

LINDA NYBERG PROFILE

I grew up in the southwest side of Chicago & had a wonderful childhood. The high school I attended had a mix of Lithuanians, Irish, Italian & Jewish. My heritage is Swedish. We all got along.

When I was in my early twenties, my girlfriend & I quit our jobs in 1968 & traveled to Europe for 3 months traveling to England, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, & Morocco. We traveled by train with a Euro Rail Pass (\$99.00), stayed in pensions (people's homes) & ate where the natives ate – all for living on \$10.00 a day. It was a trip of a lifetime!

I've had quite a variety of jobs – customer service, jewelry sales, computer operator & programmer, drafter & para professional (teacher aide). All were interesting.

As a single parent, working, paying 2 mortgage payments, raising 2 sons & maintaining a home. I became a handy "mam", installing a new kitchen floor with floor boards & ceramic tile, became proficient at carpentry, painting, roof repairs and landscaping.

Most of you know that my son Dan died in an auto accident at the age of 18. He was an organ donor to 6 people. One month before Dan died, he met a male distant relative who needed a kidney – that man became a recipient of one of Dan's kidneys and lived 9+ years more. My other son Michael & I later met the man who received Dan's pancreas & kidney. He lived another 14-1/2 years. This man's daughter wrote a special thank you letter to me saying that Dan's "gift of life" gave her father a chance to walk her down the aisle.

Shortly after Dan's death I joined a toast masters club. I went on to give talks to groups about organ donation.

I enjoy dancing (swing, cha-cha, line dancing), meeting people, traveling & learning about our fascinating world.

I've taken classes in wood carving, lapidary & silver smithing.

My life partner is Tom. We met 16 years ago at a dance. He is an EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) practitioner/therapist – www.EFT-Tom.com EFT is sometimes called "tapping". It helps with emotional & physical issues – all sessions on the phone. He has helped thousands of people both in a classroom setting & presently on the phone. I've helped in both areas.

I'm a member of the Palos Park Woman's Club & presently a 2nd VP where I get to choose a few speakers each year. I always include an environmental speaker such as Food & Water Watch & Earthjustice. I feel that saving our planet is so very important to everyone.



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Last year at the club I gave a talk about Free Wheelchair Mission- 501(c)(3) charity. In 2005 I saw a photo in an AARP Bulletin of the founder Don Schoendorfer pictured with a simple wheelchair made with a white plastic lawn chair & 2 bicycle wheels & 2 small wheels for the feet area with a foot platform. I was so impressed & remembered the photo. I contacted Free Wheelchair Mission & look what happened. There's more to the story when you watch on the 6 minute video - <https://yhouty.be/ZO01TO>

I'm now an ambassador for the mission. It's been in existence for 20 years & has given away over 1 million wheelchairs *for free* to underprivileged people in 94 countries. Each wheelchair costs only \$96. This gift is a godsend to people who oftentimes live on \$2.50 per day. A free wheelchair provides freedom, enhances self worth & enables recipients as well as care givers to get a job or go to school. A whole new world opens up to them.

When 100 wheelchairs are donated thru my Facebook fundraising page (47 wheelchairs have been paid for with donations as of Sept 28, 2021), I will have the opportunity to go on a mission trip & help assemble & distribute free wheelchairs. When we see someone experiencing joy & gratitude, we too experience the same joyous feelings.

Watch a 25 min. vimeo "Because No One Should Have to Crawl" which has appeared on Public Television: <https://vimeo.com/239164374>

.. To donate: <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2666104>

.. Contributions by check payable to:

.. Free Wheelchair Mission

.. Free Wheelchair Mission, 15279 Alton Pkwy, Ste 300, Irvine, CA 92630

.. Attn: Dana Hindman

.. Kindly mention my name, Linda Nyberg, so that my fundraising page gets credit.

In 2018 & 2019 I was a model for an IPO (Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra) fund raising fashion show luncheon. I was 1 of 14 models modeling designer clothing. Oh, what fun that was!

I've been a member of the LINDA Club since 2010 (Elizabethtown, KY) & have attended all the conventions since then.

Life can be an awesome adventure & inspiring. I wake up each day with joy, wonder & infinite love & gratitude.