

MEMBER NEWS



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APRIL 2019

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: APRIL 17, 2019 – 6:30PM POTLUCK



President's Message

Except for comments about February and snow, I could ditto my message from last month. As I write this, we are still awaiting the electrical work to be completed at the marina, and the inspection for the fire system water line. While it has taken longer than anticipated, it'll be worth the wait as the marina will be much safer when all these

improvements are completed. We are also still waiting on a schedule for refurbishing of the large five window set on the west side of the clubhouse.

We continue working towards another Preservation Board grant application, to cover half of the cost for a structural engineer to evaluate the building's roof and foundation, and determine what additional load it could support, if any. We are fortunate to be working with Bart Wolfe, an architect who has significant experience with historic structures. Bart is retired and working pro bono on this project, and he is helping develop criteria to select a qualified structural engineer. The most interesting tidbit of information to come out thus far, is that the weight of the possible insulation solution is about 2lbs. – 3 lbs. per sq. foot. That doesn't seem like a lot until you apply Bart's math indicating that we have about 10,000 sq. feet of roof area, which adds up to 30,000 lbs., or about 15 tons, to the roof. Needless to say, it's critical to determine the load capacity of the building's foundation, trusses, and purlins. Once feasibility of insulating and re-roofing the building is determined, we will search for a qualified architect, general/roofing/insulation contractor, and/or other necessary expert before we have The Longbranch Foundation apply to the State of Washington, in 2021, for a capital grant.

Unfortunately, we had a slightly abbreviated "Suds & Spuds" due to a septic system issue. We're not sure exactly when it happened, but the system became overloaded with paper and other things that plugged the main septic tank baffle. It's now repaired, but we'll want to schedule periodic maintenance inspections, to ensure we don't have a repeat issue in the future. In addition, we need to improve signage, and educate renters about appropriate treatment of septic systems.

The month of April gives us a chance to catch our breath before a very busy few months starting in May. Please plan to participate in or attend the following:

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- “Opening Day the Longbranch Way” at the marina on Saturday, May 4th; breakfast begins at 8am, with the annual sailing regatta at 11am. We’ve invited some of our elected dignitaries to join us for the ceremonial ribbon cutting at 10am to commemorate completion of our marina project and thank them for their support.
- Also on May 4th, an informational booth for the LIC and TLF will be at the “Livable Community Fair”, which will be held at the Vaughn Civic Center from 10am – 3pm.
- Remember to mark your calendar for Sunday, May 5th, which is spring cleanup day at the clubhouse and grounds.
- While you’re making notes on the calendar, add the Memorial Day Weekend Dance on Saturday, May 25th, 8pm – 11pm.
- Finally, May is when plans are laid for our “Thirsty Thursdays”, again commencing right after Memorial Day at the marina. We’re also planning some boating lunch or dinner excursions this summer, so stay tuned for details about these very fun events...
- This is a perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor who may not yet be an LIC member to join us and participate in our many events.

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Dockmaster Report

We had our first yacht club come in since the marina remodel. Totem YC visited the weekend of March 15-17, and had a really great time, a nice party – and, of course, really liked the marina. One of their long-time members (and ours, too) is our good friend Harry Faas. I was surprised to see him stroll down the ramp, to visit his friends, and check out the changes. I must say he looks very good, as it has been about 4 years since I have seen him. Hope to see you more often, Harry!

We are almost completed with all the work, and we are looking forward to Opening Day, and showing off all the upgrades and additions.

Lynn Carr,
Dockmaster

Marina Report

Well, a lot has been going on at the marina. Pierce County did the final inspection and sign-off on the permits and L&I passed the two new electrical boxes in the parking lot and the one at the bottom of the ramp.

I want to thank all of you for your patience and understanding through all of this. Things are looking really good.

I also want to thank Rob Carlson and Larry Layton, for their great job parking folks for Suds & Spuds.

Thank you,

Robert Theisen
Marina Chair



The Longbranch Foundation

Kim Robinson, who with Jan Prichard, heads up the Student Programs for TLF, told us about a new after school “Lego Club” program at Evergreen, and suggested that a small contribution from members would buy Lego Kits for the program. Kim is busy ordering kits enabled by your support. Your response was tremendous, thank you!



Bob Perry showed the new Key Best web site and wonderful video, designed and built by Tanya Perry: www.keybestauction.com.

As you know, Key Best is our biennial major fundraiser. This year, as in the past, all proceeds are going toward our Student and Higher Education Programs. Please save the date, Saturday August 3, and plan to bring your wallet to help us raise money for our children.



The Foundation was happy to support Food Backpacks 4 Kids with a \$1,000 grant. FB4K is now feeding 500 Key Peninsula children!



Thank you for working with us to make a difference in our community.

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Events

Spring has finally “Sprung” and it’s about time!

The “eventful” Suds and Spuds event has concluded, and a big thank you goes out to all who helped out, and everyone who attended. The music and dancers were fantastic, and the feedback was very positive. Mark Runions and his musical group helped make the evening a great success!

Our next scheduled event is the Memorial Day Dance to be held on May 25th from 8:00 – 11:00 PM. The Chris Friel Orchestra will be our musical group. They were well received when they last performed here and we are anticipating another fantastic event.

The next Events Committee meeting will be April 15th at the LIC at 3:30 PM. Please let us know if you will be able to attend and join our team.

Bob & Barb
Events Co-Chairs



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All! Since my last report I have sent out two cards. A sympathy card to a member who lost her brother and a get well card to Sheryl Low who had a very successful neck/back surgery. Sheryl tells me that she is On the mend after having a lot of pain for the first week and a half. The good news is that the surgery seems to have resolved the arthritis pain she was suffering from. Get well wishes, Sheryl. We hope to see you back at the LIC soon!

Cheril Allen
The Sunshine Lady



Membership Report

The first quarter of 2019 is over, if you can believe that! I'll be working on LIC Bucks to have them ready for the April 17th potluck meeting. In order to receive the LIC Volunteer Bucks, you need to be a paid member. If you have not yet renewed your dues, please do so now. If you are not sure, or cannot remember if you have renewed, you can call or send an e-mail and we can make sure our records agree. You can mail your dues, or call Jim Hettinger (253-235-9009) to pay by credit/debit card. If you have not turned in your first-quarter time sheets, please send to me by April 6th.

We have some new members to welcome:

Eloise Richardson and Bob Evans

David and Lori Zeigler

Dustin & Laurie Morrow (our new FD #16 Fire Chief)

Harry & Brynn Rydell

Daniel & Beverly Villwock

Welcome, we are very happy to have you with us.

For anyone that wants to volunteer to help with the meetings, please let me know. I normally need some help setting up tables and chairs. Mary Lemon is the kitchen go-to person if you want to volunteer there.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair

Building and Grounds

Happy Spring! The Building and Grounds team welcomes spring, and a chance to spruce up the LIC, inside and out. But first an update – at the Suds & Spuds event we were forced to shut down early. It appears that the sewage system clogged due to a buildup at the entrance to the first main tank. Fortunately, this was corrected prior to our member meeting the next Wednesday evening, and a process has been put in place to inspect the tank prior to major events to help prevent a

reoccurrence. Thanks for understanding! The spring LIC clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th, starting at 9:00am. Bring your rakes, weed wackers, and mowers. Around noon we will grill lunch and have libations. Please find time to join us!

Bob Perry
Building and Grounds



OPENING DAY THE LONGBRANCH WAY MAY 4TH!

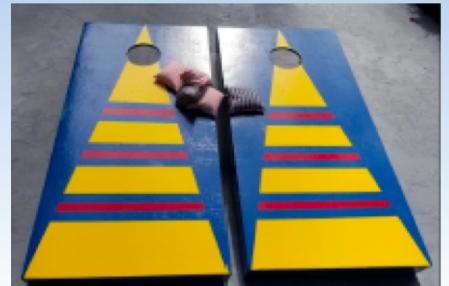
Come to the Longbranch Marina for Opening Day the Longbranch Way!

The dock breakfast menu this year is biscuits and gravy, along with eggs, sausage, fruit, and muffins.

So much fun is planned for this year's Opening Day the Longbranch Way!

- New 2019 nautical flag sweatshirts and T-shirts for sale
- Raffle drawing for our 2019 nautical flag quilt and a set of customer painted corn hole boards
- Ribbon cutting ceremony for the beautiful NEW dock.
- Libation station
- Informal sailboat regatta

8am	Breakfast served until the food is gone
10am	Ribbon cutting ceremony
11am-ish	Regatta starts – bring your sailboat or just come prepared to sail and we will locate a boat for you to sail on



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LIC General Meeting

March 20, 2019



The meeting was called to order by our president Clark Van Bogart at 7:01pm

Guests & New Member Introductions:

New members introduced: David and Lori Zeigler and Deanna Charles

Guests: Gina Cabiddu and Nan. Gina is a former scholarship recipient

Speaker – Lynn & Bill Lloyd “Living in Turkestan”

Francie introduced Bill and Lynn Lloyd. Bill and Lynn lived in Kazakhstan where they taught for 2 years at the International School. During that time, they visited Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kirgizstan and other countries in the region. Bill taught French, and Lynn taught 2nd grade. Russian is the 2nd language in the region, so Bill could communicate a little with the local citizens. They shared photographs of their travels, including beautiful buildings faced with majolica, intricate carvings and wonderful carpets.

Board & Committee Reports

Secretary:

Jane Eisman was not present. Clark requested that minutes of the February member meeting be approved as submitted. MSP

Treasurer:

Review February 28, 2019 Financial Report – We had a great February. We made up the January shortage on permanent moorage. Our revenues year to date are over budget. We had strong rental income in January but

none in February. Building and Grounds is still over budget for revenue. We have a net income surplus which gives us a good cushion for the year.

Membership:

Please renew your membership if you have not already done so.

Events:

We had a shortened Suds and Spuds event due to septic issues. Bob and Barb thanked all volunteers, especially Mary Lemon, and Ann Marie Ugles for the great food. We had a full house. The Irish dancers performed again this year, and everyone raved about them. Bob estimated the net income to be about \$1600. Since the evening was cut short, just as the fun stuff was about to start, Carolyn Wiley read limericks from Dana Webster, Don Swenson and one of her own.

The “Memorial Day Weekend Dance” is Saturday, May 25th (8pm – 11pm)

Building & Grounds:

- Spring Clean Up is May 5th starting at 9:00 a.m. The focus will be on grounds/trails clean up so bring tools.
- Propane re-do: Bob is still working to engage a plumber to upgrade the propane service.
- Audio-Visual upgrades are planned and Bob hopes to have them done by the Mustard Seed event in May

Marina:

The water line for the fire system is in, and Robert is hoping to test it next week. The electrician will be back Monday to finish the electrical work.

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“Opening Day the Longbranch Way” May 4th (8am – 11am) – There will be a ceremonial ribbon cutting at 10:00. We have invited Maria Cantwell, Derek Kilmer, Derek Young, Michelle Caldier, and Jesse Young. Many have accepted our invitation, so we should have a good turnout of visiting dignitaries. Be sure to buy your t shirts and raffle tickets.

Newsletter:

Be sure to get your submissions to Tanya Perry by the 25th.

Vice President:

We need to fill the offices of Vice President and Secretary, for one year terms. We have sent out an email blast, and Candice Hardt and David Shinnars have agreed to form the nominating Committee. Please contact them, or Marsha Kremen, or Clark Van Bogart, if you are interested.

President:

Clean Water Partners Town Hall meeting May 30th (6pm – 8pm): This organization includes county and state government officials from the health departments and planning staff, in addition to interested businesses, primarily the shellfish industry. They are responsible for closure response plans, and Filucy Bay is one of the bodies of water that is included in the plan. The group has asked to meet here. If you have an interest in water quality in the bay, plan to attend.

Pierce County Preservation Grants – We still don’t have start date for windows. Clark, Marsha, and Candice are working on the next round of grants for the roof. They met with Bart Wolfe, a retired architect, who has

expertise in preservation of historic buildings. Bart has located and secured estimates from two structural engineers for the first round of the project, which will be to assess whether we can add insulation to the building when we replace the roof.

The Annual Report has been submitted and will be in the April issue of The Key Peninsula News

New Business

The Livable Community Fair is May 4th. Barb Floyd stated that last year there were 50 different organizations represented. The LIC and TLF will co-sponsor a table again this year. Lauren Fanning will run table this year and additional volunteers are needed. The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with setup at 9:00 a.m. Let Barb know if you are available. The Foundation gave Backpacks4Kids a \$1,000 grant in January. They are feeding over 500 students in the area.

Kim Robinson shared that Evergreen students need Lego friendship sets for an alternative recess that is being setup. They are \$20-\$60 on Amazon. Kim will do the shopping for you if you like. Just give her a donation.

Barb is work on setting up a meeting to see if we can expand into the middle school.

Don Berger is going through scholarship applications.

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Key Best Event – August 3rd (Bob Perry). The Key Best event will be held every other year to raise funds for The Longbranch Foundation. The website is now up: www.keybestauction.com and it will be linked to the LIC and TLF websites. This is a great place to learn about the event, as it talks about the cause and event details. The committee is currently seeking sponsors and getting a good response. If you are interested in being a sponsor, or have suggestions for sponsors, please contact Bob Perry or Barb Floyd. If you are interested in donating goods or services donations, please contact Kelly Hettinger.

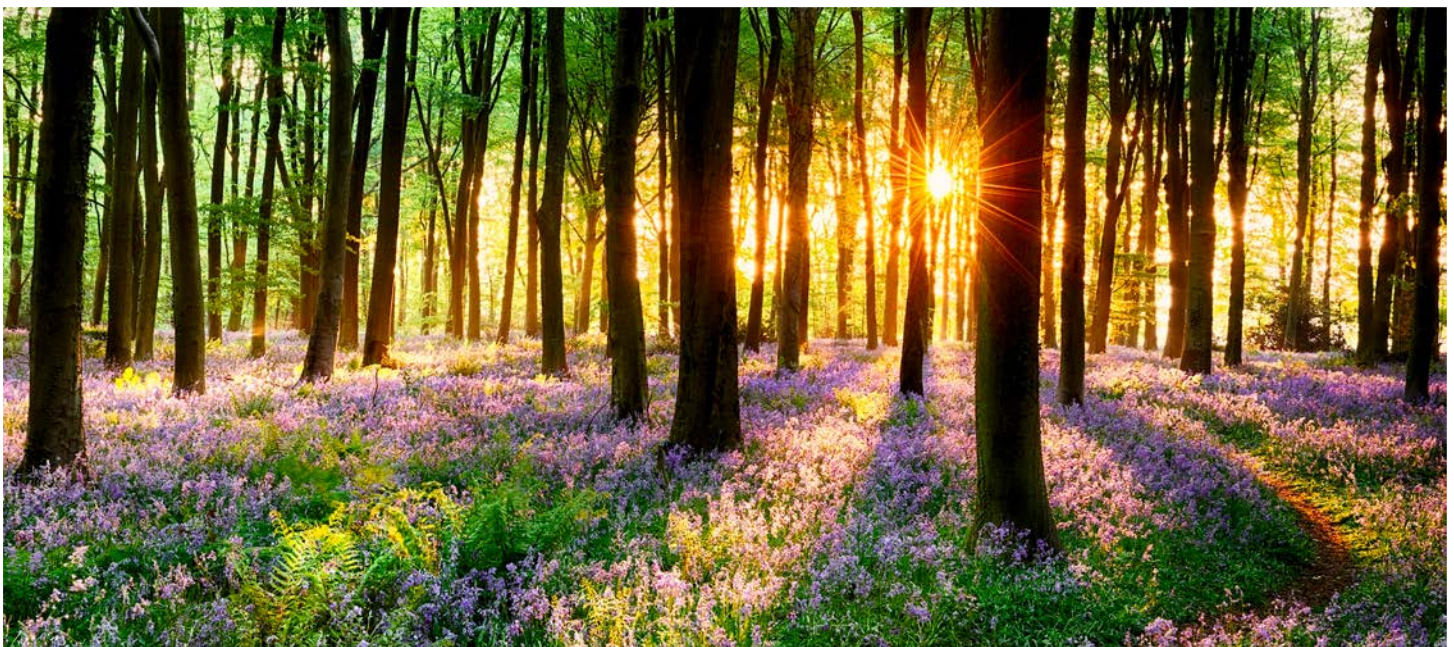
Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Next Membership Meeting (dinner potluck) - Wednesday, April 17th
- “Opening Day the Longbranch Way” - May 4th (8am – 11am)
- Sunday May 5 Building and Grounds clean up
- “Memorial Day Weekend Dance” – Saturday, May 25th (8pm – 11pm)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Kremen
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