



Levasseur and Carmel Families Association President's Message Presented at the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Dear Members,

What a pleasure it is to meet with you once again for our annual assembly. Each year, this gathering allows us to strengthen our bonds, share our stories, and continue writing together the great adventure of our family. It is not just a tradition; it is a living heritage that we pass on.

Our association does not act alone: it contributes, along with other family associations, to the outreach of a larger network. By promoting genealogical research tools and supporting organizations that work in this field, we strengthen not only our collective memory but also the place of the Levasseur family in the history of America.

However, it is my duty to share with you an important reality. The membership report shows that the average age of our members is 80. If nothing is done, projections indicate that we could fall below 80 members by 2030. This trend, as you can understand, directly threatens the vitality and survival of our association.

The key to reversing this trend is clear: **intergenerational membership**. If we want to ensure continuity, we must attract descendants, younger generations, genealogy enthusiasts, local historians, as well as students and researchers who see in our family history a valuable cultural heritage. The involvement of young people is not only desirable, it is essential.

Such engagement brings many benefits:

- a natural transfer of knowledge and memory between generations;
- new energy and fresh ideas for our activities;
- long-term stability, ensuring that our efforts will not fade but instead grow stronger.

This is why I call on each of you: let us encourage our children, grandchildren, and relatives to subscribe and get involved. The future of the Levasseur Association of America depends on our ability to build this bridge between generations.

Before concluding, I would also like to express my deep gratitude to those who, through their dedication and commitment, have truly stood out this year. My heartfelt thanks go to **Pierre**, our Treasurer, for his rigour and constancy. To **Jean-Pierre**, our true jack-of-all-trades, whose tireless work in IT, the newsletter, genealogical research, and so many other essential aspects of our association is invaluable. I also warmly thank **Gilles, Gilles, Huguette, Joceline, and Carmen**,

whose commitment and ongoing support bring richness and vitality to our association. To each of you, I offer my sincere thanks: your generosity of time and energy makes all the difference.

After much reflection, I must also announce that I will not be continuing my mandate as President. My other commitments require much of my time, and I believe the moment has come to pass the torch. Of course, I will remain an active member, ready to support those who will take up the mission.

I sincerely thank you for the trust you have shown me throughout my mandate. It has been a privilege that I have cherished, and I firmly believe that our association has a bright future if we take this step together toward intergenerational renewal.

With all my friendship,

Guy Levasseur
Outgoing President