

August 2014



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Potluck Meeting Wed. August 20, 6:30 PM

President's Message

Marina Assessment. Our Marina Committee has been proactive in laying the groundwork for securing a renewal of our lease with the DNR when our current lease expires in early 2017. As part of that preparation we need an objective, professional engineering assessment of the marina's current condition on which to base planning for necessary repairs and/or replacement. At the July membership meeting, the proposal to go forward with this was approved. We have selected Echelon Engineering, a highly regarded firm to do the work this summer or fall.

Long Range Planning. Still a work in progress but moving forward with the assistance of a professional facilitator. We have an open timeline for completing our plan, but we do hope to wrap up by year's end and will report what we have to the membership when it is ready to share.

Clubhouse. We need to deal with our sticky, poorly functioning side doors (both north and south) in order to comply with emergency exit requirements as pointed out by the Fire Marshall at a recent inspection. And we are nearing completion of the flag pole replacement project, thanks to Denny Prichard, Doug Lewis and Sharon Gearhart. By the time you read this, both of these projects should be complete.

More Clubhouse. The professional historical assessment of our clubhouse is nearing completion, and we may have the written report by the end of August. Dr. Carolyn Swope, who is leading the assessment, has agreed to present our November membership meeting program on "History of the LIC Clubhouse".

Upcoming Programs:

September -- "Geomythology" by Dr. Jeff Tepper, UPS Geology Department. (A fascinating look at what is in the geologic record that may support cultural lore such as the missing continent of Atlantis, the Great Flood, etc.)

November -- "History of the LIC Clubhouse" by Caroline Swope.

January 2015 -- "Longbranch Images" The photography of David Montessino.

March 2015 -- "Falls: Their Impact and Prevention" by representative of St. Anthony Hospital.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2014**

LIC General Meeting 07/16/14 @ LIC lobby called to order 7:30 PM after a very informative Washington Boater Safety Program. Thank you to Denny Prichard for arranging for this speaker to come to our meeting.

Dockmaster: (Lynn Carr) reported that the Marina has been busy this last month, and cookbooks continue to sell at the dock.

Rental Agent: (Kim Chaney) reported that the clubhouse was booked for a wedding and a memorial service.

Secretary: (Judy Riggs) A letter of appreciation from the Vaughn Middle School teacher who had brought the school chorus to sing at the Down Key Festival was read, thanking the LIC for the \$200 donation to their music program. It was then MSP to accept the LIC June General Meeting minutes.

Treasurer: (Jim Hettinger) reports that in June, funds from the P&L were transferred to equity accounts to reserve money for scholarship fund donations and towards the marina and building improvement capital funds. Additionally, a building depreciation expense was entered for the month. We are currently solvent with checking and saving accounts. (You can contact Jim for precise account balances.)

Membership: (Eloise Colbert) reports four new memberships, making 173 in total.

Events: (Delia McGinnis) Bebop Co-op is lined up for Sat. July 26. She is looking for a bartender and few more volunteers for set up. The Events Committee met a week late this month due to the 4th of July holiday. Next month the meeting will be on the normal schedule.

Marina: (Denny Prichard) The Marina Committee has sent a letter to members who own a boathouse at the LIC Marina. There will be required upgrades to the boathouses in order to meet current DNR regulations for the 2017 Longbranch Marina lease renewal.

Building and Grounds: (Sharon Gearhart) reports that a group of members have each volunteered to adopt and maintain a portion of the grounds and or gardens around the clubhouse. She is still looking for someone to take on one last part of the yard. She also wanted to remind everyone to be diligent about taking the trash out of the building to discourage mice visiting the building. She also suggested not storing anything in the outside shed that the mice could use for nesting. Finishing the Trail is one of the first work party projects to be scheduled. Also, thanks to Tim Heitzman and Bill Lloyd for replacing the bulbs on the stage lights.

Trustee/At Large: (Phil Johnson) has nothing to report this month.

Vice President: (Clark Van Bogart) has nothing to report this month.

President: (Gayle Brewer) has nothing to report this month.

Old Business

Down Key fund raising grant money was distributed to Evergreen Elementary School for outdoor education camp. The LIC Board will inform Evergreen annually how much of the donation is to be used. And money was also given to the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak racing team to put towards a needed new trailer. The LIC Historic Structural Survey report is expected to be done within the next 3 weeks.

Progress on the setting the flag pole is going well with a small group of member volunteers pitching in. When ready, LIC will schedule Pen Light to come out and set the pole.

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New Business

Denny reports that the Marina Committee has chosen an engineering firm to do the LIC Marina Survey. This will give the LIC needed information to negotiate the 2017 DNR lease renewal for the Longbranch Marina. It was MSP to approve the funds for the contract.

Clark brought up the idea of providing moorage and boat taxi service to the Chambers Bay 2015 US Open golf tournament. Kim Chaney volunteered to research contacts for this upcoming event.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. Judy Riggs

Upcoming Events

Thu. July 31—Boaters Outing to Topside in Steilacoom

Sun. Aug 3—National Watermelon Day

Wed. Aug 6—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM

Thu. Aug 7—Events Meeting, 7:00 PM, LIC Marina

Sun. Aug 10—National S'mores Day

Wed. Aug 20— Potluck General Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 PM

Building and Grounds Chat Room August 2014

I wish to express my appreciation again for being given the opportunity to take care of the 'Grand Old Lady'. We had our first ever Building and Grounds committee meeting and Larry Bingham, Susan Quigley, Lynn Lloyd and Jane Eiseman made up the membership. We covered a lot and decided to finish the trail as our first project-it is close to being done. We will be doing that in August. Look for the announcement. The Fire Marshall made his annual inspection and two items need attention-The phone needs to be plugged directly into an outlet and the side doors in the ballroom need to be adjusted so that they work smoothly and latch when closed. We are addressing those problems. Next I would like to thank Brian Born for mowing and weed whacking the front and north lawns-it makes such a difference in how the building looks. Susan Quigley deserves huge kudos for cleaning up the south side yard (with help from Betsy Dennis)-it looks fantastic. She has agreed to 'adopt' that area and keep it cleaned up. Bill Lloyd has agreed to be responsible for the north yard to the oak tree when it is in need of work. Hearty thanks to all of you. If anyone else would like to 'adopt' a portion of the yard or flower beds let me know (we could use an 'adopter' to mow the yard between the drive and the main road from the second driveway north). Several people taking on small sections can get the work done and keep the place looking regal. Denny Prichard has taken on the project of getting the flag pole up and 'Old Glory' flying again with the help of the power company who have volunteered to use their boom truck to raise it. Thank you Denny-we miss her. Until next month....Sharon

Dockmaster Report.....

This month has been pretty good for the Marina. Bellevue Yacht Club came in with 8 boats and had a great time inviting some of the independent boater's to join in.

Queen City Yacht club came in last week and by Friday had totally filled the Marina, not an empty slip to be seen. They ordered oysters to be delivered for a Friday Night Oyster feast. They were really great oysters, too. Queen City left Saturday, which made room for the 'My Girl' for the Key Peninsula Historical Society fundraiser trips around McNeil Island.

We will start out August with a couple of yacht clubs the first weekend. The weather has been excellent for boaters to be out and about and find our Marina.

A huge shout-out for Herb Marra for keeping the ice freezer stocked for all the boaters. Thanks, Herb!

Boaters, if you are moving your boat out of the Marina for more than a day, it would help if you would let me know. We have had a recent theft, and as I'm checking boats in the morning, if one is missing I start making phone calls to make sure all is OK. Thanks for some heads-up info..

Lynn Carr

Exhibits Demonstrations Vendors

7th Annual Fiber Arts

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7th Annual Fiber Arts: "Threads through Time" **Saturday, October 4, 2014**

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- Yes there will be toys and wearable art (a great day for holiday shopping)
- Yes, wood is fiber, Creighton Cheney will be on site with his handmade bent-willow furniture

-- If you have a special talent that involves fiber, string, weaving, sewing
or

--If you know someone who has a special talent involving fiber--yes, wood is fiber, yes, saddle-makers use fiber
Space is still available...

--if you would be willing to work with a hands-on project with children

—if you would like to volunteer to help with pre-event planning

or

---if you are curious

Contact Carolyn @ 253 884 9157 or by e-mail <c.wiley@mac.com>

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Event's Committee had it's monthly meeting on July 17th. We discussed the calendar for next year. We also brain-stormed ideas for events that will reach out to the Down Key community at large. The success of the Down Key Festival energized the group to think of other possible ways to benefit our members, the youth of the Key Peninsula and all the folks that live here. The jazz cabaret with the Bebop Co-op on Friday night the 26th was well attended. Mark Runions and his talented group had everyone moving and grooving to the music. A good time was had by all who attended.

I want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to be the Events Chair. I'm very excited about the challenge and am looking forward to working with all of you.


Delia McGinnis

SAVE THOSE RECEIPTS!

The Food Market at Key Center and Lake Kathryn Village give the LIC 1% of the total of the receipts you collect and turn in to the LIC (excluding the charges for liquor and cigarettes.) The \$\$ returned to us go to the scholarship fund. There is a jar in the meeting room to collect the receipts, or you can give them to any Board member or mail them to LIC, PO Box 111, Lakebay WA 98349. What an easy way to give help to worthy students on the Key!

Also, we're looking for someone to take over the job of receipt collecting and tallying which would take an average of about an hour per month. If you don't have an adding machine, you will be provided with one! Contact Jan Prichard, 884-2030 or at jan@pacinfo.com.

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LIC Membership Report

A big welcome to new members Gail & Pat Myers & Thad & Ramona Dickson.

Thank-you Helen Jamieson & Theresa Gano for hosting the July meeting.

I am looking for three (3) volunteers to Hostess the meeting in August, please let me know if you would like to assist by e-mail eacolbert@msn.com or phone 253-225-5115. If I am at work I might not be able to answer my phone so please leave a message.

Eloise Colbert



SEE YOU AT Membership Meeting

Aug 20th @ 6:30 PM

Current membership 177

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