MEMBER NEWS



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB



MAY 2017



FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

MAY 17-DESSERT SOCIAL MEETING- 6:30 AT CLUBHOUSE

President's Message:

With April cinching the record for more than average rainfall, I wish you Happy May Day! Lets get out and celebrate the coming of summer, the time to start gardening, boating and time in the sun!

A great way to start to celebrate the coming of summer is to attend Opening Day the Longbranch Way on May 6th. A delicious breakfast will be served at the dock and energetic souls can enter the Kayak Krunch or the Dinghy Dash! Mark Lemon is also organizing the Sailboat Regatta.

I am pleased to report that the final signed and notarized DNR lease with the list of required improvements has been sent to the DNR. In addition the required \$16,000 bond has been purchased, the certificate of insurance has been acquired and the 2017 lease payment has been paid. The DNR Committee (Denny Prichard, Chair, Kurt Anderson, Randy Babich, Phil Johnson, Mark Runions and Clark Van Bogart) worked together for more than a year to accomplish the lease renewal and are the LIC's heroes! Without their dedicated commitment and negotiation skills the process would still be ongoing. A huge thank you is conveyed to these gentlemen. The LIC will be able to continue its more than 50 year tradition of providing safe and secure moorage to boaters.

The Board Meeting on May 10th beginning at 6:00 pm will begin looking at various aspects of the Long Range Plan's section regarding Membership. The Membership goals are to expand the LIC membership, and increase active participation in LIC activities. How should we optimize the membership experience? If you have ideas, thoughts or input, please call, email or you are welcome to attend the meeting! We would love to have your input!

Kathy Lyons and Kathy Barrett are planning a collaborative LIC and Longbranch Foundation festive fundraising event for August 12th. All the net proceeds will be earmarked for future LIC support of scholarships and Key Pen area youth activities. The "Kathys" would love to have additional volunteer help. Contact Kathy Lyons (kilyons@msn.com) to volunteer!

I just received a call from Larry Bingham bringing me up to date on the work accomplished on the trail system behind the clubhouse. Eagle Scout candidate James McGraw organized a work party and provided volunteers who built and installed two new bridges over the creek in the northwest corner of the property. Marine Floats donated a19 foot float for use as an additional bridge and James's crew also carried that into the woods to go over an additional spot on the creek. By using 8 wheel barrows they spread 22,000 pounds of trail rock on the trail pathways. A huge thank you to James, his friends and Larry for making such an improvement on the trail system. Larry wants you all to "Come play on the trails!"

Don't forget to attend the Memorial Day Weekend Dance! Be sure to welcome boaters and neighbors who attend and support the LIC.

May is a very busy month! Let's enjoy it together.

Francie

LIC General Membership Meeting April 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Francie Carr, president.

A new member, Linda Niles, was introduced and an nearly new members, Kim and Jeff Robinson, welcomed back again.

BOARD REPORTS

SECRETARY Jane Eiseman requested that the minutes of the March meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP. Francie mentioned that the minutes of previous available at the LIC website.

TREASURER Jim Hettinger announced that the LIC property taxes have been paid.

\$3,000 was transferred from the designated funds to checking to match what was put aside for specific projects. We will be little over budget for the Marina DNR lease and the Marina depreciation expense because of slightly higher rent under the new lease and the new pilings at the Marina.

Since we have now .gone to a bond system for the DNR lease requirements, they have released \$4,000 that was being held in the bank. The board voted to put that into the Marina Reserve.

At the requests of the note holders, one promissory note, for \$5,000, has been fully repaid and the other, for \$10,000, partially repaid. Francie noted that, at \$52,000 remaining on the notes, we are at less than half of what of the original amount.

Francie also reported that the board had decided to donate \$150 to the Mt. Everest Biogas Project and \$150 to the Bayshore Garden Club for plantings at Key Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart was not present. She sent an email report.

Gayle and Shirley Brewer had a new layer of soil laid on the flower beds at the north side of the clubhouse. They will wait for more clement weather before replanting. If anyone is interested in maintaining a section of this area through the summer, please contact Gayle or Shirley.

Larry Bingham, with the Boy Scouts, will be working on the trail April 21st and 22nd. The plan is to open up two new bridges and new trails. The bridge at the middle entrance will be dismantled and replaced with one donated by Marine Floats.

Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 29 from 10 a.m. noon. Lunch will be provided.

Events: Kathy Lyons thanked the board for the donation to the Bayshore Garden Club, of which she is a member. She also thanked the members for turning out for the Suds N Spuds event, which was a rousing success.

The next event will be the Memorial Day Dance - watch for the ad in the Key Pen News.

The banner hung in Key Center did not withstand the wind. As compensation, Build A Sign has provided us with four banners, at no cost, one of which will advertise this dance.

Kathy Barrett talked about the plans for the **Summer Fest** to be held August 12th, a fund raiser for The Longbranch Foundation scholarship fund. The committee (separate from the Events committee) is still looking for auction items for the silent auction and for sponsors. At next month's meeting she will spell out the tasks for which she needs volunteers.

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There will **not** be a dock work party this weekend. Needed pressure washing will be undertaken by individuals during the weeks.

The drip system for the planters will be operational before the Dock Breakfast, May 6th.

Kelly Hettinger provided an update on planning for the Dock Breakfast. The menu will be biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs and sausage. There will be sailboat races, a "kayak crunch" and a "dingy dash", with fine trophies. Volunteers are needed; two drivers (One to two hour shifts) to shuttle folks from the LIC to the

★ Marina and people to clean up at the Marina after the event.

*Opening day bags, t-shirts and hats are available for order.

<u>Membership</u>: Nancy Carr thanked the setup and kitchen crews. The location of sign-in sheet and name tags has been moved.

With regard to membership, Francie noted that, as part of the Long Range Plan, there will be a discussion at next month's board meeting, May 10th at 6 p.m., on whether there should be changes in the criteria. Board meetings are open to all LIC members.

<u>Scholarship</u>: Barb Van Bogart reported for Ramona Dickson. The two, and Barbara Doat, met to review the applicants' portfolios. Once the recipients have been notified, in mid-May, their names will be announced. All of the net proceeds from the Summer Fest will go to scholarships and local youth activities. Receipts from the Key Center Market (one percent back from the purchases) and from can recycling also go to the scholarship fund.

Announcements: Newsletter articles are due to Helen Jamieson by the 25th of the month.

The Pierce County Health Department will present a **free yard and garden workshop on May 13th** from 10 a.m. to noon. The topics are Natural Yard Care and Vegetable Gardening.

Sarah Thompson from the Mustard Seed will be the speaker at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Submitted by *Jane Eiseman*.





^{**}Thirsty Thursdays will start up again in June.

FROM THE DOCK CHAIR:



Dock Breakfast on Saturday, May 6, 8am to 10 am. This year will add biscuits and gravy to the menu in place of pancakes, along with all the usual goodies - eggs, sausage, muffins, etc. There will be fun starting a 10 am, with the Dinghy Dash and the Kayak Krunch, followed by the Mustard Seed Regatta (sailboat race) at 11 am. So come on down to the Marina for Opening Day the Longbranch Way!

Mark

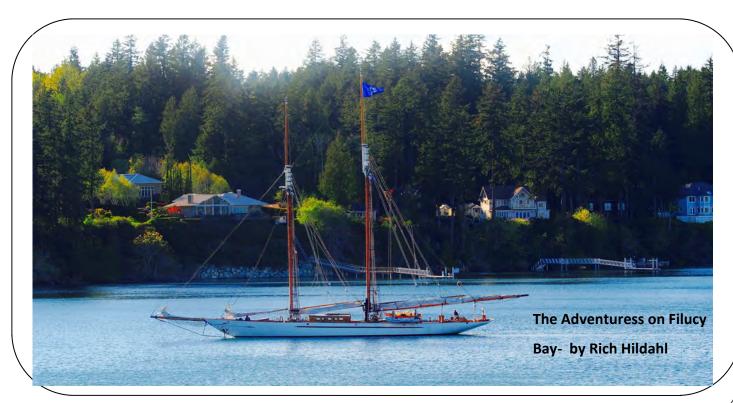
DOCKMASTER REPORT:

The dock breakfast is next week – hope to see a lot of folks enjoying themselves and checking out the new pilings. Work has been done to replace some of the older boards on the dock and the freezer has been defrosted. The new end caps are waiting for better weather to be installed, and we are hopeful this can be done before Opening Day activities.

Last weekend we had six boats in the Marina, even in the bad weather. We are all waiting for better weather!



Cynn



May 2017 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

Since I have been gone and the newsletter is due before I get home I am doing an early edition. I mostly want to fill everyone in on what has been happening over the past month to improve the "Grand Old Lady".

- -First Larry Bingham has been working diligently with Clark's help on cleaning the trail system. Before I get back he will have had the Scouts out to help spread gravel, clean trails etc. Also he has located a new bridge at no cost to replace the middle bridge that has rotted away. The LIC trail system is getting very good use and is becoming known in the community. Thank you Larry.
- -Judy Riggs has formed an Ivy League that meets on a routine basis to cut ivy from the trees and a huge thanks goes out to them-it is a daunting and never ending job.
- -Gayle and Shirley Brewer had the north side flower beds weeded, de-mossed, Hostas divided, and some of the old top soil removed and replaced with fresh soil. There will be new flowers soon. Give them a big hand.
- -The gutters will be professionally cleaned within the next week I hope.
- -We are having the water system checked for gritty deposits etc. and hope to get that corrected.
- -Its spring and the mice are mice-ing so I have been on mouse patrol. Sharon 5-Mice 0. Please do not leave crumbs or food out to invite them to dine.
- -It is the start of rental season so just be aware that if you see someone in the building on the weekend they probably have it rented so do not enter.
- -We will have had the LIC Spring Clean Up by the time this newsletter gets out-so hope I saw lots of you there and the weather was good.
- -We are working on a schedule for the grant work to be done this year so stay tuned to see if you might be able to help.
- I will not have a project room report as we will address some of them at Spring Clean-up.
- -The grounds adoptees are back at it this year and I cannot thank them enough. Along those lines I am looking for 2-3 more people who would be willing to 'adopt' a section of the north flower beds to keep weeded and cleaned. You only need to be responsible for one area between two buttresses. Jan Prichard has taken dibs on the first section and I thank her deeply. Let's give Shirley and Gayle a break and help them out. Let me know.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter...Until next month, pray for spring. Sharon

"In spring I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours." Mark Twain





LEAGUE:

Welcome to all at the next meeting of the Anti-Ivy League Sat. May 20 from 10-12:00. Meet at the LIC with tools in hand and wander the trails behind the clubhouse, rescuing the trees and shrubs from the ivy invasion. See you there!

Judy Riggs 884-7909



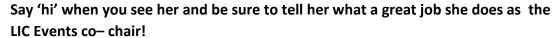
Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts to corp 1% toward the cabelerabin fund



WHO AM I?

Our April Mystery Member worked as an RN for 44 years; she has 3 sons, and a granddaughter. She loves to garden! Did you guess?

It's Kathy Lyons!





Membership News

We had a great potluck meeting in April, thanks for the volunteers (Kim & Jeff Robinson, Jim & Kelly Hettinger, Lynn Carr, Pat Muchmore, Susan Quigley, Ann Dearing, Delia McGinnis) and thanks to all the members that came.

Hope to see you at the Dock Breakfast – and keeping fingers crossed for good weather, but I think if it takes more than that for sunshine.

If you can help at next month's dessert meeting, please let me know – yes, this has been a recording!!

Nancy 884-1384





COMING EVENTS



Did you see the "Vibrant" ad in Key Pen Newspaper for our *Memorial Day Dance*? Hopefully ,it creates interest in the community to "Come On Down" to the LIC for our Memorial Day Dance. <u>Gnosh</u> will be there with their Food Truck nourishing the dance crowd. "Four On the Floor" is a band from South Seattle and 60's dance music is their Specialty. Make sure you come and bring your friendscome before the band starts and taste **Gnosh's** amazing sandwiches!!

.....You Won't Be Sorry You Came!



GARAGE SALE!

On Saturday, May 13th, Karen and Phil Johnson, Barb and Bob Green, and two other families will conduct a Really Big Garage Sale at 7th and A streets in Home, from 8 am to 4 pm. Please join us.



OPENING DAY THE LONGBRANCH WAY!

Be our guest at the Longbranch Marina on opening day of boating season.

Dock breakfast complete with biscuits & gravy, eggs, sausage, muffins and fruit.

There will be a raffle, T-Shirts and Hats and new this year the Kayak Krunch, dinghy dash, and our sailboat regatta.

There is a wedding at the LIC Clubhouse, and we are not allowed to park there!

Marina overflow parking will be at the Fire Station and when that's full the Longbranch Church, with shuttle service to the marina.



All this starts at 8AM May 6th. Breakfast served until the food is **gone** or the people are gone.

Dinghy Dash and Kayak Krunch will be at 10AM. The Regatta starts at 12. Bring your sailboat, dinghy, or kayak or just come prepared to sail, krunch, or dash and we will locate a boat for you.



Calling all Dinghy and Kayak Skippers!



Join the fun at the Longbranch Marina on Opening Day, Saturday, May 6, 2017 for the first ever "Dinghy Dash & Kayak Krunch".

Open to all people powered dinghies and kayaks. Be ready to go at the end of 'D' Dock – 10:00am – see course below. Some kayak loaners and life jackets available. Simple rules: Stay in the boat – don't fall in the drink.

Prizes!!! Bragging Rights!!!

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OPENING DAY- THE LONGBRANCH WAY-REGATTA REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 6th

SKIPPERS NAME:	
PHONE:	_EMAIL:
BOAT NAME:	
BOAT LENGTH:	
BOAT MAKE AND MODEL:	
CREW NEEDED?	_IF YES, HOW MANY:
Registration Fee - 20.00 per boat	

Maps for Dinghy Dash& Kyak Krunch— also Regatta map & Instructions-available @ dock on Sat.







Free Natural Yard Care and Vegetable Gardening Workshops

Natural Yard Care—Great Looking Yard—Less Work and Money!

10-10:45 a.m.

Learn tips to fight weeds, build healthy soil, choose the right plants and have a great looking lawn without using chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Walt is a WSU Master Gardener and coordinates the Natural Yard Care program for Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

Growing Great Vegetables! Colin Evoy

10:45 a.m.-noon

Learn easy ways to plant, grow and harvest vegetables to enjoy! Growing your own vegetables is fun, healthy and can save you money!

Colin is the AmeriCorps Farm Nutrition Coordinator at YMCA Camp Seymour.

Longbranch Improvement Club 4312 Key Peninsula Hwy. S, Longbranch. Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10 a.m.-noon

No sign-up necessary. Bring a friend! (253) 798-4708 or wburdsall@tpcnd.org

Prizes! Snacks! Coffee! Fun!





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Opening Day the Longbranch Way for 2017

is fast approaching – Saturday, May 6th to be exact!

Attached flyer show some of the activities planned -

Breakfast of biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs and sausage, fruit and muffins

Dinghy Dash

Kayak Krunch

Sailing Regatta

Kelly is also taking orders for shirts, hats and canvas bags to commemorate this event.

Shirts are available in Navy, Green and Gray with short sleeved at \$20 and long sleeve \$25.

Hats are \$10

Canvas bags (and they are heavy canvas) small \$20 and large \$25.

April was very busy in the sunshine corner:



Dave Wickland's father passed away after a long life with family and grand children. Barb Van Bogart's mom passed away at the age of 95.

Addie McMenamin, age 97, followed her beloved husband John. May they all rest in peace, and possibly rejoin with loved ones. (see enclosed letter from the McMenamin family in California)

Kerry Jamieson (The purple lady's husband) underwent back surgery; he is feeling good and even goes on little walks with his wife, Helen. YOU GO KERRY!

2 people are in the hospital (Reni Moriarity - Mark Runion's wife) and George Bryan (Lisa's husband). I delivered a flower arrangement to Reni.

Both ask for healing thoughts and positive results. Mark and Lisa are hoping for the same.

Last Saturday, friends of Dolores Argabrights celebrated her life at the LIC. Many family members and friends from the community attended, and husband Wayne was also there. It was a lovely party with a slide show, some sharing of thoughts and a great meal - not to forget the newest little band in town called AGING IN PLACE JAZZ TRIO, which got several ladies on the dance floor. I delivered a living plant of red Bleeding Hearts to the Argabright family to be planted in Dolores's garden on her property.

Respectfully submitted by

Marlies Van Cise, the Sunshine Lady



(beachwoods@centurytel.net)





In her 97th year of a life filled with family, friends and laughter, Addie McMenamin passed away peacefully on April 8, 2017 at her home in Oceanside, California, following a brief illness. Addie touched many lives during her 20+ years in the Occidental College Alumni Office, her first 20 years of retirement on Filucy Bay in Longbranch, Washington, and her 15 years of retirement in Oceanside.

Addie joined John, her beloved husband of 71 years, who passed away in February 2014. She is survived by her two sons (David and Stuart) and their spouses (Lindsay and Laurie), two granddaughters (Sara and Sylvie) and four great grandchildren (Jake, Charlie, Riley, and Mckenna), as well as numerous close friends, including colleagues and students from Occidental College and community friends from Southern California, Washington and places too numerous to mention.

Addie specifically requested that there be no formal memorial service or funeral. Her immediate family will gather later this year to celebrate her life and how it impacted each of us.

In accordance with Addie's wishes, memorial contributions may be made to the McMenamin Scholarship at Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles, CA 90041.

We have set up a memorial website, http://addiemcmenamin.forevermissed.com/, where you can share stories about Addie, add photos and pay tribute to her memory.

Music played an important part of Addie's life, from playing the violin in the all-college symphony in Santa Barbara to singing in the Women's Glee Club at Occidental. In recent years, our visits with Addie invariably included singing some old favorites with her, and on her last day of life, Addie was quietly humming *Que Sera*, *Sera*. We hope that each of you takes a moment to sing one of your favorite songs in honor of the incredible life of our beloved Addie.

The McMenamin Family
Dave & Lindsay
Stuart & Laurie
Sara, Jake & Charlie
Sylvie, Riley & Mckenna

The Longbranch Foundation

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May Update

The 2017 regular session of the Washington Legislature ended without the State's budget issues resolved, so our marina grant request is in limbo. Governor Inslee has called the Legislature back into special session to complete the State's business, and hopefully, I will be able to give you good news about our request very soon. I have spoken with each of our elected representatives' offices and remain guardedly optimistic at this point. Your efforts in calling, writing and sending emails was certainly noticed by them, and I thank you very much for the help. As a matter of information, the Vaughn Civic Center and Mustard Seed also have funding requests pending.

I believe you are aware of the plan to place a new Longbranch welcoming sign on the LIC property this year replacing the present sign located about a mile further south. The committee had hoped to have the installation completed in late spring/early summer; however, they have run into permitting issues with Pierce County. Be assured there are no insurmountable problems – the permitting process is simply taking longer than anyone thought it would take. So, it now appears we are now looking at placing the sign late summer/early fall. I hope to have more definitive information about this in the next few weeks.

As always, please contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas you might have, and thank you for your continued support.

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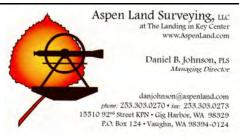
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