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The president message



On behalf of the members of your administrative board I wish you happiness, joy and especially health this holiday season.

The year 2008 will be a year of celebrations. I am thinking of our reunion on August 16, which not only highlights the 400th anniversary of the founding of Quebec City but also the 20th anniversary for the Levasseur Association. Additionally we will launch our two dictionaries, one on the descendants of Laurent Levasseur and the other on the descendants of Pierre and Jean Levasseur.

Last October, we held an administrative board meeting and a general meeting. Unfortunately, not many members were able to attend the general meeting. In this newsletter you will find the minutes of the general meeting written by our secretary, Marie-Noëlle.

Congratulations to those who were elected to the board, Joseph, Marie-Noëlle, Michèle and Paul Levasseur.

I invite you to visit the "Photo" section on our web site where an obituary section has been added. An extract of the obituary will be under the picture of the deceased. I invite you to visit that section of the web site frequently since we are adding obituaries on a daily basis. In a few months, you should find hundreds of obituaries of your loved ones.

You can send us recent or old obituaries of anyone with the name Levasseur, Borgia or Carmel, as well as those of their spouses and their descendants. A picture of the deceased will accompany the text. If no picture exists, the obituary will be located in the "Data base" section of the web site.

Gilles Carmel, president

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The next newsletter will focus on our upcoming Levasseur reunion in Quebec City in 2008. In that issue, we will also launch our two new dictionaries





Minutes from the general meeting that was held on October 20th at St-Gregoire

by: Marie-Noëlle Levasseur



The general annual meeting of the Levasseur association was held on October 20, 2007 at the hotel Cinquante-Cinq in Becancour. Many items were on the agenda. Gilles Carmel, the President, started by offering his condolences to Joseph Levasseur on behalf of all the members of the Association. Joseph's wife, Jeannette, passed away on October 9, 2007. Jeannette was always present at all the reunions and she will be greatly missed.

Gilles also mentioned that in 2008, we will be launching two dictionaries, one on the descendants of Laurent Levasseur and another one on the descendants of Pierre and Jean Levasseur. He reminded everyone interested in purchasing a dictionary to give their names before the end of December 2007.

He invites the members to write their family stories and to send them in to the Association. Articles can also be written on any subject related to the Levasseur. Pictures would also be appreciated since they are an interesting element for the newsletter.

The treasurer, Paul Levasseur read the financial statement for the year 2006-2007, year ending March 31, 2007. The Association's finances are in good shape. He mentions that our main source of revenue is the membership fees and new members are always welcome.

Let's not forget that our next reunion will be August 16, 2008 at the Centre Le Montmartre, 1669, St Louis Street in Quebec City. The Association will be celebrating 20 years. We hope that many Levasseur will accept this invitation.

Finally, in order to protect and preserve the Association, a committee was formed to study and modify the rules which will be voted at the general meeting in 2008.



Yan Levasseur wins the personality award of the 2nd and 3rd cycle at the Gala Forces Avenir of 2007

by: Henri P. Levasseur (56)

Note from the author: Yan Levasseur is 26 years of age and is my grand-son. This article was from the magazine "Force Avenir" of September 2007

It is with great surprise that the young student of Saint-Jean, Yan Levasseur, has received the \$4,000 scholarship for winning the personality awards.

When Yan Levasseur talks about his studies and innumerable projects, he does so with great modesty. But if you listen to his teachers, you begin to realise that he is simply an exceptional individual, dedicated to others and to the planet and motivated by a desire to contribute in many different ways to the greater well-being of all.



"I have rarely met anyone with so much talent, who can still remain honest, humble and sincere. He is not afraid to take on challenges," said his director of graduate studies at the *École de Technologie Supérieure*, Jacques-André Landry. *"I am impressed by his ability to take on so much at so many different levels without it having a negative effect on his research,"* he went on to say.

"Yan is exceptional in every respect. The studies he has undertaken and his qualities and skills make him an excellent candidate for becoming one of the eminent researchers that Québec will need in the years to come," stated Jean-Christophe Demers, Yan's former teacher and research assistant. While pursuing his studies, Yan relentlessly travels to all four corners of the world, gives of his time to numerous community organizations and attends all kinds of courses in order to satisfy his need for learning. He easily switches from French to English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Mandarin and Esperanto.

It was above all his travels to Asia and Costa Rica that "fuelled his passion for mutual aid, and also kindled his desire for the overall well-being of the planet, be it in the area of the environment, health or social organization." To this end, in 2005, with two partners he founded the non-profit organization "The Earth Being", "an all-in-one for the well-being of all," as he so aptly describes it.

"My goal is not to try and persuade people directly or tell them how to live their lives. I want to give them the tools they need to embrace this way of thinking and come to their own conclusions," Yan says simply. He is in fact about to launch an extensive virtual resource centre that will be accessible to Internauts all around the world thanks to the Earth Being website at www.lateresto.org.



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*Our motto ,
DU MIEUX QUE JE PUIS*



**Merry
Christmas**

Direct lineage of Yan Levasseur

- I - Laurent Levasseur, abt 1646–1726
- II - Pierre Levasseur, 1679-1738
- III - Jean-Timothée Levasseur, abt 1716-1816
- IV - Benjamin Levasseur, 1765-1845
- V - Fabien Levasseur, 1802-1888
- VI - Octave Levasseur, 1841-1917
- VII - Octave Levasseur, 1865-1937
- VIII - Antoine Levasseur, 1904-1988
- IX - **Henri-Paul Levasseur**, 1932-
- X - Jean-Marie Levasseur, 1955-
- XI - **Yan Levasseur**, 1981-

Photo section on the web site

Thank you for sending your old pictures for posting on the web site. Thanks to your participation, we are adding dozens of pictures every month! Continue the good work!

<http://www.levasseur.org/albumphoto/album.htm>

This section is available to the members only.
The password to access this album is: **laurent**

