

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to all the members of the Association des Labrecque, It is with enthusiasm and a head full of beautiful images that I returned from the trip 'back to our roots', last September 25th. This issue of the Bulletin will give you an idea of it.

In Dieppe, on September 14th, we held the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the annex building of the Town Hall. On this occasion, we posthumously awarded to Michel Qu nel the status of Emeritus Member 2025. This Dieppois, descendant of the Delabrecque by his mother, died on June 13th, 2025; he was a key player in the installation, in June 2020, of the commemorative plaque that we were able to admire at St. Jacques Church, in the Canadian Chapel. Present via internet, France Labrecque (14) read in front of his family the tribute she had composed for him. As a witness to this tribute and the entire ceremony, V ronique Weber, of the Quotidien Ouest-France, published an article on September 26th titled: "L'Hommage posthume de Canadiens au Dieppois Michel Qu nel." A complete report with photos of this unique event is presented here, on pages 3 to 7.

During the AGM, I presented the 2024-2025 activities report. Mainly 3 projects have been carried out, and successfully: the organization of the trip to France, the preparation of the General Assembly to be held in Dieppe, and the reprinting of the book *Les Labrecque en Am rique*. Then, as will be explained on page 10, the dissolution of the F d ration des Associations de Famille du Qu bec (FAFQ) led us to make the decision to affiliate with the Quebec Federation of Genealogical Societies (FQSG).

We have also adopted the 2024-2025 Financial Statements. They are presented to you on page 11, in parallel with the results of the previous year. As you will be able to read, while we had ended the 2023-2024 fiscal year with a deficit of \$448.95, we closed the 2024-2025 year with a surplus of \$1449.40.

This is mainly explained by tighter management of expenses (printing and postal charges) and a decrease in costs related to the FAFQ (leave of membership fees and of payment of one of the 2 insurances). Remember that our financial years go from May 1st to April 30th. Congratulations to the treasurer for his excellent work. Then, we received the report of the genealogy committee presented by its president, Andr  Labrecque. Page 12, you will be able to read examples of the work done in gathering information for the H r dis database.

Pages 14-15, you will meet the members of the group of Labrecque travelers. Then you will travel with them to St-Pierre d'Ol ron (pages 16-17), where Pierre Labrecque's wife, Jeanne Chotard, was born. Finally, it is the marine past of our ancestors that will be revealed with a visit to the Normandy Boat Museum in Caen and the Labrecque Shipyard Museum in Courseulles-sur-Mer (pages 18-19). Enjoy your reading.

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