

President report

Annual General Meeting of August 25, 2018 in Drummondville

by: Roger Levasseur

I am pleased to report that the Levasseur Association of America continues to progress and provides valuable genealogical information to its members, thanks to the knowledge and proficiency of our Web Master, Jean-Pierre. In cooperation with Carmen Trottier, a Face Book page has been made available to offer information about the Levasseur families to the younger generation members who favour this type of communication vehicle. These initiatives enable the Association to better respond to the needs of a changing generation. Since our last meeting in Québec city in 2017, the Association has continued to update its data base that now has more than 138,000 names. On a regular basis, Gilles Carmel reviews obituaries from across North America and provides valuable information about the Levasseur families and Joceline, the genealogist, adds the information to the data base. In addition, she reviews data from various sources, such as military archives when reference is made to Levasseur, adding it to the data base. I must add that Gilles has been of ongoing and regular assistance to assist me in my tasks to better manage the Association

You will notice when reviewing the Treasurer's report that the Association's financial status is in excellent position. The Association is fortunate to have Pauline as treasurer. The work she has done, to adopt modern procedures to better manage the finances of the Association, has been valuable asset. The Association owes its gratitude to members of the board who have dedicated time, energy and goodwill to ensure the sound operation of the Association. For the past years André LaRochelle has been providing exceptional secretarial services, for which we are very grateful. Unfortunately his health has deteriorated and he is no longer able to offer his services. This gratitude also applies to Raymond Levasseur, VP of the Association, who brought valuable advice to the board and managed the presidency in my absence. Ill health has also sidelined Raymond who is still under care as a result of his heart problems. Ernie Levasseur, who was chosen to replace Joe Levasseur, the goodwill ambassador of the Association for our American members, is also combating the ill effects of disease. He hopes to be ready and able for future meetings..

In the latest Newsletter you will read information about Dr. Irma Levasseur's family funeral monument. The Association, since 2004, has decided to maintain and refurbish the monument. This year, a considerable amount has been spent to repair and refresh the lettering on the monument and adding the name of Irma's brother, Paul. This work is attributable to Huguette and one of our members, Madeleine. Huguette also contributes to the success of your Association by, not only writing articles for the Newsletter but also by reviewing, correcting and ensuring that all French articles published by the Association are letter perfect. Her work is greatly appreciated.

Your new board, for the next two years, will be continuing to dedicate time and effort to ensure the Levasseur family name and their accomplishments are available to future generations.

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