

President's Message:

March 2018

I am beginning to get spring fever, which translates to I'm really looking forward to some warmer weather, seeing buds on our trees and bushes, and even cutting the grass a time or two. The Mariners are in spring training and once again the fans are hopeful for a shot at playoffs after the very long drought. Baseball fans in this region are ever hopeful and I confess to be among them.

Ok, back to reality ... spring is when the LIC really steps up its game. We have no less than five events and activities scheduled in the next three months, including:

"Suds & Spuds" on Saturday, March 17th,

- Spring clean-up of the building and grounds scheduled for Saturday, April 14th, and if necessary, Sunday, April 15th,
- "Longbranch Super Sale" on Saturday, April 28th,
- "Opening Day the Longbranch Way" at the Marina on Saturday, May 5th, and

Memorial Day Weekend Dance on Saturday, May 26th.

Please peruse this Newsletter and coming issues over the next several months for details to these events and activities. Also, somewhere in this mix will be the semiannual Adopt-A-Road cleanup of Key Peninsula Hwy from Creviston Road KPS south to about 76th Ave KPS. These activities provide ample opportunities to enjoy these community events as well as accruing volunteer hours and earning "LIC Bucks".

On the Marina grant front, a small working group, consisting of Brett Allen, Randy Babic, Mark Lemon and Denny Prichard has taken on working with Marine Floats Corp. of Tacoma on the construction aspects of the project. Phil Johnson and I will be handling the requisite paper shuffling duties. We have already met with Marine Floats and are awaiting their final contract numbers. The permitting process will begin as soon as possible and will be the most challenging piece of the puzzle due to the number of local, state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over the shoreline and waters of Puget Sound. I will provide continuing updates, as we progress through the permitting and eventually the construction phases.

Clark

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PS: For home gardening enthusiasts, now is the time to get your celery, leeks and head lettuce seeds under a grow light for early planting and harvesting. Celery and leeks, in particular, seem to be among the slowest growing so a jump start is warranted. By mid to late March, add a second planting of celery, leeks and head lettuce, plus tomatoes and corn near the end of March. I keep these seeds under the grow light in a space, that has slightly cool but consistent temperatures.



LIC General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Clark Van Bogart at 7:00 PM. Present was Vice President, Marsha Kremen; Treasurer, Jim Hettinger; Building & Grounds, Sharon Gearhart; Membership, Nancy Carr; Events, Jan Brown and Kathy Lyons; Marina, Robert Theisen.

New member Janice Palumbo was introduced, she and her husband Michael joined this evening. Claudia Loy was introduced.

President, Clark Van Bogart invited everyone to join in a celebratory toast for the marina receiving a \$248K grant, which was part of the state capital budget that was recently passed. This money will be used to replace and repair what is needed at the marina and add new finger piers for more moorage space. He explained the applying for the grant was actually easier than the follow-on work, especially getting all the necessary permits and paying attention to the fish window to work around, and the end date of the availability of the grant money.

In the absence of the Secretary, the President asked if there were any additions and/or corrections to the last month's minutes. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the January minutes as posted.

Treasurer, Jim Hettinger, reviewed the January 2018 financial results and there were no questions or changes.

Nancy Carr asked that those that have not yet renewed their dues to please do so, and to remember that LIC Bucks can be used for this. A cake was presented to Bob Perry for his birthday (courtesy of his wife who is out of town), and it was announced that Buck Buckner and Tim Heitzman also had birthdays that day.

Kathy Lyons said there were signup sheets for volunteers for Suds & Spuds, and please help as volunteers are needed. The 'hurricane-proof' banner has been received and the first display in Key Center will be for Suds & Spuds.

Marsha Kremen advised the Super Sale also needed volunteers and a volunteer sheet was available for that event, too. Marsha also reported that there was a big, lively crowd at the TLF open house, and that at least 28 of the attendees were nonmembers. She thanked the TLF officers and the other LIC members who manned the door and the tables, as well as the other members that talked with the newcomers about the Foundation and the Club. She also mentioned that we owe Don and Molly at the Blend a big Thank You.

Clark advised, for Helen Jamieson, the newsletter articles are due by February 25th. He also advised that there are 5 events coming up in the next 3 months so the LIC will be busy and lots of volunteers will be needed. These events are: Suds & Spuds, Super Sale, Building & Grounds cleanup, Opening Day and the Memorial Dance.

Sharon Gearhart said she will be asking for volunteers for the annual Club cleanup and will be providing more information on what type of work is needed. She also said the Larry Bingham needs some help with the LIC trails and to see him if you can help. There are still ongoing problems with the heat in the kitchen so a new remotely programmable thermostat will be installed. Some security measures for the grounds are being researched.

Robert Theisen advised there are some swim ladders at the marina that need to be replaced, and they have been ordered. He is also taking applications for summer moorage, so anyone that is interested, please see him.

Marsha provided the Trustee-at-Large report for Francie who is in Hawaii. There is a 'Stop the Bleed' signup for correct tourniquet training provided by the Fire Department. Signup if you are interested.

Peg Bingham advised the 4th CPR Class will be Sunday, March 4th at 1:30 PM at the Key Center Fire Station. See her if you are interested. So far, 50 plus folks have participated in the first 3 classes.

Cheril advised she had sent 2 get well cards and one sympathy card. Member Suzanne Stuhaug passed away recently.

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Clark presented a life-time certificate to Claudia and Dale Loy. Claudia accepted the award and advised they have had a good 35 years with Sunny Crest Nursery and she is now happy to be retired. She thanked Clark and the membership and said she recognized many of the folks in the room.

Clark asked everyone to take a new LIC brochure that is available on the table. He said Tim Heitzman is the one to be commended on his excellent work.

The Longbranch Foundation awarded \$1000 to Evergreen Elementary for their 5th grade camp at Camp Seymour.

Kelly Hettinger advised that the LIC is starting a clothing drive for Evergreen Elementary. Sometimes accidents happen at school like mud puddles and with the addition of the outdoor training area, boots and coats are appreciated as sometimes the students are not prepared for the weather. Evergreen has kindergarten thru 5th grade, so a wide range of sizes of new or gently used clothing will be appreciated. Kelly is also trying to have a 5th grade student or two available to tell us about their time at Camp Seymour.

It was advised that \$2000 was also awarded to the Backpack for Kids program.

Clark first thanked Ramona Dickson for chairing the scholarship committee for the past few years. He also advised that the boards of the LIC and the Foundation have done a careful assessment of all the programs we support and, thankfully, we are now able to organize our efforts better than ever before because of the very successful "Summer Fest" event in 2017.

Clark then introduced **Don Berger as the new chair of the "Higher Education" scholarship program**. Don advised that the new committee would include **Shirley Brewer and Robyn Enders plus himself**. Don highlighted that the focus will be not only on students planning to attend colleges and universities, but also on student considering vocational training. He further advised that the plan was to award a recurring scholarship if warranted.

Kelly Hettinger spoke about "Student Programs", which at the present time involves supporting only the Evergreen Elementary School 5th grade environmental camp. Hopefully, over the next few years, we can expand to some level of support for KP Middle School as well.

Finally, Clark indicated the remaining piece related to all other Youth Activities. Both the LIC and TLF have funds available for this purpose and the primary recipients of funding for the present time will be the "Kids & Christmas" and "Trunk or Treat" programs; however, either board may from time to time include support of other deserving programs in the community.

Next month's Membership Meeting is a **dessert pot luck on March 21**st and the speaker is Dr. Rob Manahan, Superintendent, Peninsula School District. He will be discussing community partnerships and providing information on the upcoming bond issue.

Nancy Carr. temporarily for Jane Eiseman, Secreatary

FROM THE MARINA CHAIR:



Another month has come and gone. It has been a slow month at the marina – could it have something to do with the weather?

I want to thank Denny P, Susan Q, Larry L, Clark VB and Lynn C for their help with the Bee Bee. You all did a GREAT job and it's nice to know we have club members who are willing to help others out.

Thanks, *Robert Theisen*

DOCKMASTER REPORT:

Well this cold snap has been fun, and the north wind from the Frazer River made things a bit slippery, but we had one boat brave this weather. I don't know about anyone else, but I am sure ready for spring.

See you at the dock, Lynn

Lynn Carr





Membership Report

From Nancy -

Last week's meeting was very well attended and we had a lot of fun. Having the meetings in the hall, where there is more room, seems to work well. If anyone has comments or suggestions on the setups and how we can further improve, let us know. As of right now, we have 144 members. No wonder we are having such good meetings and great potlucks. However, if you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. If you are not sure of your status, let me know and I'll check the list. If you prefer to pay with a credit card, let me know and I'll set something up.

Next month is dessert potluck with Dr. Rob Manahan, Superintendent of Peninsula School District as our speaker. If you want to help in the kitchen, or setup for the meeting, please let me know. Don't worry if you forget, I'll send out a reminder closer to the meeting.

LIC Friend forms are now available. If you know of someone, who is not sure about joining, but would like to know about our events and activities and announcements, let me know and we will set them up.

From Kelly –

Thanks, *Nancy Carr* 253-884-1384

We have two new members in the month of February. That brings us to 5 new members in 2018. At this rate, we will have another 30 new fabulous members again this year.

Please **WELCOME** and say **HELLO** to these new members when you see them. Janice and Michael Palumbo Gregory Cain and Melissa Burke-Cain

Kelly Hettinger 253-884-1618

Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts

to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.











Time to Clean House! with the The LONGBRANCH SUPER SALE! Sat. April 28th



There are many ways to participate in this great Spring fundraiser

Rent an indoor or outdoor space for a nominal fee and sell your "treasures". You keep the profits. Indoor spaces are approximately 10'x 10' with a 6' table and two chairs provided. Outdoor spaces are 10' x 10' and you provide your own table and chairs and tent, if desired.

Donate your valuables to the sale. This is a great way to spring clean and help the LIC the TLF.*

Volunteer your time. There are many opportunities to help out, either before, during or after the sale.

Spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Almost everyone has something to sell or "treasures" they no longer need.

First come, first served! Want to help? Contact Bob or Barb Green at 206-802-8848; Marsha Kremen 253-884-2254.

*Note: Donations to The Longbranch Super Sale" may be tax deductible through The Longbranch Foundation, a non-profit 501c3 organization.

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Saturday April 28th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Located at the LIC Clubhouse, 4312 Key Peninsula Hwy. S., Longbranch WA 98351

I would like to reserve a 10' x 10' indoor space for \$30.00.
 I would like to reserve an extra table for \$5.00.
 I would like to reserve a 10'x 10' outdoor space for \$15.00.

Name:

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To reserve space, please make check out to "TLF" and send to: Longbranch Super Sale, c/o Kremen: PO Box 430, Lakebay WA 98349

Each *indoor* space comes with a 6 foot table and two chairs. An extra table may be rented for \$5.00. Your space will be 10'x10'. Set up hours for *indoor* spaces are Friday, April 27th, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sat. morning 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. *Outdoor* spaces do not come with table or chairs. Set up for *outdoor* spaces will be 7:30-8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. The sale begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

For more information please call Barb Green at 206-802-8848 or Marsha Kremen at 253-884-2254

STILL TIME TO BE PART OF THE "IN" CROWD AT THE LIC

The fourth CPR class being offered to LIC members by the Peninsula Fire Department will be held Sunday, March 4th, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Key Center Fire Station meeting room. The entrance to the room is on the south side of the building under the red awning. The class is \$35 per person and just covers CPR. At this time thirty CPR certifications have been awarded to LIC members, family and friends, including a 10 year old boy and a 12 year old girl.

Feedback on the previous classes from both the Fire Department and the participants has been very positive. If you would like to attend the March class please contact me at 253-884-1124 or <u>bing6178@gmail.com</u> and I will add your name to my list.

There is currently much conversation regarding emergency preparedness and knowing the new CPR method is a step in the right direction. Anne Nesbit of the Fire Department presents not only an informative class but an enjoyable one.

Peg Bingham





Hello All,

Since my last report, I have sent out 2 get well cards and 1 sympathy card.

It is with a heavy heart that I tell you an LIC member has passed. Suzanne Stuhaug died a few weeks ago due to complications with her lungs. Suzanne was a member several years ago but was away from the LIC for a while. Last October, she and her husband re-joined. I personally didn't have the pleasure of knowing her, however, I hear from several people how nice Suzanne was and that she was an amazing artist as well. Please join me in wishing her husband well. *Cheril*

Some of you have already mentioned, that you wanted to be sure and be one the team of folks, that will do our first Road Clean Up of the year. I always wait until we have better weather, since I cannot ask anyone to go out in rainy, cold or unpleasant weather. I will give you plenty of time with an advance notice, so we can meet, receive all the equipment, fill out paper work required by the County and find out, what portion of the road is being assigned to you. In all reality, that will probably not happen until mid to late May, but no one ever told me I could predict, what Mother Nature has in store for us!! Look forward to working with you later in the year. *Pat Muchmore.*



March 2018 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

The main focus of this month's chat room is to recruit LIC members, who would be willing to help Larry Bingham with the LIC trails project (a committee would be nice.) There are leaves and branches to be cleared from the trails, new additions to the existing trails system to be cleared and fallen trees to be cut up. The Board has granted permission for the wood from the trees that are cut up to be taken by members for their own use or donated to someone who may need wood for heating purposes on the recommendation of a member. If you are interested in this volunteer work, please let me or Larry know. Larry has been instrumental in establishing the current trails system almost single handedly, and the LIC trails have become well known and used. Unfortunately, he is not able to maintain this momentum alone. Please consider this work as a way of gaining volunteer hours-as few or as many as you wish. Larry has the grand scheme of things and will work with anyone who wishes to help. Our trails are important to members, LIC renters, visitors to the marina and members of the neighborhood, but they cannot exist without work and maintenance, and if you have not visited them, you should consider doing so. The woods are deep; the quiet disturbed only with bird calls and the bubbling of the creek that runs through. Come, visit and offer to assist Larry keep this treasure useable. We would both appreciate your help. Also, a reminder, that the Spring Clean-up will be April 14-15-weather permitting. More about this to come. There will not be a Chat Room next month, as I will be out of state the second half of March. Thanks. *sharon*

Project Room:

-Cut up trees on trails and take or donate the wood to someone in need

Great Olympics, and yeah!- women's hockey, women's cross country skiing and men's curling-who would have thunk it.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

I am planning (hoping) to retire from doing the LIC Newsletter soon. I am looking to 'mentor' someone who has some computer skills (hopefully more than mine!) and would like to eventually take over doing the NL. It is so much fun and I enjoy doing it each month in spite of my busy life!

Helen

Please contact me if you are interested @253-884-3691







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PRE-EVENT TICKET SALES:

The Blend, Sunnycrest Nursery or Longbranch Marina

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INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY

A highlight of January was the TLF donation of \$1000 to Evergreen Elementary. This donation makes possible the attendance of 5th Grade students at the outdoor education program at Camp Seymour in March. From the thank you letter to the LIC by Jordan Henderson and Denise Ohlson, Evergreen 5th Grade teachers: "Our students will spend three days and two nights exploring and learning about our environment. Many of our students do not have the resources at home, that would enable them to attend camp. However, with your help, all our students will be able to participate and have a great outdoor education experience."

At the Member meeting this month, Clark gave a brief review of the new structure for Scholarship programs for TLF and the LIC. Instead of one all encompassing category, we now have Higher Education, Student Programs and Youth Activities. Clark thanked Ramona Dickson who ably led the Scholarship program for the LIC and is leaving for personal reasons. Clark also introduced Don Berger, a retired school superintendent as the new lead for Higher Education Programs and Kelly Hettinger as the lead for Student Programs – Evergreen Elementary.

Don introduced members of the Scholarship Review Team which include Shirley Brewer and Robyn Enders. He shared the increased budget for 2018, and the committee charge to seek outstanding graduates who had attended Evergreen Elementary. Scholarships will be awarded to gualifying students headed to a college or university, a vocational or trade school, and to previous recipients. Don explained, the criteria included students with strong academic background as well as school and community service with a strong focus on their future.

Kelly addressed the Student Programs – Evergreen Elementary piece of Scholarships describing our support to the 5th Grade Students as well as a new program to supply much needed clothing to the students. Kelly also asked that we watch for the students selling car wash tickets and support them.

TLF held a successful First Annual Open House at Blend in February. It was well attended by LIC and community members. LIC members staffed tables, set up to explain the charitable causes, established for the Foundation. Marsha Kremen, Kelly Hettinger and David Shinners did an outstanding job organizing and managing this event. And, thank you to all the volunteers who helped greet guests, provide food and describe TLF purposes: Dee McGinnis, Susan Quigley, Barb Van Bogart, Beth Porter, Jim Hettinger, Clark Van Bogart, Denny Prichard, Jan Prichard, Larry Bingham, Gayle Brewer, Francie Carr, and Cheril Allen. A big thank you to Don & Molly Swensen for providing the venue-**BLEND**.

And, on a high note, TLF awarded Food Backpacks for Kids (FB4K) a \$2,000 Grant to meet the need for a carton of shelf-stable milk in each backpack for the remainder of the school year. FB4K distributes 332 backpacks per week to 16 area schools, one-third of those backpacks go to Evergreen Elementary and to KPMS.

Please note, that TLF will be moving from a Rolling Grant program to a Fixed Cycle Grant program starting in 2019. Please visit our website for more information on the Grant process.

Thank you, thank you to all of you. The above successes would not be possible without your incredible support! Barb

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