



# LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Rachel Linnell Wynn, Founder and Historian Emeritus

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Dear Cousins,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Linnell Family Newsletter Editor. As the Editor my goal is to reach out and engage the younger generation's interest in the Association. Over the next year you will see some changes to the content of the newsletter. If you have any suggestions or critiques please email your thoughts. I am open to any input.

Please wish me luck in meeting the incredible standard Brian and Kathy Linnell have established in this Newsletter.

In the upcoming issues of the Newsletter I am adding a "Kid's Corner" This section will be focused on our school aged children. I am requesting you all to participate. Send me information regarding your children's accomplishments or if your child has an article about the family they would like to add, a poem they have written etc. I will review and chose one submission per newsletter.

Sincerely,  
*Lynne M. Petersen*  
Linnell Family Newsletter Editor



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# Letter From The Chairman

By Jerry Linnell



My Dear Cousins:

Well, here it is 5 months since one of the most memorable [Linnell family reunions](#) ever, it having taken place in June in Grand Portage/Mineral Center/Grand Marais, MN. I believe the total attendance reached approximately 175 cousins from as far away as Texas, California, Virginia, Washington, DC and State, and many others. To put it mildly, if you were not there, you simply missed a most wonderful weekend. Our face-to-face connection with Billi Carlson at the Grand Portage Lodge & Casino was extremely beneficial as Billi went out of her way to help us put on this shindig from start to finish. Billi was available to our reunion coordinator Becky Johnson, who came through with flying colors, throughout all phases of her/our planning and culmination of the reunion. All of us who were in attendance owe these two ladies a special thanks for all the labor put towards making the reunion a most enjoyable and informative event.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not take the time to give special thanks to a host of “local” cousins who helped during the planning stages and execution of the reunion. And may I say if perhaps I leave someone off the list, please accept my apology in advance. With the help of many others, I have cobbled together this list of folks to whom we express our thanks and appreciation for a job very well done:

Florence and George Bloomquist, David Beckwith, Bobby, Dick, David, and Valita Bockovich, Scott (Emit) Bystrom, Bonnie Featherstone, Deb and Bill Franke, Brenda, Kari and Kerri Johnson, Sandra, Norm, and Susan Johnson Linnell, Jean Malner, Dixie McLean, Ray and Ruth Roberts, Nona, Dwight (Smitty), Sheryl, and John Smith, Sally Smith Suck, Sharon and Elizabeth Sunde, Rhonda Bockovich Silence, Gail Wahlstrom, Nelda and Dennis Westerlind, and Terry Zimmerman. And of course I must express great appreciation to all the members of the steering committee. The committee, along with many interested cousins, met at the GPLC in the spring of 2011 and then had monthly conference calls in 2012 in preparation for the reunion. As they say, the devil is in the details, and I thought we certainly came away winners in nearly every aspect of our planning.

One of the exciting results of the business meeting, which took place on Saturday morning, was the filling of the vacant steering committee positions. We welcome: Sue Dittus, Secretary, Doug Roberts, Vice Chair, Lynne Petersen, Newsletter Editor, and Jamie Linnell, gravestone restoration committee.

**Continued.**

## WELCOME- WELCOME - WELCOME!!!

We want to recognize and welcome the cousins that joined the Linnell Family Association (LFA) so far this year. Rodney Searle, Colona, IL; Terry Zimmerman, Melrose, MN; Susan Johnson, Clear Lake, MN; Rhonda Silence, Grand Marais, MN; Jason Nordberg, Duluth, MN; and Jamie Linnell, Moore, OK.

We also want to thank our new LFA Life Time members. Lynne Petersen, Oakdale, MN; Dan Bockovich, Silver Bay, MN; Florence Bloomquist, Grand Marais, MN; and Chuck Linnell, La Crosse, WI.

Again WELCOME ABOARD and Many Thanks for your support.

### Letter From The Chairman continued...

Of course, with the reunion at our backs and a new slate of officers to steer the good ship Linnell, I have the feeling the association came away a much stronger entity, with a new emphasis for family genealogical depth and appreciation.

And now a couple of more mundane topics. Of course, as we all know, Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner, and with those comes the ever-present question: "Gosh, what am I going to get him or her for Christmas this year?" May I suggest an item or two from the LFA store where we have the Robert Linnell book, LFA shirts, the Eagle Wing picture (if we can get 10 orders), and the new Linnell apron.

Then there is always the question: "Darn, did I pay my yearly dues yet?" As a result of action taken at the reunion, there will now only be 2 dues-paying amounts -- the lifetime \$125 membership and yearly \$20 membership.

Also, last but not least is the [upcoming scholarship](#) undertaking, an event that is never too early to start emphasizing. I hear many cousins talking about their child or grandchild being at that age, so it is good to start them down the trail to \$1,000 to be used toward their further educational commitment. May I emphasize how important this endeavor is to the future of our organization. Yes, we have winners as a result of their efforts, but we also have other young ones who may not have won but spent just a little period of time in their young lives to find out more about and the importance of family. Who knows, maybe one day they will be willing to take over one of the many steering committee positions we now have working to better the association.

Well, cousins, I have rambled on for too long; therefore, I will end with the extension of a hardy wish for a great holiday season and New Year upcoming.

God bless you all.



# (LFASF)



**Attention: All high school seniors and current college students!**

We invite you to apply for award of the [Linnell Family Association 2013 Scholarship Fund](#). Any high school senior or current student of a college or an accredited higher education program, and who is a descendant of Robert Linnell, is eligible to apply for the scholarship.

## How do students apply?

Student applicants are asked to write an essay on Linnell family history or current positive influences of the Linnell family. The essay should be typed and double-spaced, not less than 1,000 words, nor more than 2,500 words in length.

One winning essay will be selected this year for the \$1000 scholarship award.

Students should mail their original essay along with: the LFASF Scholarship Application form; two letters of recommendation (one from a teacher of the applicant and one from a member of the applicant's community); and a current academic transcript.

Please visit:  
[www.linnellfamilyassociation.com](http://www.linnellfamilyassociation.com) to download the scholarship application, view the complete scholarship rules and obtain further information about applying for the scholarship award.

## When are essays and applications due?

Students wishing to enter their essay for the LFASF award must have their application, accompanying essay, letters of recommendation and transcript sent by

April 15, 2013.

## How are the essays judged?

The Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund Administration Committee (LFASFAC) has been established and will oversee the selection and judging of all prospective scholarship award recipients.

## How to send student essays and applications:

1. Send your original essay, the application, two letters of recommendation, and an academic transcript to:

Sue Dittus  
219 11th Ave. W. #125  
Grand Marais, MN 55604

2. Send one copy of your essay with all identifying names removed to:

Barrie Westerwick  
11 Allocco Drive  
Holmdel, NJ 07733

For questions, contact any LFASFAC member:

[scholarshipfund@linnellfamilyassociation.com](mailto:scholarshipfund@linnellfamilyassociation.com)

## DONATIONS TO THE LFASF

Your donations will help the LFA scholarship funds continue to grow. Because of your contribution, we can continue to award deserving Linnell students a scholarship to apply towards their higher education.

For further information on making [a donation to the LFASF](#), visit the Linnell Family Association Web Site.

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

As 2012 winds down, it is time to start thinking about next year. With the New Year comes the time to renew your Linnell Family Association (LFA) Membership by paying your membership dues. To ensure you receive a hard copy of the LFA Newsletter, you must be a "Life" member or have paid your "Annual" Dues.

If you are unsure of your current status, just look at the mailing label on this newsletter. Following your name on the mailing label is the information regarding your membership status and the last year you paid your membership dues according to LFA records. This information is on the "Example Label" below.

After your name you will see your status:  
**Annual** or **Life**.

<b>Descendant R. Linnell</b>	<b>Annual/12</b>
<b>111Happy Street</b>	
<b>Anytown, USA 00000</b>	

Following your status level are two numbers. The number is the last year you paid your membership dues according to the LFA records. If you see 'xx' in the "Last Year Paid" position, it means the LFA records are incomplete and do not indicate the last year you paid your membership dues. On the mailing label example, Decedents R. Linnell is a "Annual Dues" member and last paid in "2012".

To receive a hard copy of the LFA Newsletter, you will need to be a Life member or have paid Annual dues in the last three years.

**Vital Records**

**Eben Rylee Reel**

**11a,b15,515,641,11**

Born 31 May 2012 in Silverton, OR.  
Parents are Dan & Wendi Reel.

**Marshall Ray Erickson 11a,b15,515,643,23**

Born 10 Feb 2012. Parents are Megan (Reel) & Andrew Erickson.

**Luke Daniel Fouts**

**11a,b15,515,644,25**

Born 30 Sept 2012 in Jefferson, OR.  
Parents are Donaca (Wilson) & Mark Fouts.

**Margaret (Peggy) Loomis Weaver**

**117,612,111,111**

Died 25 Aug 2012 at the Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, MD.

**Lyman Fred Weaver**

**117,612,471,55**

Died 12 July 2012. He was interred at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

**Kimberly Sue Maki**

**118,241,112,812,11**

Died 8 May 2012 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, Commerce Township, MI.

**Drusilla Ruth Hickisch Linnell**

**118,241,116,912 Sp**

Died 24 Aug 2012 in Palatine, IL.  
Dru was instrumental in the early days of the LFA in helping many things happen for the Association.



**Looking for the perfect Christmas gift?**

**The LFA store will be online and open until December 11**

**Polo's, Sweatshirts, Pajama pants and more.**

**Log on and check us out.**

**[www.tinyurl.com/linnellfa](http://www.tinyurl.com/linnellfa)**

# Article from Rachel Linnell Wynn

## In Memory of Drusilla Ruth Hickisch Linnell Wife of Richard "Dick" Linnell

Drusilla Linnell was the wife of Richard, Dick, Linnell, and supported his many, many efforts in the development of the Linnell Family Association from its earliest days.

My first meeting with this couple came in the early 1980s when they arrived at the Wynn home in Rochester, NY to find out what Rachel Wynn had in mind in developing a history of the Linnell family. There, in the next 48 hours, the Linnell's and the Wynn's melded; finding their relationship, securing their history, comprehending their 400 years of common family history. It was where Dick signed on to become part of the effort to form a Linnell Family Association.

And Dru and Rachel's husband J.C. became the support for this effort from the beginning.

Dru and Dick invited me to stop with them at their lovely colonial home in Illinois in 1983: when I was still gathering data for the first publication of DRL in 1988. How hospitable they were! And how they both gave support for the gathering of supportive data for the publication! Dru even found interest in adding to the records of the Hickisch family too.

But it was her dedication to Dick's drive to gather his part of the Linnell history that took them on expeditions into the Minnesota and Wisconsin areas for direct meetings with cousins that viewed long remembered school houses and farm locations. Dick, with Dru's support, could bring to light stories and family tales that affirmed the telling of the Linnell story.



**Dru backed Dick's efforts from the beginning and provided warmth and patterns of human effort that made connections possible. Dru helped create displays of historical material and "for sale" items to support the budget.**

**This photo in 1985 brings wonderful memories of a core of Linnell hospitality and joy in true Linnell Family History.**

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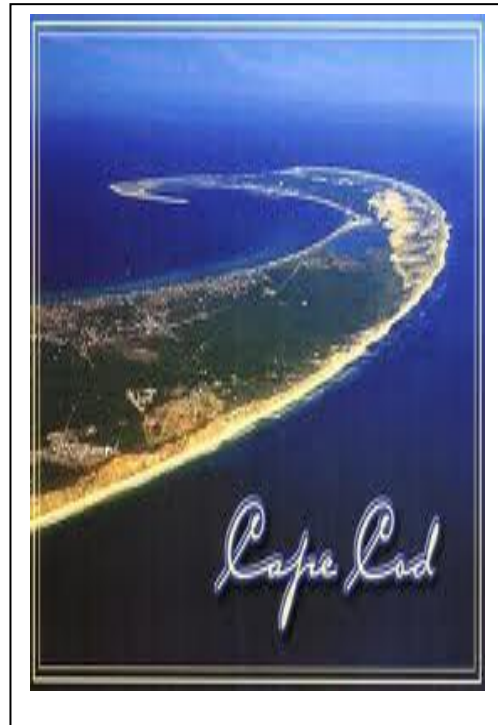
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The purposes of the Association are to promote fellowship among Linnell Family members through reunions, the publication of the Linnell Family Newsletter, and the preservation of family records.



## THE MINERAL CENTER SONG

Marvel Linnell Soderlund wrote this song and sang it at the last supper when the families were forced to move out of their little community.

This was sang at the [Linnell Family Reunion 2012](#)

We all hate to leave Mineral Center  
This has been our home for years  
And when the time comes for parting  
We won't be ashamed of our tears  
The old gravel road we have traveled  
In summer, spring, winter and fall  
will always live in our memories of past  
Our neighbors and friends most of all

Many good times we have had in our town  
At programs and picnics and such  
Never have had formal parties and such  
We've just been plain folks with no fuss

So farewell to dear Mineral Center  
Its pines and its birches so staunch  
God Bless us all on our journey  
And bring lots of luck to our bunch





**Linnell Family Association**  
**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION & RENEWAL**

Please register me as a member of the Linnell Family Association in the following category:

- Life time Membership -\$125.00
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