

Round Robin

October 2016

Round Robin writers, October 2016: Gene>Pat, Gil>Dick, Obed>Steve, Ruth>Linnae, Emory>JoAnn, Roy>Becky and Susanne

Note from Linnae (October 15, 2016)

Hi Family,

The two photos attached above are of JoAnn and Bill's children Mercedes (Sadie) and Joseph (holding a friend's baby), who were unable to be at their family reunion in August; see JoAnn's letter below.

Dick's letter for the Round Robin arrived on October 4, and I sent out it early for anyone planning to go to the dinner and final service of the Lanyon Covenant Church. I will print Dick's letter again here below. Thanks very much, Dick, for this information.

I note that on the church website, they ask that reservations and fees be mailed in by October 15 (perhaps they are flexible about that). Here is a link to the church website's letter about the event - <http://www.lanyoncovenant.org/uploads/1/3/7/9/13797223/lanyoncovenant.letter.pdf> .

I tried to access online the article that Dick mentions in the Gowrie News, but you have to pay for a subscription to do that. Love, Linnae

DICK'S LETTER (October 4, 2016)

Dear Family,

The news is that the Lanyon church is going to close.

The last service is October 30th at 10:00 am They will have a dinner at noon that day at a campground east of Dayton. We will be there as well as my daughter Laura, brother Jon and Elaine. If others, like those from Minnesota want to go, reservations for the dinner should be sent to Barb Farnham, 3125 17th Ave North, Fort Dodge, IA. 50501, and the charge is \$10.00. A DVD of the history is \$5.00. I think that I have all your addresses.

There is one page in the Gowrie News about the closing. I have it transferred to two sheets, and can send it to anyone who requests it (rdlind@charter.net). Next week, the Gowrie News will publish a history of the church, and I will be able to send that for whoever wants to read it or file it.

The church was started in 1875, before the Covenant organized in about 1885. The newspaper mentions the founders at Lanyon, and lists J. P. Johnson, Grandma Amy's father, but no wives. The church probably joined the Covenant because J.P.'s wife walked 13 miles and crossed the

river to hear Rev. Bjork preach at Swede Bend.

It is one of the oldest Covenant Churches in the country but the population of Lanyon has been going down. There are about 15 people living in the village now.

Let me know if you need any more information. (608) 271-4494.

Dick

PAT'S LETTER (October 9, 2016)

Dear Family,

I meant to ask last time and forgot, if you've seen John Dickerson on CBS and one other. To me he looks just like my brother Jim, especially when I see him on an old TV hooked up to an antenna at our vacation lake house. At home on a big TV on cable he has very blue eyes and Jim's were brown. When I first saw him I called my Dickerson cousins thinking he was surely a son or grandson of theirs, but they say he's not related.

We just got back from our annual trip to Michigan. We started out going to Kansas to see a friend we hadn't seen for 5 years, we just talk on the phone monthly. Then spent the night in St. Louis, but [Gil>Carleton>] Carla and Jamie were in Italy so missed them. Then we luckily decided to stay in a little town just west of Ann Arbor. I wondered why the motel was so expensive, then we found out Michigan was playing at home the next day. We got out early the next day and the traffic was bumper to bumper going into Ann Arbor. We were really lucky we were going the other way. Then we heard that is the largest stadium in the country. That day I had lunch with eight of my 82 yr. old girlfriends that I went to high school with. After that we had our three days in Frankenmuth, Michigan and then three days with Jim's son and his wife just east of Detroit.

Since we got home we've had workmen here almost every day.....thank goodness!! Many years ago when we were traveling we got a tape from the library called "Rich Dad Poor Dad" and we thought it was SOOO good. I saw the book on a sale table so got it and read it again. Rich Dad taught him a house is a liability. Now I understand.....all you do is pour money into it!!! I'm ready to get rid of this big yard, hope I do it while I'm still alive!!!

My grandson Ben is still in Oceanside CA. I HOPE he stays there for a while!! He thinks he'll be able to come home for Thanksgiving.

Can't think of anything else. Love, Pat

JOANN'S LETTER (October 10, 2016)

Dear family,

This last August, 4 of our 6 children and their families were able to attend a reunion here in Bremerton WA! Our Mercedes (Sadie) lives in Albuquerque and Joseph had recently been here, but both were unable to attend our beach party – hence their individual pictures. Our Mark and family are in the

Washington, D.C. area, having been in Berlin for 6 ½ years.

Brother Gordon spent time in California and Montana this summer, but is back in Japan. Brother Jim and Marta's Monica will be married to Kyle Kragenbrink in Seattle on November 11. My sister Sonja and her husband Jon will attend Monica's wedding with their family. Their daughter Farah can't attend because she lives in Amsterdam with her husband Edwin. I wish we didn't live so far from all of you.

Love,

JoAnn

STEVE'S LETTER (October 10, 2016)

Dear Lindgren Family,

Life in Minneapolis has been special this past summer with the marriage of son Stuart to Maureen Elizabeth Macken in August. We welcome her into the Lindgren Family and look forward for you to meet her at a family reunion in the future. More on this later.

Daughter Lisa and George have brought more joy into our family with the news of our first grandchild who will be born in April. They have purchased a home in Washington DC and are busy preparing for the future. I visited them in early September and we will return for Thanksgiving along with Stuart and Maureen.

I have been busy with volunteer work helping a friend from the chamber of commerce world in her bid to win a seat on the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners. In addition, I have continued to work on our new townhome, especially in the garage learning about sheetrock. While I have given nearly all my tools to Stuart for his house, I find myself asking to borrow them for minor projects on a regular basis.

Playing in the Richfield Spartan Golf Event and the Richfield Chamber of Commerce Golf Event have kept me tied back into the community which had been home to a number of Lindgrens dating back to 1940. Kathy and I are getting more and more involved in Bloomington, the suburb where we now live.

One additional activity for the 2016 Golf Season was the 41st Ryder Cup hosted by the Twin Cities at Hazeltine. Kathy and I attended two days as did Stuart on two other days of the week-long spectacle. We took our Godchild (Annika) to one of the practice rounds for her ninth birthday. It was another special day!!! USA, USA

I remember how much people enjoyed the arrangements at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington, which is now even closer to our home. I believe it was the Lindgren Reunion in 2004. The hotel is at 35W and 94th Street. Just a thought for your consideration and comment.

Thanks again to Linnae for keeping the round robin in motion, and an extra special thanks to both Linnae and Taffy for attending Stuart's wedding in August. They represented the Lindgren Family, and

Kathy and I greatly appreciate their presence for this special occasion. Without my Dad or Aunt Irene, it was especially appropriate for us to have the Lindgren Family represented.

Steve Lindgren

Obed and Verona's Youngest Son

LINNAE'S LETTER (October 10, 2016)

Dear Family,

My sister Taffy continues to be monitored for serious health problems, but she has felt good, so we decided to take a vacation in August. The highlight of the trip was the wedding of Steve's son Stuart to Maureen Macken on August 20th. What a wonderful weekend that was, including the beautiful wedding and afterwards a reception with dinner and dancing. I have been in touch with Steve ever since the reunion in Minneapolis in 2004, and Taf and I were so glad we could attend. Stuart and Maureen ("Moe") made a lovely couple, and are clearly very happy. The day before the event, we had lunch with Steve's brother Bruce and wife Patti at the American Swedish Institute – the meals were tiny but authentic, and we had a good time.

Here are three of Taffy's photos from the weekend. Click on the blue links to see them. They may also show up at the bottom:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_Nmd6s46fvyWmstUkpCdjFDVzg/view Obed's 3 sons and their wives: Left to right, Steve and Kathy, Joyce and Dave, Patti and Bruce

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_Nmd6s46fvyVHliQXZGVVBSceU/view 5 cousins (Obed's 3 sons and Ruth's 2 daughters): Left to right, Steve, Linnae, Dave, Taffy, Bruce

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_Nmd6s46fvyWGtHdUhvS2xPc0E/view The happy couple, Stuart and Maureen

We made it a driving trip, circling through Wisconsin to Minneapolis to Door County WI and back to Chicago. First stop: Frank Lloyd Wright's home, Taliesin, in Spring Green WI. We took an interesting two-hour tour, which really made you appreciate the genius of the man.

Then we went to the lovely wedding, then drove east to spend three days in Door County, the "Cape Cod of the Midwest." It is a 90-mile-long peninsula jutting out into Lake Michigan, with parks, beaches, shops and restaurants, but no franchises such as McDonalds, Golden Corral, Hampton Inn ... like the 1950s. We walked on trails through woods and over sandy shores, attended summer theater, and ate at Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant, where we saw the famous goats grazing on the sod roof.

And we went to one of the (also famous) "fish boils," the one at Pelletier's. The boil master simmers potatoes and onions in a big iron pot over an outdoor fire, then adds fresh whitefish chunks. After a couple of minutes, he yells a warning, "boil over!" and tosses a pint or two of diesel fuel (!) onto the fire. This sends up a mass of flames 8 feet high for a moment or two, thereby boiling off any fish oil

floating on the water. Quite a show – and delicious. It was overall a very enjoyable trip.

In July my brother Jon and his two boys drove down to Philadelphia for a few days, and we did some summer things, like swimming and sightseeing. I can't believe how fast they have grown from children into teenagers. It was good to see them.

Thanks everyone for your contributions here. I am glad we are all still interested in keeping in touch.

Love, Linnae

BECKY'S LETTER (October 12, 2016)

Dear Family,

I hope everyone is doing well and is happy and healthy.

We in Texas, are doing fine. I left the Seattle area to be near my daughter Heather and family. I arrived in the Austin area one year and two days ago! I highly recommend a drive across our country for anyone who has not done this kind of trip! I'm still adjusting to the weather, but definitely love the sunshine! The Summer's heat was something to get used to, but actually not as bad as I imagined, at first. The about 50 mosquito bites at any given time, for a couple of months, did get old! I will use natural repellent more, next Summer.

My little grandsons just had birthdays, Roman turning 2 on 10/10/16 and Gage was 5 on 9/7/16. Such a joy to be around these little people! The two boys and their daddy, Gabe, all participated in bike races almost weekly at a track in Austin! So cute, especially Roman, under age 2, can't really talk yet and riding with no pedals, so running along, with helmet and a Binky (pacifier) in his mouth!

We still miss my dearest father [Roy], so much, but I feel more at peace now, knowing he is resting in peace and reunited with Thelma, in a much better place.

Love to each of you.

Becky

SUSANNE'S LETTER (October 13, 2016)

Hello All,

We have had a beautiful Summer if a bit on the dry side. However we are now having a 4 day weather event which has several inches of rain and high winds predicted. Farewell to the sunshine for a while...

My husband Rob and I are taking my brother Charlie to Kauai in mid-November for a couple of weeks. This will be Charlie's first trip to Hawaii and he is very excited. It will be an experiment to see how we all do on a long vacation together. I have finally gotten through the multi-year process of getting Charlie's trust all lined up to finally be a reality. That will help with future travel to enhance his life, as well as getting some help for some of his day to day needs, thereby reducing some of my

responsibilities.

My daughters, Nicole and Julie, took over a failing childcare center a year ago, as part of their non-profit endeavor. They are developing a thriving center with a nature based curriculum, however the learning curve has been intense. They are struggling with the load of that and management of the farm program- mentoring at-risk-youth, volunteers etc. They have a lot of balls in the air!

Rob and I celebrated our one year anniversary last month with a wine tasting trip to Cottage Grove, Oregon. We took our bikes and rode a lovely rails to trails bike path that passed several historic covered bridges through a beautiful rural valley. We ended the trip with a visit to a hot springs in a national forest surrounded with huge old growth trees.

My mom, Dixie, is doing well still, and I am thankful for that. She stays busy in her senior community and is friends with Rob's mom, who also lives in that community.

My sister Becky seems very happy with her move to Texas to be near Heather and the little grandkids. I know she misses us as we miss her but I am glad she decided to be near her grandkids. It is a special relationship and one that is hard to nurture from a distance.

She and I still miss our dad of course, and having access to his wise council...Sometimes though, when I need that, I can channel what he would have said. I am forever grateful to have had the great good fortune of being born a Lindgren.

I wish you all well!

Love,

Susanne