

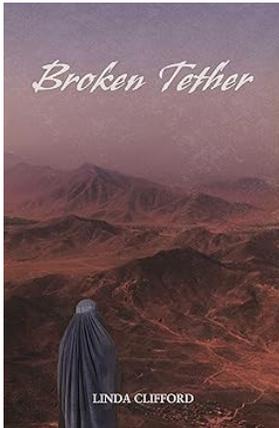


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Lambs Farm Magnolia Café & Bakery ~ Noon

Linda Clifford, Author ~ *Bricks of History, Mortar of Imagination: How Historical Fiction is Built*



Linda is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism. She lives on Long Lake with her husband, Joseph.

Linda is a self-described feminist of moderate views and champion of third world woman and their fight for respect and parity in their own cultures as portrayed in her 2021 self-published historical fiction book, "Broken Tether" concerning the women of Afghanistan and the Taliban.

Her upcoming books are:

The Mayor of Mineola: Stories from Pete Jakstas - Hotel and marina owner Jakstas spins tales of all his years growing up in and owning the Mineola Hotel, a National Landmark resort built in 1884 on Fox Lake. "In the early years, Fox Lake was like the Wild West with the resorts. It was a fantastic, crazy place."

Her Racing Heart: The Tillie Anderson Story - At 16, "Tillie the Terrible Swede" immigrated to Chicago and at 18 worked two jobs to buy her first bicycle and made her own form-fitting racing outfits. During the summer of 1895 she rode her first race, the Elgin Century, a 100-mile course from downtown Chicago, out through the surrounding hamlets at the time to Elgin, setting a record. She spent the next seven years doing 6-day races on an indoor track against other women, being officially considered the world champion despite the fact no male dominated organization would recognize her wins and records. She was inducted into the United States Cycling Hall of Fame in 2000, a true pioneer in women's athletics.

| 2026 LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION | |
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| March 10 | Kimberly Ortega ~ <i>Great Lakes Women Navy Museum</i> |
| April 14 | Attorney Michael A. Goldberg <i>Encore Presentation: Important Documents</i> |
| May 12 | Lida Rivera ~ <i>Discovering Elawa Farm, Lake Forest</i> |
| June 9 | Lake County Forest Preserves: <i>Woodpeckers of Lake County</i> |
| July | NO MEETING! |
| Aug. 11 | TRS Trustees: Doug Strang, Rainey Kaplan |
| Sept. 8 | Marti Swanson: <i>Meet the Candidates</i> |
| Oct. 13 | Edizon Dayao |
| Nov. 10 | Dave Wiegers ~ <i>Lincoln and Gettysburg</i> |
| Dec. 8 | Holiday Fun |

Your LCRTA Executive Board welcomes you to another year of Fun, Fellowship, & Great Food!



Standing: Angel Barry, Deb Lawson, Ray & Connie Reidel, Candy Ferguson, Allan Meyer
 Seated: Hillary Sylvester, Linda Davis, Marti Swanson, Wendy Wiegers
 Not in photo: Charlie Carpenter, Sue Greene, Bob Kohler

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2025, ANOTHER YEAR OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and GREAT FOOD at LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS!

