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Greg Kyrouac, KFA representative for the USA Central Time Zone, with his family, visiting Huelgoat, the area where our ancestor, Alexandre de Kervoach, hailed from in Brittany. Here he is with his two daughters, left, Lilianne (Lily), and, right, Hope. They stand next to a stone where a memorial plaque was unveiled by our Association on 9 July 2000, when 32 K/ descendants were on their first pilgrimage to their ancestral land. (Photo credit : Nancy Kyrouac)



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The President's Word

In 2019, three anniversaries cannot go unnoticed and we are keen to underline them.

1944-2019: 75th

Indeed, 75 years ago on 15 July 1944, 59-year old, Brother Marie-Victorin was mortally injured “in a car collision on the Wilfrid Laurier Road between Saint-Hyacinthe and Sainte-Rosalie. He was taken by ambulance to Saint-Charles Hospital in Saint-Hyacinthe where he died about an hour after the accident.” This is how, two days later, on Monday, 17 July 1944, *La Presse*, Montreal's French daily, printed the news.

May I invite you to read again the article published in our family bulletin, number 75, in 2004, in which we talked at length about Brother Marie-Victorin's passing and the reactions of numerous scientists and the Quebec population in general on the 60th anniversary of his tragic death.

1954-2019: 65th

To mark the 75th anniversary of his death, today we publish the many homages to Marie-Victorin read when his monument was unveiled at the Montreal Botanical Garden, 65 years ago, on 18 September 1954, ten years after his death. On that day then Quebec Premier, Maurice Duplessis, unveiled a beautiful sculpture, the work of Ms. Sylvia Daoust, a famous Montreal artist, representing our “cousin” Conrad Kirouac. In front of this magnificent sculpture, on Saturday, 9 September 2017, all the Kirouacs present for the KFA annual gathering at the Montreal Botanical Garden, proudly posed for the “family photo”; reproduced in the central pages of *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 125, autumn 2017. Perfect weather for a memorable gathering!

1969-2019: 50th

The third anniversary we wish to acknowledge is that of Jack Kerouac, our cousin the famous Franco-American author, who passed away fifty years ago on 21 October 1969, at St. Anthony Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Knowing how much Jack Kerouac was interested in his Quebec and Breton roots, and aware that his numerous fans are fascinated by this subject, however noting that, on our KFA website, we had too little information about the extensive discoveries made about Alexandre de Kervoach, we felt it was urgently needed to present on the web the whole story of our common ancestor.

Therefore to mark the 50th anniversary of Jack's death, we publish for Jack's fans the results of all the discoveries made since 1978. It is easy to read this document on the KFA website by clicking on the two hyperlinks. The first hyperlink is in the section devoted to Jack Kerouac and the second one is in the section about the ancestor, Alexandre de Kervoach. This information now available on the internet, making it easier than ever to find out exactly who the ancestor really was by reading the results of the various research carried out since 1978.

This document also enables every internet searcher to “deconstruct” the false link between the Kirouacs and the family of the Marquis de Keroüartz, link established without any proof and carried on without verification or documentation during the 20th century and published in a historical bulletin in May 1928.



Photo: François Kirouac collection

François Kirouac

2019 KFA Gathering

Exceptionally this year, the KFA annual gathering will take place in the summer instead of the autumn. Let us all meet on Saturday, 13 July, at Shawinigan, where we will visit the historical part and museum of **CITÉ DE L'ÉNERGIE**. Event info is on page 10 in the present Trésor, and on the KFA website. Please look up the English website of **CITÉ DE L'ÉNERGIE**.

Renewing your membership

If you have not done so already, may I invite you to mail your payment covering your KFA membership for 2019. Thank you very much for doing it pronto! It is the best way to encourage us to carry on the research work that enables us to publish stories in our **FAMILY ENCYCLOPEDIA *Le Trésor des Kirouac***, as well as collecting genealogical data that will enable us to replace our first genealogical dictionary published in 1991. As almost thirty years later, it includes thousands more descendants.

Finally, many thanks for talking to your relatives about the **Kirouac Family Association** and encouraging them to become members.

A TOAST TO MARIE-VICTORIN

Who would have thought! Since autumn 2018, when shopping for alcoholic beverages at the SAQ (Quebec official alcohol outlets), one can buy *Marie-Victorin's Gin*, a new liquor produced by the distillery *Les Subversifs*, i.e., The Subversives!



In 2010, Fernando Balthazard and Pascal Gervais founded *Les Subversifs*. This micro-distillery is keen to promote Quebec's history and heritage as well as high quality liquor. Hence the liquors are given the names of historical personalities chosen because, in one way or another, they managed to upset their period and bring new values.

Les subversifs are proud of their new distillery installed in a temple! Indeed, it is in the former Marie-Auxiliatrice Church, a decommissioned Catholic church located in Sorel-Tracy, at the confluence of the Richelieu River and the Saint-Lawrence River!

In their church, *Les Subversifs* claim: "Our dogmas are based on the quality of our products. We believe in offering subversive liquors. We have no god nor master. We are subversive and we only believe in Quebec brewed superior quality liquors."

The first new gin created in this "temple" is named in honour of a great man, a church man, a steadfast believer, a spiritual man in every sense of the word: Brother Marie-Victorin, born Conrad Kirouac, who knew only one Master, God. A man with two passions: teaching and botany.

Marie-Victorin certainly never imagined that his name could one day be associated with a Quebec liquor. Nevertheless, it is an homage to a man who had a decisive influence on the evolution of Quebec society during the 20th century.

Most of the above information comes from the website of *Les Subversifs*, newspaper articles on the web, and a radio broadcast, 11 January 2019, available on line at:
<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/premiere/emissions/le-gout-des-autres/segment>

ANNUAL MICHIGAN KIROUACS GATHERING – 2019

This year, the Michigan Kirouac family Reunion will be on 21 September 2019, at Leslie Kirouac Stern's home, 7679 Bryce Road, Avoca, Michigan, 48006.

As always, bring your chairs and everything you need for a picnic, food and drinks. Do not forget photos! New ones: births, marriages, graduation, retirement, trips, etc., and old ones, to remember the past and possibly add names and dates where they are missing. Last year's family turnout was very low, obviously August is too busy for most, hopefully, September will prove to be better for all. Sunshine and nice weather are ordered. We are looking forward to seeing you all on 21 September 2019 in Avoca!

If you are organizing a meeting for your immediate family or in your area for the extended family, tell us and we will be happy to announce it in the pages of *Le Trésor des Kirouac*.

ALWAYS ON THE ROAD ALWAYS CAMPING

CAMPING IN NEW BRUNSWICK

This book, in French, is especially meant to let French speaking Quebecers know that it is possible to travel comfortably enjoying camping in New-Brunswick, in the Maritimes, as the eastern provinces of Canada are known, because they are all bordered by the Atlantic Ocean. So from the Restigouche-Appalaches region to the Bay of Fundy, from the St-John River to the Miramichi River, from the Acadian peninsula to the Northumberland Strait, Marie-France Bornais describes over 110 camping grounds you are sure to enjoy. Whether you travel with a tent, a camper or an RV, if you are looking for action and relaxation, for the whole family, she tells you all you need to know for a most memorable holiday.

Including

- Interviews with personalities like the famous author, Mrs. Antonine Maillet
- Historical facts and legends
- Unusual activities
- Cultural activities and festivals
- Best restaurants to please foodies
- The most beautiful seaside beaches
- Des Pictograms indicating where French is spoken
- Turn-Key camping, known in French as *GLAMPING*¹

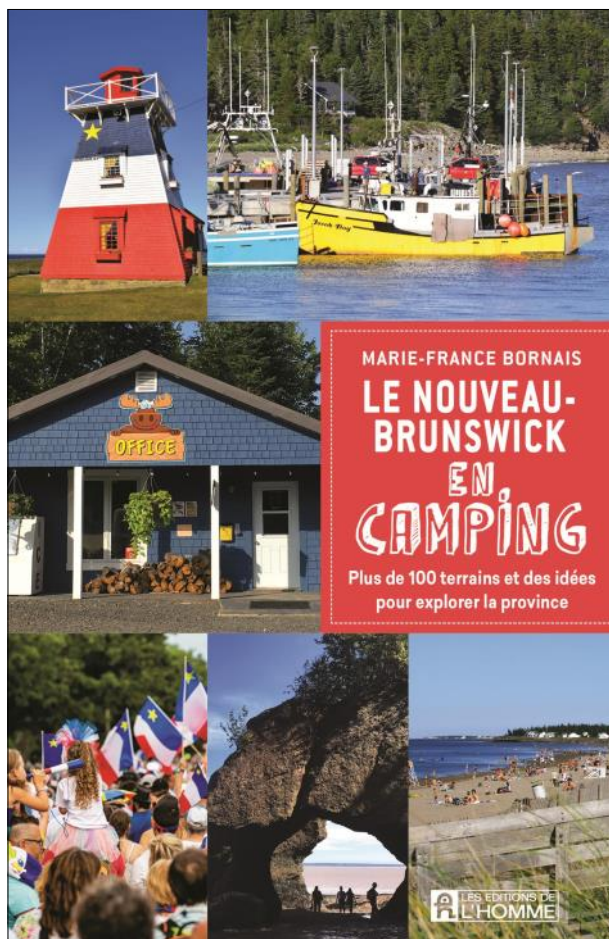
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Marie-France Bornais, daughter of Michel and Yolande (Genest) Bornais inherited her adventure streak from her paternal grandparents, Léona Kirouac (GFK 00331) and Lucien Bornais. She was initiated to camping from day one!

A respected journalist, she has been working for *Journal de Québec*, Quebec City's popular daily, since 1989, her articles also appear in *Le Journal de Montréal*, Montreal's popular daily. Her interviews of literary personalities appear regularly in the cultural pages of these two dailies.

In 2016, her first travel guide about New England entitled **Escapades américaines** was published; you can read about it in **Le Trésor des Kirouac**, number 120, spring 2016, pp. 7-8; and in 2017, **Le Québec en camping**, see **Le Trésor des Kirouac**, number 124, summer 2017, p. 6.

¹ To find out about **Turn-Key camping** go on Camping Quebec.com, English website, but Marie-France's description is even better. "To those who want to try camping for a first time but do not have the necessary equipment, provincial and national parks and some private camping offer glamping! It is a new French word combining "glamour & camping": micro-cabins, mini-cubes, tiny cottages, yurts, tepees, prospector tents, rustic lodgings, tree-houses, cozy bubbles, can be rented, even caravans at some camping. However, check first as these lodgings may have limits: running water, electricity or bathroom are not always available. And you may also need to bring your own bedding. Nevertheless spending one night in a tree-house or a tepee will remain a long-lasting holiday memory! It is worth finding out. Marie-France Bornais' camping guides are essential for a successful holiday!

KYROUACS FROM ILLINOIS **ON THE ROAD** IN BRITTANY

by Greg Kyrouac

Last fall, our youngest daughter, Hope, announced that as a present to herself for obtaining her master's degree in communication from the University of Illinois at Springfield, she wanted to take a trip to France for her next birthday in February.

She remembered when Nancy and I had gone in 2000 with the Kirouac Association group, and she had always thought it would be a great trip to take. Her sister, Lily and her husband, Dylan, were interested in going along as well. Hope's husband, Brett, would not be able to take a vacation during the school year since he is a school teacher.

So, we started looking into all the details, such as airline tickets, places to stay, etc. We found a very inexpensive direct flight from Chicago to Paris. We arrived in Paris on Sunday morning and spent two days there, sightseeing using the Hop-on, Hop-off buses which included a river cruise.

We did see the protesters in the yellow vests and traffic was slowed due to their presence, but we did not have any major disruptions. On Tuesday, we took the high-speed train to Morlaix in Brittany and picked up a rental car at the train station. Dylan had obtained an international driver's license, so he had the honor of navigating the roundabouts and some very narrow streets. I was glad he did the driving!

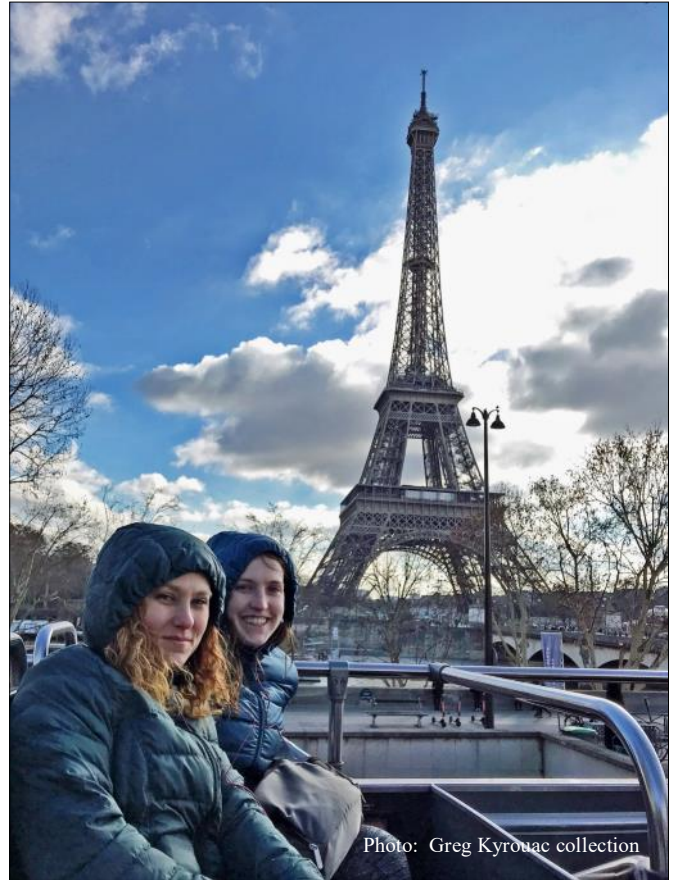


Photo: Greg Kyrouac collection

Hope and Lily enjoying two days in Paris before going to Brittany.



Photo: Greg Kyrouac collection

From left to right, Nancy Beckman-Kyrourac, Greg Kyrourac and their two daughters, Lily and Hope in a typical Paris "Brasserie" (restaurant) before going to Brittany.

The whole family enjoyed the City of Lights and, of course, took time to visit famous Notre-Dame cathedral, only five weeks before the dreadful fire of 15 April 2019.

Lily had started looking at places to stay for the four days while we would be in Brittany. I recommended looking near Morlaix, where we stayed in 2000. Through Airbnb, she found a charming 17th Century French Manoir named *Coatudual* in Taulé, just 7 km (abt. 4 miles) from Morlaix, which retains much of its original atmosphere, such as stone fireplaces and beamed ceilings. It cost less than \$100 US per night for the entire place since it was during the off-season for tourists. We would recommend it for any group planning to take a trip to discover our Breton ancestral roots. After getting acquainted with *Coatudual*, we went to one of the highly recommended crêperies in Morlaix for supper, including cidre on tap from the barrel, and we were not disappointed (go to coatudual.com for more about the manoir).

For our first morning in Brittany, Hope had learned that the Great Cairn de Barnenez was not too far from Taulé and wanted to visit this unique site. Overlooking the Bay of Morlaix, the cairn is the largest megalithic mausoleum in Europe and may be the world's oldest building, as it is estimated that it was first built between 4850-4500 BC, which predates Egypt's pyramids. It was a very interesting place to visit and the views of the bay were impressive. (For more information, go to their English web site at www.barnenez.fr/en) After our tour, we drove to Roscoff and spent the rest of the day there hiking along the coast and visiting a 500-year-old church.

Thursday was Hope's birthday and it turned out to be her favorite day of the trip. We found out that it was market day in Huelgoat, so we were able to experience the life of the locals.



The Cairn of Barnenez is an early Neolithic monument located near Plouezoc'h, on the Kernéléhen peninsula in northern Finistère, Brittany. It is considered one of the earliest megalithic monuments in Europe dating back about 4800 BC and one of the oldest man-made structures in the world. So far eleven chambers have been discovered but more to be, so look up the web for info and videos. (Photo: Greg Kyrouac)

Among other items purchased by the group, Nancy bought a traditional Breton dish called *Kig-ha-Farz*, (literally 'meat and dough' in Breton) which is a type of stew, which we ate for supper back at the manoir. After shopping, we visited the church where our ancestors worshipped, where our original surname "Le Bihan" is inscribed on the outside of the church, above the window behind the altar, and where the parents of Urbain-François are buried. We were not able to enter the house next door where the Le Bihan family lived, but we were able to take our pictures next to the part of the house built over 350 years ago.

We then visited the plaque from the KFA put up in 2000 near the Chaos, where legend says the boulders were thrown by giants. The plaque shows a little wear, but not too much. My aunt Mary Louise Kyrouac Bertrand contributed to that project, and there is a photo of her that has a resemblance to Hope. We then hiked into the Chaos, although Nancy and I took heed of the warning that older people should be wary of the trail. It was beautiful!



On 7 February 2019, Hope Kyrouac Cherry celebrating her 29th birthday with her family in Brittany. (Photo: Greg Kyrouac collection)

Even though it was early February, the grass was green, and the temperatures were always above freezing (that day around 50° F or 10° C). We took some wonderful photos with vibrant colors. Lily and Hope tried to move a huge boulder "*La pierre tremblante*" that can apparently be rocked if you know quite where to push. This rock is 7 meters long and 3 meters high and weighs 137 tons!



Hope tried, as shown in the photo above, but could not move it. Lily looked it up on YouTube and found a video and so she was able to move it slightly! Nancy & I decided to return to civilization, but the younger ones decided to hike the rest of the trail to where legend says that King Arthur spent some time. We returned to the manoir in the evening and celebrated Hope's birthday.

Friday was the day we visited Kervoac and Lanmeur. Maryvonne Le Coat, who had provided the group in 2000 with copies of her painting of the stone barn in Kervoac, met us and directed us to the sites. She was taking a break from caregiving her 90+ year old mother who still lives in Kervoac. It was a rainy, windy day, not the best day for spending time outdoors.

The Rue de Jack Kerouac sign has been moved since 2000 due to a rerouting of traffic patterns since our last visit. We then visited the barn where back in 2000, the ladies of the area made us wonderful crêpes. On this day, it afforded us respite from the storm.

We bid adieu to Madame Le Coat and drove into Lanmeur to visit the Church of St. Mélar. Hope decided to explore the crypt of St. Mélar, which dates back to the 6th century, without any lighting. Dylan found the light switch which made it much easier to all to see. The church is very interesting and has wonderful acoustics. Afterwards, we visited various shops in the square.

Saturday was our last day in Brittany. After breakfast, which usually consisted of fresh food from the boulangerie and patisserie in Taulé, we packed our bags and headed into Morlaix. We saw a couple of folks in yellow vests at the city hall, but it was very peaceful and laid back compared to what we saw in Paris. There we visited Saint Melaine, another ancient church where Urbain's great-grandparents were

buried within the building. We also shopped for souvenirs in the small businesses in the downtown area. Then we went back to the train station to return to Paris.

Lily told me that her favorite parts of the trip were visiting Huelgoat and its surroundings, visiting the old churches in the different communities, including the ones where our ancestors worshipped, and the Breton food and the small businesses, such as boulangerie in Taulé and the shops in Morlaix.

Conclusion

We would recommend taking the trip yourself and experiencing the slower-paced, beautiful area of Brittany where our ancestors lived.

For those who are concerned that your native language is not French, we all survived quite well. In fact, Huelgoat has a fairly large English-speaking population. And if you mention that you are a K/ descendant, you will find out that will be a conversation starter!



Greg Kyroutac and his daughters, Hope and Lily, standing in front of the house, the 350-year old part. The house is next door to the de Kervoach's parish church in Huelgoat. (Photo: Greg Kyroutac collection)



Greg Kyrrouac and his family in Lanmeur, standing by the Rue Jack Kerouac (street) road sign which was unveiled in July 2000; it was one of the events during the “return to the sources” voyage by the K/ delegation.

On the left of the plaque, from left to right: Lily, Nancy and Dylan. On the right, in the same order: Hope and her father, Greg.

(Photo: Greg Kyrrouac collection)



Nancy Beckman-Kyrrouac, Greg Kyrrouac and their daughter, Hope in Lanmeur in February 2019. (Photo: Greg Kyrrouac collection)



(Photo: Greg Kyrrouac collection)

Dylan, Hope and Lily in King Arthur's cave in Huelgoat, Brittany.

According to the legend, King Arthur is said to have rested in this cave. (In Great-Britain, there is another Arthur's Cave in Symonds Yat)



Maryvonne Le Coat, her brother, Jean-Michel and his wife, Annie, welcomed the 32 KFA participants in July 2000 during the “Return to the sources” voyage, at their farm located on the Land of de Kervoach in Lanmeur. (On the KFA website, see the document *Bretagne 2000*)

The photo shows Greg Kyrrouac, Maryvonne Le Coat and Nancy Beckman-Kyrrouac while in Brittany in February 2019. (Photo: Greg Kyrrouac collection)

Kirouac Family Association Annual Gathering

9:00 Welcome & Registration, Salle Caso (Room)
Hôtel Gouverneur
1100, Promenade du St-Maurice, Shawinigan, (Quebec)

10:00 Annual General Meeting

11:30 Free time for lunch

1:00 Departure from Hotel to visit the *Cité de l'énergie*
1000 Melville Avenue, Shawinigan

-- Carpooling recommended --

4:30 p.m. KFA Cocktail at Hôtel Gouverneur

5:30 p.m. Dinner & evening in Salon Hydro-Québec

7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Mr. Yvon Leclerc, historian
From harnessing the St-Maurice River to
Shawinigan Water & Power

10:00 Day's end

Guest speaker

Yvon Leclerc, a passionate man, who loves history, sciences, heritage, arts and nature

- Wrote 35 books on many subjects, including 17 on the history of Shawinigan;

- Co-authored dozens of books with writers from Western Canada and USA;

- Wrote dozens of articles on various subjects for different newspapers and magazines and nature chronicles for radio and television; as well as 70 programmes for regional TV "NousTV".



Left, part of the site of former aluminum factory, comprising the old hydroelectric power plant. Centre, the tower of the *Cité de l'énergie*. Right, the new power plant and the water intake for the whole Hydro-Quebec hydroelectric project called, *Shawinigan II*, on beautiful Shawinigan Bay. (Photo: Steve Véronneau [CC BY-SA 3.0 (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0>)])

My First Cruise at the Age of 71!

by Cathy Kirouac Robinson

In April 2017 I was with my cousins at our monthly cousins' lunch and I mentioned that for my 70th birthday I would like to go on a cruise to Alaska. To my surprise, Mary Fran Kirouac and her sister Cheryl Jarzombek said they had always wanted to go to Alaska too. (Mary Margaret Morang Cornelissen and Genevieve Morang Kirouac, our Mothers, are sisters). Of course, Cheryl's husband Dennis would be sharing our adventure with us. So, this was the hatching of the idea to go together.

Since this would be a rather pricey trip, we determined that we had better go in 2018 so we could save our dollars for our adventure. After researching a couple of options, we decided to book our trip through AAA. It seemed like it was a long way off, but it was here before we knew it.

Cheryl and Dennis left the day before Mary Fran and I did. They flew from the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Mary Fran and I drove over to her brother Greg's house and he and his wife Shawn drove us to the Detroit airport. Little did we know that there would be a few obstacles along the way. At the airport, Mary Fran decided to pass out before we got on the plane. EMS was called and they took her to the Beaumont Hospital in Wayne, Michigan, the nearest one to the airport. I called her brother and he met her there. So, now it is Labor Day and I am getting on the plane to Fairbanks, Alaska by myself.

I met Cheryl and Dennis in Fairbanks and we started going on our land trip by bus. Mary Fran was released from the hospital and was taking another flight to meet us in Fairbanks. She finally showed up at the hotel around



Four happy participants on the boat during the cruise to Alaska: front, left to right: Dennis Jarzombek and his wife, Cheryl Cornelissen Jarzombek; back, l. to r.: Catherine (Cathy) Kirouac Robinson and Mary Fran Cornelissen Kirouac. (Photo: Cathy Kirouac Robinson collection)

Cathy organized the KFA gathering in Detroit 19-21 July 2013. Read the story published in *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, Number 112, Autumn 2013, pp. 4-11, and see photos on the KFA website, photo section.

1:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning. We didn't get much sleep that night.

On Tuesday in Fairbanks we took a bus tour to the Trans-Alaska (Alyeska) Pipe Line. Quite an interesting tour. We then did an open-air ride on a replica of the Tanana Valley Railroad, and exploration of Gold Dredge 8 and tried our hand at gold panning. Mary Fran was sad that she missed panning for gold since that is the one thing she wanted to do. Cheryl was able to get her gold for her. We had a fun day but felt bad that Mary Fran could not join us.

Next, we went to Denali National Park on a Tundra Wilderness Tour on a National Park "school" bus. All I can say is WOW. This was really spectacular. We were able to see several animals while in the park and Denali, also

known as Mt. McKinley. We left the bus and boarded the McKinley Explorer Dome Train for our trip to Anchorage. It was sunny and bright and we found out that we were one of the less than 30% of the people who saw the back side of Denali from the train. It is usually either cloudy or raining and you cannot see it from the train.

We made our way to Seward where we would board our Holland America cruise ship for the next seven days. What an experience being on the ship was for me as a first timer. I loved it except for the fact that my ankles swelled up and I had to go to the infirmary to find out why. The nurse handed me a sheet of paper with suggestions on what to do for this affliction; she said it happens all the time so they printed up the sheet to give to cruisers. From the second day on, I had to watch what I ate because there is so much sodium in the food. The good thing was that when we ate in the dining room at dinner, I could order a low sodium dinner the night before. Of course, it didn't help that I kept ordering salmon as often as I could. I love salmon!

The food was very salty. I think they have to do that because of the length of the trip. In the morning I made sure that I had an omelet with just vegetables and maybe some yogurt. They also had cereal, waffles, pancakes, muffins, bagels, to name a few things. For lunch I had salads with vegetables and very little salad dressing because of the salt. I also may have had some fruit. For dinner you could order your meal the day before so that it could be made low sodium or no sodium. The food on the other deck was a buffet that was out most of the day so you could literally eat all day long and through most of the night. The only place it was not was in the dining room. There was any kind of food that you could want including sushi, pizza, salads, pasta, chicken, etc. They had some desserts including cookies and ice cream. In the dining room, there was a menu of several choices that you could have for that night and it changed every night.



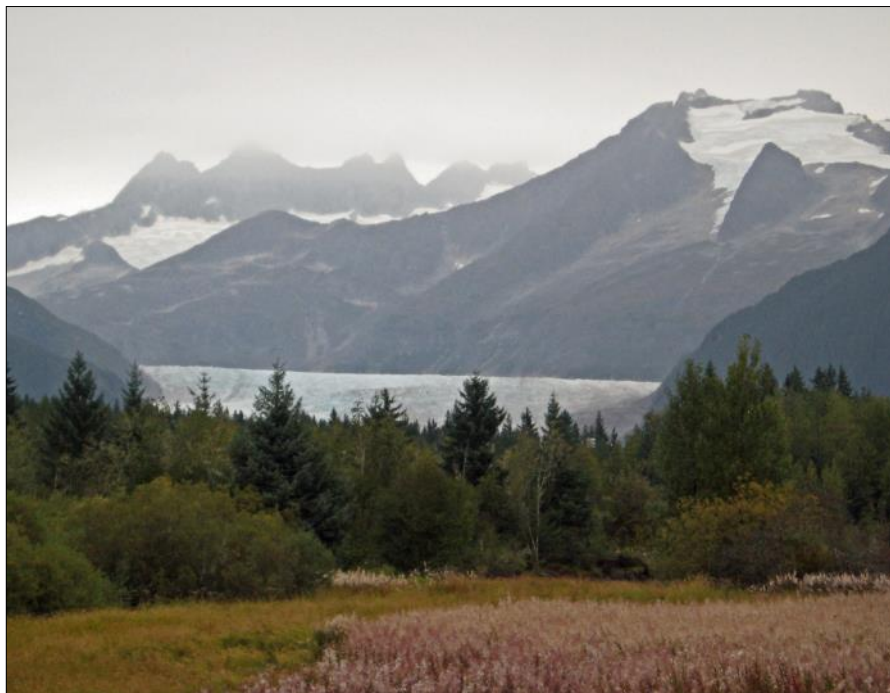
Cheryl Cornelissen Jarzombek standing in front of the Alyeska oil pipeline carrying oil from Alaska to American refineries.
(Photo: Cathy Kirouac Robinson collection)



Another view of the Alyeska pipeline.



Dennis Jarzombek, trying his hand at gold panning.
(Photo: Cathy Kirouac Robinson collection)



One of many glaciers we saw and admired during our trip.
(Photo: Cathy Kirouac Robinson collection)

The Westerdam¹ holds 2,000 guests and 800 staff. We were able to take a tour of the galley. It was quite eye opening. Here are some interesting facts on the average consumption of food on the cruise: Meat and meat products, 11,830 lbs., Poultry 3,814 lbs., Fish 3,000 lbs., Seafood 3,575 lbs., Butter and Margarine 1,675 lbs., Fresh Vegetables 13,750 lbs., Potatoes 7,750 lbs., Water Melon 4,000 lbs., Eggs 23,040 pieces, Dairy 5,500 quarts, Sugar 2,500 lbs., Individual Sugar Packages 24,000 pieces, Rice for the Crew 6,000 lbs., Flour 7,500 lbs., Ice Cream 1,150 gallons.

Once on the ship we made stops in Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan and took the scenic cruise of the inside passage. We explored different places in these ports including two museums in Haines². The Sheldon Museum³ which is committed to collecting, preserving and interpreting the history, art and unique blending of diverse cultures within the Chilkat Valley region⁴. We also visited the Haines Hammer Museum where you explore the rich history of the hammer, the world's first tool. There are approximately 2,000 hammers on display at the museum at any given time, and over 7,000 items in the collection; and yes, they really did have that many hammers. Who knew!

We went whale watching in Juneau⁶ in a small boat, the Kaytos (photo) that held twelve people. There were only six of us so that was great. As we approached the whale watching area, we had trouble with one of our engines and they had to call for another

boat to meet us. By this time, we were quite far out. When the boat came, we had to switch boats by climbing from one to the other. Since I cannot swim, I was saying my prayers that I would not fall in the water.

Our last stop was in Ketchikan⁷ which is the home of many totems and the place I was really interested in seeing. It was a small picturesque town and the totems were enchanting. We were also able to see where the salmon go to spawn. Needless to say, that was eye opening. We saw a lot of dead salmon. Everywhere we went people were commenting on how it

1 The MS Westerdam is a cruise ship built for Holland America Line. Her sister ships are MS Oosterdam, MS Zuiderdam, and MS Noordam.

2 Haines, the adventure capital of Alaska. Southeast Alaska Inside Passage tours and attractions.

3 The Sheldon Museum is an educational institution collecting, preserving and interpreting local history.

4 The boundaries were designated to include only areas important to eagle habitation. The Chilkat Valley is year-round home for between 200 and 400 eagles.

5 The Hammer Museum is the first museum in the world dedicated to hammers, featuring over 1,400 hammers and related tools from ancient times through the colonial days to the industrial era.

6 Juneau is the capital city of Alaska. It is a unified municipality on Gastineau Channel in the Alaskan panhandle; by area it is the second largest city in the USA.

usually rains here every day; we certainly lucked out or maybe it was due to lots of praying before we left. I did buy a totem to bring home. The woman at the store showed me several and then I asked to see another one. She pointed out that I had already seen that one. As I found out, you do not choose the totem, the totem chooses you.

We did several excursions while in the ports and then returned to the ship for our last trip to Vancouver⁸. It was beautiful and so quiet as we were gliding by the glaciers. Cheryl and Dennis stayed overnight in Vancouver and Mary Fran and I decided that we just wanted to get home. I don't think I have ever been gone for two weeks straight. Besides that, I had to get home and get myself together since the following weekend was our two-day **Rendez-vous Festival**⁹ of which I am an integral part.

7 Ketchikan is an Alaskan city facing the Inside Passage, known for its many Native American totem poles, on display throughout town. Nearby Misty Fjords National Monument is a glacier-carved wilderness featuring snow-capped mountains, waterfalls and salmon spawning streams. It is also home to rich wildlife including black bears, wolves and bald eagles.

8 Vancouver, a bustling west coast seaport in British Columbia, is among Canada's densest, most ethnically diverse cities. A popular filming location, surrounded by mountains, and also has thriving art, theatre and music scenes. Vancouver Art Gallery is known for its works by regional artists, while the Museum of Anthropology houses preeminent First Nations collections.



In Ketchikan, "The Rock": the monument tells the story of how Alaska's First City came to be and those who built it: fisherman, miner, logger, bush pilot, frontierswoman, Native drummer and Chief Johnson of the Tlingit Nation. (Photo: Cathy Kirouac Robinson collection)



Mary Fran Cornelissen Kirouac standing in front of a (short) totem pole in Ketchikan, Alaska. (Photo: Cathy Kirouac Robinson collection)

CONCLUSION: The moral of my story is that I had a wonderful time for my first cruise. It was great being able to go with my cousins; who knows if we will ever be able to do something like that again together. In spite of a few mishaps, we had a great time. The food was wonderful, the wine was good, and the company was great.

If you ever have the opportunity to go to Alaska, take it. If you

are doing land and sea, make sure that you do the land first. Since you are practically living out of your suitcase that first week, it makes it easier when you are on the ship, you unpack for a week, so just pack up everything before going home. At this point you don't have to worry about what shape your clothes will be in when you reach your destination!

I certainly would do it again. It was breathtaking! It fills your head and heart with everlasting souvenirs.

NOTE: to better enjoy this adventure, look up the web sites for locations in the text.

9 *Rendez-vous Festival*, see *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, Number 128, Autumn 2018, pp. 27-29.



A dream come true! A cruise to Alaska; cousins on board the MS Westerdam, of the Holland America Line.
(Photos: Cathy Kirouac Robinson collection)

PAUL EDWARD BLAKE, Junior

by Gerald Nicosia

Paul Edward Blake Jr., the closest living relative to writer Jack Kerouac, died of pneumonia in a hospital in Kingman, Arizona, on December 4, 2018. The only child of Jack Kerouac's sister Caroline "Ti Nin" Kerouac and her husband Paul Blake, he was 70 years old, and died after many years of ill health, which included emphysema and heart problems. He was being cared for by his son Paul Blake III, who is 43 years old and married to Leigh Anne Scurry Blake, with whom he has two children, Ashlee Blake (21) and Robert Paul Blake (15).

After a brief marriage that was annulled while she was still a teenager, Caroline Kerouac married Paul Blake, an electronics technician from the South. Their son Paul Jr. was born on June 10, 1948 in Durham, North Carolina. Paul Jr. grew up in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and Orlando and St. Petersburg, Florida. Much of that time his grandmother Gabrielle, whom he called "*Mémère*," and his "*Uncle Jack*" either lived with him or close by. Paul Jr. became close to both of them, learned to speak and sing in French from his grandmother, and often hiked, played basketball, and learned about poetry from his uncle.

Jack Kerouac would write about Paul in several of his books, such as *The Dharma Bums*, *Desolation Angels*, and *Book of Dreams*, calling him variously "Little Lou," "Lil Luke," and "Lil Paul."

Caroline and her husband separated while Paul was still young. After Caroline Kerouac



Paul Blake Jr. in front of the famous *City Lights*, bookstore and publisher, March 1995.
(Photo: Gerald Nicosia)

died abruptly in 1964, the 16-year-old Paul Jr. went to live for a month with Jack and Gabrielle in St. Petersburg. Then his father came to take custody of him and bring him to California. After Paul graduated high school, he and his father moved to Alaska. Then his father also died abruptly; and Paul Jr., now 20 years old, joined the *Alaska Air National Guard*. It was while he was in the National Guard that he heard that his Uncle Jack had died (on October 21, 1969). In the meantime, Gabrielle Kerouac had had a stroke, was paralyzed, and was being cared for by Jack Kerouac's widow Stella in St. Petersburg. As soon as Paul Jr. was out of the Guard, he went to St. Petersburg, in an effort to bring his grandmother to live with him. But the Sampas family refused to release her to him, and insisted on taking care of her themselves.

Paul returned to Alaska. When his grandmother Gabrielle died, on October 12, 1973, he was not notified by the Sampas family, who filed her purported will, leaving the whole Kerouac estate to themselves. Paul did not learn of his grandmother's death till over a year later, at Christmas, 1974. At that time, Stella told him on the phone that he had been disinherited by his grandmother.

Paul eventually returned to California and married a divorcée named Tamara Latham. He worked as a carpenter and helped her raise her children from her previous marriage, but he also had his own child with her, a son, named Paul Blake III, born on January 6, 1976.

Paul, as he later told me, was "haunted by the ghosts of his family"--he had lost mother, father, uncle, and grandmother all while he was still in,

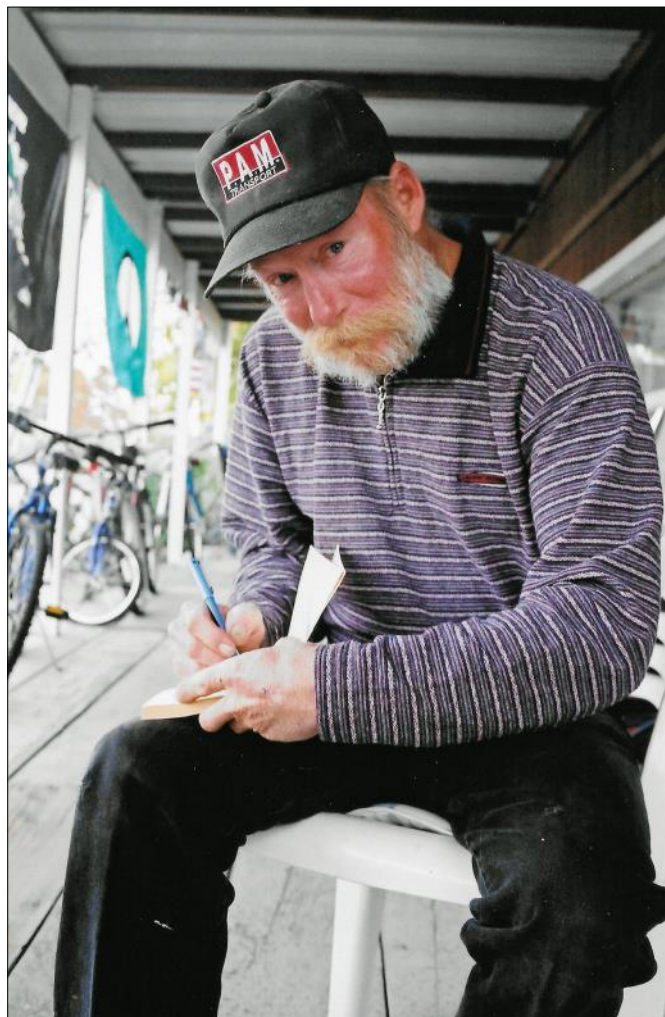
or barely out, of his teens. He found it hard to lead a settled life. He and Tammy separated, then divorced, in 1982. He then led an itinerant life for many years, working as a carpenter and traveling between North Carolina, California, and Alaska. They were hard years, when he lived a great deal of the time in near-poverty.

In 1995, I found Paul living and working on a ranch in Elverta, California, near Sacramento. He had a new partner, Linda Johnson, and was helping to raise her children. As soon as he heard of Jan Kerouac's legal challenge to her grandmother Gabrielle Kerouac's will, Paul agreed to join the lawsuit and to support Jan in her efforts to preserve all of Jack Kerouac's papers in a library.

After Jan Kerouac's death, and after Jan's heirs John Lash and David Bowers Stuart attempted to dismiss her case, Paul Blake, Jr., carried on her lawsuit, using contingency lawyers Bill and Alan Wagner. That case was finally won on July 24, 2009, when Judge George Greer declared Gabrielle Kerouac's will a forgery. But because of Florida's non-claim statute--essentially a statute of limitations--Paul was not able to receive any



Gabrielle Kerouac (mother of Caroline and Jack, and grandmother of Paul Blake, Jr.) and Caroline "Ti Nin" Kerouac, Long Island, New York, late 1940's. (Photo courtesy of Paul Blake, Jr.)



Paul Blake Jr. autographing one of his "Uncle Jack's" books, Sacramento, 2003, during the period when he was homeless. (Photo: Gerald Nicosia)

of his grandmother's estate, which is still held by the Sampas family.

During the fifteen years, while the Florida lawsuit dragged on, Paul was homeless during several years, from about 1999-2003. During that period, he spent three years sleeping in a broken-down truck in a Sacramento junkyard. It was during that period that the Sampas family auctioned off Jack Kerouac's roll manuscript of *On the Road* for two-and-a-half-million dollars, but they refused to help Paul at all.

In 2003, I worked with several poets in Sacramento to put on a benefit poetry reading for Paul. During that time, he made this statement to the press: "I was fortunate to have a very special relationship with one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century, Jack Kerouac. He was more of a friend than an uncle. We were real close. As I was growing up we did a lot of things together. We hiked, read and made up

poems together, shot baskets, raced against each other, and talked endlessly about football. He told me that Jim Thorpe was the greatest football player who ever lived, and he reminded me that Jim Thorpe was part French and part Indian*, just as we Kerouacs were. A lot of times I'd be talking to him as he'd be writing away. He was writing all the time. He was incredibly devoted to his writing, and he was one of the hardest workers I've ever met." (*one of Jack's invention, editor's note)

Eventually, in the last few years of his life, as his health failed, Paul Jr. was fortunate to be taken in and cared for by his son and his son's family in Kingman, Arizona.

When the *Joan Anderson Letter* was discovered, Paul Jr.'s lawyers

told him that Florida's non-claim statute would not apply to it, and therefore he would finally be eligible to receive some income from his Uncle Jack's estate. But the *Joan Anderson Letter* got tangled up in court fights, with both the Sampases and the Cassady family claiming ownership, and eventually the judges involved in mediation dictated a six-way division of the profits from the auction of the letter.

The original auction was botched - a \$380,000 bid was declined as "too low" - and when the letter was auctioned again, it only brought in \$110,000. Paul Jr.'s family owed a large contingency share to the law firm of the Wagners. Still, Paul was supposed to receive about

\$10,000, which would have been a godsend to his family.

Paul Jr. told his son that when they got the money, he would buy a small "bass boat" so they could go fishing together. "All he really wanted was validation," his son, Paul III, told me. But Paul Jr. got neither the money nor the validation. The Sampases have made legal moves to block Paul Jr.'s family from getting their share of the *Joan Anderson Letter*, and at the time of this writing the Blakes have still received nothing, not a cent, from Jack Kerouac's estate.

On Paul Jr.'s deathbed, he told his son, "I should have had a better life."



Paul Blake, Jr., Jan Kerouac, and Gerald Nicosia discuss the lawsuit against the Sampas family and the upcoming benefits for Jan, at the San Francisco Press Club, March 27, 1995. (Photo: Greg Habiby)

Exploring Quebec City for the First Time

Much gratitude from Jacqueline Arruda-Soares

On 8 October 2018, when I arrived in Quebec City, Jacques Kirouac and his lovely wife Alberte were waiting for me at the airport. It was Thanksgiving in Canada and I had so much to thank God for. After four years planning this trip, I was finally landing in Quebec City.

In the previous days, I was exploring the amazing nature in Banff but I did not know what to expect from Quebec City only knowing it has its own language, food, culture, people and architecture. It is different from all the places I have been in Canada. This uniqueness made me fall in love with this beautiful town.

Jacques and Alberte made me feel at home, allowing me to be part of their routine. I really felt like they were my family. Jacques took me to his favourite places in Quebec as well as other places I had chosen to visit. He was so kind, showing me around, teaching me stories about the places we were visiting and the history of Quebec City, also introducing me to the amazing local food - that I already miss.

Thanks to Jacques I was able to stay at Laval University. An amazing university with students from all over the world, where I was able to meet other Brazilians living in Quebec City and fall in love with (Canadian) football. It was an experience that I will never forget and an opportunity that I am very thankful and grateful for. I hope to come back later this year as a student.

Old Quebec was the first place I visited. It is the heart of Quebec area with amazing stories around each corner. I came back to this place almost every day and I always found something new. I

have pictures and postcards of Château Frontenac and I am amazed every time I look at them. Isle d'Orléans was beautiful in the fall. Even though it was very windy walking around, the colours were fantastic. Autumn is an inspiring part of nature in Quebec. Jacques and I had a great conversation there and learned more about each other.

The Citadel of Quebec was also a great place to be explored. It was fascinating to discover the history behind its construction and the reasons why they preserve it and its history. The most impressive thing about this place was when we found the quote "Je me souviens" ("I remember"). This quote from Eugène-Étienne Taché really represents the people of Quebec.

They are proud of their history and will never forget it, their heritage, language, culture, etc. That is what makes Quebec so unique and unforgettable. If I close my eyes, every detail of Quebec City comes back to me and I can feel it again – as if I were still there.

The Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré is an astonishing place to visit. The place is so incredible and powerful that you can really feel the presence of God in it. People from different countries, cultures and speaking different languages were there to celebrate His presence and thank Him for His blessings.

The image of Jesus on the cross is shared worldwide but in the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, I saw a statue of Jesus with His hand reaching out, representing Him as a Saviour. This statue made me realize why we were all there. We were all



(Photo: Jacqueline Arruda Soares collection)

Jacqueline Arruda Soares in Western Canada, Autumn 2018.

there to be saved. Such a powerful message in that place. A feeling I will never forget.

The Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and the Citadel were the only two places I had asked Jacques to take me to. I let him suggest other places and show me Quebec from his own perspective. So, about my choices, he asked me.

"Peace and war, is that what you like?" Every country's history is built upon war and peace. Every human soul is built upon war and peace. I know that from visiting those places I would learn Quebec's history, but there was something missing on my list -- love.

¹ See *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, Number 128, Autumn 2018, pp.32 to 34.

Peace, war and love build a country's history and human souls. But love is not something that you see. But I found love in every conversation I had with the people I met everywhere Jacques took me, and in his and Alberte's dedication to make me feel loved.

We spent a day dedicated to Jan Kerouac. We started working on the website project for Jan. On that day, we shared materials and memories of her. François Kirouac was with us. Jacques and François met her personally. I knew her

only through her books. This experience made me feel like she was alive again. Like she was there with us around that table, sharing details of her life. Before that moment, Jan was a woman I consider so inspiring but always knew so little about.

It was hard to say goodbye to Quebec City. I shed many tears when Jacques and Alberte drove me to the airport. I could not find the words to thank them for everything they did for me.

THANK YOU JACQUES AND ALBERTE.

THANK YOU FRANÇOIS.

THANK YOU *KIROUAC*
FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

I know it will not be long before coming back. Until then, I will keep Canada's flag and Quebec's flag with me. It took me four years but the wait was totally worth it.

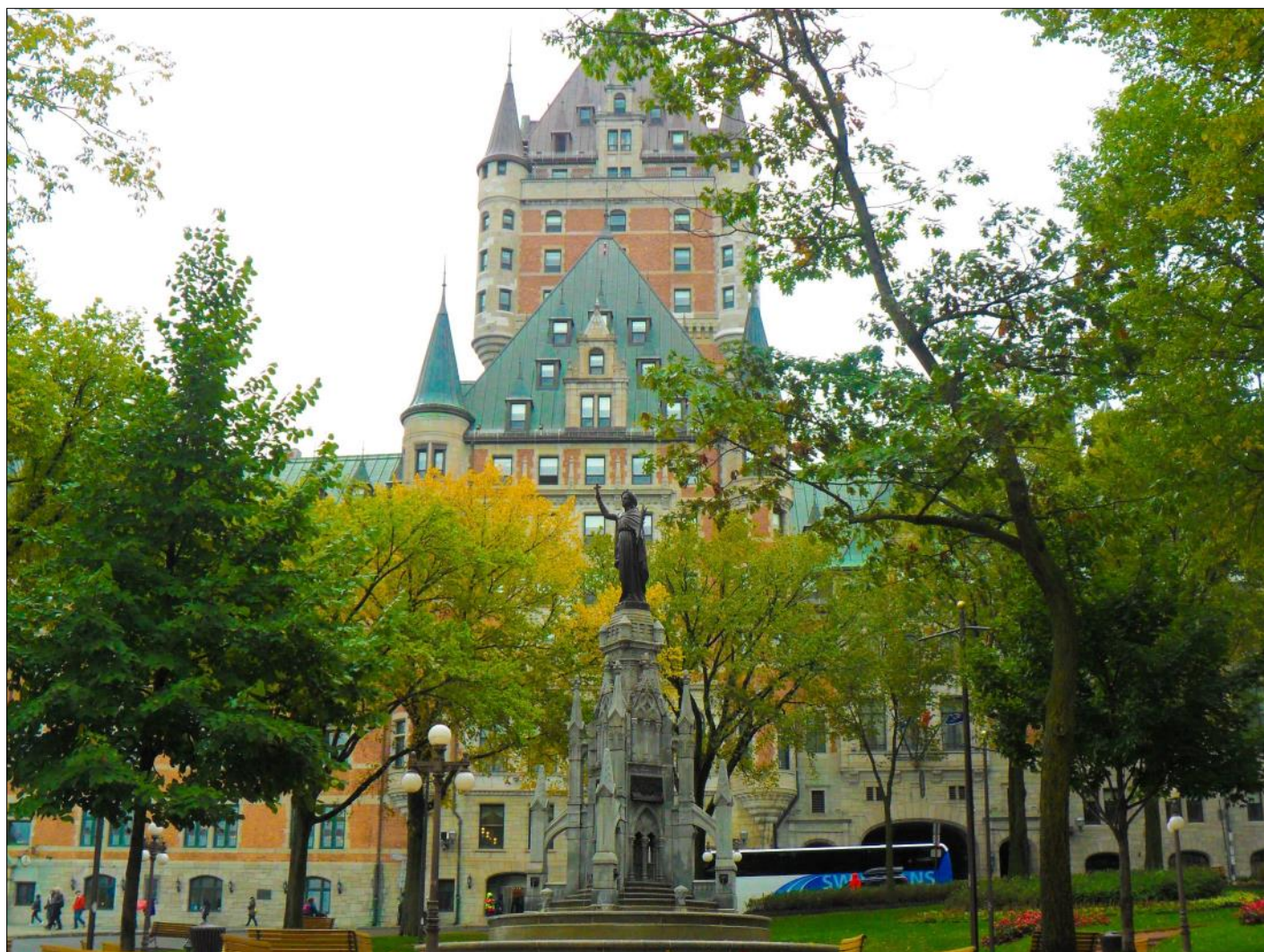


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DR. MARK KEROACK – The New Kid in Town!

by Frederick A. Hurst¹

You wouldn't know much about the human side of Dr. Mark Keroack by reading his resume. It's a very technical resume written in a unique style that conveys much about his professional accomplishments but little about him as a person unless you read between the lines. It is not only well written but the list of his writings attached to it is longer than my arm and as impressive as are all of his other significant accomplishments in the field of medicine.

But if you were among those who interviewed him for his current position as President and Chief Executive Officer of **Baystate Health Systems**, his resume certainly would have played a considerable role in his hiring but so wouldn't, I imagine, the humility that shows through when you meet him.

I first met Dr. Keroack at the retirement ceremony for Peter Straley, former President and Chief Executive Officer of **Health New England**, which is a for-profit health insurance arm of **Baystate Health**. We were introduced to Dr. Keroack by **Baystate Health's** Vice President for Marketing & Public Affairs, Suzanne Hendery. She took the time to give the editor and me a brief biography of Dr. Keroack including the fact that his equally accomplished wife, Dr. Ann Errichetti, is Chief Executive Officer of **St. Peters Hospital** in Albany, New York. I was impressed that he stopped that evening to talk and take a fun photograph with us that our photographer retrieved for this article.



Marjorie J. Hurst, **POV** Editor, Frederick A. Hurst, **POV** Publisher, Dr. Mark Keroack, President and Chief Executive Officer of **Baystate Health Systems, Inc.** and Suzanne Hendery, **Baystate Health's** Vice President for Marketing & Public Affairs. (Photo: Ed Cohen)



Dr. Mark Keroack, President and CEO of **Baystate Health Systems, Inc.**

Mark Keroack and his wife met while attending Harvard Medical School and married after graduating. They raised two girls, Simone who is 31 and a state social worker in Fitchburg and 29-year-old Elise who is a web developer in Burlington, Vermont. The two girls hold the distinction of having broken a two-generation chain of medical doctors in the Keroack family.

¹ Article on January 6, 2016 under the title THE NEW KID IN TOWN!

Title inspired by an Eagles song released in 1976, "People you meet, they all seem to know you, even your old friends treat you like you're something new, Johnny come lately, the new kid in town."

Source: <https://www.afampointofview.com/the-new-kid-in-town>

Ancestry of Dr. Mark A. Keroack



Dr. Keroack was born and raised in Springfield's Sixteen Acres neighborhood. His father, Dr. Alvin Keroack, and mother, Mary Phaneuf Keroack, were high school sweethearts who married after World War II ended.

His father attended Yale Medical School on the G.I. Bill and, in the 50s and 60s, ran a general practice out of their Sixteen Acres home while his mother trained at Springfield Hospital (Now Baystate Medical Center) to become a nurse. They had six kids, five boys and a girl.

Back in those days, being a general practitioner meant going to your patients rather than your patients coming to you, which meant Dr. Keroack's father was on twenty-four hour call. His friends and neighbors made up his client base and Dr. Keroack recalls that many of his friends were delivered into the world by his father, who was seldom able to finish dinner at home with the family because of the calls for medical attention. He also served as the first chief of Springfield Hospital's emergency room which makes it even that much more intriguing that his son, Mark, is now the President and Chief Executive Officer of the same hospital.

Theirs is truly an American success story. Mark's grandfather arrived in America from Canada without a high school degree and unable to speak English. He taught himself English and the Morse code and became station master at the Palmer rail station,



Baystate Medical Center – **Hospital of the Future**
(Photo from Baystate website)

which Dr. Keroack said “made for good fun,” as he reminisced about the opportunities for the young grandkids to experience rides in the trains’ passenger sections and the engine car. But more important, his immigrant grandfather laid the foundation for his son to become a doctor and the foundation for Mark and his four brothers to follow suit and for Western Massachusetts’ premier hospital to gain the benefit of Dr. Keroack’s leadership.

As illustrated by Mark’s circumstances, none of the six Keroack kids can claim to have had a tough young life. He attended *Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School*, graduated to *Duggan Jr. High* and then went on to *Wilbraham Academy* from where he graduated in the first combined *Wilbraham/Monson Academy* class.

He graduated from *Amherst College* in 1976 and from *Harvard Medical School* in 1980. He did his residency at *Brigham and Women’s Hospital* in Boston where he specialized in infectious diseases and internal medicine, which eventually led to his exposure to the inner-city experience that he missed as a youngster.

Springfield’s Sixteen Acres, where Dr. Keroack was raised, was an all-White neighborhood where Black folks walked at their own peril. Redlining guaranteed the integrity of segregated Springfield neighborhoods and the predominantly White police force often saw it as a duty to stop and interrogate interlopers of another color. Consequently, Dr. Keroack had no significant exposure to Black folks. His parents, products of the times, were not particularly concerned about integration. And it was not until Dr. Keroack attended the

integrated Duggan Jr. High School that he gained his first meaningful, though limited, exposure to Springfield's isolated African-American community.

But the changing neighborhood demographics have long since mellowed his parents' views. They have been embraced by their many new African American neighbors and have reciprocated in kind. It gave me a warm feeling to know that my son and his wife purchased a home in that same neighborhood that I feared walking in years ago and could well be among Dr. Keroack's parents' new friends (the author of the article is himself African-American).

Dr. Keroack could have easily directed his career toward an elite clientele and affiliated with hospitals that had little contact with those less fortunate. But the HIV/AIDS epidemic had just emerged and its initial victims were homosexuals and African-Americans and few in the medical profession were prepared to cope with it. While serving for 12 years on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts (his teaching credentials, including at Harvard, are far more extensive), Dr. Keroack took his infectious disease practice to areas where it was most needed, first to Roxbury* for three years and then to Worcester* for another six years and back to Brockton/West Roxbury and later to the South Side of Chicago. He feels strongly that the exposure to

those less fortunate has made him "a much more sensitive person." . (*two towns south of Boston, Massachusetts)

Which brings me back to Dr. Keroack's resume. It is one of the most powerful, yet understated, professional resumes I've ever read. Every step of the way in his career along with his clinical practice, Dr. Keroack has assumed enormous executive leadership responsibilities that helped prepare him for his current position as President and CEO of *Baystate Health* where he started in 2011 as Chief Physician Executive and President of *Baystate Medical Practices*. He was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in 2013 and President and Chief Executive Officer of *Baystate Medical Center* in 2014 and in the next year he was hired to replace the retiring lawyer, Mark Tolosky, as President and Chief Executive Officer of *Baystate Health Systems*.

Many people get confused about the structure of the nonprofit *Baystate Health Systems* (*Baystate Health*) and often interchange it with *Baystate Medical Center* (*Baystate Medical*). It is a distinction that is important especially when one hears that *Baystate Medical* made a \$96 million net profit last year (2015) and makes the mistake of concluding that *Baystate Health* made the profit. *Baystate Health* has to spread any profit over its entire operation and in this last year

actually made no profit because it plowed the money back into its multiple operations and it is also struggling to absorb state **Medicaid** and **Medicare** payment cuts.

Baystate Health is the nonprofit parent that includes *Baystate Medical*, *Baystate Franklin Medical Center*, *Baystate Mary Lane Hospital*, *Baystate Wing Hospital* and, most recently, *Baystate Noble Hospital*. The combined system has over 80 medical practices, 25 reference laboratories and 12,000 employees including 1600 physicians. It is also the parent company of *Health New England* and *Baystate Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice*. It is a highly regarded hospital that has been nationally recognized repeatedly as one of the top medical systems in the country.

But what Dr. Keroack has learned during his short time at the helm is that it is not only a complex system, the complexity is complicated by the fact that 68% of Baystate Health's hospitals' patient care is financed through *Medicaid* or *Medicare* payments from the state, which normally would have covered only 78% of the cost per patient. That 78% included a premium that the state allocates to providers like *Baystate* who are called "disproportionate share hospitals" because they are losing more money by absorbing the difference between what *Medicaid* pays and the full cost of the services they provide.

And, to complicate matters, half way through the past budget year, our former governor discovered a state budget hole of \$329 million (2015) and made an executive decision to cut \$34 million dollars from the special *Medicaid* payments to “disproportionate share hospitals,” which meant that in the middle of its budget year, *Baystate Health* was instantly out \$5 million that had already been budgeted and substantially spent.

In other words, *Baystate* was one among the medical facilities that catered to the poorest among us and was forced to fill a state budget gap that was not of their making. The \$5 million was inserted into the current Senate budget but was excluded from the final budget. The legislature will be revisiting the matter in January and all who have benefited from the largesse of *Baystate Health* – and there are many – should contact their

legislators because if the funds are not forthcoming, major cutbacks will result and we will all be feeling the pain.

This situation has brought out the latent political side in Dr. Keroack, who is now also questioning the whole formula for allocating *Medicaid* and *Medicare* funds across the state. Larger hospitals in the Boston area have a combined negotiating power that they leverage to get commercial insurers to pay a lot more for the same quality of care that *Baystate Health* offers for much less.

And the Boston hospitals get the same percentage from *Medicare* and *Medicaid* as hospitals in the western part of the state which means their actual *Medicaid*/*Medicare* dollar amounts from government payments are much higher, which is another reason why Dr. Keroack has stepped up

his political presence to convince the legislature and the governor to rework the formula.

And *Baystate Health* is almost arbitrarily excluded from some funds it should get (i.e. from the Delivery System Transformation Initiatives Trust Fund) partly because folks in government don’t fully grasp the distinction between *Baystate Medical* and *Baystate Health*, which is why I understand why Dr. Keroack was at the Sheriff’s picnic last year where it is common to see top politicians but rare to see top businessmen. As *the new kid on the block*, he is determined to make some noise to bring attention to a confused funds allocation system that is imbalanced in favor of larger hospitals in the East.

It’s good to have Dr. Keroack back in town. He has continued the incredible progress started by his predecessors, Mark Tolosky and Mike Daley. He has built out the remainder of the incredible “*Hospital of the Future*,” presided over the acquisition of *Noble Hospital* and the build-out of its new surgical center while establishing a close relationship with *UMass Medical Center* which will benefit the hospital as well as local talent and much more, all while upping *Baystate Health*’s political presence. And, while maintaining *Baystate Health*’s commitment to excellence, he has also continued its commitment to diversity.



From left: Victor Woolridge, Chair of **Baystate Health Board of Trustees**, Daryl Hendery, Marjorie and Frederick Hurst, incoming **President & CEO** Dr. Mark A. Keroack, M.D. and Suzanne Hendery, **Baystate Health** Vice-President Marketing & Communications.
(Photo: Ed Cohen)

The only concern I have is that he won't be playing much golf at Veterans Golf Course which he frequented as a member of the Duggan Jr. High golf team. And he gave up the piano which his musician grandmother taught him to play. And he used to sing but gave that up, too. I know he's busier than most. But there is no better place to cajole politicians than on the golf course, especially at the 19th hole, or at the local bar over a drink and a

song especially if he's playing the piano as the politicians crowd around him and croon with delight as he interjects tales of his childhood adventures in Springfield.

But Dr. Keroack is a very, very busy man. And I'm sure he has to carefully choose how he allocates his time, which is why I was so pleased that he took some of that time to visit my office where we had a good old fashioned

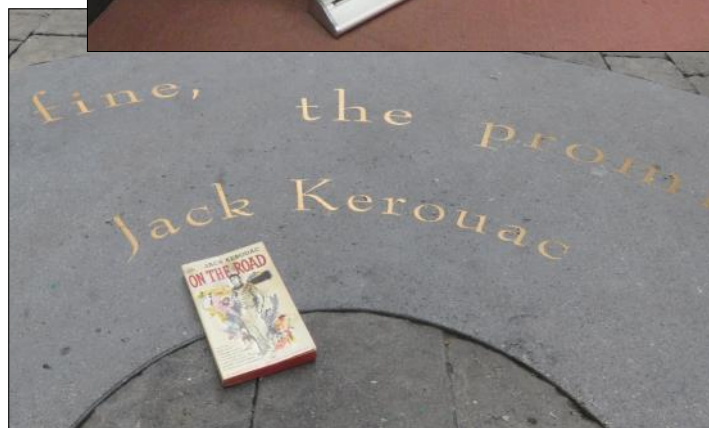
discussion that led us back in time to some common points in our pasts in Springfield, Boston and Chicago.

As we interacted, I was reminded that there is nothing that reveals the character of a man and the scope of his power more than his humility, something that will appeal to his staff, the community and even to politicians who are conditioned to respond to the "squeaky wheel."

A Quebec Kirouac in Jack Kerouac Alley

Last April, I was in San Francisco attending a work-related conference, and, as soon as I had a free moment, I could not resist the chance to visit the Jack Kerouac Alley. It was almost like a pilgrimage. The alley is painted with graffiti like that would probably please our famous cousin the writer. I had brought along my 1958 copy of *On The Road*, so I put it on the ground where Jack Kerouac's name is etched and took a photo. Nearby is the *Beat Museum* but it is not that easy to find because its sign is rather modest. However, its address on the web is very clear indeed: www.kerouac.com.

The *Beat Museum* gives a large space to Jack, his time as well as all the Beat Generation actors. There are lots of unusual items displayed next to dozens of books and posters as well as ... but what ever for, hundreds of copies of Playboy magazines for sale? Is this a last-ditch effort to save the museum? There is an important campaign presently going on because the building will soon be undergoing a city-mandated seismic retrofit, which will force the *Beat Museum* to close for about 6 months. The Museum lacks the money to cover its part of the work and does not know if it will ever be able to reopen. As written on the Internet: There is only one *Beat Museum*. If this one closes, I doubt there will ever be another one. See: <http://www.kerouac.com>



SEARCH AND FIND

André St-Arnaud, is a regular contributor to *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, always searching and finding genealogical links through the maternal lines! This time he presents to us Mélanie Joly, Canadian Liberal Government Minister.

She is descended from Simon-Alexandre, our ancestor's eldest son. She is in the same branch as Jack Kerouac, the famous Franco-American writer, who died fifty years ago in 1969.

Mélanie Joly, born on 16 January 1979 in Montreal, is a lawyer and a Canadian politician. Mélanie Joly PC MP is a Canadian lawyer, public relations expert, and politician. She is a Liberal member of the House of Commons of Canada, representing Ahuntsic-Cartierville, since the last federal election in 2015, and, since 18 July 2018, also serves as the Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and La Francophonie in the present Cabinet, headed by Justin Trudeau.

Mélanie Joly is the daughter of Clément Joly, accountant who was president of the Liberal Party of Canada's finance committee in Quebec and manager of the Canadian Air Transport Security System Authority from 2002 to 2007, and Laurette Racine, director of the Commission scolaire des-Mille-Îles (school commission).

After studying Regina Assumpta College, she attended Université de Montréal where she completed her degree in Law with Honours in 2001. At UdeM. she was president of the Law Students Organization. She is a member of the Quebec Bar. She won the Chevening International

Scholarship and studied two years at Oxford University, England, obtaining a master's degree (*Magister Juris*) in comparative and public law in 2003.

At the beginning of her career, Joly practised law at two major Montreal law firms, Stikeman Elliott, and Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg. She worked primarily in the areas of civil and commercial litigation, bankruptcy and insolvency. She was also a prosecutor before the Gomery Commission of inquiry.

In 2009, she made the leap into the world of communications and was quickly appointed managing partner of the public relations firm Cohn & Wolfe in Montreal. In 2013, she was appointed head the Quebec Advisory Committee for Justin Trudeau's leadership campaign of the Liberal Party of Canada.

Along with colleagues, she founded Generation of Ideas, a political forum for 25- to 35-year-olds. As a member of the collective group Sortie 13, founded in 2011, she penned a contribution entitled *Les villes au pouvoir ou comment relancer le monde municipal québécois* (more power to municipalities or re-energizing municipal power).

In June 2013, Joly announced her candidacy for mayor of Montreal, and founded a new municipal party. On election day in November, she obtained 26.5% of the votes, finishing six points behind the winner, Denis Coderre, and ahead of several more established challengers.

In 2015, Joly left municipal politics and announced her candidacy for the nomination of



The Honorable Mélanie Joly, Canadian Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and Francophonie.

Photo: Milton Martínez / Secretaría de Cultura CDMX

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=73595603>

the Liberal Party of Canada in the new electoral district of Ahuntsic-Cartierville for the 2015 federal election. She won the riding (political district in Canada) with 47.5% of the vote. She was named Minister of Canadian Heritage as part of newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government. In August 2018, she became Minister of Tourism, Official Languages, and La Francophonie.

In addition to her professional activities, Mélanie Joly is actively involved in social and cultural life. She has also served on several committees and boards of directors.

Source: Wikipedia

Her ancestry is on the next page.

Ancestry of Mélanie Joly

1- Alexandre de Kervoac* dit le Breton (about 1702 - 1736)	<u>22 October 1732</u> Cap-St-Ignace (Quebec)	Louise Bernier (1712 - 1802) (Jean-Baptiste and Geneviève Caron)
2-Simon-Alexandre de Kervoac dit le Breton (GFK 01276) (1732 - 1812)	<u>15 June 1758</u> L'Islet (Quebec)	Élisabeth Chalifour (1739 - 1814) (François and Élisabeth Gamache)
3-Catherine Keroack dit Breton (GFK 02575) (1774 - 1811)	<u>8 February 1796</u> L'Islet-sur-Mer, Quebec	Antoine Bélanger (1775 - ????) (Jean-Gabriel and Marie-Victoire Bernier)
4- François Bélanger (1803 - 1896)	<u>11 February 1839</u> St-Jean-Port-Joli, Quebec	Marcelline Thériault (1815 - 1854) (Pierre and Constance Couillard)
5- Pierre Bélanger (1840-1917)	<u>21 September 1880</u> St-Jean-Port-Joli, Quebec	Philomène Caron (1841-1930) (Étienne and Geneviève Carrier)
6- Amanda Bélanger (1883-????)	<u>24 April 1906</u> St-Jean-Port-Joli, Quebec	Arthur Bélanger (1881-????) (François and Clarisse Chouinard)
7-Simone Bélanger (1922-2014)	<u>15 July 1943</u> Ste-Anne-des-Plaines, Quebec	Philippe Racine (1917-1991) (Antonio and Marie-Anne Therrien)
8- Laurette Racine	<u>18 July 1970</u> Ste-Anne-des-Plaines, Quebec	Clément Joly (Marcel and Angéline Lacombe)
9- Mélanie Joly (1979-)		

*Alexandre was married under the name Maurice Louis
Le Bris, sieur de Kervoach

Research: André St-Arnaud, April 2019

From Karim Ouellet to **Kaïn**¹: Alex Kirouac's multiple musical projects

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Alex Kirouac grew up in a musical family. His father, Jacques, was a member of **Les Kirouac**², the family musical ensemble including his brothers and his sister, well-known throughout Quebec in the sixties. Alex says that his parents were very open about the idea of making a living only with music.

He started playing drums at eight. From a very young age, he followed music classes in the Beauce region with Stéphane Rancourt, among others, and until he started college.

In 2008, he started to play with another musician from the Beauce region, Pierre-Hervé Goulet, who had just successfully been on the TV programme *Star Académie*³. "It was a really great start for me then, I took part in many large festivals. From then on, I was hooked; performing became everything."



Drummer Alex Kirouac is from Saint-Georges-de-Beauce (Quebec). Alexandre is the son of Jacques Kirouac (GFK 01088) and Ginette Labbé, and is the drummer for **Kaïn**, a Quebec-based rock group. He is the cousin of Nancie Kirouac, who was KFA representative for the Montréal-Outaouais-Abitibi regions from 1998 to 2001. (Photo: Courtesy of: leclaireurprogres.ca)

Finally in 2009, Alex left his native town in order to settle in Drummondville, first to obtain his music diploma (DEC in Quebec). Then he went on to Montreal to pursue his musical studies at UQAM (University of Quebec at

Montreal). He really enjoyed being taught by Pierre Hébert, his all-time favourite drummer.

* Many thanks to Amélie Carrier for letting us reprint her article and the photos.



Alexandre Kirouac (Photo: Courtesy of: leclaireurprogres.ca)

¹ **Kaïn** is a Canadian folk-rock group, created in Drummondville, Quebec. Members of the group are: Steve Veilleux, Alex Kirouac, John Anthony Gagnon Robinette and Éric Maheu. (Source: Wikipedia)

² See *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 88, Summer 2007, p.33.

³ *Star Académie*, Canadian reality TV series started in 2003, for Quebec viewers, featuring young people, 18 to 30, competing for Best Singer. This Quebec adaptation of the French television show *Star Academy* was produced by Productions J and aired on TVA television between 2003 and 2012. (Source: Wikipedia) Similar competitions are still on going but under a new name.



Alexandre Kirouac (Photo: Stéphane Gaudreau)

Professional Beginnings

The native “Beauceron” (the name given to those born in the Beauce region) learned his trade by playing in local bars and country-western festivals, and at many other important musical events. “The secret if you want to earn your living in the entertainment field is: When starting, never refuse an offer. To get known, sometimes I accepted less attractive gigs that I would likely refuse now. But looking back, all these experiences proved useful and enabled me to establish helpful contacts still useful now”, says Alex.

Between 2013 and 2015, this Beauceron was offered various contracts, particularly with Olivier Couture's group, a musician from Saint-Elzéar; then

some French-speaking artists, Karim Ouellet and Sally Folk, asked him to perform with them, alternating with another drummer or as a replacement.

Meeting Kaïn

In 2009, Alex Kirouac was the drummer at the opening of the Rock Café's new outdoor terraces; there he met Éric Maheu, bass player for **Kaïn**. “A few years later, Éric Maheu contacted me to let me know that he liked my work attitude and that he had been thinking of me to become the official drummer for the group. So this is how I joined **Kaïn**.”

Now as an official member of **Kaïn**, he particularly appreciates the stability that comes with such a professional challenge. “It is the first time that I experience a real tour including sixty gigs with the same group. It is really great.”

Future Projects

Although living in Montreal for almost ten years now, Alex always finds good reasons to return home in Saint-George de Beauce. He says: “Sometimes I play at the Beauce Enterprises Contest Annual Gala; and I still get many contracts in Saint-Georges. I love to play in my hometown.”

Alex Kirouac is touring with **Kaïn** until the summer of 2019; he will also take part in the TV program “Aller-retour* country”, shown on MaTV, as well as replace a drummer on a special show featuring Yvan Pedneault, a singer-songwriter.

(*Country music return trip)



Crédit photo : Manny

NAPOLÉON-GEORGES KIROUAC'S HISTORICAL HOME 270 CHEMIN SAINTE-FOY, QUEBEC CITY, SAVED FROM DEMOLITION

Last 27 February, Quebec City French newspaper, *Le Soleil*, wrote that the home of Napoléon-Georges Kirouac, where one of Chevalier François Kirouac's sons lived, was finally and definitely saved from demolition. The building will be renovated and transformed into four condominiums on two levels.

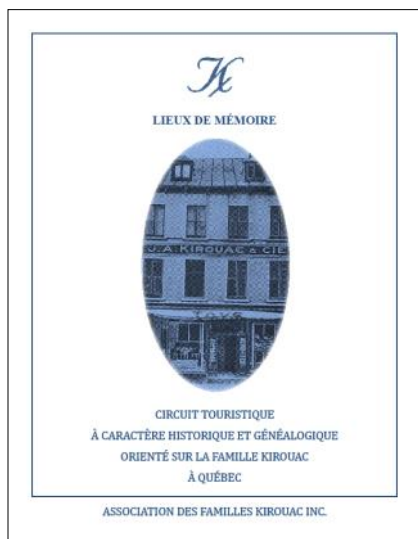
"In 1865, Pierre-Roger Poitras sold a plot to Matthew George Mountain, a merchant and grocer, who had a house built the following year according to plans drawn by Joseph-Ferdinand Peachy, the architect who, in 1863, had designed the next door house for the Petry-Amyot family. In 1871, M. G. Mountain sold the property to Robert Herbert Smith, a lumber merchant who eventually become a banker and president of Quebec Bank. When he died in 1899, his widow, Amélia Jane Lemesurier, sold the property to Annie Davie¹, Annie Davie-Kirouac, wife of Napoléon-Georges Kirouac, a businessman.

"The house remained the property of the Kirouac family until 1929 when the Knights of Columbus



bought it. In 1945, the K of C built an annex in the Art-Deco style comprising bowling alleys in the basement and a community hall on the ground floor. It was then known as the *Centre éducation aide (help & education centre)*. After that it changed hands a number of times until it was bought, in 1984, by J.-E. Verreault & Sons, a building contractor who used it as his headquarters." (Source: Quebec City information)

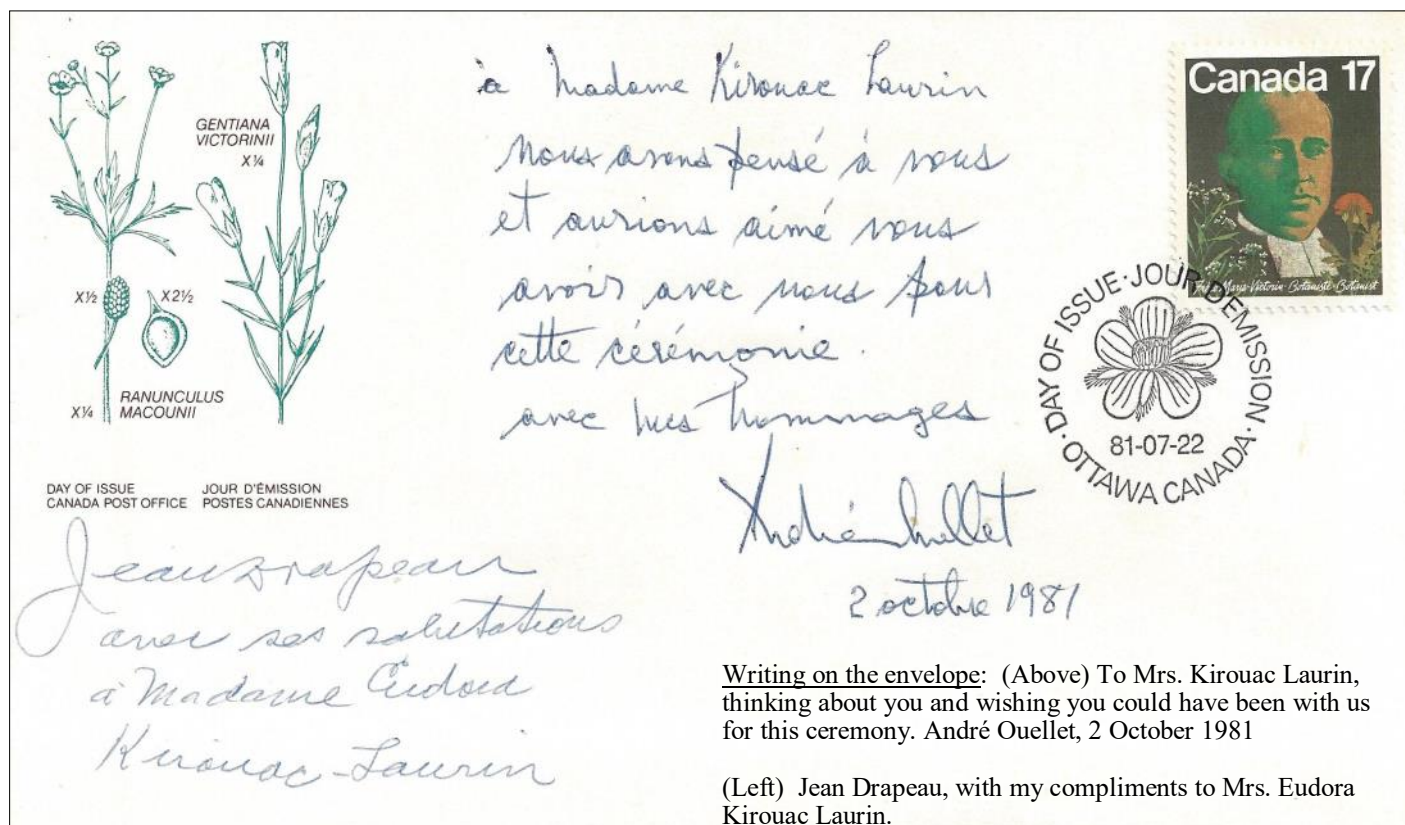
After living in this house on Chemin Sainte-Foy (Road) for a number of years, Napoléon-Georges and his family moved to 401 Grande-Allée East at the corner of Taché Street. Eventually, and until very recently, this house was the headquarters of the Quebec Symphony Orchestra. It has been completely transformed and now offers modern lofts rented to tourists visiting Quebec City.



¹ Napoléon-Georges Kirouac, son of Chevalier François Kirouac and Marie-Julie Hamel, married at Lévis, on 11 May 1897, Annie Davie (second marriage for both). Annie was the daughter of Georges Taylor Davie, who founded *Davie Ship Building* at Lévis, Quebec, and Elizabeth Johnson Taylor. They had three children but only one survived infancy, Charles-Antoine, who became a renowned medical doctor.

² See **MEMORIAL HERITAGE SITES**, a historical and genealogical tour of the Kirouacs' Quebec City, available on the KFA website at: <http://kirouacfamilies.com/genealogie/Quebec%20tourist%20circuit.pdf>

Photos of N.-G. Kirouac's two residences are on pages 4 and 16.



On July 22, 1981 Canada Post produced a stamp in homage to Brother Marie-Victorin. Here is a first-day cover sent to Conrad Kirouac's sister, Mrs. Eudora Kirouac-Laurin, autographed by then Chairman of Canada Post, Mr. André Ouellet, and also by the then already Famous Mayor of Montreal, Mr. Jean Drapeau. (Jean-Yves Laurin collection)



In 1887, the Mont-de-La-Salle located in the City of Maisonneuve then, now part of Montreal, opened its doors for young men aspiring to join the Brothers of the Christian Schools (known as De La Salle Brothers in USA). They were boarders, young recruits, novices, scholastics, as well as old and sick brothers. In 1901, aged 16, Marie-Victorin entered the novitiate. In 1917, the brothers moved to the new Mont-de-La-Salle in Laval-des-Rapides, on Isle Jésus, a northern suburb of Montreal. The 1887 building was eventually demolished and the land is now the site of the Montreal Botanical Garden. (Photo: Courtesy of Archives des Frères des Écoles chrétiennes du Canada francophone)

65th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNVEILING OF THE MONUMENT TO BROTHER MARIE-VICTORIN AT THE MONTREAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

On Saturday, 18 September 1954, then Quebec Premier, the Honorable Maurice Duplessis, unveiled the Marie-Victorin monument, work of renowned sculptor Sylvia Daoust¹, at the Montreal Botanical Garden. *La Presse*, Montreal's daily, published an article written by Mr. Maurice Morin, journalist, describing the ceremony.

We are most grateful to Jean-Yves Laurin who found, in his family archives, the article published in *La Presse*² on Monday, 20 September 1954 in which Maurice Morin describes this important event, enumerating the long list of dignitaries present, writing that “the most important religious and civil personalities were joined by people from all social classes”. He also quotes many homages to Marie-Victorin read that day. Here are the main ones.

Marie Lussier Timperley

The present article underlines the 65th anniversary of the unveiling of the monument as well as the 75th anniversary of Brother Marie-Victorin's accidental death on 15 July 1944.

The Editor

¹ See article about Sylvia Daoust published in *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 108, Summer 2012, pages 17-20, written by Marie Lussier Timperley.

² The original article from *La Presse* can be viewed at *Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec*, journal *La Presse*, 20 September 1954, pages 13 and 19, at:

<http://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/2878323?docsearchtext=Journal%20La%20Presse,%201954>



Inauguration of the Marie-Victorin monument on 18 September 1954.
Speaking is Maurice Duplessis, then Quebec Premier.

(Source: Montreal Botanical Garden, archives, photographer: Roméo Meloche)

A Warm Homage to Reverend Brother Marie-Victorin

Among the important dignitaries were:

His Eminence Cardinal Paul-Émile Léger (1904-1991), archbishop of Montreal, and the Honorable Maurice Duplessis, Premier of the Province of Québec (1890-1959).

Other dignitaries present:

Mr. Joseph Omer Asselin, President of the Montreal Executive Committee, (1890-1961); Mr. Honoré Parent, QC, treasurer of the *Fondation Marie-Victorin* (1892-1968).

In the first row were: The Honorable Olier Renaud, legislative counsel (1908-1991), Omer Barrière (1891-1970) and Gérard Thibeault (1906-1998), Quebec deputies, Paul Dozois, politician, City of Montreal commissioner (1908-1984), lawyer Paul Champagne, Deputy Director of Municipal Services (1909-1985), Judge Antoine Lamarre, Magistrates Court (1898-1976), Notary J.-A. Savoie, Mr. Lucien Dansereau, Mr. Arthur Dansereau, lawyer. Mr. Jean Bruchési, Province's under-secretary, writer and historian



Photo: Pierre Kirouac

One nephew, many grandnephews and grandnieces of Conrad Kirouac, Brother Marie-Victorin, and their spouses gathered at the monument on 9 September 2017 during the KFA annual gathering at the Montreal Botanical Garden. (Photo credit : Pierre Kirouac)

(1901-1979), **Miss Sylvia Daoust**, sculpteure Montreal sculptor (1902-2004), Dr. Adrien Pouliot, Dean of Faculty of Sciences, Université Laval, Quebec City (1896-1980), Jean Barrette; municipal councillors J. M. Savignac, Georges Guévremont, J. Albert Tardif, J.-H. Dupuis, J.-C. Girard, Adelme Farly, Bruno Lépine, Armand Mathieu, Paul Bertrand, J.-N. Drapeau³, Marcel Despatis, Georges Godin; and lawyer F.-Eugène Therrien, President of the Saint-Jean-Baptiste Society.

Financing of the monument

The monument was financed by *Fondation Marie-Victorin* in memory of the Brother thanks to the generous contributions from friends and disciples of the great botanist, his religious brothers, the De La Salle

Brothers, the province of Quebec government and the City of Montreal. It was presented to the City by Mr. Esiof-Léon Patenaude (1875-1963), Lieutenant-Governor of the province (1934-1939) and president of the *Fondation Marie-Victorin* (created in 1947 in order to, among other aims, to perpetuate) the souvenir of the religious scientist. Mr. E. L. Patenaude was Master of ceremony.

The Sculptor: Miss Sylvia Daoust

The monument sculpted by Miss Sylvia Daoust was put up near the Botanical Garden's administrative building, to better underline Marie-Victorin's three favourite achievements: the Botanical Garden, the Botanical Institute and the Canadian Society of Natural History. Later the monument was relocated near the main entrance next to the greenhouses.

At the request of the Kirouac Family Association, when Clément Kirouac was president (1994-2000), Conrad Kirouac was added on the base of the monument. This was done at the initiative of Jean-François Kirouac, son of Renaud Kirouac, long time KFA representative who passed away last autumn.

³ Joseph-Napoléon, father of Jean Drapeau, member of the Montreal municipal council from 1944 to 1954. At the time, Camillion Houde was then mayor of Montreal, but was not at the unveiling of the monument, probably for health reasons; he died in 1958. In October 1954, Jean Drapeau, became the new mayor of Montreal.

Description of the monument

On **Art public Montréal's** website the monument is described. (KFA translation): *The monument portrays Brother Marie-Victorin standing in a reserved and familiar attitude often found in western statuary. It is a walking posture his right foot stepping forward as if calmly strolling down some paths of the Botanical Garden. He is wearing the garment and skullcap typical of the brothers of the Christian Schools (De LaSalle Congregation); his right hand placed on his cape and his left hand carefully holding a pitcher plant*, his favourite flower. His bearing simply conveys a life of passionate research and steadfast work to study and complete the inventory of the Quebec flora. In this work, executed from photographs, sculptor Sylvia Daoust expressed Brother Marie-Victorin's two dominant passions: religion and botany. She captured in bronze an essential facet of his personality: the intellectual man whose contribution to the advancement of scientific research in Quebec was decisive and pivotal. (*Sarracenia purpurea also known as Indian dipper and huntsman's cup).*



Unveiling of the Marie-Victorin monument on 18 September 1954 – His Eminence Cardinal Paul-Émile Léger paying homage to Marie-Victorin. (Source: Montreal Botanical Garden Archives, photographer: Roméo Meloche)



Unveiling of the Marie-Victorin monument on 18 September 1954 - Jacques Rousseau, then Director of the Montreal Botanical Garden, speaking. (Source: Montreal Botanical Garden Archives, photographer: Roméo Meloche)

HOMAGES

(KFA translation of texts published in *La Presse*)

Among the numerous orators, let us mention:

Mr. Jacques Rousseau (1905-1970), then director of the Montreal Botanical Garden, one of Marie-Victorin's first disciples and his assistant during twenty years, as well as a colleague at the Royal Society of Canada; Brother Nivard-Anselme, General Assistant of the Brothers of the Christian Schools; Msgr. Olivier Maurault, Dean of Université of Montreal; Dr. David L. Thomson, Dean of the Faculty of Superior Studies at McGill University, representing McGill's Principal, Dr. Cyrill James (1903-1973); Municipal councillor, Léon Lortie (1902-1985), one of three representatives of Montreal University

on the City Council, representing then Montreal mayor, Camillien Houde (1889-1958).

Cardinal Léger's Testimony

"Today I am very proud to pay homage to the creator of such important works, a man of vision who, in everyday action, was able to visualize future realizations. Brother Marie-Victorin was an extraordinary teacher, a sower; he anticipated today's results and what we are now living. We must imitate him, be aware and awake, make sure today's modern-time youth understand that we must work, always work for the best of our homeland and be recognized for doing so like the Brother did. Marie-Victorin will forever remain the glory of his religious congregation which I specially salute today. Yes, there are so many of you here, wearing the distinctive white collar and the modest black frock perpetuating the humble habit of the teaching brothers. Brother Marie-Victorin is the glory of his homeland, of the Church and I stand here to thank him. The Church can be proud to have such sons to serve as example to the modern world. And I say it again, let us imitate his example."

The Quebec Premier added: "It is a duty for me to be here today to pay homage to Brother Marie-Victorin because this ceremony we are witnessing is of interest to all authorities. I want to say that I have been a humble collaborator in this gigantic work he created. He did so much for his race, his province, his city, and for the Church. We are all unanimous in thinking of Brother Marie-Victorin as a great scientist. Did he not develop a conservation work, the basis of national solidarity; and did he not create the need for observation, something lacking here. Another lesson must be drawn from the unveiling of this monument to Brother Marie-Victorin. It also shines a light on our own artistic talents here. Finally, today's ceremony enables us to see that talent combined with work will bring us honour."

Mr. Jacques Rousseau said: Half a century ago, the young Conrad Kirouac, (18 in 1903), for the first time walked on the grounds we are standing on today, when he entered the Mont de La Salle, the novitiate of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (as they are known in Quebec) the building that was standing nearby at the time. He was committing his life to teaching. This idea that grew as he walked along the alley of elms, still standing today, he steadfastly pursued through his life.



Unveiling of the Marie-Victorin monument on 18 September 1954 -
Bishop Moreault speaking.
(Source: Montreal Botanical Garden Archives;
photographer: Roméo Meloche)



Unveiling of the Marie-Victorin monument on 18 September 1954.
Esioff Patenaude, Lieutenant Governor of Québec speaking.
(Source: Montreal Botanical Garden Archives;
photographer: Roméo Meloche)



Unveiling of the Marie-Victorin monument on 18 September 1954 - From left to right: Bernard Beaupré, Léon Lortie, Sylvia Daoust (sculptor), Esioff Patenaude, lieutenant governor of Quebec, Maurice Duplessis, and Jacques Rousseau. (Source: Montreal Botanical Garden Archives; photographer: Roméo Meloche)

His powerful personality overflowed the structure in which he thought he could confine it. In its paths, research was started, teaching methods were developed, long-lasting institutions were created. Brother Marie-Victorin always sowed on the ground in a straight line. From his pedestal, among the flowers, he will be able to keep an eye on his works and follow its development and improvement, as he said just before dying: "at the service of truth and goodness".

Brother Nivard-Anselme Vézina declared: "I am speaking in the name of my Institute, particularly in the name of the 1500 Canadian Brothers, to say how grateful we are for this gesture in honour of one of our own whom we are so proud of. To the indefatigable organizers of this apotheosis; to the valiant team perpetuating here

the Brother's memory; to the artist who brought him back to life in bronze, to all the friends present today, particularly to all the Church dignitaries, and those from the Province and the City. Thank you!"

Mr. Léon Lortie, representing the City of Montreal's Executive Committee declared: "Perhaps it was meant to be an academic who knew Marie-Victorin very well to express in the name of all the citizens of Montreal the immense gratitude we owe the organizers of today's homage crowning a long and fruitful activity entirely devoted to the memory of a learned man, a scientist, an educator and a very caring man. It is right and fitting to evoke the personality and dignity of the humble cleric who, thanks to his talents and energy, has become for our generation, the example we tried to imitate.

"Generations of youth discovered the pure joy of science and the thrill of learning the laws of nature through his dedication and works. He was a pathfinder who led the way for so many helping them to find their fruitful vocations not only in botany, his particular field of expertise, but also in all scientific disciplines.

"Others beside me speak for my generation. My role is especially to remind the City of Montreal of the debt of gratitude we owe Brother Marie-Victorin who has given such a gift to his city in this magnificent Botanical Garden. Our city is proud of this park and its pavilions as well as the greenhouses essential to its vocation and being completed now. The city benefits from the teaching and research carried out by Marie-Victorin's successors

within the walls of this building, Montreal is also very proud of the reputation of the works accomplished by a team of scientists following in the footsteps of the first masters.

“In the giant task that Marie-Victorin took on, he was powerfully helped by the municipal and provincial authorities, and I am

pleased to associate the memory of one whose public life is coming to an end. Among the many works he can be proud of, Mayor Camillien Houde¹ can include bring to completion, for his teacher and friend, this great achievement for which Montreal will always be grateful to both of them. With this monument, Marie-Victorin is again present in the garden he founded.

For thousands of children enjoying the spaces, lawns, flowerbeds and gardens, this monument will be a living presence and his friends will recognize him, almost feel his presence.”

¹ Editor's Note: Camilien Houde, (1889-1958) mayor of Montreal from 1928 to 1930, 1932 to 1934, 1936 to 1940 and finally from 1944 to 1954, died in 1958.



Jean-Yves Laurin and his wife, Cécile Ferland-Laurin, proudly holding their copy of LA PRESSE, pages 13 and 19, reporting the unveiling of the monument to their uncle, Conrad Kirouac, at the Montreal Botanical Garden on 18 September 1954. The article is precious kept in their family archives. (Photo credit: François Kirouac, 2 April 2019)

If you too keep newspaper articles about members of your family, special events of any kind, do not hesitate to let us know. You can scan them and forward them to us by email. These precious documents enable us to publish pages of history in *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, our “family encyclopedia”.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE KIROUAC?

Enter KIROUAC on a search engine, Google for example, and on the first page you might see:

Kirouac & Kodakludo - Les Francouvertes -

Kirouac the rapper and the beatmaker Kodakludo have been working together since 2018, offering EP WESH, some sort of happy go lucky hip-hop . . .



Left, Kodakludo wearing the hoodie, and right, Paul wearing a colourful shirt. Photo: Caerus, courtesy of Michael Nguyen

KIROUAC that is Paul Provencher, a big fan of Jack Kerouac who decided to use the name KIROUAC as a stage name -- obviously that of his inspiring idol. When at the Old Montreal CEGEP (college) he met Ludovic Rolland-Marcotte, who chose **KODAKLUDO**, an interesting alias for a photographer.

In an interview online, Paul, alias Kirouac, said he learned a great deal from Ludo because of his solid musical training received at the Montreal-based boys choir Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal (P.C.M.R.).

I watched some of their videos, enjoyed their "beat" definitely inspired by Jack on the road; however, not by car but on bikes, ordinary bikes, Scooters, Bixis and motorbikes, flying through the streets of Montreal. Here in Montreal, when talking about bikes, we automatically think: BIXI a public bike-rental service so they made a fun video about the BIXI and as publicity goes, try to beat that? ¹

Kirouac and Kodakludo are also great fans of **Amos**, not the town in Abitibi, but **Amos Daragon**, a most popular hero created by author Bryan Perro.² who wrote a series of books relating the adventures of *Amos Daragon*; teenagers all know him and love him, so I am told. So, Paul and Ludovic, or K&K, very successfully, put this hero in music and film, RAP of course!

May I add that their 21st century French somewhat grazes my ears and as style goes, I prefer classical music. Not surprising, being old enough to be their grandmother! But young enough at heart to appreciate their talent. Those two fans of Jack Kerouac are nice and talented: Paul Provencher alias KIROUAC and Ludovic Rolland-Marcotte alias Kodak-Ludo. Good luck to you both.

Marie Lussier Timperley

¹ **Music video: BIXI from Kirouac & Kodakludo - URBANIA**
18 October 2018 - ... If we found a Bixi in Morocco, it's probably because of this clip.

² **Kirouac et Kodak - KIROUAC & KODAKLUDO: AMOS**
February 2019 - A little less than a year after WESH. ... tribute to the novels of the Amos Daragon series ...



IN MEMORIAM

BLAKE, PAUL Junior (1948-2018)

On 4 December 2018, aged 70, at the hospital in Kingman, California, died Paul Blake junior, son of Paul Blake senior and Caroline Kerouac (**GFK 01350**), sister of Jack Kerouac. He leaves to mourn his son, Paul III, and his wife Leigh Anne Scurry Blake, and their children, Ashlee Blake and Robert Paul Blake. (Bio on pages 16-18).

COUSINEAU-LALONDE, DIANE (1959-2018)

At Cornwall, Ontario, on 17 December 2018, at the age of 59, died Diane Cousineau-Lalonde, wife of Guy Lalonde; daughter of the late Rodolphe Cousineau and the late Cécile Lavigne. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her children including Julie-Anne Lalonde (**Sébastien Kirouac**) She also leaves her grandchildren including Samuel Kirouac.

CURWICK nee SMITH, Norma J. (1925-2019)

Norma J. Curwick, Norma J. Curwick, 93, passed away on 2 January 2019, at the Monticello (Indiana) Healthcare Center. She was born on 27 December 1925, in Lee, Jasper County, IN to the late Clarence L. and Edith O. (Overton) Smith. In 1947, at the Monticello Christian Church Parsonage, she married **Glenn E. Curwick**, who died on 13 June 2018 (see *Le Trésor* number 127). Surviving are four daughters: Connie Jo (Royce) Boardman, Karen Sue (Francis) Allen, Sherry Lynn (Richard) Haynes, and Shelly Kay Curwick; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Marcy Dismore, and Linda Franklin; brother-in-law Walter (Angie) Curwick; several relatives. Norma was preceded in death by her husband Glenn E. Curwick; her sisters and brothers. Memorial

celebration at the Miller-Roscka Funeral Home in Monticello, with Pastor Paul Scott, of First Baptist Church of Burnettsville, officiating. Burial to follow at Bedford Cemetery in rural Monon.

DEYETTE, nee BREAUT, BEATRICE (1931-2019)

Beatrice S. (née Breault) Deyette, 87, of Chicopee, Mass., died on 3 January 2019 at Redstone Nursing Center in East Longmeadow. Born on 1 November 1931 she was the daughter of the late Wilfred and **Leonie (Keroack) (GFK 00089)** Breault. Beatrice is survived by her children, Doreen and Leo Maheux, Robert Daunais, Sheila Langton, Lynne Methot and Bryan Mackie, Tracy Champagne and Michael, William (Joanne) Deyette III, David (Terri) Deyette, Thomas (Rachel) Deyette, and Maria and Michael Rushby; twelve grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, William J. Deyette, Jr., a brother, Roland Breault and a sister, Irene Tenan. Funeral was on 8 January 2019 at St. Anne's Church, in Chicopee; burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

DUBE (nee MERCIER), JANET L. (1937-2019)

Janet L. Dube, age 82, passed away in Spring Hill Florida, on 19 March 2019. Born in Nashua, NH on 9 March 1937, daughter of Arthur and **Irene Kerouac (GFK 01546)** Mercier. Beloved wife of Gerald C. Dube. Besides her husband of almost 62 years, she is survived by her three children, Robin (Francis) Calaguairo, John (Vickie) Dube, and Gerald (Charlie) Dube, Jr.; thirteen grandchildren, Celine Calaguairo, Joshua Calaguairo, Jennifer (Steven) Grimshaw, Christopher Dube, Samantha Dube, Robert Bolton, Hailey Russell, Shayla Russell, Colby Jan (Bill) Wolff, Lacey Dube, Ronny Dube, Stevi-Lynn Gately, and Ryan Gately; four great-grandchildren, Alexa Dube, Hayden



Cole Calaguairo, Aynslie Calaguairo, and Arabella Grimshaw; two siblings, Pauline Mercier-Morello and Ernest Mercier; two sisters-in-law, Estelle (Jim) Gibson, and Jackie Dube; brother-in-law, Laurent Sevigny and many other relatives. Janet was predeceased by her brothers: Robert, Normand, Roger, Paul and Hank, also by Theresa Sevigny and Rita Vigneault, and her baby daughter Celine. A Funeral Mass will be held at a later date.

GAGNÉ KIROUAC, LISE (1940-2019)

At home in Saint-Cyrille-de-Lessard, on 5 January 2019, aged 78, died Lise Gagné, wife of Jacques Kirouac (**GFK 02236**). She was the daughter of the late Marie-Aimée Cloutier and the late Gérard Gagné. She leaves to mourn, besides her husband, her son Yves, her siblings and their partners: Raynald (the late Louisette Leclerc), Gilles (the late Micheline Deschênes – Simone Bernier), Jacques (Lise Marois), Denis, and Pierre (Céline Thibault); from the Kirouac family: Pierrette, the late Yvon (Rosa Laurendeau), the late Mariette (the late Laurent Morin), the late Lise, Fernando, Marie-Paule (Jacques Codère), Rachel (André Journault) and **René (Sylvie Houde), KFA treasurer**. Funeral was on 12 January 2019 in the parish church of Saint-Cyrille. Burial in the spring.

HANSON, LAVERNE H. (1940-2019)

LaVerne H. Hanson, 78 78, of Chebanse, IL (grandson of Lovina R. **Curwick** Tatro), passed away 13 January 2019) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, due to complications from open heart surgery. Born on 14 February 1940, in Ashkum, he was the son of Edward and Maxine (Tatro) Hanson

Sr. They preceded him in death, in addition to one brother, Lawrence Hanson; and one great-grandson, Aiden. LaVerne married Betty Kuntz on 3 January 1959, in Chebanse. She survives. Also surviving are three sons, Danny (Tamara) Hanson, Tom (Barb) Hanson, and David (Heather) Hanson; 16 grandchildren, DJ (Neash), Michael (Nicole), Brandi (Blane), Aaron, Cassie, Breck, Briana, Brantlea, Charlotte (Chris), TJ (Jessica), Kayla, Amber (Corey), Ryne (Alexis), Austin, Chris and Abel; 17 great-grandchildren, Chase, Caitlin, Chaela, Phoenix, Boyd, Royce, Mackenzie, Brendan, Brady, Devon, Ophelia, Olivia, Axel, Cameron, Elizabeth, Rylan and Rowan; two brothers, Eddie (Linda) Hanson, and Larry (Judy) Hanson, and one sister, Linda (Jim) Schultz. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy as a radioman first class aboard the aircraft carrier USS Essex from 1960 to 1964. Visitation at Knapp Funeral Home in Clifton.

JOHNSTON, RONALD (1941-2018)

At Agassiz, British Columbia, on 11 September 2018, aged 77, died Ronald Johnston. In 2001, his wife died **Carmen Kérouac (GFK 02069)**, from Saint-Eugène-de-L'Islet. He leaves to mourn his daughters: Kathleen (Serge Charron) and their children Nicholas and Lucien from Rockland, Ontario; Kim (Dan Davis) and their children, Zachary, Matthieu, and Lydia-Carmen from Whistler, BC; Kristine Johnston (Joël Roy) and their children Kally Hodyr and Megan Hodyr from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Ronald was the son of the late Russel Johnston and the late Janet Shanahan, he leaves to mourn his sisters Brenda (J. Claude Gosselin), Marlène (Greg Carrick), Diane (James Redburn), his brother Jack (Diane Vermette) and their children and many other relatives; also his sisters-in-law Raymonde Kérouac* (Hermann Harvey), Suzanne Kérouac, brothers-in-law Jean-Louis Kérouac (Anne-Marie Plourde), Conrad Kirouac (Suzanne Saint-Pierre) and their children. Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) 1991-2001, Ronald

served in various posts across Canada. A funeral service was held at Saint-Patrick (Irish) Cemetery in Quebec City on 20 October 2018. ***Raymonde Kérouac, was a KFA co-founder.**

KÉROUAC, SUZANNE (1941-2019)

On 8 April 2019, aged 78, at the Montreal General Hospital, died Suzanne Kérouac (**GFK 02068**). Born in L'Islet on 30 January 1941, she was the daughter of Louis-Georges and Lydia (née Cloutier) Kirouac (**GFK 02066**). She leaves to mourn her daughter Leila Tremblay and her children, Alice and Félix Delagrave; her sister Raymonde* (Hermann Harvey); her brothers Jean-Louis (Anne-Marie Plourde) and Conrad (Suzanne-Saint-Pierre); her nephews and nieces: Kathy, Kim and Kristine Johnston, Jean-François and Marie-Michèle Caouette, François Kirouac, Marie-Ève, Caroline and Mathieu Kirouac and many relatives. A memorial ceremony will take place at the Université de Montréal. The interment will be in the family plot in Saint-Eugène-de-L'Islet cemetery in the summer 2019, followed by a family gathering. **Raymonde, KFA co-founder, and author of *L'Album* (1980).**

KIROUACK, BERTRAND (1929-2019)

On 11 March 2019, at the Jonquière Hospital, aged 90, died Bertrand Kirouack (**GFK 02457**), husband of Lucille Lavoie. Funeral was on 16 March 2019 in Sainte-Marie Church in Jonquière followed by burial in the Arvida Cemetery. He was the son of the late Blanche Pedneault and the late Ludger Kirouack. Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his children: Benoit Kirouack (Rolande Coulombe), Doris (Denis Chamberland), Marcel, Bernard, and the late Daniel; the grandfather of Audrey, Kevin, Christine, Dany, Anne-Émilie, Simon, Sophie-Hélène; the brother of Lauréat Kirouack (the late Berthe Savard), the late Marie-Paule (the late Jean-Paul Arseneault), Esther (the late Rodrigue Kirouack), the late Denise (Hervé Neron), the late Ghislaine (the late Alphonse Cyr), Gisèle

(Omer Pelletier), Estelle (the late Camil Vachon), Monique (Roy Hayden), Solange (the late Gaston Bergeron); brother-in-law of the late Irma Murray (the late Willie Lapointe), the late Maurice (Françoise Boudreault), the late Gérard (Nicole St-Gelais), the late Rosaire (the late Jacqueline Simard), the late Yvette (the late Georges-Henri Laberge), Patrick Lavoie (Dolorès Savard), the late Carmen (Jean-Marc Deschênes), the late Paul (the late Thérèse Couture), the late Fernand (the late Brigitte Girard). **Bertrand was KFA regional representative for the Saguenay-Lake-St-Jean 1987-1994 and responsible for the Jonquière KFA gathering in 1988.**

KIROUAC, JANET ELAINE (1941-2019)

Janet Elaine Kirouac (**GFK 00872**), 77, long time Warren, Michigan, resident, passed away 1 January 2019 at the assisted living residence in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. Born 9 January 1941, she was the daughter of the late **Louis Phillippe** and Leona (Miller) **Kirouac**. Janet attended East Detroit High School and went on to work at Chrysler until her retirement in 2001. In her spare time, she enjoyed friends and family, beach travel, and a good round of golf. She is survived by her sister Judy Hart; sister-in-law Mary Fran Kirouac; six nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and -nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Phyllis; and brothers: Robert, Gerald, and James. A funeral service was held on 6 January at Kaul Funeral Home, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

KIROUAC-CHAREST, JEANNE (1921-2019)

At the Étoiles d'Or residence at Warwick (Quebec), on 22 January 2019, aged 97, died Jeanne Kirouac (**GFK 00964**), widow of Roland Charest. She leaves to mourn her son, Jacques Charest, (Jacqueline Perreault); her grandchildren, Karine (David Morin) and Josée (Carl Piché); her great-grandchildren, Sarah-Maude and Melly-Jade.

Funeral was held on 26 January 2019 in Saint-Médard church in Warwick followed by burial in the Warwick parish cemetery.

**KIROUAC, JEANNINE
(1938-2018)**

At Hôtel-Dieu Hospital in Lévis, Quebec, on 21 December 2018, aged 80 years and 11 months, died Jeannine Kirouac (**GFK 01427**), daughter of the late Rose Cimon and the late Thomas Kirouac. Born in Saint-Hubert-de-Rivière-du-Loup, she lived in Lévis. Religious ceremony was held at the D'Aubigny Funeral Parlour in Lévis on 12 January. Spring burial of ashes at Mont-Marie Cemetery. She leaves to mourn her children: Lisette, the late Sylvie, Line and Diane; her grandchildren: Yanic, Jennifer, Roland, Steve, Kévin, Sonia, Stéphane and Jimmy; her great-grandchildren: Rose-Marie and Sabrina; her siblings, their spouses and families.

**KIROUAC, JOHANNE
(1955-2019)**

In February 2019, at Laval (Quebec), died Johanne Kirouac (**GFK 00678**), daughter of Guy Kirouac and the late Thérèse Maisonneuve-Kirouac. She leaves to mourn her father, her children, Mathieu, Alexandre and Jean-Sébastien Côté; her sisters, Lyse-Renée and Anne-Renée and her brother Michel and their families.

**KIROUAC, LAURIEN JOSEPH
(1927-2019)**

Laurien Joseph "Larry" Kirouac, (**GFK 02306**), 92, of Lewiston, Maine, died at the home of his son David, in Florida, on 28 February 2019. Larry, son of **Joseph and Valeda (Pomerleau) Kirouac**, was born in Lewiston on 27 January 1927. Larry served honorably his country in World War II. He married Jeannette (Albert) Duplessis on 18 January 1958. They met at a dance and fell in love at first glance. They raised six children. He belonged to St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, and was a longtime member of Franco-American War Veterans, Post 31, Lewiston. Larry was

predeceased by his beloved wife Jeannette; his sons George Duplessis and Paul Kirouac; his brothers Norman and Lorenzo, and his longtime friend and companion, Irene Pelletier. Survivors include his children Robert, Ronald (Kathy), Linda Allard, and David (Bridgit); sister-in-law Anna Kirouac of Lewiston; grandchildren Linda, Diane, Debbie, Cindy, Tina, Laurie, Brian, Kenneth, Laurie, Keith, John, Jill and Noah, several nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren. Celebration of life at Pinette, Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home, of Lewiston on May 24.

**KIROUAC, PAUL LORENZO
(1961-2018)**

Paul Lorenzo Kirouac, 56, of Lewiston, Maine, died 27 October 2018, after a lengthy illness. Born 20 December 1961 in Lewiston, Paul was a beloved son of Larry (**GFK 02306**) and Jeannette Albert Kirouac. Paul attended University of Maine in Orono. He enjoyed music, was an avid reader, studied alternative medicine, and enjoyed exercising. Paul had worked many years at Bath Iron Works. Survivors include his father, Laurien (Larry); brothers, Robert, David (Bridgit), Ronald (Kathy), his sister, Linda, and numerous nieces and nephews. Paul was predeceased by his mother; maternal and paternal grandparents; and a brother, George Duplessis. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**KIROUAC-DANYLEWICH,
LUCY (1923-2018)**

Passed away peacefully on 17 November 2018 at the Sacré-Coeur Hospital in Montreal, Lucy Kirouac-Danylewich. She will be sadly missed by her loving husband Peter Danylewich, her son John, her sister Wanda (John Danylewich) and nieces and nephews. At her request, there will be no funeral or memorial. She was the daughter of Michael Kirouac (**GFK 02689**) and Mary McIntosh.

**KIROUAC-DUMONT,
GERTRUDE (1935-2019)**

At the Montmagny Hospital, on 19 February 2019, aged 83, died

Gertrude Kirouac (**GFK 01029**), widow of Jean-Paul Dumont. She was the daughter of the late Albert Kirouac and the late Bernadette Bernard. Funeral at Laurent Normand Funeral House in Montmagny on 22 June 2019. Ashes to be placed in the Sainte-Euphémie Cemetery. She leaves to mourn her daughters: Francine Girard (Guy Fournier), Christiane Girard (Donald Larouche), Lise Girard (Christian Morais), Clémence Girard, Linda Dumont (Mario Caron), Sylvie Dumont (Raynald Matteau), her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her siblings, the late Emile (the late Lorraine Ledoux), the late Alma (the late Raymond Brulotte), Marie (the late Denis Bernard), the late Charles (Denise Clavery) and Louissette (Richard Morin).

**KIROUAC-GILBERT,
DIANNE ELIZABETH
(1961-2018)**

Dianne Elizabeth Kirouac-Gilbert passed away on 18 October 2018 at the age of 57. Loving wife of Steve, she was the beloved daughter of Darrell Kirouac and the late Arlene Forrest, and the granddaughter of Gérard Kirouac (**GFK 01084**) and Katleen Fearon. Cherished mother of Danica (Joshua). Adored grandmother of Melissa. She will be sadly missed by her sister Sheryl, niece Tamara and great-niece Selina. A special thank you to the staff and doctors for all their care and support during her twenty-year battle with cancer. Interment of Dianne's cremated remains took place at Mount Lawn Cemetery on 27 October 2018, at Whitby, Ontario, Canada.

**KRANICH, HENRY G.
(1920-2018)**

Henry G. Kranich, 97, of Decatur, Indiana formerly of Indianapolis, died 9 January 2018 at Adams Woodcrest Assisted Living. He was born on 2 December 1920 in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Henry and Angela (Weber) Kranich. On 7 February 1942, in Buffalo, NY, Henry married **Mary A. Keroack (granddaughter of Philippe Keroack GFK 01199)** who died on

2 February 2005. Surviving are daughters, M. Diane (Michael) Mess and Deborah Ann (Grant) Porter; grandchildren, Matthew (Alison) Mishler, Mark Mishler, Mary Anne (John) Workinger, Bradford (Jennifer) Mess, Megan Mess, and Kenton (Janice) Mess. Great grandchildren, Drake and Ella Mishler, Cain and Zeke Workinger; three step-grandchildren, Erik, Kevin and Kyle Porter and three step-great-grandchildren, Isaac, Lucy and Ally Porter. He was predeceased by a sister, Catherine Shuttleworth. Henry graduated from Wayne State University School of Pharmacy in 1949 following service in the U.S. Army during WW II. He retired from Eli Lilly & Co. in 1985 after 37 years. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur, IN and a lifetime NRA member. Funeral was on 14 January 2018 at Zion Lutheran Church; burial on 15 January at Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Michigan.

LACROIX, JACQUES (1961-2018)

At the Haut-Richelieu Hospital, on 6 December 2018, aged 57, died Jacques Lacroix. He leaves to mourn his mother Marie-Thérèse Kérouack (**GFK 00096**), his father the late Joseph Lacroix, his siblings: Louise, André (the late Marie-Andrée Vaillancourt), René, Lucie, Sylvie (François Bourque), Pierre (Chantal Ravon), Nicole and Michel as well as many nephews and nieces.

LEDUC Sr., BERNARD A. (1926-2018)

Bernard A. LeDuc, Sr., 92, of Agawam, husband of **Lorraine Kirouac (GFK 00411)**, died on 16 December 2018 at Baystate Medical Center. Born in Northampton, Mass. on 8 December 1926, he was the son of Alphonse and Anna (Levitre) LeDuc and grew up in Northampton before moving to Agawam 62 years ago. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War and retired from the Navy after 22 years of service. He was an avid war historian, focusing on World War II and Korea. A proud sailor, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, great-

grandfather, and brother, he will be missed by many. Besides his wife Lorraine, he leaves three children, Laurel A. LeDuc, Bernard A. (Brenda) LeDuc, Jr., and Robyn L. Riccio; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one more on the way; his sister Margaret Brida; several nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by five siblings, Paul LeDuc, Rita Allis, Doris Mulcare, Rose Musiak, and Francis LeDuc. Funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home followed by burial with Military Honors in St. Mary's Cemetery, Northampton, Mass.

MALENFANT, SONIA (1976-2019)

At the long term care Maison Desjardins in Rivière-du-Loup, on 31 January 2019, aged 42, died Sonia Malenfant, daughter of Clément Malenfant and Jeanne-Mance Dumont. Born on 16 September 1976 in Sainte-Rita. She leaves to mourn her beloved daughter **Jessy Kirouac**, her parents: Clément Malenfant (Monique Gagnon) and Jeanne-Mance Dumont (Jean-Marie Pelletier); her siblings: Manon (Herman Dubé), Marc (Manon), Caroline (Sylvain Caron), Marlène (Clermont Dionne), Katy (**Marco Kirouac**), Mathieu (Katy Ouellet) and Cynthia. Funeral was at Saint-Cyprien Church on 9 February 2019.

TIMLIN (nee LEO) YVONNE (1935 -2018)

Yvonne Timlin, née Leo, passed away 20 December 2018 as the age of 83. Active member of Legatus, Christ Child Society and Order of Malta. Devoted wife of the late Jerome G. Timlin, Sr. for 64 years. Loving mother of Jerome G. Jr. (Patricia), Lynette M., Bryan A. (Cheryl), Wayne A. (Valla-Dia), Patrick M. (Nancy), **Maureen A. and Jeffrey Kirouac (GFK 00382)**. She leaves 17 grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law Faith Bitteroff; her sister Doris Tecker (Gilbert) and Roy Leo (C. Lee); and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass was on 29 December 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Beverly Hills, Michigan.

TRAHOON, ROLLAND EDWARD (1928-2019)

Rolland Edward Trahoon, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away at 90 on 13 February 2019. Born in Rossville, Kansas, on 14 June 1928, Rolland graduated from Rossville High School in 1946. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of nearly 70 years, Ruby (nee Golden). The couple were married 16 June 1949 in Topeka. Rolland served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, based at Fort Sheridan, IL. Rolland had a 45 1/2-years career at Kansas Power and Light, eventually promoted to General Foreman, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was a lifelong sportsman; a member of First Baptist Church of Topeka. In addition to his loving wife, Rolland is survived by his children, Mellody (David) Trahoon-Harrison, Stacy Trahoon and Rolland (Deborah) Trahoon II, and grandchildren, Haley (Deron) Harrison-Lee, Gabriella (Stephen Mockry) Harrison, Tyler Trahoon, Tagan Trahoon, Seth Flowers; his great-granddaughters, Caroline and Margot Lee; sisters-in-law, Delores (Richard) Borough, Leota Golden, Carolyn Golden; brothers-in-law, James (Madelene) Golden, Ed Redmon; many nieces and nephews. Rolland was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Thresa (McConnell) Trahoon; and siblings, Helen Matney, Floyd Trahoon, and Shirley Tregemba. Funeral was on 18 February 2019 at First Baptist Church followed by burial at West Lawn Memorial Gardens, Topeka. (**Stacy was present at the KFA Gathering in Quebec City in September 2018.**)

**Our Deepest
Condolences to the
Bereaved Families.**

GENEALOGY / THE READERS' PAGE

The KFA's computerized genealogical database contains a number of persons' names for which we are missing either the spouse and/or the parents' names, as well as some dates; therefore, answers to the following questions would enable us to complete our data. Feel free to consult our previous issues of *Le Trésor* and forward to us any relevant info.

*Many thanks
François Kirouac*

Question 682

What are the names of the parents of Solange Bourgeois, spouse of Jean-Pierre Raiche, son of Réal Raiche and Christine Kirouac? The couple was married at Warwick (Quebec) on 15 October 1966.

Question 683

What are the names of the parents of Denise Émond, spouse of Jacques Raiche, son of Réal Raiche and Christine Kirouac?

Question 684

What are the names of the parents of Rock Dubé, spouse of Monique Raiche, daughter of Réal Raiche and Christine Kirouac?

Question 685

What are the names of the parents of Louise Routhier, spouse of Luc L'Heureux, son of Raynald L'Heureux and Gaétane Kirouac?

Question 686

What are the names of the parents of Richard Bachand, spouse of Barbara Pelletier, daughter of Russell Pelletier and Laurette Kirouac?

Question 687

What are the names of the parents of Jeanne Langlois, spouse of Julien Blanchet, son of Emmanuel Blanchet and Marie-Rose Émémentienne Kirouac?

Question 688

What are the names of the parents of Berthe Loiseau, spouse of Gustave Blanchet, son of Emmanuel Blanchet and Marie-Rose Émémentienne Kirouac?

Question 689

What are the names of the parents of Alice Simoneau, spouse of Yvon Gaudreault, son of Alfred Gaudreault and Oveline Keroack?

Question 690

What are the names of the parents of Barbara Smith, spouse of Donald Kronenberg, son of John Kronenberg and Laurette Kirouac?

Question 691

What are the names of the parents of Barbara Thomas, spouse of Curtis Carter, son of Curtis Carter and Blanche Kirouac?

Question 692

What are the names of the parents of Normand Castonguay, spouse of Claire Béland, daughter of Arthur Béland and Olivette Kerouac?

Question 693

What are the names of the parents of Marielle Collins, spouse of Roger Lacroix, son of Léopold Lacroix and Simonne Kirouac?

Question 694

What are the names of the parents of Catherine Chenard, spouse of Michaël Kevin St-Amant, son of Paul St-Amant and Patricia Ann Kerouac?

Question 695

What are the names of the parents of Gilles Lefebvre, spouse of Brenda Leclerc, daughter of Clément Leclerc and Irène Kirouac?

Question 696

What are the names of the parents of René Drolet, spouse of Irène Leclerc, daughter of Clément Leclerc and Irène Kirouac?

Question 697

What are the names of the parents of Fernand Riverin, spouse of Shirley Leclerc, daughter of Clément Leclerc and Irène Kirouac?

Question 698

What are the names of the parents of Peter Mauriades, spouse of Lola Leclerc, daughter of Clément Leclerc and Irène Kirouac?

Question 699

What are the names of the parents of Marcelle Sears, spouse of Raymond Archambault, son of Antonio Archambault and Lise Kirouac?

Question 700

What are the names of the parents of André Gignac, first husband of Roxanne Moquin, daughter of Laurent Moquin and Marthe Kirouac?

Question 701

What are the names of the parents of Sylvain Krief, second husband of Roxanne Moquin, daughter of Laurent Moquin and Marthe Kirouac?

Question 702

What are the names of the parents of Denise Croteau, spouse of Kenneth Pelletier, son of Russell Pelletier and Laurette Kirouac?

Question 703

What are the names of the parents of Pamela Landry, spouse of Russell Pelletier, son of Russell Pelletier and Laurette Kirouac?

If you would like answers to some genealogical questions, please send them to us.

We will answer them and even publish the results in a future *Trésor*.

The Editor

GENEALOGY AND READERS' PAGE / ANSWERS

In the present *Trésor des Kirouac*, we are publishing more answers sent in by Mr. Richard Fréchette, husband of Michèle Kirouac. Mr. Fréchette has been enjoying genealogy for many years and has found answers to questions published in the Readers' Page since 2007. It is therefore with great pleasure that we publish the results of his tireless work. We thank Mr. Fréchette for this inestimable contribution to our family genealogy.

Question 167 (*Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 92, Summer 2008)

What are the names of the parents of Céline Tremblay, spouse of Roland Lapointe, son of Victoria Kirouac and Zéphirin Audet dit Lapointe?

Céline Tremblay is the daughter of Euclide Tremblay and Bernadette Pelchat. Roland Lapointe was first married to Cécile Dubois, daughter of Joseph Dubois and Laura Dallaire on 12 May 1956 at Sainte-Luce Church in Albanel (Quebec). Céline Tremblay was also first married to Gérard Bilodeau, son of Frank Bilodeau and Louisianne Boivin on 5 September 1964 in Sainte-Thérèse-d'Avila church at Dolbeau (Quebec).

Question 168 (*Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 92, Summer 2008)

What are the names of the parents of René St-Hilaire, spouse of Lucille Lapointe, daughter of Victoria Kirouac and Zéphirin Audet dit Lapointe?

René St-Hilaire is the son of Joseph

St-Hilaire and Dorothée Bélanger. The couple was married on 19 October 1950 in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes church in Girardville, Lake Saint-Jean (Quebec).

Question 170 (*Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 92, Summer 2008)

What are the names of the parents of Aimé Lapointe, spouse of Juliette Lapointe, daughter of Victoria Kirouac and Zéphirin Audet dit Lapointe?

Aimé Lapointe is the son of Jean-Baptiste Lapointe and Anna Lessard. The couple was married on 20 October 1948 in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes church in Girardville, Lake Saint-Jean (Quebec).

Question 171 (*Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 92, Summer 2008)

What are the names of the parents of Lucienne St-Hilaire, wife of Robert Lapointe, son of Victoria Kirouac and Zéphirin Audet dit Lapointe?

Lucienne St-Hilaire is the daughter of Joseph St-Hilaire and Dorothée Bélanger. The couple was married on 7 August 1950 in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes church in Girardville, Lake Saint-Jean (Quebec).

Question 175 (*Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 92, Summer 2008)

What is the name of the father of Lucille Nadeau, wife of André Kirouac; and what are the names of the parents of André Kirouac?

Lucille Nadeau is the daughter of

Lucien Nadeau and Gilberte Marquis. André Kirouac is the son of Gérard Kirouac and Gracia Simard. The couple was married on 21 August 1992 in Saint-Dominique church in Jonquière (Quebec). André was first married to Albertine Brassard, daughter of Marcel Onésime Brassard and Marie-Rose Philippe on 14 June 1969 in Saint-Jacques church in Jonquière. Lucille Nadeau was first married to Raynald Gaudet, son of Alcide Gaudet and Yvonne Boily on 23 July 1971 in Sainte-Cécile church in Jonquière.

Question 178 (*Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 92, Summer 2008)

What are the names of the parents of Doris Rousseau, wife of Denis Kirouac, son of Joseph Kirouac and Marie-Rose Daigle?

Doris Rousseau is the daughter of Patrice Rousseau and Jeannine Martineau. Denis Kirouac was first married to Diane Laroche, daughter of Jean-Marc Laroche and Louise Laroche on 14 July 1979 at Saint-Antoine-de-Tilly (Quebec). Doris Rousseau was first married to Michel Ferland, son of Dominique Ferland and Thérèse Pérusse on 3 September 1977 at Saint-Apollinaire, in Lotbinière County (Quebec).

Question 306 (*Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 101, Autumn 2010)

What are the names of the parents of Louise Laflamme, spouse of Jean Fortier, son of Marcel Fortier and Marguerite Kirouac?

Louise Camille Laflamme is the daughter of Rolland Laflamme and Gertrude Grégoire. The couple was married on 11 October 1970 in Saint-Joseph church in Coleraine, Mégantic County (Quebec).

Question 309 (Le Trésor des Kirouac, number 101, Autumn 2010)

What are the names of the parents of Raoul Kirouac, spouse of Anna Walsylciew who was buried on 26 September 1981 in Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Cemetery in Montreal (Quebec)?

Raoul Kirouac is the son of Michel Kirouac and Marie Albertine Dumais. The couple was married on 28 August 1938 in Saint-Michel-Ruthens in Montréal. Anna may have been born in Ukraine around 1916. However, according to her marriage certificate, she was born at Fort William (Quebec). She is the daughter of Iwan Walsylciew and Catherine Badvik. (*St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Montreal).*

Question 312 (Le Trésor des Kirouac, number 101, Autumn 2010)

What are the names of the parents of Jean-Louis Forcier, spouse of Denise Verville, daughter of Émile Verville and Isabelle Kirouac?

Jean-Louis Forcier is the son of Donat Forcier and Marie-Anne Descheneaux. The couple was married on 7 July 1951 in Saint-Martyrs-Canadiens church in Victoriaville (Quebec).

Question 313 (Le Trésor des Kirouac, number 101, Autumn 2010)

What are the names of the parents

of Jean Riendeau, spouse of Lucette Verville, daughter of Émile Verville and Isabelle Kirouac?

Jean Riendeau is the son of Adrien Riendeau and Juliette Richard. The couple was married on 16 August 1952 in Saint-Martyrs-Canadiens church in Victoriaville (Quebec).

Question 314 (Le Trésor des Kirouac, number 101, Autumn 2010)

What are the names of the parents of Chantal Mélançon, spouse of Jacques Kirouac, son of Guy Kirouac and Thérèse Hébert?

Chantal Melanson is the daughter of Donald Melanson and Laurette Gauvin. Jacques was first married to Joan Bernier, daughter of Fernand Bernier and Yolande Martin on 20 February 1982 in Saint-Jérôme-de-l'Auvergne church in Charlesbourg (Quebec). Chantal was first married to Jean Brunet, son of Claude Brunet and Françoise Bujold on 17 December 1982 at the Court House in Quebec City.

Question 317 (Le Trésor des Kirouac, number 101, Autumn 2010)

What are the names of the parents of Lily Walsh, spouse of Thomas Cecil Kirouac, son of Alfred Kirouac and Katleen Hugues?

Lily Walsh is the daughter of Thomas Walsh and Béatrice McMahon. The couple was married on 5 June 1948 in Saint-Patrick church in Quebec City.

Question 318 (Le Trésor des Kirouac, number 101, Autumn 2010)

What are the names of the parents of William Goldberg, spouse of Elenor Athalie Kirouac, daughter of

Alfred Kirouac and Katleen Hugues?

William Goldberg's parents are unknown. His wife, however baptized Mary, Elenor, Athalie, is known as Elsie, Sarah on the marriage certificates. Elsie first married Hyman Omri Tannenbaum on 8 August 1952 at Solomon Temple in Montreal (Quebec). His parents were Israël Tannenbaum and Yetta Horamit. She married a second time, William Goldberg at the Emanu-El-Beth Sholom Temple in Westmount (Montreal) on 5 November 1964.

Question 320 (Le Trésor des Kirouac, number 101, Autumn 2010)

What are the names of the parents of Sylvie Arcand, spouse of Pierre Kirouac, son of Gabriel Kirouac and Jeannine Racine?

Sylvie Arcand is the daughter of Robert Arcand and Madeleine Poissant. The couple was married on 24 July 1993 in Saint-Joachim church in Châteauguay (Quebec).

Thank you to Mr. Jean-Yves Laurin for his answer to question 680 published in Le Trésor 128:

What is the name of the parents of Edward Petterson, husband of Thérèse Maranda, daughter of Albert Maranda and Bernadette Kirouac?

Edward Petterson is the son of Harold Petterson and Nora Vigneault. After Harold's death, Nora married, for a second time, Hugh Hume.

More answers will follow in the next issue of **Le Trésor des Kirouac**.

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