



« POUR AUTRUI »

# *LES ECHOS...*

## *DE LA CAISSE DE FAMILLE BOVET*

*December 2020*

*Dear cousins, members of the caisse de famille,*

*You are in our thoughts at the end of this very peculiar year, the ricochets of which will no doubt continue in the New Year. We hope that you are all well and that you are able to find the inspiration necessary to adapt to the consequences of these extraordinary times.*

*We wish you all and your families a peaceful Christmas and a New Year with all the light and warmth possible.*

*Time flies. Our Caisse de Famille will celebrate its 205<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 21<sup>st</sup> March next year and already 5 years will have passed since our great reunion in Fleurier in 2016. It's a truly remarkable age for the caisse, left to us by our ancestors. It continues to serve the purpose for which it was created and it is our responsibility that it continues to do so for the generations that will follow us.*

**THE FOLLOWING IS SOME NEWS CONCERNING THE CAISSE.**

## **A CHANGE IN SWISS LEGISLATION CONCERNING FAMILY FOUNDATIONS**

A 1910 COURT JUDGEMENT IN NEUCHÂTEL AS WELL AS THE REVISION OF OUR STATUTES IN 2006, CONFIRMED THAT OUR CAISSE DE FAMILLE HAS THE LEGAL STATUS OF A SWISS FAMILY FOUNDATION. UNTIL NOW FAMILY FOUNDATIONS WERE EXEMPT FROM HAVING TO BE REGISTERED AT THE SWISS COMMERCIAL REGISTRY. FROM 2021 THIS EXEMPTION HAS BEEN LIFTED AND YOUR COMMITTEE IS NOW OBLIGED, BY LAW, TO REGISTER THE CAISSE DE FAMILLE. WE LEARNT ONLY VERY RECENTLY ABOUT THIS CHANGE OF LEGISLATION AND WERE THEREFORE UNABLE TO INFORM YOU DURING OUR 2020 ASSEMBLÉE BY CORRESPONDENCE IN SEPTEMBER.

THIS CHANGE IN LEGISLATION IS INSPIRED PRINCIPALLY BY SWITZERLAND'S EFFORTS TO BETTER TRACK THE ORIGINS OF CRIMINAL MONEY LAUNDERING. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH SOME FAMILY FOUNDATIONS ARE A POTENTIAL RISK IN THAT REGARD?!

WE HAVE THEREFORE STARTED THE REGISTRATION PROCESS. THIS CHANGE SHOULD NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES ON THE OPERATION OF OUR CAISSE. IT WILL REINFORCE THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE CAISSE AND POTENTIALLY ENHANCE STATE CONTROL. THIS IS IN NO WAY A CONCERN FOR US AS THE CAISSE IS MANAGED IN CONFORMITY WITH CURRENT LEGISLATION.

WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT THE PROGRESS IN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND WE ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THIS SITUATION.

## **EXHIBITION OF OUR LATE COUSIN SYLVIA KRENZ-BOVET'S ARTWORK.**

AN EXHIBITION OF SYLVIA'S ARTWORK HAS BEEN SET UP AT THE HOME OF OUR COUSINS' CLAIRE AND ANDRES JAUSSE AT MONTAGNY-PRÈS-YVERDON. THIS EXHIBITION WILL ENABLE THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE INTERESTED, TO SEE AND ADMIRE THE BEAUTIFUL, CREATIVE, ECLECTIC AND MOVING ARTWORK LEFT BY SYLVIA.

ARTISTIC CREATIVITY WAS A COMMON THREAD THROUGHOUT SYLVIA'S LIFE, BOTH IN HER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AS AN ARCHITECT AND EXHIBITION SCENOGRAPHER AND IN HER ACTIVITY AS AN ARTIST WHICH OCCUPIED MUCH OF HER "FREE" TIME. SHE WAS VERY TALENTED AND CONSTANTLY EXPLORED NEW TECHNIQUES AND INSPIRATIONS. SHE LEFT A LARGE COLLECTION OF WORK, MUCH OF WHICH WAS NOT SEEN BY MANY, NO DOUBT BECAUSE OF HER MODESTY. THIS EXHIBITION WILL THEREFORE ENABLE YOU TO ADMIRE HER DRAWINGS, PAINTINGS AND

OTHER CREATIONS. HER WORK IS IN ALL FORMATS, FROM VERY LARGE PAINTINGS TO MINIATURE OBJECTS.

WE THEREFORE INVITE YOU TO VISIT THIS EXHIBITION....AND IF YOU WISH, SYLVIA'S CHILDREN SONIA AND VINCENT WOULD VERY GENEROUSLY LIKE TO OFFER YOU AN ARTWORK OF YOUR CHOICE IN MEMORY OF SYLVIA.

THE EXHIBITION WILL TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021:

- IN JANUARY DURING THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOONS: SUNDAY THE 3<sup>RD</sup> AND THE 10<sup>TH</sup> AND SATURDAY THE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup>. IN ORDER TO AVOID HAVING TOO MANY PEOPLE AT THE SAME TIME (COVID!) WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE ADVISE AND AGREE WITH CLAIRE AND ANDRES IN ADVANCE WHEN YOU PLAN TO VISIT, EITHER BY TELEPHONE OR BY EMAIL (SEE BELOW)
- OUTSIDE OF THESE DATES AND UNTIL THE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021 YOU CAN VISIT THE EXHIBITION BY APPOINTMENT WITH CLAIRE AND ANDRES, ALSO BY PHONE OR BY EMAIL.

THE EXHIBITION IS AT CLAIRE AND ANDRES HOME AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

ROUTE DES CORBES 10,  
1442 MONTAGNY-PRÈS-YVERDON

PHONE: 024 445 13 90

EMAIL: [CLAIRE.JAUSSI@VTX.CH](mailto:CLAIRE.JAUSSI@VTX.CH)

FOR THOSE WHO LIVE OUTSIDE OF SWITZERLAND AND WHO WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND WE WILL MAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOME OF HER WORK ACCESSIBLE TO YOU.

## **DISCOVERY OF CORRESPONDANCE OF SAMUEL AND GEORGINA BOVET-DE MESTRAL**

SINCE PHILIP'S TEXT WRITTEN IN 2015 ABOUT THE UNUSUAL LIFE OF SAMUEL (SON OF ARNOLD AND NANETTE BOVET-BERNUS) AND GEORGINA BOVET-DE MESTRAL, MUCH MORE MATERIAL, WITNESS OF THEIR LIVES, HAS BEEN DISCOVERED. THANKS TO OUR COUSIN ROBERT, THE CURRENT OWNER OF THE CHATEAU OF VULLIERENS, WHO OPENED UP THE CUPBOARDS AND ATTICS OF THE CHATEAU TO US, A REAL TREASURE OF HUNDREDS OF LETTERS, DOCUMENTS, PUBLICATIONS AND PHOTOS CONCERNING THEIR LIVES, HAS BEEN DISCOVERED. THIS MATERIAL DATES FROM 1897, WHEN THEY WERE ENGAGED, UNTIL THEIR DEATH IN VULLIERENS IN 1950/51. THE CORRESPONDENCE IS BETWEEN SAMUEL AND GEORGINA WHEN THEY WERE ENGAGED AND SAMUEL WAS ALREADY IN MOZAMBIQUE; WITH THEIR PARENTS,

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH THEIR 9 CHILDREN. IT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY KEPT AND REPRESENTS A UNIQUE LIFE STORY.

ROBERT HAS VERY KINDLY OFFERED TO DONATE THIS HISTORIC MATERIAL TO THE CAISSE DE FAMILLE. WE THANK HIM WARMLY.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THIS COLLECTION CONTINUES TO BE PRESERVED AND REMAINS ACCESSIBLE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS, THEY WILL BE DEPOSITED AT THE VAUD CANTONAL ARCHIVES AS A PRIVATE COLLECTION ALONG WITH THE OTHER LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS WE ALREADY HAVE. APART FROM THE FAMILY AND HISTORIC INTEREST OF THIS COLLECTION, IT IS PROBABLY AN INCREASINGLY RARE EXAMPLE OF SUCH A COMPLETE FAMILY LIFE STORY BY CORRESPONDENCE. THIS NO DOUBT EXPLAINS THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE CANTONAL ARCHIVES TO ACCEPT THE CARE OF THE COLLECTION.

THANKS TO THIS ADDITIONAL MATERIAL PHILIP HOPES TO COMPLETE THE BIOGRAPHY WRITTEN IN 2015.

### **EXHIBITION IN NEUCHÂTEL OF SWISS MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES**

SOME OF YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY, AND UNTIL THE 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021, AN EXHIBITION AT THE MUSÉE D'ETHNOGRAPHIE IN NEUCHÂTEL OF THE INFLUENCE OF SWISS MISSIONARIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE EXHIBITION IS A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE WAY IN WHICH MISSIONARIES INFLUENCED THE PERCEPTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IN SWITZERLAND. IF YOU LOOK CAREFULLY YOU WILL FIND A PHOTO OF OUR ANCESTOR, SAMUEL, AT THIS EXHIBITION.

### **THE 2021 ASSEMBLÉE...AND ARNOLD BOVET (1843-1903)**

THE 2021 ASSEMBLÉE OF THE CAISSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup> 2021....WE HOPE WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF COVID OR ITS COUSINS!

WE ARE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING IT IN BERN. THERE HAVE BEEN 3 ASSEMBLÉES IN BERN DURING THE 205 YEAR'S EXISTENCE OF THE CAISSE, IN 1948, 1953 AND 1973. SO WHY BERN AGAIN IN 2021? THE IDEA WOULD BE TO REMEMBER THE LIVES OF ARNOLD AND NANETTE BOVET-BERNUS WHO MARKED THE CITY OF BERN, AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS OF SWITZERLAND AND BEYOND ITS BORDERS, BY THEIR SOCIAL WORK.

ARNOLD AND NANETTE ARE COMMON ANCESTORS TO MANY OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE CAISSE DE FAMILLE. ARNOLD'S LIFE HAS INSPIRED SEVERAL PUBLISHED BIOGRAPHIES. HE WAS A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE ENERGY AND ACTION UNTIL HIS VERY LAST DAYS. HE TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY IN EUROPE, WAS VERY DETERMINED, NON CONFORMIST IN MANY WAYS WITH REGARD TO THE CHURCH AND ALSO TOLERANT AND OPEN MINDED. PASTOR, HIS MINISTRY WAS CHARACTERISED ABOVE ALL BY HIS SOCIAL WORK, AIMED PARTICULARLY AT IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF PEOPLE VICTIM OF ALCOHOL ADDICTION. HE ALSO HAD COMPETENCES IN ARCHITECTURE WHICH HE USED IN BOTH HIS PROFESSIONAL AND PRIVATE LIVES (HE DESIGNED THE PAVILLON IN GRANDCHAMP! )

THERE ARE STILL TRACES OF ARNOLD IN BERN THROUGH STREET NAMES AND BUILDINGS. WE HOPE TO HOLD THE ASSEMBLEE AT THE HOTEL KREUZ, THE HISTORY OF WHICH IS CLOSELY LINKED TO ARNOLD. HE FOUNDED THE BLUE CROSS IN BERN IN 1880 AND SUBSEQUENTLY BOUGHT AN AUBERGE, THE HOTEL KREUZ, IN THE ZEUGHAUSGASSE FOR HIS ACTIVITIES. TODAY THE HOTEL KREUZ IS A HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE WHICH CONSIDERS ARNOLD BOVET AS THEIR HISTORIC FOUNDER. IT HAS A RECEPTION AND CONFERENCE ROOM CALLED "LA SALLE BOVET" WHERE WE HOPE TO HOLD THE ASSEMBLÉE. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THIS PROJECT.... IN THE MEANTIME PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

## OUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

A CHANGE IN SWISS FINANCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED IN 2022. BROADLY, IT AIMS TO IMPROVE THE PROTECTION OF INVESTORS. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THIS WILL LEAD TO A CHANGE IN THE CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS BETWEEN THE CAISSE AND OUR BANK, THE UBS. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THESE CHANGES AND IF NECESSARY CONSULT YOU.

THE VALUE OF OUR PORTFOLIO INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 0,8% BETWEEN JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> AND DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> 2020, INSPITE OF SOME REDUCTION IN THE VALUE OF SWISS BLUE CHIP SHARES.

IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE DIVERSIFICATION OF OUR PORTFOLIO AND TRY AND IMPROVE ITS RESISTANCE TO POSSIBLE BRUTAL FLUCTUATIONS, WE WILL PROPOSE , IN THE NEW YEAR, A FEW CHANGES TO THE INVESTMENT COMMISSION. HERE AGAIN , WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

## THE UPDATED LIST OF MEMBERS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE CAISSE DE FAMILLE

WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CREATE A LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CAISSE INCLUDING THE OTHER POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE THE CHILDREN OF MEMBERS WHO NO LONGER CARRY THE BOVET NAME. FOR EXAMPLE CHILDREN OF WOMEN, BORN BOVET BUT WHO HAVE A DIFFERENT FAMILY NAME. THESE POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES APPEAR IN BLUE IN THE ATTACHED LIST. AS WITH THE MEMBERS, WHO APPEAR IN BLACK, THEIR NAMES ARE IN BOLD TYPE WHEN THEY HAVE REACHED 18 YEARS OF AGE AND THE WOMEN APPEAR IN ITALICS. UNLIKE THE LIST OF MEMBERS, THE LIST INCLUDES ONLY THE LIVING BENEFICIARIES', BOTH OVER AND UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.

PLEASE COULD YOU INFORM OLIVIER OF ALL CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY TO THIS LIST.

## THE ELECTION OF A VICE PRESIDENT AT THE 2021 ASSEMBLÉE

THE 4 YEAR TERM OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CAISSE WILL END IN AUGUST 2021. WE THEREFORE CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR THIS ROLE. WE INVITE THOSE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED TO CONTACT PHILIP OR OLIVIER WHO WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO GIVE YOU INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ROLE AND ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEXT ASSEMBLÉE ON AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup> 2021.

## INTERESTING FAMILY LINKS

The music of our cousins' Chris and Tiza Bovet-Brown :

<https://www.youtube.com/user/bovax22/videos>

The photographic work of our cousin Fanny Laure Bovet :

<http://www.fanbovet.com>

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE FAMILY NEWS AND LINKS WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE CAISSE !

*With our best wishes,*

*Your committee*