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## *Robyn & Joey ceremony in 2020 in Shawville*



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## Message from the President



Dear members,

Finally, we were able to hold our meeting and celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Association des Chabot, it was about time. We were 50 people for this wonderful day. We thank all those

who were present.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a nice winter, not too much snow and not too much cold, but a lot of fun for all. I also want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the members of the Board.

Winter is the best time to go through our photo and memory boxes. Why not share your findings with your Association?

Every year we have generous donors who bring us gifts that we give away as door prizes. We express our gratitude and appreciation to Clémence and Émilie for the Casino Montreal packages, in collaboration with Groupe Voyage Québec. Club Piscine, for the beach towels and Marcel Chabot for the CDs of the Chabot hymn.

Your president received a book (The Light of Time) from Pauline Chabot from Ontario. I would like to thank her, it was much appreciated.

Give a gift subscription to the Chabot Association to a relative, friend or acquaintance.

If you like your magazine (Les Chabotteries). Share it with other Shabbies and let them know about the Association.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors who have accepted to continue or who have renewed their mandate as well as our three new members. Clément, Claudette and I have agreed to continue; Marie-France, Herman, Louis-Georges and Lyne have joined the board. Anyone who would like to join the Board is welcome, we need help in all areas. You have a few minutes to offer to your Association, we are waiting for you.

As always, renewing your membership is a must to keep our Association alive. The renewal date is listed on the back cover of the magazine on the mailing label and it is listed on the email when you receive the magazine.

We need your eyes and ears to keep us informed of all things anything relative to Chabot families or individuals in each of your regions. We would appreciate it if you could inform us when new Chabot's descendance arrive (date of birth and photo if possible).

It is very important to communicate with us to inform us of any change in your phone number, address and postal code or your email address.

In 2023, our gathering will be held at a location to be determined. More details to come in the next magazine. Why not invite a relative or friend?

Start telling your friends and family about our next gathering now.

*Maryo Chabot Tremblay*  
member n° 275

## Interview with Karyn Chabot



MCT - Tell us a little about yourself.

KC - My name is Karyn Chabot, I am the mother of 3 boys. Benjamin 27, Nicolas 25, and Anthony 21, I live in Abitibi Témiscamingue. For the past 10 years, I have been a host family and celebrant for 22 years, so I offer wedding, vow renewal, baptism or welcome to life and funeral services.

MTC - Where were you born?

KC - I was born in Val-d'Or in 1971 at the hospital.

MCT - What are your parents' names?

KC - My father is Jean-Paul Chabot and my mother is Cecile Tremblay.

MCT - Do you have brothers and sisters?

KC - I have a brother named Yan Chabot

MCT - Are you married?

KC - I am single.

MCT - Tell us about your family

KC - We are a family of entrepreneurs.

My father had the first motorcycle business in Abitibi and was the Bibeau family's mechanic for motorcycle races. Thanks to his mechanical skills, he still repairs and transforms anything he can get his hands on to meet his needs. He was the owner of Élévation-Château, a moving and house elevation company. We had a stable with a boarding service and a rental service for hiking. Today my brother with his wife and 3 daughters have the Éva River Ranch for boarding and breeding horses.

My mother was a store manager and went back to school as an adult to become a driving instructor. Today she manages the kitchen (at Cecile's private catering) for her family and friends. I started my career as a hairdresser at 16 years old and since then I continue to train in and manage the areas I am passionate about.

MCT - Where did you receive your primary education?

KC - I did my primary education at Sainte-Lucie School in Val-d'Or from kindergarten to grade 2 and at Marie from grade 3 to grade 6

MCT - Where did you go to high school?



KC - We moved to Malartic. I did my high school studies at the polyvalente Le Tremplin. After my third year of high school, I left on my own and enrolled in a private school in Montreal at the Institut Reine-Marie on Saint-Michel. I was dreaming big and I needed to leave my daily life behind. I came back to finish high school at Le Tremplin.

MCT - At which CEGEP did you continue your studies?

KC - Following in my mother's footsteps, I went back to school at Cegep de l'Abitibi Témiscamingue in 2001 to get an attestation in early childhood care.

MCT - At which university will you continue your studies?

KC - I took online courses to do the first module of teaching at the primary level at UQAT 2016.

MCT - Do you have any children?

KC - I have 3 boys, 2 grandchildren and one on the way

MCT - What is your profession?

KC - I am an entrepreneur so, I have several professions, I am a curious person, I like to learn, I like to set up services and meet needs while respecting my values of lightness, freedom and pride.

MCT - Are you bilingual?

KC - Yes, I am bilingual, I speak French and English so that's why since 2020 I also offer my services as a celebrant in the Ottawa region area which allows me to offer bilingual ceremonies.

MCT - Where did you get the desire to celebrate weddings?

KC - As a teenager, I was a fan of American Soap and **since the characters often remarried**, weddings were not held in churches. My children's father was married in church and we were looking for another option. We imagined a ceremony with our children at our home. FSEV which is an ecumenical organization had their advertisement in the magazine Mariage Québec. Finally, our project did not take place and after contacting Mr. Berger, who had agreed to come to Abitibi, he told me if you know someone who would like to become a celebrant in your area, tell them to contact me. My journey as a celebrant had just begun with that call.

MCT - Do you need any special training to be a wedding officiant?

KC - Yes, first of all, it is the organization that recruits us, that trains us and refers us to the civil registry office to obtain the permit. After verifications, if the candidate is retained, he/she obtains a temporary permit and it is the mandate of the organization to do the quality control for the request for the renewal of the permit annually.

MCT Explain what this work consists of

KC - The legal part is dictated by the civil status. Publication act, part of the ceremony embedding legalization and signing the marriage declaration in front of witnesses are part of our legal responsibility.

The organization accompanies the officiant, offers an emergency service to replace the original officiant and is the bearer of the records.

As for the celebration, following discussions with the couple, the creation of the celebration begins. We accompany the couple in their choice of rituals and thus create a ceremony that respects their values, beliefs, intentions and any other requests in order to represent their commitment.

Ceremonies are mostly held on Saturdays, but as officiants, we are allowed to celebrate 365 days a year.

MCT - Can you officiate anywhere?

KC - Yes, throughout Quebec, but couples can come from anywhere in the world.

MCT - Why did you choose to officiate weddings?

KC - I sincerely believe that we are entitled to the same service as in the larger regions. We had to have a celebrant come from the Laurentians to officiate our wedding and from that point on, I thought, all couples who are getting married will now have access to this service.

MCT - What is your fondest memory as an officiant?

KC - Ah, my best memory is my training to become a celebrant. This made the rest concrete, lit the flame inside me so that today, every time I have a commitment for a ceremony, I use this love that I felt from the founders, Mr. Berger, Diane and Michel.

I create a ceremony in the image of the love of the couples, it is this image of the love of the people who accompanied me to become a celebrant that I want to be able to continue to transmit. Since then, each ceremony allows me to have new memories and to celebrate life as I love it.

MCT - Do you have a cause that is close to your heart?

KC - The cause that is close to my heart is family. Everything I do brings me back to family.

MCT - What other things do you do?

KC - I like to listen to TV shows, to discover the story, to be part of their daily life and to get to know the characters. It's a break I give myself, it takes my mind off things and sometimes, it gives me ideas. I have discovered an interest in social networking, I want to help young adults reclaim their rituals and create ceremonies to mark their life story.

MCT - What sports do you play?

KC - I love the pool, I love swimming and doing aqua fitness. Since I live with a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, this is what keeps me mobile.

MCT - What would be your greatest dream?

KC - My dream! To build a gazebo attached to my house and install an Endless Pool.

MCT - What country would you like to visit?

KC - Going to Ireland would have been a project I would have done for my 50th birthday, but of course with the COVID it is a project I put aside. I want to travel around Ireland in a Caravan.

MCT - Are you interested in genealogy?

KC - More since the last few years when I started thinking about my trip to Ireland. My paternal grandmother is Irish so her parents immigrated to Canada and it just kind of clicked for me from that point on.

MCT - Have you ever had a DNA test.

KC - No, I have never had a DNA test.

MCT - Do you know that there is an association of Chabot families?

KC - Yes, thanks to Mr. Maryo Chabot Tremblay who called me on Messenger I discovered the association.

MCT - Would you like to be a member of the Chabot association?

KC - I'm thinking about it, I haven't taken action yet, but I follow their Facebook page.

MCT - In closing, what would you say to the youth of today?



KC - What I tell today's youth, both my own children and my foster children, is to believe in your dreams. To find the people and the team that will allow us to take the next step towards your dreams. Even if it seems unattainable, we don't know when it will happen, but when the vision is clear, we can have the conviction that it will happen one day!

MCT - Ms. Chabot, the Chabot Association thanks you for this interview.

# Ancêtres de Karyn Chabot Lignée paternelle

Jean-Paul Chabot	Le Moine, Val-D'Or , Abitibi	September 06, 1971	Cécile Tremblay
Pierre Chabot	St-Jacques-Le Mineur,	November 28, 1942	Clarina Poirier
Louis Chabot	St-Lazare-de-Bellechasse	January 10, 1905	Priscilla Labrecque
Pierre Chabot	St-Lazare-de-Bellechasse	July 18, 1871	Marie Goupil
Pierre Chabot	St-Lazare-de-Bellechasse	February 17, 1846	Adélaïde Trudel
Pierre Chabot	St-Charles-de-Bellechasse	July 31, 1810	Geneviève Gosselin
Jean-Baptiste Chabot	St-Charles-de-Bellechasse	January 8, 1781	Marguerite Lacasse
Pierre Chabot	St-Laurent, I.O.	April 17, 1752	Thérèse Leclerc
Jean Chabot	St-Laurent, I.O.	April 26, 1718	Marie-Madeleine Dufresne
Jean Chabot	St-Pierre, I.O	November 17, 1692	Éléonore Enaud
Mathurin Chabot	Notre-Dame-de-Québec	November 17, 1661	Marie Mésange



## The merchant of happiness



Louis A. Chabot was born in Willimantic, Connecticut on August 18, 1909, the eldest of eight children, the son of Joseph Chabot, a native of St-Raphael de Bellechasse, Quebec and Angelina Champagne, a native of Manchester, New Hampshire.

This man, who without knowing it, was a merchant of happiness. A nurseryman by profession, he brought joy and happiness to the hearts of hundreds of thousands of families across the United States during the holiday season. Here is the content of this article:

It was while reading an article in the Newport Daily Express (Newport, Vermont) dated Tuesday, November 21, 1950, that I learned that his role as a Christmas tree provider was more than a job, but a gift that one gives at Christmas.

As the holiday season approaches, nearly a million Christmas trees are pouring into northeastern Vermont and nearby centers in Quebec and the New Hampshire border these days to be shipped by rail and truck to metropolitan areas. One of the major shippers in this region is Louis A. Chabot of Newport, Vermont. In an interview with Chabot, it was learned that he will be shipping over 85,000 units in the next few weeks. Chabot ships all of his trees by rail, which requires about 30 flat cars. On the small cars, Chabot ships about 400 trees and on the large cars, he can ship about 850 trees. In shipping these trees, Chabot ships them in bundles of one to seven large trees and bundles of 10 to 12 small trees. Chabot ships his trees as far south as Florida and Alabama, and he also ships trees to New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other states on the East Coast.



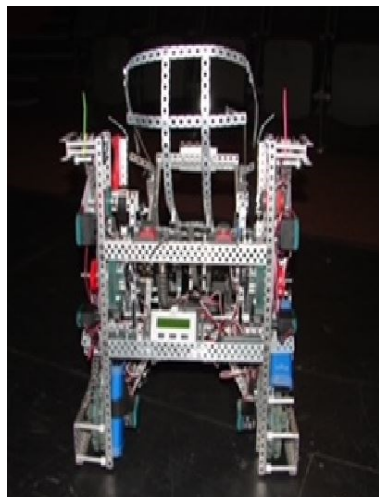
In addition to regular evergreen trees, Chabot also ships approximately 1,500 fireproof trees in green, red, blue, silver, aluminum and orange. These trees are used in major nightclubs in New York, New Orleans and other major cities. They are also used by various ice shows, including Sonja Henie's shows, (three-time Olympic champion, ten-time world champion, after the Olympics she will have a career in Hollywood as a skater and actress). These colorful fireproof trees are also used in department stores for their Christmas displays. Mr. Chabot has been in the Christmas tree business for 25 years. He currently has close to 15 employees who work for him cutting and shipping these Christmas trees.

Louis Chabot sadly lost his life at the age of 81 on December 9, 1990 when he was hit by a car while walking on East Main Street in Newport.



*Diane Chabot Pard*  
*Member # 09*

## An inspiring teacher



My brother, Marc Chabot, is the youngest of our family of 6 children, our parents are Burton and Felicie Chabot . He is a high school robotics teacher in Vermont. This is the story of one of his former students who, as part of a team, built his own robot which he named "Cha-Bot" after his teacher.

Growing up in rural Vermont, I had a more isolated upbringing than I would have liked, and everyone I could hang out with was far away - but that all changed in freshman year, when I took a robotics class.

I was attending a small high school with a total of 300 students. A few younger students chose to join me, and we created a robotics team led by our teacher, Marc Chabot. I discovered the VEX robotics competition and applied for a grant from our school's alumni association.

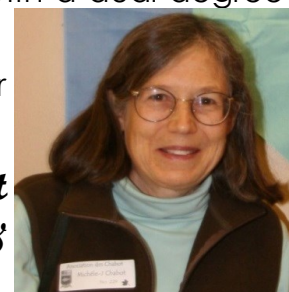
We named our first robot "Cha-bot" in honor of Mr. Chabot, and in our first competition we came in dead last. Luckily, we were assigned to the same table as the previous year's world champions, and we learned a lot from talking to them. Armed with their advice, we rebuilt our robot and placed second in every competition for the rest of the year. We went on to qualify for the VEX Robotics World Championships, which is a strange feat for a first-year team.

While Mr. Chabot answered our most complex questions, he mostly enabled us to succeed on our own. He applied for several grants to help fund our team, and even paid out of pocket while we waited for them to be awarded. I am so grateful for everything Mr. Chabot did: He gave us access, capacity, a classroom and space. Then he let us learn by letting us. When he would leave for a meeting, he would say, "Don't set the house on fire." He's been running the robotics club for over 10 years now, and it's one of the reasons people go to Thetford Academy.

Because of robotics, I went to the Governor's Institute in Vermont, a summer camp for teens, where I met graduates of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and, to my surprise, found out you could go to college in robotics. My grades were a little rough, but I was accepted without being waitlisted and had an amazing four years. I learned a lot from my classmates, discovered my passion for software, and graduated with a dual degree in robotics and computer science.

I hope this story will motivate and inspire other teachers, no matter what grade they teach, to learn and change their destiny.

*Michele J. Chabot*  
Membre # 228







Cap-Saint-Ignace cultural center where Léandre Boutin's room is located



Pauline Chabot from Ontario gave the book (La lumière du temps)



See on your left, three pictures of the participants of the 15th anniversary of the association in the Léandre Boutin room.



Maryo Chabot Tremblay, Claudette Chabot,  
Marie-France Chabot et Clément Chabot

Some more pictures of the  
15 th anniversary of  
of the Chabot association





**ASSOCIATION DES CHABOT**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Year ending May 31, 2021**

<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
As of May 31, 2022		
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<b>Assets</b>		
Short term assets		
Bank Balance	6,197 \$	7,110 \$
PayPal	,276	,336
Brunch 2018 Advances	(,070)	,125
Gifts for 15th	1,500	
	<b>7,903 \$</b>	<b>7,446 \$</b>

**Liabilities and Assets**

Association Assets

Assets at the start of the year	7,446 \$	3,693 \$
Profits or (Losses) during the year	,457	3,753 \$

**7,903 \$**      **7,446 \$**

**On behalf of the Board**

*Maryo Chabot Tremblay*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ administrator

*Clément Chabot*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ administrator

**ASSOCIATION DES CHABOT**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Year ending May 31,2020**

**Results from 20202019**

**The year ending May 31,2020**

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**Revenues**

Membership fees	<b>4,325 \$</b>	5,210 \$
Brunch exchange	<b>(,040)</b>	U.S. dollar
	<b>,130</b>	,011
Gifts	<b>1,075</b>	,173
Merchandise sales	<b>,194</b>	,754
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	<b>6,415 \$</b>	9,857 \$

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**Expenditures**

Mailing		,120 \$
Printing	<b>1,866 \$</b>	2,491
Office supplies	<b>,052</b>	,012
FASQ		,443
Bank fees & PayPal	<b>,087</b>	,045
Brunch		,274
Travel and meetings	<b>,021</b>	,293
Website	<b>,442</b>	,741
IGIF	<b>,035</b>	,035
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	<b>2.816 \$</b>	6,222 \$

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**Revenue (or expenditure) deficit** **3.753 \$** **,193 \$**

**For those desiring a copy of the financial statements, you can request it at info**  
**by email to this address: [info@association-chabot.com](mailto:info@association-chabot.com)**

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

**A: President's Message:** The President of the Association, Mr. Maryo Tremblay (Chabot by his mother, member #275) presented a review of the last three years (2019-2020-2021-2022).

He mentioned that a lot has happened since the last meeting in 2019. He thanked the members in general for their loyalty, and all the members of the Board of Directors, who if they were not there for the Chabot Association, we would surely not be here today. He also mentions our workers who have been at work, in the shadows and relentlessly since the beginning of the association.

News from the Association

The Association is able to produce an updated electronic version of the Mathurin descendants' marriage directory upon request; it will be available for sale at a price of \$50, mailing costs to be added) ;

The Association has continued to produce four journals of the Chabotteries annually despite the pandemic of COVID-19 and its variants;

Our website now has a members-only section that is kept as up-to-date as possible. He invites members who wish to do so to ask him for a password;

He mentioned that he has received many congratulations for our website and that many new members have joined the association via the website.

He added that unfortunately, we have lost several members through death. We offer our condolences to the families.

- All members who would like to receive their magazine electronically should advise us, they can also give their name at the reception desk.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know.

The phone calls from Claudette and Clément for members' birthdays are greatly appreciated. I thank them for you.

It is important to notify us of any changes. If you have moved, don't forget to give us your new contact information so we can correct the situation.

He then presented the membership picture, as of September 15, 2022

Active members distributed as follows:

4 honorary members, 8 life members, 178 members for terms of 1 to 5 years,

NB: 32 new members included in the total of 190. 78 are deceased members.

Finances

Mr. Léon Chabot (member #43), accountant, reviewed the financial reports of the last 3 years. We have placed the last report (2021-2022) at the entrance, those of the two previous years were published in the magazine *Les Chabotteries*.

Claude (member #1) and Diane, member #9), are always looking for information about Mathurin Chabot descendants to add to the Brother's Keeper database. A big round of applause to thank them.

I would like to point out that our Chairperson received the 2022 Bar Merit Award; you will find information on this in the December 2022 issue.

The situation of the Board of Directors

As you may know, we have all completed our terms of office. As mentioned in the *Chabotteries*, we are now three members of the Board of Directors. Claudette, Clément, and me. Alain had agreed to continue to do the translation and correction of the journals in both languages until September 2022. We really want to thank him. We need to find help to continue. We need help.

Would the 15th anniversary of the Association mark the end of this beautiful adventure?

We need help with various tasks, for the Board of Directors, or any other position, as treasurer, for recruitment as well as members who could look for news about the Chabot and notify us of anything concerning the Chabot.

Please note that if we don't have help, the Sculpin Association could see its end of life. It is essential that members come forward if you want your Association to live on.

If no one steps up, we will try to hold on for its last year of existence if that is the case. So it is up to you to tell us what you want for the future. Without help, there will not be much chance for the Association to survive.

### **B. A guest from ONTARIO**

Lucie Chabot-Hevey, who lives in the Mid-Northern region of Ontario, presented the book of Mrs. Yvette Chabot of **Ste-Mélanie, artist**. She announced that members could order a copy from the people at the registration table. She then gave the copy in her hand as a tribute gift to the president.

At the request of the founding president Claude Chabot (member #1), Marie France Chabot (member #80) read 3 tribute letters written by the founder: a tribute letter to M. Maryo Tremblay (Chabot by his mother, member #275) for his 10 years of presidency and his contribution in general (also written in part by Marcel Chabot (member #96), another letter in tribute to Diane Chabot-Pard (member #9) for her continuous contribution to the genealogical bank and a third one in tribute to Marcel Chabot (member #96) for his participation for many years on the Board of Directors and for the composition of our anthem. A hearty round of applause supports the well-deserved content of these three letters.

### **12:30 pm Lunch.**

### **1:45 p.m. Re-opening of the meeting.**

Present: Mr. Maryo Tremblay (Chabot by his mother, member #275), president, Claudette Chabot (member #491), director, Clément Chabot (member #89), secretary, and 46 members from several regions of Quebec and Ontario.

### **1. Appointments to the Chair and the Secretariat of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The nomination of Marie France Chabot (member #80) was proposed by Marguerite Chabot (member #237). The motion was seconded by François Chabot (member #71). Carried unanimously

For the position of secretary of the meeting, the nomination of Clément Chabot (member #89) was proposed by Hélène Chabot, (member #103) and seconded by Claude Chabot (member #1).

Marie France Chabot will chair the meeting as of her nomination.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The President mentioned that the item concerning the adoption of the minutes of the September 15, 2019 meeting was omitted. She indicated that it should be inserted after the adoption of the agenda.

Adoption of the agenda as amended was moved by Steve Chabot (member #539), and seconded by Lyne Gaudreault (Chabot by her mother, member #573). Carried unanimously.

### **3. Adoption of the 2019 AGM minutes**

The Chairperson mentioned that the said minutes were previously published in issue #49 of the Chabotteries. She read them. She then mentioned that only those persons then present were entitled to vote on the adoption of these minutes.

After reading, the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Marguerite Chabot (member #237), and seconded by Nicole Goupil (Chabot by her mother, member #270).



#### **4. Presentation and Acceptance of the 2020-2021-2022 Financial Statements and Appointment of Auditor for 2022-2023**

The President of the Association read the 2021-2022 Financial Statements (year ending May 31, 2022). He mentioned that the balance sheets for the previous two years had been published in the magazine *Les Chabotteries*.

These 3 financial statements were examined by Mr. Léon Chabot (member #43) who declared them to be in conformity with accounting principles.

The adoption of the 2021-2022 balance sheet was proposed by François Chabot (member #71). Carried unanimously.

#### **5. Election of directors.**

Claude Chabot (member #1) is self-nominated as president of elections. No one else is nominated. He acts in that capacity.

The President of the Association explained that two people had resigned from the Board, Alain Chabot (member #565) and Isabelle Chabot (member #546). They were thanked for their participation. Mr. Maryo Tremblay (Chabot by his mother, member #275), Claudette Chabot (member #491) and Clément Chabot (member #89) declared their willingness to continue to be members of the Board for one year.

Claude Chabot took the other nominations for the Board:

Marie France Chabot (member #80) nominated herself and of course, she accepts

Marie France Chabot proposes her brother Louis-Georges Chabot (member #272) who accepted by phone.

Claudette Chabot (member #491) proposed Lyne Gaudreault (Chabot by her mother, member #573). Lyne Gaudreault accepted.

Helene Chabot (member #103)) nominated Herman Chabot (member #386). Herman Chabot accepts.

#### **6. Door prize draw: 17 door prizes were given out.**

A half and half draw was held.

Then 17 door prizes are distributed randomly by draw.

The president proposes to draw subscriptions to the Association. He gives the choice to the assembly to draw either a 5 year subscription or 5 one year subscriptions. The assembly votes by a show of hands and chooses to distribute 5 one-year subscriptions at random. The names of all members are on paper strips in a container. The president of the assembly draws the following 5 names: Lionel Chabot (member #374), Nicolas Chabot (member #567), Richard Bégin (Chabot by his mother, member #456), Martin Chabot (member #560), and Nicole Kay Chabot (member #506).

#### **7. Thanks to the people who helped organize the gathering.**

The President thanked everyone who helped with the preparation of the 15th Anniversary AGM; notably the members of the Board of Directors, Clément's wife and his wife and all the other people involved.

#### **8. Question period**

A few questions of clarification were asked.

#### **9. Closing of the meeting**

The closing of the AGM was proposed by Mr. Maryo Tremblay (Chabot by his mother, member #275) and seconded by Marie France Chabot (member #80). Carried unanimously

The AGM ended at 3:00 p.m.

By Clément Chabot (member #89), secretary, assisted by Marie-France Chabot (member #80), this 11th day of September 2022.

## The Merit of the Barreau to Me Marie-France Chabot, retired lawyer



Me Marie-France Chabot, retired lawyer.

Recipient of the Mériete du Barreau, Marie-France Chabot first worked as a clinical psychologist before obtaining her law degree from Laval University in 1990. A top student, she obtained the best academic average in her class: the stage was set for a career as a lawyer who will reach high standards and who will be a model for the profession.

"I am touched by the approach of Me Louise Boulanger and Me Jean Marois who submitted my candidacy to receive this mark of recognition from the Quebec Bar. At the end of my career as a lawyer, in addition to the flattering opinion of my colleagues and clients, I too have a positive assessment. Driven by my family's motivational impetus, nourished by the teachings of my learned professors, supported by the influence of competent and generous colleagues and by my own ambitions, I have constantly set myself the goal of reaching an Olympic standard. This drive for excellence has allowed me to give my best for justice and for the improvement of relationships, especially in the workplace. I believe that I have contributed to bringing us closer to these noble goals. I am moved that the Bar recognizes and emphasizes this," says Ms. Chabot who is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

She was first attracted to psychology, particularly the field of mediation. She set up peer mediation programs in several Quebec elementary schools, an expertise that later led her to give a training session at the Université de Paix in Namur, Belgium, and at the Mediation Centre in Iasi, Romania. Her interests and her desire to make a difference naturally led her to law school.

### Teaching at the heart of her career

While in law school, she represented her faculty in a Canadian criminal and constitutional law moot court competition and her all-female team won hands down. During a trip to New Zealand with the same team, she became interested in the demands of the country's Aboriginal people. She published a paper that attracted the attention of the Aboriginal Law Branch of the Department of Justice, which invited her to do her Bar internship. This internship was to be a defining moment in her budding legal career.

Her diverse professional experiences, her great ability to popularize and her teaching skills have led her to train many colleagues in her fields of interest. She first taught psychology at the college level before teaching at the Faculty of Law of Laval University as a practical training supervisor. She has also contributed to training in civil and commercial mediation.

Her interest in mediation led her to the Quebec Bar Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution, which became the leitmotif of her career. She has developed an expertise in the area of psychological harassment in the workplace and regularly gives training on psychological harassment in the workplace. The two fundamental fields of interest of Ms. Chabot are combined and, little by little, Ms. Chabot becomes a renowned expert and a respected reference in the field of mediation and psychological harassment.

### **Psychological harassment in the workplace**

A true pioneer in the prevention and resolution of psychological harassment disputes in Quebec, Marie-France Chabot has developed innovative and effective methodologies and tools to assess alleged harassment situations and conduct investigations in the best interests of justice.

Several practitioners have benefited from her teachings and her advances in the practice of this expertise. These are now cited in best practices and in publications for investigators. Ms. Chabot has provided basic training in workplace harassment to representatives from various Quebec government departments as well as to respondents from various parapublic organizations, universities, colleges, school boards, non-profit organizations and private companies. Marie-France Chabot is recognized by her peers and by the many people who have received her training as an accomplished teacher, an outstanding communicator and a rigorous legal expert.



The Chabot Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Marie-France Chabot for chairing three meetings, the first, second and sixth, as well as for preparing the Chabot Association's bylaws.

Mrs. Marie-France is member number 80 of the Association des Chabot since August 2007.

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## *Update of the Chabot Association*

As of December 2022, your Association has: 190 active members (including 37 new members who have been added since the last general meeting held in September 2019.)

We also have 78 former members who have passed away since the founding.

We have produced 4 magazines *les Chabotteries* in the last year

We have modified the Association's website.

A section reserved for members

We have created, for you: a Facebook page;

A Facebook group.

A Facebook group reserved only for the members of the Association des Chabot

We have added a page on the website for changes to your contact information:

<https://association-chabot.com/adhesion/changement-adresse/>

It is important to check on the back of your magazine the renewal date of your membership so that you don't miss your next magazine after the 3 months grace period.

The management

The direction



Claudette, Isabelle, Clément, Lyne, Marie-France, Herman, Louis-Georges and Maryo we wish you a Merry Christmas! As well as 12 months of joy, 52 weeks of pleasure, 365 days of happiness, 8760 hours of health, 525,600 minutes of luck, 31,536,000 seconds of joy and an excellent year 2023!

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