

DAVID C. LINCOLN, 1925–2018

Recollections

GroundSwell and Gilbert Halverson, Show Low, AZ were alerted by Wyn Achenbaum, Rehoboth Beach, DE, (wyn@achenbaum.com), of the death of David Lincoln. Wyn recalls that her grandfather (Weld Carter) met with him. What is not generally known, she notes, is that he was not just a second generation Georgist but third generation. His father, everyone knows, was a Georgist. David Lincoln learned good business practices from his father, John C. Lincoln (1866-1959), founder of Lincoln Electric Company (1895) and a devoted Georgist, who was president of the Henry George School 1948-1958, and in 1947 endowed the Lincoln Foundation. His grandfather, Rev. William E. Lincoln (1831-1920), was part of Henry George 1887 campaign -- a very active lecturer all over NYS. Rev. Lincoln, a minister in Painesville, Ohio, was also an abolitionist, was among the earliest teachers at Berea College, and corresponded with Gerrit Smith, who is sometimes considered one of Henry George precursors, based on some of his speeches in Congress in the 1850s.

Memorial Service April 7, 2018

Gilbert Halverson, president of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, attended David Lincoln funeral service, "Gib" (halversongib@yahoo.com) reports as follows.

David C. Lincoln died on March 16, 2018. There was a Memorial Service on Saturday April 7, 2018 at the United Methodist Church in Paradise Valley, AZ a suburb of Phoenix. I attended on behalf of RSF.

David was a remarkable man. His key areas of interest were the Golden Rule, combined with ethical behavior.

There were many readings and testimonies from his various foundations and educational institutions.

One board member from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy mentioned ethical land use and land value taxation once. Others spoke about his active life and his passion as an entrepreneur, family man, and philanthropist. The service was very well attended.

The interesting part is as we left the church I was handed a pamphlet about David Lincoln, The Golden Rule, Ethics in Business and Land. In this brief 6 page well done pamphlet, Henry George and LVT are mentioned on 3 pages and the other 3 pages devoted to Ethics in Business. I sent Wyn a copy. "Good ethics is good business. Good ethics is good for society as well as the economy"

David was 92 when he died and he slowly retired to be a hiker, and grandfather and turn his various Institutes over to his grown children. He learned good business practices from his father John Lincoln, a devoted Georgist.

I am speculating as to why the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy has moved on from LVT but I suspect after hearing more about David, that there were many places that could use his help in promoting ethical behavior. I suspect that the Georgist movement was not producing tangible results as he saw it.

He went on to form the Claremont Lincoln University specializing in business ethics and how to be ethical.

I am very glad I made the effort to attend this event on behalf of RSF. The event was inspiring, but I suspect that David was also. RIP. Well done thou good and faithful servant.

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Quoting from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (ps://www.lincolnst.edu/news/lincoln-house-blog/memorial-david-c-lincoln-1925-2018), March 19, 2018,

"David Colvill Lincoln, an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and civic leader whose vision and passion helped shape the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy into a globally recognized think tank and propel it into the 21st century, died at his home in Paradise Valley, Arizona, on March 16, 2018, after a brief illness. He was 92 years old.

"He was the son of John Cromwell Lincoln, the inventor and industrialist who in 1947 founded the Lincoln Foundation, an educational philanthropy that supported land policy research and instruction in U.S. universities. David Lincoln oversaw the creation of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy – the organization that exists today – in 1974, served as chair for 22 years, and remained an active board member for the rest of his life.

"Like his father, David Lincoln was inspired by the work of Henry George, the 19th-century political economist and social philosopher who called for taxation of land as a solution to social and economic inequality. David Lincoln helped to advance the Lincoln Institute's multidisciplinary education programs, research, and publications related to land value taxation and the property tax, and helped guide the organization's expansion into related land policy areas such as urban planning, and into regions outside the United States such as Latin America and China.

"My father was unendingly curious about the world, never stopped learning, and exuded a kindness and moral clarity that are all too rare today said Lincoln Institute Board Chair and Chief Investment Officer Kathryn J. Lincoln. Let us honor him by holding onto the values of fairness and integrity that he lived every day as a father, businessman, philanthropist, and leader of the Lincoln Institute.

"In addition to Kathryn, he is survived by three other children—Virginia Louise, Carl Richard, and James Robert—and by six grandchildren and twelve nieces and nephews.

Arizona State University

Posted on the Arizona State University website (<https://asunow.asu.edu/20180319-arizona-impact-asu-mourns-loss-david-lincoln-benefactor-asu-trustee>) on March 19, 2018 was the following: (continued on page 5)

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"Firm believer in the Golden Rule, (David) Lincoln embraced the ideal of service to the community. Many people believe in the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'

"Few, however, adhered to that principle as closely as did David Lincoln, a successful entrepreneur and business owner known not only for his business acumen, but also for his unwavering commitment to advancing the common good.

"Lincoln, who passed away March 16, spent his lifetime advancing the ideals of good behavior and good ethics through his personal example and through generosity to a breadth of causes, including higher education at Arizona State University. He was 92.

"Together with his wife, Joan, he helped establish ASU's Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics, a hub and catalyst for research that advances a broad understanding of ethical behavior.

"The Lincolns built upon their support for the Lincoln Center by establishing an endowment to support Lincoln professors and fellows across the university in a variety of disciplines, and an endowed chair in ethics, all designed to cultivate outstanding faculty with an interest in applied ethics; and the Lincoln Scholars program, which supports students who are committed to exploring the moral and ethical dimensions of complex societal challenges.

"He sought to advance and uphold the values he exhibited as founder of Lincoln Laser, where in the 1970s he developed a precision cutting technology that was embraced by industries such as aerospace and agriculture.

"When running his company, he adopted the guiding principles set by his father and mother, John C. and Helen Lincoln — founders of the John C. Lincoln Health Network of hospitals, medical facilities, physicians, and outreach programs across Arizona — to treat employees fairly.

"'Good ethics is good business,' he would often say.

"'David Lincoln changed our society for the better,' ASU President Michael M. Crow said. 'His commitment to ethics, tolerance and respect, and to civic involvement shaped ASU's vision to be a university that takes fundamental responsibility for the communities we serve. His belief that good ethics mean good business governs the aspirations of many students, faculty, and staff. ASU mourns his loss.'

"The Lincolns' investments in higher education at ASU weren't confined to ethics education. Their gifts, like their interests, spanned many arenas. Joan, who died in 2016, was an accomplished ceramicist who was active in the arts community.

"The Lincolns supported ASU's Ceramics Research Center and established the Joan R. Lincoln Endowed Professor of Ceramics at ASU. They also supported the ASU Art Museum, the School of Art, and the School of Film, Dance and Theatre.

"Other areas include the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, the Institute for Social Science Research, ASU Library, the W. P. Carey School of Business, the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, and the Thunderbird School of Global Management. ...

"A dedicated volunteer, Lincoln served as a trustee of ASU, where he embraced the university's mission to execute its charter principles of accessibility, excellence and impact to the community. ASU trustees are advocates, advisors, and investors committed to the success of the university.

"In addition to his support for higher education at

ASU, Lincoln devoted extensive service to various boards and foundations across the Valley, including to the health network his family founded. Joan Lincoln served as Paradise Valley mayor, vice mayor and city councilmember." <<

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