



# MEMBER NEWS

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2019

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: DECEMBER 18, 2019 – 6:30PM CHRISTMAS PARTY



## President's Message

The LIC got an early Christmas gift this year in the form of our November speaker, Haley Nichols from the Peninsula Hawks. Haley's presentation really reminded us of all the good work we do in the community. It was inspiring to hear her story. Thanks Haley!

Besides all your personal holiday events and celebrations, we've got lots going on at the clubhouse and marina too.

We start with decorating the clubhouse and the chili potluck and lighted boat parade on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The decoration begins at 10:00 a.m. with lunch provided. The chili potluck begins at 3:00 with the boat parade starting at 5:00 p.m. Bring chili or sides to share. Kelly suggests bringing a muffin tin to use as a plate. It makes it easy to sample the various types of chili.

December 13<sup>th</sup> is gift wrapping, and December 15 is Kids and Christmas. Our member meeting on December 18 will include turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and sides. We'll have a very limited business meeting, and celebrate the season, and all that we have accomplished this year. I encourage you to participate in at least one of these events. For me, these events really get you in the spirit of Christmas and help you enjoy this special time of the year.

Be sure to get your volunteer hours to Nancy before the end of the year. Even if you don't use the LIC bucks, we need to monitor our volunteer hours from some grant applications. You all work hard, and I think it's great to acknowledge how much time folks spend on our projects.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It's so important to take the time for reflection, especially this time of the year. It makes us realize how fortunate we are to live in this community.

Take time to enjoy the season and relax. We have quite a few major projects coming up in 2020 and I am looking forward to working with all of you.

I wish you the best of the season and a very Happy New Year.

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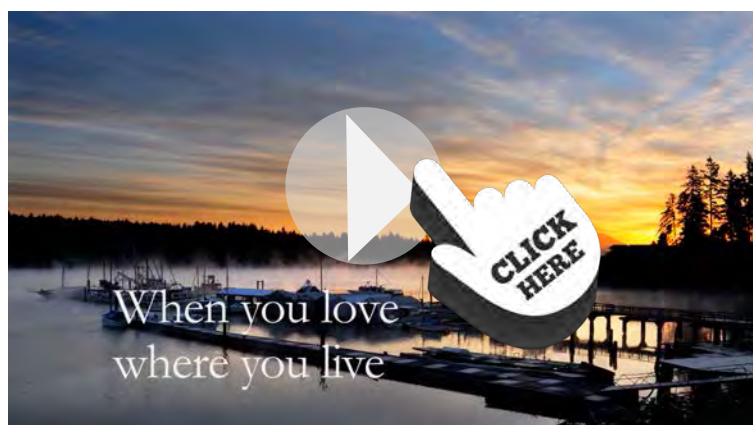


**A TRIBUTE TO ALL YOU DO** – *It is not the amount of money; it is the fact that someone cares enough about the kids to give them a chance. And without events like “Trunk or Treat” and “Kids n Christmas”, many kids on the Peninsula would not have a Halloween or Christmas.* These are the words from Hayley Nichols, Donor Chair for the Peninsula Hawks Scholarship Fund, Evergreen Elementary through Peninsula High School graduate, and scholarship recipient, who spoke to the November Membership Meeting.

As you know, we provide scholarships through the Hawks Scholarship Fund. Here is what Bob Green had to say *“Listening to Haley last night brought things full circle for us. When she took the mic from me and thanked us for what we do to reach out to the community and how much it meant, there were tears in her eyes! That just reinforced what we all know, that what we are doing is so important to our community...”*

As members who volunteer your time and give your money to these causes, you should be proud and give yourselves a pat on the back!

**Peninsula Light was a sponsor for our Key Best Auction this year and they asked Randy Carr if we would give them a video to run at their Employee Holiday banquet to show their membership what we do. Tim Heitzman and David Shinnners developed a stunning video – take a look >**



Thank you for your donations for our once a year Celebrate Campaign. If you have not mailed in your envelope, it is not too late to do so, and designate where you would like your contribution go: the Greatest Need, Building preservation, Recreational opportunities, Filucy Bay ecology, Scholarships.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER:** We are pleased to announce that Don Swensen has joined The Longbranch Foundation Board as a Director.

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

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# Lighted Boat Parade



**And chili potluck**

Brought to you by the  
**Longbranch Improvement Club**  
at the Longbranch Marina

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 3:00 PM**  
**BOAT PARADE BEGINS AT 5PM**

Bring your chili and fixins. This is a very informal potluck. Please bring your own beverage and muffin tin (the best way to sample all the chilis). We will supply utensils, napkins, paper plates, bowls and that sort of thing!







## Events

As we enter the month of December we are finalizing plans for our last events of the year. On December 7<sup>th</sup> we will be “Decking the Halls”, to get the clubhouse spiffed up for the holidays. Jan and Denny Prichard are coordinating this, and if you have not touched base with them to get your name on the volunteer list, please do so: [dp@pacinfo.com](mailto:dp@pacinfo.com) Lunch will be provided and it is a great time to bond with your fellow members.

December 15<sup>th</sup> is our annual “Kids n Christmas” event. Please remember that if you have committed to donating a turkey, please bring it to the clubhouse on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>. Mary and Anne Marie have planned a wonderful turkey dinner for our guests. This is always a memorable event with lots of activities and smiling



*“You see but your shadow when you turn your back to the sun.” ~Kahlil Gibran*

faces. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will once again be assisting with activities to keep everyone occupied. There are still a few volunteer opportunities available, so let us know if you would like to participate.

Moving forward we will be planning our 2020 events in the coming months. The semiannual Garage Sale will be held in April with Kelly Hettinger taking the lead on this event. We are also planning on Memorial Day and Labor Day dances and will be booking bands in January. Your feedback is always appreciated.

We are looking forward to a wonderful month!

Bob & Barb  
Events Co-Chairs

## From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month I sent out 2 get well cards to members who are in the hospital.

Cheril Allen,  
The Sunshine Lady



## Building and Grounds

Happy Thanksgiving!

Building and Grounds has been busy making sure the LIC is situated for the winter. The thermostats have been reprogrammed, and the new outside water lines to the sign have been winterized. The kitchen refrigerator has been serviced and repaired, returning it to working order. Mary Lemon and her crew did a wonderful job of cleaning the kitchen, and reorganizing the storage room, which looks amazing! In December we will be replacing worn-out outlets and failing outdoor lighting, as well as annual maintenance on the furnaces. Thanks to everyone who is working so hard to keep the LIC at it's best!

Bob Perry  
Building and Grounds

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## \*DECK THE HALLS!\*

Sat, Dec. 7th  
10 a.m. to ?



Come  
help make  
the LIC shine  
with greens, lights,  
decorations, a very tall  
tree  
and lots of holiday cheer!

Come when you can.

**Hot drinks and lunch provided!**

Some things you can bring if you have  
them:

Garden nippers, wire cutters, hammer,  
Nails, heavy duty staple gun, staples  
and,

**cut greens for decorating**  
would be especially appreciated!  
(Be sure to put your name on your  
tools.)

**COME JOIN  
THE FUN!!**

## Membership

It is time to renew dues for 2020. If you have not already done so, please use the renewal form e-mailed earlier, available on the website, or contact me and I'll send you one. You can pay by check, cash, credit card, or LIC Bucks.

There are lots of things happening in December. Bob Green will be talking about the events and the volunteering tasks available. I'm asking for help with the member Christmas Dinner. I still need:

Tuesday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

- Cleanup from Kids & Christmas and Setup for Member Dinner. Need 4 people, it should not take too long.

Wednesday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

- Bring cooked/sliced ham – Need 2 people.
- Bring mashed potatoes – Need at least 1 person
- Bring Gravy – need at least 2 people

We have quite a few folks bringing turkey for Kids & Christmas, and Mary feels we should have enough to do both dinners. If not, I'll send a separate request later for cooked/sliced turkey.

Please turn in your volunteer hours - either on-line, or get them to me to be entered. Volunteer hours are needed for the grants we have been fortunate enough to receive.

E-mail or call me if you have questions, or if you can help with any of the above. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

See you in December!

Nancy Carr  
Membership Chair

## Evergreen Rain Boots

Recently The Longbranch Foundation provided 24 pairs of rain boots to Evergreen Elementary School to give to kids who need them. That's 24 more kids with happy, dry feet! We are truly grateful to everyone who has

donated to the Foundation and to Big 5 in Gig Harbor for their friendly service and willingly giving us a good discount. Thank you all for helping our community's kids!

Jan Prichard  
TLF Student Program Co-Coordinator





## LIC General Meeting November 20, 2019

Marsha Kremen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were no new members or guests.

Marsha introduced our guest speaker, Haley Nichols, the donor chair for the Peninsula Hawks Scholarship Fund. The following is an excerpt from her presentation:

*Haley was a recipient of a scholarship in 1990, which is what attracted her to the Peninsula Hawks organization. She is now making an impact on other students' lives. Haley understands that education is a pathway out of poverty for kids on the KP, and strives to build the program every year. This organization was started in 1984, by a group of parents who saw a need for kids to know that their community supported them. Their mission is to connect kids with money for school. When choosing a scholarship recipient, donors not only look at students who plan to go to a four-year university, but also those interested in a two-year college, vocational school or types of accredited program. The Peninsula School District encourages students who are on alternative pathways.*

*The program started with \$7,000 in donations, and is now donating an average of \$280,000 a year with a goal of \$320,000 a year. Recipients of these scholarships are graduating seniors, who have taken at least six credits at Peninsula High school. Some criteria the donors look for when choosing a*

*recipient include athletics, career goals, volunteer activities, community service, academic performance and passion/interests. The program works on matching recipients to the donors' criteria. The donors give the organization the money to hold until the student starts college in the fall. Then, the money is distributed to the institution, or accredited school. There are several different types of scholarships: memorial scholarships, individual donors, employer matching, and community organization donors. Students receive an average of \$850, and the scholarships range anywhere from \$300 to \$8,000. Most money comes from private donors. The S.A.V.E. Thrift store is not only a great source of money for scholarships, but an opportunity for students to work and learn basic job skills as well.*

*Of the 300 plus graduating students, only half turn in a notebook, which includes two letters of recommendation, a transcript, statement of purpose, activities they are involved in and volunteer hours. This information can be used to apply for other scholarships as well. The teachers at PHS are very supportive of this program. On scholarship night, there are 175 students who attend and are eligible for a scholarship, and 80 donors who attend. \$180,000 is distributed from local donors. There are fifty students who are not picked for a scholarship, but the goal is for every student to receive a minimum of a \$500 scholarship.*

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If you are looking for a way to get involved, Haley states that they need volunteers who are not affiliated with a senior at the school, to read every notebook turned in by students, and then match about \$100,000 to recipients, based on the donors' criteria. There are many ways to get involved. The program needs committee members, readers, Winterfest volunteers, donors and thrift store volunteers. Here is their website: [www.phsfund.org](http://www.phsfund.org) for more information.

Don Berger gave a scholarship update. Along with the academic scholarships we have been awarding to students, we will be adding vocational scholarships to the program. Because of this addition, the committee has expanded this year. The committee will determine the criteria that is used when picking a recipient, given that we are expanding our scope. They will work to determine a process of selecting the recipients, the amount of the scholarships given, and recurring scholarships. It will also need to be determined whether we make available the same amount of money for both the vocational and academic scholarships. Recommendations will be brought to TLF board, along with a budget, for approval.

Barb Floyd, TLF President, announced that Don Swensen, who is involved with the community council, will be joining TLF board.

Jan Pritchard, Student Programs Chair,

stated that many Evergreen Elementary students did not own a pair of rain boots. Twenty-four pairs of rainboots were given to these children in need. Jan stated that Big 5 gave us the sale price and an additional discount, so please thank them if you are in the store.

Haley stated that if any students need clothing or shoes, they should go to their counselor to get a note, and visit the S.A.F.E. store, where they can shop for what they need, free of charge.

Randy Carr stated that one of our sponsors for the 2019 auction, Peninsula Light, asked if TLF would provide a presentation to show at their employee banquet. Tim Heitzman put together an amazing presentation with narrative and pictures. David Shinnors worked on turning the power point presentation to a video, with music added. This allowed us to create another video, which we will show at our January meeting, showing our accomplishments from 2019. David Zeigler showed the video to the members.

Randy stated that everyone should have gotten a letter in the mail. Please remember to contribute to the 2019 Celebrate campaign.

### BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Kim Robinson asked that the minutes of the October meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP

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Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reviewed the October 31, 2019 Financial Report. We are \$25,000 over budgeted net income, through October, with two months left in the year. We are \$36,000 over net income budget for the year. Expenses are \$20,000. We are forecasted to come in \$20,000 over net income budget for the year.

Membership: Nancy Carr stated that membership dues are due. Forms are available here tonight, and she will take credit cards, cash, a check, or LIC bucks as payment.

Every table has a volunteer sign up for the Christmas dinner, on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The LIC provides the turkey and ham, but volunteers are needed to cook them. Volunteers are also needed to bring mashed potatoes, dressing and gravy. The rest of the food needed will be potluck items.

Please turn in your volunteer hours. This is very important. If you are turning in hours from the past, make sure you include the month that you volunteered. If you are having trouble with the Track It Forward site, please let Nancy know. Marsha stated that even if you are not going to use your volunteer hours for LIC bucks, it is important to document your hours. In order to get some of the grants we apply for, we must reflect the number of volunteer hours we put in as an organization.

Events: Bob Green stated that Trunk or

Treat was a wonderful event. He thanked the Beams for their efforts throughout the years in putting together the haunted house. Bob would like us to consider expanding our participation in coming years. The Greens went to the Gateway Park's All Hallows Eve Celebration. There were many activities such as a DJ, dancing, s'mores, and so much more. This was a wonderful community event.

There are lists available with volunteer opportunities for several approaching events.

Deck the Halls takes place on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Denny and Jan Prichard are spearheading this effort. We need volunteers on the Friday before, to move decorations downstairs. There are sign-up sheets for Saturday. Lunch will be provided. This is our chance to get ready for our formal Christmas dinner, and for the Kids and Christmas event the following Sunday.

Kids and Christmas is on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer sheets are on the back table to sign up for a slot. We still have quite a few gifts from last year. Santa hands out gifts, there is a wrapping table, and the Girl Scouts will help with games and events. We are asking for wrapping paper donations. Over the years, the food has progressed from hot dogs, to chicken, to a turkey dinner. We served 300 people last year. We needed 12 turkeys, but now only need two, weighing

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at least 20 lbs. Coupons for a free turkey are available at Safeway or Albertsons when you buy \$100 in groceries.

Haley stated that these events are so important for kids that don't have much. She is speaking from personal experience.

Marina: Marsha stated that the board has been working on moorage rates, and members need to approve the changes that are in red, on the sheets at your table, this evening. Changes include the standard monthly rate for moorage, which will be \$7.75 a foot, special rates for some of the slips and rates for kayak moorage. No LIC bucks or discounts will apply for kayak moorage. The membership had a chance to review the changes. A motion was made to approve all moorage changes. MSP.

Robert Theisen stated that the back-flow valve which was missing, was reinstalled. Pierce County inspected the work, and the back-flow company tested it. All is approved. We are just waiting for the paperwork. This needs to be checked yearly.

Newsletter: Tanya Perry was not present, but Marsha asked that any articles you want in the newsletter be sent to Tanya by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

President: Marsha Kremen stated that the pump-out station project is moving forward. Brett had a marine biologist and surveyor out to the marina last week.



The preservation grant from Pierce County, to do the survey for the new roof, has been approved. The project will start after the first of the year.

There was nothing to report this month from Building & Grounds, Trustee at Large, Historian, and Vice President.

### OLD BUSINESS:

By law changes will be distributed at the December meeting, in order to give the members time to review them. We will vote on them at the January meeting.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- Deck the Halls – December 7<sup>th</sup>
- Chili Cook off and Lighted Boat Parade - December 7<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m.
- Kids and Christmas - December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Next Membership Meeting (Christmas Party) – Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Robinson  
Secretary



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