



# LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## Linnell Family Association Scholarship Program a Success!!



**Rachel Benzing**

(118,241,116,591,11)

**2013 LFA Scholarship Winner**

Photo from 2012 LFA Reunion

As noted in the June 2013 Linnell Family newsletter, Rachel (daughter of Laurie Linnell Benzing and granddaughter of Jerry Linnell) was the proud recipient of this year's **\$1000** Linnell Family Scholarship award for her essay, **"The Extraordinary within the Ordinary"**.

Rachel is currently a sophomore at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and the recipient of a UMBC Dean's Scholarship award. She is an English major, aspiring to become a published author. She is also working towards obtaining a secondary education teaching certificate which she notes will support her while she attempts to get published. Not only is Rachel busy with academics, she also plays lacrosse for UMBC.

While growing up, sports participation played a big part in Rachel's family. She states in her essay, "As the daughter of a two-sport Division 1 athlete, it seemed fit that I would grow up playing sports. My youth consisted of going to school, going to practice, and then going from practice to another practice."

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**Thank You!**  
From 2012 recipient  
**Jamie Chen**

*Dear Linnell Family Association,  
Thank you very much for the <sup>2013</sup> scholarship!  
It helped greatly during the school year so I could concentrate on my studies. I am happy to inform you I graduated from UM-Morris with my biology degree. I am also happy to inform you I have been accepted to Minnesota State University Moorhead so I can continue my pre-pharmacy prerequisites. I am still planning on attending the Pharmacy School in Fargo, ND. Thank you so much for all of your support. Very Sincerely,  
Jamie Chen*



Greetings Everyone.

Here in Washington the political scene has quieted somewhat, but there is a storm brewing down the road, you can bet on it – especially in this Congress. However, closer to home, It surely is that time of the year when all of us are working toward happy and festive holiday seasons – pennies to pinch, grocery lists, Christmas cards, planning on the next mall excursion, baking and cooking menus, guests to invite, New Year's Eve. Gosh, the list goes on and on.

Well, I would like to throw out a few ideas for you. As always, you are wondering what gift to get someone in your family who seems to already have everything, so you think. If you continue to read further in this newsletter, maybe you will find out what we have in "STORE" for you. Yup, you will find lots to think about and at pretty good prices.

Also in this newsletter you will again be able to find out all about the scholarship requirements for that family member of yours who plans to go on to college next fall. As always, it is never too early to remind that special person that now is the time to be thinking about what wonderful living or deceased member of their family they would like to write about and enter the winning submission worth \$1,000 for their next learning adventure.

And to inform you all the steering committee is forging ahead with plans for the 2015 reunion at Cape Cod. Needless to say, it will take a mighty effort to come close to the reunion extravaganza last year in Grand Portage, MN.

But if you have never been to the cape, it is a wonderful place; there is certainly much Linnell history preserved there. It is never too early to remind your family to plan on joining many of their cousins for just an extraordinary weekend (and more, if you should be so lucky as to have the time) of sites, sights, and "cites."

Hopefully you will agree with me that you did not have to "travel" very far to get some wonderful ideas for that perfect holiday season. Jane and I extend to all of you our best wishes in that attempt.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.  
Your Chairman, Jerry

## 2013 Scholarship Winner

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Rachel attributes much of her success in sports to her mother who was a huge supporter and fan. She states, "I can count on one hand the number of games my mom has missed, and I have played in thousands of games" ...."she is so dedicated that in almost nineteen years she has missed less than five of my games."

Volleyball, basketball and lacrosse were the sports Rachel played in high school. When she was not out on the sports fields, she was a volunteer for various extra-curricular activities. She was President of the Key Club, Vice President of Lines of Love and a member of Best Buddies. Her varsity baseball coach has described Rachel as "a talented athlete who excelled in multiple sports, lacrosse being her strongest, as well as someone with a quick wit and a great sense of humor." She is also described as an engaged student with a mature focus and determination as well as having leadership abilities as displayed through her willingness to help those around her. After graduating from high school, she served as an assistant coach for a youth club organization lacrosse team and is noted as having been a good instructor and role model for the younger girls that she coached.

Rachel states in her essay:

"...being a Linnell has taught me that life is not about recognition or reward;

it is about the self-sacrifice that causes ordinary people to do extraordinary things."

We think that Rachel is well on her way to accomplishing extraordinary things!

We were pleased to award Rachel with the scholarship prize and wish her all the best in the future!



Rachel and her mom, Laurie

**Do you have a story to tell about the family?**

**We are looking for articles for future newsletters.**

**If you are interested,**

**Email [newsletter@linnellfamilyassociation.com](mailto:newsletter@linnellfamilyassociation.com).**

**We are looking for stories of Past, Present and Future!!**



**Linnells have a long history of  
community service through many  
generations.**

**What is it that you do?**

*A journey of self discovery in helping victims from LFA Vice Chairman Doug*

**PART ONE OF TWO...to be continued in the winter edition of the LFA Newsletter**

Hello, my name is Doug Roberts (118,214,116,231,313). I am the current Vice Chairman for the Linnell Family Association, elected in 2012 at our last meeting in Grand Portage. I am the son of Glen Roberts, formerly on the LFA board of directors, and a great-great grandson of Satilda Oriela Linnell Roberts (118,214,116,2).

I have thoroughly enjoyed our reunions over the years. In Grand Portage it was wonderful to spend time with cousins both distant and close. Such great work was begun on the reservation that alas came to an end when Ojibwa rights were re-asserted to the reservation. While at the reunion there were so many stories of how the community worked together to get things done. There was the Lady's Aid society and the group of men sawing firewood for the school house when grandpa Lyman's (118,214,231) hand was accidentally cut off. The little wilderness community of Mineral Center had to work together or starvation, cold, or disease would have overtaken them.

In light of that, I was thinking about how a tradition of community and public service runs through our family. Reading stories from "The Descendants of Robert Linnell", sifting through family stories, and knowing a few of the cousins, we have a long history of service.

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## The Linnell Family Store is **ONLINE** & **OPEN** for Business

The LFA Online Store offers a combination of pre-printed and print on-demand options to meet all of your needs. Orders for apparel items and blankets are collected throughout the year and printed and distributed every four months.

**The current window closes on November 30th to allow for Christmas delivery!**

As our volume increases, so will our printing windows. We have a number of Preprinted Materials, like our books and aprons, that are inventoried off-site, which you can purchase from the online store.

These orders will be fulfilled within two weeks of payment.



The only exception is the Eagle Wing print, which is currently on back-order.

If you have any questions regarding the store, please contact us at [linnellfa@gmail.com](mailto:linnellfa@gmail.com)

Visit the store for complete details: [WWW.TINYURL.COM/LINNELLFA](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/LINNELLFA)

## What is it that you do?

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From a story I heard Jerry tell at a reunion about an ancestor that volunteered to fight in the War of 1812, to Peter Linnell's general store, to Chairman Jerry Linnell's service in Washington, D.C., to a relatively recent connection I made with the family of Larry Roberts (grandson of Earl Timothy Roberts 118,241,116,21 and great-grandson of Satilda Linnell Roberts), there is an ongoing thread, nay a rope, of service that runs through the Linnell family. Peter was the postmaster. His store held the post office. Jerry is the head of court reporters in the U.S. Senate. Larry and his sons are volunteer firefighters in Ponchatoula, LA. Many, many of us Linnells are or have been teachers.

In my mid-40's my mother Marcia Ruth Anderson Roberts passed away. In reflecting on the significance of her life, it occurred to me that the memories that endure of our ancestors are about service they provided, their love and compassion for others. This led me on a quest to find something more significant than selling computer software.

After some years working in various ministries, I found I was attracted to those that express compassion. I heard about "Victim Relief Ministries" (victimrelief.org) in my church. The founder is a member. VRM is based upon the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). VRM is a Judeo-Christian faith-based organization that provides spiritual and emotional care to victims of crime, disaster, and terrorism. We work alongside Red Cross, Salvation Army, Baptist Men's organizations, Mormon, Bahai, Islamic relief and others to assist victims. We work with fire, police, and sheriff departments to provide emotional and spiritual care to victims. VRM chapters are scattered throughout the United States and we have an international ministry presence in Haiti and Japan.

VRM trains their people carefully. My initial training was only three hours long. But soon followed a two-day training, then another full day, then three days, then another full day, and so on. I began service as a Chaplain in November 2008. Intermingled with the training was service time with law enforcement and in disaster situations.

Work with police teaches us how law enforcement works and gives us access to victims. Disaster response teaches us how disaster command works and gives us access to victims. In VRM it's all about the victim. Through work with state and local jurisdictions, we obtain official credentials. These allow us access to victims. For example, a certificate in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) allows me to work effectively with those that have suffered trauma. Using CISM and the leading of the holy spirit, we work to defuse and change the course of the emotional effects of a traumatic event. When done properly, CISM can put victims onto a trajectory of recovery rather than spinning out of control into PTSD. It can shorten recovery time after traumatic events. So what do we do with all this training both in the classroom and in the field?

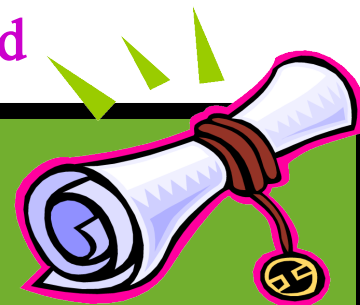
**See part two of this article in the next Linnell Family Association Newsletter!**



**"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion."**

PHOTO COURTESY OF  
VICTIMS RELIEF MINISTRIES

# Linnell Family Association Scholarship Fund



## High School Seniors and Students of a Two or Four Year College

We invite you to apply for award of the  
Linnell Family Association 2014 Scholarship Fund.

One winning essay will be selected for the **\$1000** scholarship award. Any high school senior or current student of a college or an accredited higher education program, 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.

### 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, 2014.**

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

Sue Dittus  
219 11th Avenue West  
Grand Marais, MN 55604

Barrie Westervick  
11 Allocco Drive  
Holmdel, NJ 07733

**Questions?** Contact an LFASFAC member: [scholarshipfund@linnellfamilyassociation.com](mailto:scholarshipfund@linnellfamilyassociation.com)

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

**Orders from the 2013 Reunion in  
Grand Portage, MN**

**Anybody who has any outstanding  
orders from the reunion  
please contact the Association at**

**[treasurer@linnellfamilyassociation.com](mailto:treasurer@linnellfamilyassociation.com)**

**Vital Statistic Update**

**Serena Marie Lough Hickman  
11a, b15,515,91**

**Died 6 October 2013 in Cottage Grove OR  
Buried in Roseburg Cemetery Roseburg OR**

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**The Linnell Family  
Association Scholarship  
Fund**

Your donations will help the LFA scholarship funds continue to grow.

With your contribution, we can continue to award deserving Linnell Family 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.

[www.linnellfamilyassociation.com](http://www.linnellfamilyassociation.com)

To renew your Annual Membership please use Membership form and check RENEWEL box.

LFA 2014 Annual Membership payments are due January 2014

All funds from membership help to support the continuing efforts by the Association for the newsletter, and to help financially with cost of reunions.



HAPPY 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Rachel Linnell  
Wynn**

Founder of the  
Linnell Family Association  
and  
Historian Emeritus

Rachel,

We wish you a  
wonderful year  
and send our  
sincere thanks  
for all you have done  
for the Family!!!



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