

February 2015



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Pancake Brunch, Saturday, Feb. 7 9:00 AM—NOON

President's Message

IRS Audit. We are still in the process of responding to the latest requests from the IRS for documents, information and supporting letters as they continue the audit of our 2012 tax return (and apparently the LIC in general). As I write this, we are working against a deadline of January 31 for submission of additional information and materials they have requested. We spent \$2200 on the original audit go-round in late 2014, and have spent \$3000 so far in 2015, with (probably) another \$2000-plus yet to come. Adding to the frustration is the fact we don't know the end-point of this process; so far each attempt to answer their questions has just led to more, new questions. While many have helped with this project, I want to especially thank current treasurer Jim Hettinger, 2012 treasurer Francie Carr, Phil Johnson, Denny Prichard, and Clark Van Bogart for many, many hours of work on this.

Long Range Plan. The Board of Directors approved a final draft of the LRP at their January meeting. Currently we are working on prioritizing the various items touched on in the Plan and drafting a Timeline to begin the hardest part of the process: implementation. We will be sharing highlights of what we are calling the "Centennial Plan" with the membership at the February meeting, and will eventually post the Plan in more detail on the website.

LIC Helps a Neighbor. Recently, the son of a resident of our broader community was killed by terrorists in the Middle East. The family, who wished to avoid a media circus that could surround a memorial service here on the Peninsula, quietly asked if the LIC might be able to help by providing food for the service. Phil and Karen Johnson contacted LIC members by email requesting food donations, and then organized collecting the donations and getting them to the memorial service site. The response was generous, as those who know the LIC membership might have expected. There was plenty of food, and the family later expressed a heartfelt thanks to the LIC for helping during a difficult time.

January Program Postponed. The program of Longbranch photography by David Montesino had to be postponed due to David being called away on a family matter, disappointing those in attendance who were looking forward to the treat of his beautiful photographs. Fortunately he will be able to present this program later in the year, at a date to be finalized. Will keep you posted.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2015**

LIC GENERAL MEETING 01-21-15 was called to order at 7:00 PM at the LIC Lobby

The program planned before the meeting on "Longbranch: The Photography of David Montesino" was canceled and hopefully will be rescheduled for another time.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reports that boat activities at the marina are slow again this month.

The new LIC Rental Agent Lori Deacon was introduced and welcomed. She will be meeting with Sharon Gearhart for orientation.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked and it was MSP to accept the Dec. 2014 LIC General Meeting minutes. Bill Lloyd read a Thank You letter to the LIC from Jud Morris of the Children's Home Society for the \$100 donation to the 2014 Summer Fun Program. The day camp was a two week event involving 24 Key Peninsula children and volunteers. It took place the first week at the Key Peninsula Civic Center and the second week at the Evergreen Elementary School.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reports that all permanent Marina moorage invoices have been sent out to the tenants. The checking account balance as of December 2014 was \$16,093.36.

Membership: Larry Colbert reported for Eloise Colbert that 53 annual membership dues have been paid with more coming in with the new year.

Events: Lynn Lloyd reported for Delia McGinnis that preparations for the Feb. Pancake Breakfast at the LIC Clubhouse are well in progress. Last minute volunteers were still being signed up for some still open shifts. She extended a warm invitation to all members, neighbors and friends to come visit with each other and share a delicious breakfast together.

Marina: Denny Prichard reports from the Marina Committee that Lynn Carr will contact the Pierce County Road Maintenance people to report the water line that drains to the west of the Longbranch Wharf appears to be plugged. There is a broken conduit somewhere under the B dock that marina volunteers have been trying to locate and repair. The Oatout boathouse was removed from the dock, making room for future finger slips to replace it.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart is waiting for the weather to be nice for several days before sending the roofer from Gig Harbor Roofing up to check on the leaks, which may be from loosened seals when new furnaces were installed.

Steve Stemhagen will be doing the work of fixing the doors under the stage so that they work and can be securely fastened. They are made out of good grade marine plywood and just need some repairs and adjustments to fasten them securely. They will get repainted with a color that will meet the preservation guidelines ambiance of the building.

Sharon is compiling a list of projects for members who are looking for something to do to earn volunteer hours and will post it online and in the newsletter.

Trustee at Large: Phil Johnson brings heartfelt thanks from Paula Somers and family for the LIC membership potluck contributions and dining supplies for her son's memorial service.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2015

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Vice President: Clark Van Bogart has nothing to report.

President: Gayle Brewer has nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

The IRS Audit of the LIC is unresolved and ongoing. LIC Board members will try to get letters of recommendation from Government Officials Terry Lee and Derek Kilmer in support of the LIC. Sharon Gearhart plans to order a new Jackson dishwasher, which is the name brand of the Wareforce, and which is currently on sale. It comes with a warranty and there are repair people available in the Seattle/Tacoma area. Denny Prichard reports that the LIC Clubhouse now has Wave Broadband.

LIFETIME AWARD PRESENTATION

President Gayle Brewer took great pleasure in presenting this award to Tim Heitzman for his dedicated service and hundreds of volunteer hours to the Longbranch Improvement Club and to "the betterment of our community". Thank you Tim, from all of us.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Hettinger presented a summary of the 2014 LIC Budget and presented the 2015 LIC Budget. Discussion, questions and answers followed. It was then MSP to accept the proposed 2015 LIC Budget and to accept a capital expenditure up to but not to exceed \$4,500 for a new dishwasher.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. Judy Riggs



Upcoming Events

Sun. Feb 1—Super Bowl Sunday... in case you missed this tidbit of information!

Mon. Feb 2—Groundhog's Day

Wed. Feb 4—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM

Sat. Feb 7—Pancake Brunch, LIC Clubhouse, 9:00 AM—Noon, donations accepted

Thu. Feb 12—Events Meeting, 7:00 PM

Sat. Feb 14—Valentine's Day

Wed. Feb 18—General 'Potluck' Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 PM

Thu. Feb 19—Chinese New Year, it's the year 4713!

Building and Grounds Chat Room January 2015

So the first month of the New Year is just about over and spring will be around the corner, although we still have a bit of winter to go. We have a new Rental Agent-Lori Deacon. She comes with great experience, and I look forward to having her on our team. For those of you who were at the meeting, you know that the new dishwasher purchase is still in progress. The one I originally selected is no longer available, of course, but a Jackson model, which is the parent company of the Wareforce is. It is the exact same dishwasher with the Jackson name, and the price is almost the same but the shipping is cheaper as it will be coming from Nevada instead of Tennessee. So as soon as they receive stock in their warehouse, they will notify me and I will order it. Hopefully it won't be too much longer, but unfortunately not in time for the Pancake breakfast on February 7. I want to thank Susan Quigley and Delia McGinnis for bringing order to the store room-you can actually get the door open and walk in now. Let's work to keep it that way. Brian Born, Susan Quigley and Mike Isbell have all agreed to keep their "adopted" sections of the grounds for maintenance next year, and I am really grateful. They, plus Bill Lloyd all did a wonderful job keeping the grounds looking manicured in 2014. If anyone is interested in "adopting" the gutters for the rest of the winter, I would be most appreciative. With the number of firs and maples around the building, it is difficult to keep the gutters open and flowing-just let me know if you are interested. I also have a project that could be done during the winter on a day when the weather cooperates: Filling in the holes at the end of the entrances with gravel from the pile out back between the ball field and the second bridge to the trail. The holes are getting deep enough to be nasty. The pile is very low, but there is still a lot of gravel there, but unfortunately will need to be wheel barrowed over to the driveway. Lastly, if you use the building, please be certain that you shut off all the lights, plug in the mouse squealers, lock all the doors and set the alarm. I know this is redundant but somehow it frequently gets overlooked. I will be in Florida from February 4-17. I will be thinking of you all as I bask in the sun. Thanks to everyone who helps with the volunteer work-the club can't exist without you.

Sharon

Greetings from the LIC sunshine corner:

The first 3 weeks of the year were quite busy, and this is why. I sent cards to the following people:

- 1 - Vicki Biggs - for eye-surgery. May her world look brighter now!
- 2 - Wayne Argabright - Wayne will go through extensive cataract surgery, but before that can be done, he has to get a little stronger, so he does not fall so much. He is presently at Cottesmore in room 11, and I am sure he would like some company. He was in good spirits when I saw him on Friday.
- 3 - Jane Eiseman - Jane got a knee replacement and is doing well. In fact she is considering training for a marathon at the end of this year. :-)
- 4 - Our longtime past member Bob Stackhouse passed away on January 10. May his wife Elizabeth and their family find strength during this most difficult time in their lives. A celebration of Bob's life is planned for later in spring at their family home in Longbranch.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlies Van Cise

Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, Feb. 7th (9:00-12:00)

Come in out of the cold for a pancake breakfast with eggs, sausage, and of course coffee & O.J. from Peg’s kitchen. Then maybe have a Bloody Mary or Filucy Mimosa from Tim’s special kitchen. A wise woman once told me that if you are feeling down, do something nice for someone. Well, here is an opportunity to invite someone out to breakfast, and you’ll both probably see a lot of people you know. Also, another grandma said, “If they are cookin’, son, you’d better be eatin’!” That’s the long and short of it. Hope to see you there! Lynn Lloyd

LONGBRANCH PANCAKE BRUNCH FEB. 7 SAT. 9-12



FLAPJACKS • EGGS • SAUSAGE • BLOODY MARY BAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING

2015 promises to be a very good year in terms of LIC Events. We are kicking off the year with the Pancake Brunch from 9 to Noon on February 7th at the LIC. Peg Bingham and her crew will be serving pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs and applesauce. Tim Heitzman will be serving his killer Bloody Maries and for the faint of heart, there will be mimosas and nonalcoholic beverages. Lynn Lloyd is the event captain and is doing a superb job of it.

Later in the spring have two events scheduled. We are working with Evergreen elementary on a musical based on the history of Home and the lower Key Peninsula. Connie Hildahl is coordinating that with the Evergreen music teacher Terri Hammond and Vosky Sprague. Connie and Vosky are quite the historians, so the musical will be very informative and fun. The Memorial Day dance on May 23rd features the very popular Kim Archer band.

Fall brings us the Labor Day dance, the Fiber Arts show and the Farm Tour and Trunk-or-Treat with the kids. The kids had a wonderful time, especially in the Haunted House. Many went through more than once and still screamed. In winter we have the Spaghetti Social on November 6th and of course the Kids and Christmas event on December 13th. We also have a couple of mystery events we’re working on as well. So, there are quite a few events going on, and we look forward to seeing you.

Delia McGinnis



Picture submitted by Barb VanBogart

A Very Big THANK YOU!!!

Thanks very much to the LIC members, who provided food for the reception after Luke Somers' memorial service on January 4th. Luke was the American journalist killed by ISIS in Syria last month. His mom lives in Lakebay, and his brother lives in Seattle. When we asked the family what we could do for them in this difficult time, the only thing they requested was help in obtaining food for the reception. We were very pleased at the response from LIC members, especially so soon after the holidays. When Gayle Brewer, Clark Van Bogart, and we delivered the donated dishes, the Somers family and their friends were very appreciative, and since then Luke's mom and brother have stopped by our house to thank us again. We are proud to be members of a group of people who are willing to step up to help out a neighbor in distress. Thank you all.

Phil and Karen Johnson

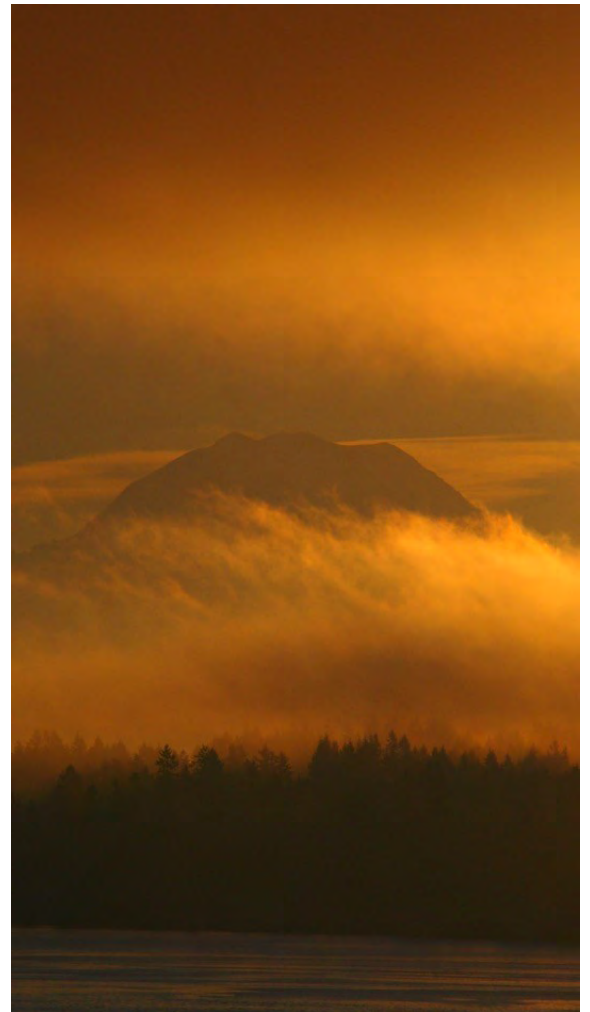
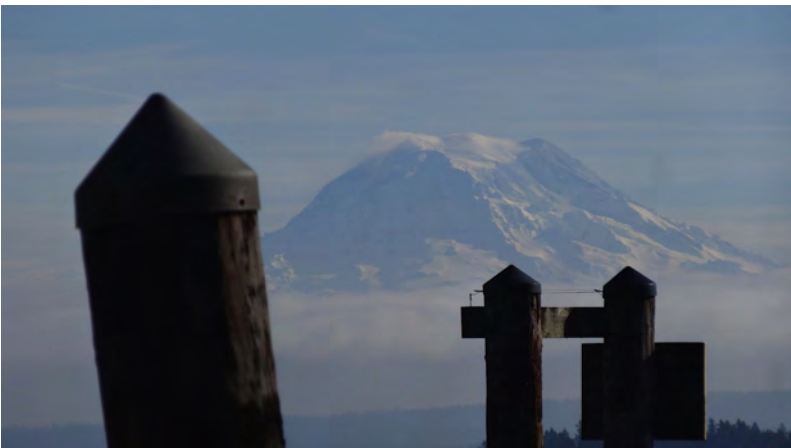


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Above: 'Awesome' picture of boathouse leaving Marina—by Lynn Carr

Right: Beautiful mountain—by Rich Hildahl

Below: Mountain thru Marina piling—by Rich Hildahl



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The Story of the Key Peninsula



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This exhibit will focus on the early communities, their Peninsula schools, stores and community halls. So there are pictures of Longbranch first schools, first Stores and Library Hall.

2015 LIC Membership Renewal Thank you, Due Jan 1, 2015

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EVENTS

- Set up/decorate/host
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ACTIVITIES

- Telephone tree
 Road crew pickup

FACILITIES

- Building
 Grounds/garden
 Dock

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
 Office
 Musical
 Publicity

Membership Renewal Dues

- Individual..... \$25
Couple/Family..... \$40
Associate Member..... \$25

Dockmaster Report

January was pretty slow - we only had two boats visit. Yes, the water is still off, but we are checking long-range forecasts and will let you know when the water will be available again.

Two of the boathouses are no longer in the Marina. There is a picture in this newsletter of the one that was towed out last Sunday. Thanks to everyone who helped with that maneuver - it took about 7 people and three boats, but all went pretty smoothly. Thanks again to everyone that helped.

Lynn

LIC Membership Report—Dinner Meeting Feb. 18

A big welcome to new LIC members Kate & Kelly Guenther, Michael Phillips, Linda Hammerschmith & Terry & Vicki Shelton.

Thanks to Annie Dearing, Theresa Gano & Norma Iverson for hosting the January meeting.

REMINDER

Sign in when you are attending meetings.

If you volunteer at events, sign in and sign out.

If you do work outside of events, sent me an e-mail to add your hours worked to our database.

If you forget to sign in at a meeting or an event, send me an e-mail. I can add them to the database accordingly.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at eacolbert@msn.com.

I need two volunteers for hosting the February 18th meeting, let me know if you would like to assist with this potluck meeting starting at 6:30 pm.

Eloise

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