia, our decision was made and there it remained to wait until we become legal partners for 3 years to submit our request in 2005, a few weeks after our wedding. **Jacob** was born February 25, 2012, adopted October 2, 2014 and arrived in Quebec October 18, 2014



For both applications for adoption, we had to wait almost 4 years to receive a proposed child, after developing a complete package including a psychological report, psychosocial, medical and financial reports, accompanied by letters of reference, certificates of conduct and letters from our employers. During this wait, we were offered a few times children whose medical record was rather disturbing, so we decided to wait until we were offered healthier children.



In May 2009, we had the proposal for Lea Sofia and we had to wait five long months until October to join our long awaited daughter, by then 14 months old. In the case of Jacob, the wait was only 3 months since we had the proposal in June 2014 and we flew in September to return to Colombia, this time with the family, to meet our two and a half year old boy. For these adoptions, it was very important for us to keep their birth names.

When our two children arrived at the orphanage Los Chiquitines Cali, Colombia, they were less than a month old. Thus, they were treated to excellent care until we could adopt (Lea Sofia in November 2009

and Jacob in October 2014) after a 4 to 7 weeks stay on Colombian soil. Each one has not been slow to adapt to a new culture, a new language, a new family, different food and, of course, a more rigorous temperature certainly much colder than that in Colombia.

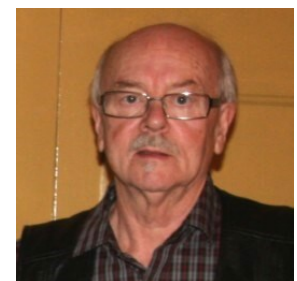
Certainly, both love winter and their dog that gives them much affection, and their two parents who love them just as much. Lea Sofia is now in first grade and already a champion at the ski competition club of the Massif de Charlevoix. Jacob, meanwhile, he's no longer wearing a diaper follow in the footsteps of his older sister and is already beginning to speak French after only a few months on Quebec soil. "

In preparing this article, I realized that the members of the great Chabot family share the remarkable trait of helpfulness; and solidarity; in only one word: mankind. It is likely that this trait is transmitted from generation to generation and is enriched on shifting alliances. This is one aspect of genealogy often overlooked, that of heredity. In any event, the Chabot-Lapointe story provides a good example of a generous gesture accomplished simply, without pretension. Other traits that distinguish generally the descendants of Mathurin Chabot and Marie Mesange are their reserve, their modesty, their restraint when it comes to their skills, talents or accomplish-

ments.

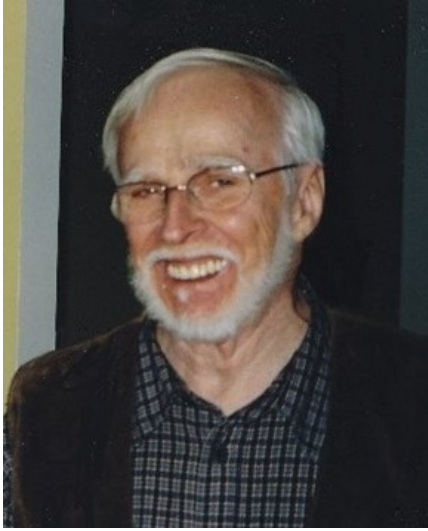
**Genealogy de Genevieve Chabot**

Genevieve Chabot	married	August 6, 2005 to	Guillaume Lapointe
Rene Chabot	married	July 15, 1972 to	Andrea Guillemette
Adrien Chabot	married	August 12, 1944 to	Jeannette Henry
Alphee Chabot	married	July 9, 1918 to	Eugenie Chabot
Pierre Chabot	married	October 27, 1879 to	Aurélie Bilodeau
Marcel Chabot	married	April 11, 1853 to	Marguerite Labrie -Naud
Pierre Chabot	married	July 31, 1810 to	Geneviève Gosselin
Jean Chabot	married	January 8, 1781 to	Marguerite Lacasse
Pierre Chabot	married	April 17, 1752 to	Therese Leclerc
Jean Chabot	married	April 26, 1718 to	Marie Dufresne
Jean Chabot	married	November 17, 1692 to	Eleonore Énaud
Mathurin Chabot	married	November 17, 1661 to	Marie Mesange



*Marcel Chabot  
member 96*

## It happened to Thomas



The story is set in the early 1980s. Thomas is slowly recovering from major surgery, he only moves using crutches. His morale is low because he hardly sees what happens next.

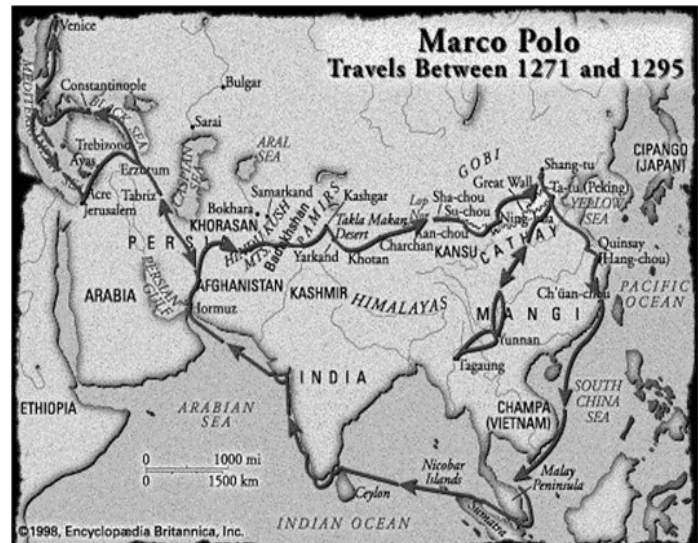
Thomas's wife does her best, but often she is at wit's end. One morning in October 1982, the eyes of Isabelle sees a catchy headline in journal La Presse ... "Marco Polo International Competition".

Knowing Thomas's interest in history and great travels, she hopes to put a little sunshine in her spouse's life. She is right. Thomas becomes aware of the object of the competition launched by the Monaco Academy of tourism.

The question is this:

**"To what extent has the extraordinary adventure of Marco Polo created and expanded the interest in European for travel to Asia and to Asian for travel to Venice and Europe?"**

We need to find the proof that Marco Polo, in the thirteenth century, was the first European to visit China and after him many other Europeans and Asians, like him, had traveled in one direction or the other.



The research required much effort and time, and Thomas had all the time! The texts were to be in Monaco by late January 83, so he had three months. Thomas jumps on his crutches and here in Montreal: university libraries, Institute for Medieval Studies, finally all kinds of resources.

After a month, the data are collected, Thomas is happy. The rest is a breeze. He has only to set up the information collected according to an established plan throughout his research.

Isabelle is happy, she again sees the light in Thomas's eyes

The text submitted, We have only to cross our fingers. Prizes should be given in Venice in early June (3,000,000 Italian lire for the winner, a million for the second.)

Thomas is proud of the work he has done, he learned a lot about the long distant middle ages. He especially dispelled the shadows of his own Middle Ages.

Winter seems long for Thomas and Isabelle. They often talk about the competition, Thomas is confident.

One April day, the 25th specifically, at 14:00 hours Isabelle answers the phone and Thomas looks at her. She is speechless; for long seconds before exploding with all the exuberance for which she is capable "We won ... we won!"

This is indeed the victory for both. They just read the telegram to Isabelle from Monaco where the president of the jury announced the first prize to Thomas.

On June 4, 1983 the happy couple is in Venice in the presence of members of the Academy of tourism and Thomas is honored among this noble assembly.

Taken from a true story, Thomas's identity is actually Dominique Chabot, my brother, and the name of his wife Rejeanne Vigneault (Isabelle in the text).

"Written by:

Dominique Chabot

April 2001

*Marcelle Chabot 155*



## Promotional items

**At this general meeting you will have the opportunity to purchase promotional items (USB key containing a lot of information), key holder, lapel pin, our coat of arms reproduction. We will find the list of these items on the website of the Association in: Online Store.**

**Concerning the website ... This is an important information tool ... (only in french ) Check it out and tell us what we could add to improve it and meet your needs! We would appreciate your comments**

**The direction**

## No more excuses

**All can help, distance is no longer an obstacle with all the media of today, there is the Internet, email, Skype, teleconferencing etc. With new technology, we are all next to each other.**

**There are many ways to help the Association to talk about what has been accomplished our ancestors lived facts write your families, help us to translate texts, make corrections, contact the Key Chabot, talk about the exploits of your children in all areas and still many other ways.**

**As you can see Chabot Association can continue to live and grow if it has the assistance of members they love.**

## *A family having the business sense*



### **Chabot Family of Edward and Josephine Fontaine**

Descendants of Mathurin have developed over the years a strong sense of service in their community. The story of the family of Edward Chabot and Josephine Fontaine is another good example.

Son of Edward Chabot and Josephine Fontaine, Joseph Alberto is the seventh child in a family of thirteen children. His father had his own butcher shop behind his house at Ste-Helene of Bagot. So the children grew up in an environment where they learned their trade; in a natural way. Alberto got married on a cold winter day 12.01.1921 to Ida Thibault and had seven children. He chose the trade of baker in the city of Sorel, Qc. and his bakery, like his father's butcher shop, is part of the family residence. He taught his trade to three of his sons: Laurier, Roger and Normand, and they all worked in the bakery of their father. They contributed to the business by making bread and pastries and also making deliveries, as shown in the picture.





For younger people, it is good to remember that at that time, bakers and dairies delivered their products to homes. Joseph Alberto Chabot has equipped his car to make the deliveries.



Subsequently **Laurier** the oldest son will succeed his father. He married the 07.26.1952 Therese Allard and had five children. The company's successful. Yves, one of his children will live a short experience in the family bakery until its closing in 1973. Subsequently he tried several trades but finally concentrates in real estate. He married Louise Cote on 02/06/1979 and will subsequently have two children Marilyn and Alexandre Chabot, hairdresser.

This is a business change again for this new, fifth generation but it still serves the public. Many are professional hairdressers but Alexandre Chabot, son of Yves Chabot and Louise Coté, is a bit above. He is an artist and a born entrepreneur. He knew from the very beginning to surround himself with an exceptional team.



**Yves**



**Alexandre** owns a multifunctional commerce under the banner **NZO Salon** at Sorel-Tracy; a company at height of his ambition. He travels the world and participates in multiple fashion events. He is passionate about all aspects of his art. Whether coloring, cutting or high hair styles, he performs with enthusiasm.



**Claude Chabot**  
*Association des Chabot*

## Great grandfather to great grandson !



The 4th generation takes slowly but surely, its place at Saint-Patrice-de-Beaurivage in Lotbiniere



### The 1st generation :

#### Louis Chabot and Maria Fillion

In 1931, he manage a sheet metal workshop, a popular profession at the time because it involved making everything related to the sugar shack.

### The 2nd generation :

#### Claude Chabot and Jacqueline Berthiaume

In 1958, he gets involved in the company and develops the sectors of plumbing and heating, specializing in oil burners.





### The 3rd generation :

#### Christian Chabot and Danielle Nadeau

In 1981, he and his wife, joined the company and developed a new clientele, that of building contractors and added the department of interior design related to high-end plumbing.

### The 4th generation:

#### Alexandre Chabot

Son of Christian, the eldest of the family, he takes its decision in 2005. He does not want miss to the tradition and at the end of high school, he began his development in Plumbing and Heating. Today, at 26, he carries the legacy of entrepreneurial Chabot family.



### Did you know that ..?

#### The company will celebrate its 83 years of existence this year.

The company will celebrate its 83 years of existence this year. All wives played a determinant role in the business success. Administrative tasks to workshop and plumbing; having the entrepreneurial spirit as much as their husbands. The company has an interior design department and operated by Christian's wife, Danielle Nadeau.

Alexandre, without any doubt, as Obelix fell into the pot of entrepreneurship when he was little. His earliest memory: From a young age, he helped his grandfather welding maple syrup pans. Without knowing it, he was learning his trade... The grandfather was a visionary!

**Note:** Based from an issue: Vivre en Lotbiniere

July 24, 2013

And signed Nancy Gélinas

**Claude Chabot**

**Membre #1**



## The Groundhog stew and the fly swatter

On a sunny day in July 1970 my father, Georges Letourneau, a native of Saint-Pierre de Montmagny, was on his way to a small village of Saint-Magloire de Bellechasse to visit his in-laws. At that time, I was only 16 and I was a bit disdainful. Along the way, on the road 216, a groundhog crossed the road in a hurry. My father who was a fisherman and a hunter will eventually dislodge the animal hidden between two rocks. Armed with his fishing rod and his experience, he will eventually remove the beast his makeshift habitat. He has won his prey! Here is a beautiful catch for my mother in law, she will be proud of him, he probably figured my father Georges !



I never like hunters, so when I saw this little beast lifeless, I had some sighs of sadness. That same day, on our arrival at Saint-Magloire, uncle Napoleon was quick to carve up the poor beast so pretty in the courtyard in front of some curious.

A few days later, the little animal will end at the bottom of a pan in the wood cook stove of the household, prepared with some vegetables by my beloved "grandmother" Anna Therrien Chabot.

In the evening, hours after the hearty meal finished, my grandmother asked me

- Paul, did you like the stew tonight?
- Oh! Grandma it was so good, that I took twice.
- Paul, do you know what you ate?
- NO, but I have the feeling that she will tell me "Groundhog stew." OH NO! Not that !!!

The groundhog stew wanted out, but it was too late, it had made already his way in my stomach... and I could see the layer of lard still in the pot. Many ideas come to your mind when something disgust you! Never mind, I will always remember this and never again, no never I will eat that again. In spite of what I have ate the day before, that morning I felt great! I have survived of this horror night ...

Long time ago, in country houses, there were hang fly catcher ribbons above the tables because the flies were everywhere. These tiny creatures invaded our daily lives, especially when a barn was not far away from the house, and there was always the strong odors which grasped us the nose.

In the morning, for breakfast, I used to make myself toasts on the wood stove. The smell spread through the house with the aroma of fresh coffee. On my toasts, I spread them with caramel and bananas. But at my grandmother Anna's house, there were not these sticky fly ribbons as at my paternal grandmother Letourneau's home at St-Pierre de Montmagny.

The only way to overcome the black flies in my grandmother Anna's house, was with the famous fly swatter, nothing else .

Was it by naivety or bad luck, the fly swatter was left on the table just beside to my "toasts" in that morning. Oh! No! not this "disgusting thing." It's "revolting" ! Is there anything more disgusting than to see a fly swatter on the morning table when you take your breakfast. I'm not dead however, but I have since that day horror of stews, and flies. Today I am 60 years old and they are still good memories. My grandmother passed away long ago, but her memory is still very present. This story, taken from my adolescence, really and truly happened in this country house, more than 44 years ago in Saint-Magloire, on Lake road, in the beautiful county of Bellechasse.

Today, it's thanks to my grandmother, If I can say that I enjoyed all cuisines of the world as I have traveled to Europe several times. The "test" for this hard culinary trial, I passed with flying colors. I grew up of this experience, and I swear it is true! I'm not picky eater, I learned and the memory is still present even after so many years ... I can say that I love the meatball stew, but only at Christmas time, but if it is groundhog stew, never more ...

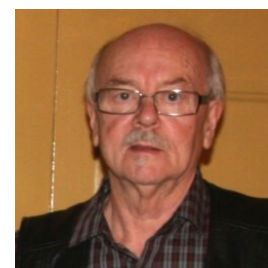


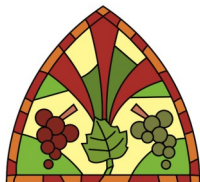
**My grandmother Anna Chabot (with white hair),  
my mother Yvette Chabot and my father Georges Létourneau  
of Welland, Ontario**



**Text by:  
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# la Halte des Pèlerins

## From construction to Vineyard

From a lineage of courageous people that did not hesitate to cross the U.S. borders to improve their lives, son of Paul-Emile Chabot and Cecile Heneault.



This is the story of Jacques Chabot who wanted to build a legacy for generations to come; starting with his daughter, Genevieve Chabot, and his granddaughters Naomi (2000) and Raphaëlle Corbin (2003).

In 1998, Mr. Chabot, owner of a undeveloped land in Sherbrooke, decided to become partner with his son in law ,Marco Corbin, to fulfill a dream. The two men, previously working in construction, decided to start a vineyard.

You can imagine all the efforts and all the money invested before to get the first bottle of wine. Acquiring the skills to become a good winegrower can take a long time and can be a process of trial and error because at the beginning there are any program offered in school in Quebec. Then we must find the right vines hoping they will resist Sherbrooke winters and which will produce good wines. Quebec's viticulture dates only from the mid 1980s. So when starting a vineyard, every-thing is still to be discovered in this area, because there is no secret recipe or grape that actually proven.



Fortunately, there are more successes than errors. Over a period of ten years, we have planted more than 20,000 vines, we have built three buildings, we have purchased all kind of vineyard equipments, we have build roads to go around the land and have created the entire infrastructure to welcome any visitors. It took thousands of hours of work and perseverance.

Finally **La Halte des Pèlerins** opened its doors in 2008. A family vineyard was born. Ten years of madness, passion, hard work, innovation and invention have borne fruit. The vineyard has been enjoying strong growth since it opened and now it offers many wines (also available in SAQ stores or SAQ.com and several activities to do on site, including tastings, guided tours and harvest! It is even equipped with a huge heated tent to offer everyone the opportunity to enjoy the area to hold a reception.

From the very beginning, the relationship with the public had an important place in the vineyard, for everyone, at one time or another; put their shoulders to the wheel. Genevieve and her husband work both in the vineyard and at many gourmet events where they present their wines. Is a short visit to the vineyard tempting you? You can visit their website: <http://www.haltespelerins.com/>

The Association of Chabot takes hat off to this family of the Eastern Townships and wish them much success and long life in this adventure that reminds us of our roots ..

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# *An Adoption Story*



*Lea-Sofia, Guillaume Lapointe, Mirka the dog, Jacob Lapointe and Genevieve Chabot photographed in front of their home in Lévis after Jacob's adoption in Colombia.*

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