

MEMBER NEWS



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NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: JULY 18TH 7PM - DESSERT



President's Message

At our June annual membership meeting, a relatively new member came up to me and remarked that he had never been involved with an organization quite like the LIC before. I was a little puzzled at first, but then he commented that he enjoyed being a part of it because no one was fighting and really appeared to get along. It struck me that we do indeed have a good thing going here on the south Key Peninsula. My hat's off to you for maintaining great personal relationships although we may disagree from time to time on few minor things. It's a very remarkable mix of people.

We had a wonderful turnout of more than 90 people at our annual meeting. You elected new board members to two year terms: Bob Perry as Building & Grounds Chair, and Bob Green as Events Chair with Barb Green as co-Chair. Marsha Kremen was re-elected Vice President and Jane Eiseman was re-elected Secretary. I'm looking forward to continuing the work we've been doing as a board in making it possible for the LIC to better our community. I want to thank the outgoing board members for their hard work and service to the LIC over the past two years: Sharon Gearhart (Building & Grounds Chair), Jan Brown (Events co-Chair) and Kathy Lyons (Events Chair).

The LIC has applied for a Pierce County Preservation Grant covering complete repair/renovation of the bank of five large windows on the west side of the building. The project involves the removal of the windows, cleaning and hazardous waste remediation (i.e., lead paint), so the total cost of this project is significant (approximately \$22,800). The County will act this fall on all Grant applications, and if our project is approved, 50% funding will be provided in 2019.

Our marina upgrade project remains in the permitting stage and this process will take a few more months. According to our contractor, the National Marine Fisheries permit process is getting more arduous and our contractor is somewhat concerned about the timing because our Washington grant has time constraints. We're not panicking yet, just somewhat concerned about the time squeeze.

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Finally, in the next several days we have a number of events involving the LIC that I hope you can participate in. First up is the Home 4th of July Parade at 10am, and we are entering a float, so please come out and support us (east on 1st Ave SW from Key Pen Hwy in Home). We also contributed to the Key Pen Parks July 4th Hot Dog Social at Gateway Park, which is from 11am – 2pm (free to the public). In addition, we will have our annual 4th of July Dance at the Clubhouse on Saturday, July 7th, 8pm.

Last but not least, we will have representatives of the US Coast Guard speaking at our July 18th membership meeting. They have asked us to open the meeting up to the general public and we're doing so. This is a dessert pot-luck meeting and we hope to have more folks than normal attending, so please plan accordingly when preparing your favorite desserts. This will result in an abbreviated business meeting because the CG's presentation will be in the range of 45 – 60 minutes.

I hope to see you at one or more of these great events over the next few weeks. Happy 4th of July!

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July Speakers

The US Coast Guard, Seattle Group will be our guest speakers at the July meeting. Topics of their presentation will include:

- The purpose of the Coast Guard buoy in Filucy Bay
- Procedure and expectations of a boater being stopped by the USCG while underway

This event is open to the public and notification will appear in the Key Peninsula News this month. Please join in welcoming the Coast Guard to our meeting. Their presentation should be interesting and informative.

Robin Gould



LIC General Meeting

June 20, 2018



Clark Van Bogart called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

In addition to the scholarship students and their families, there were several guests:

- Jan Brown's friend, Janet
- Jan Pritchard's sister and brother-in-law
- Christine Tritt and Tim Heitzman's mother

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

Barb Floyd, president of The Longbranch Foundation, introduced Don Berger who announced the TLF scholarship recipients. Three new awards of \$1,500 each went to Aleese Smith, Kirsten Till and Natalie Pierson.

Two recurring awards of \$1,000 each went to Mikala Hoover and Ian Lindhartsen.

- Natalie Pierson was present at the meeting with her father and grandparents. She will be attending Northern Arizona University in the Fall, majoring in Physics and Astronomy/Planetary Sciences. She would like to work for NASA.
- Ian Lindstrom, a third year recipient, was present with his mother, sister and brother. He is attending Pacific Lutheran University, majoring in Music Arts and Chinese Studies. He is spending this next term abroad, in China.

Don thanked Robyn Enders and Shirley Brewer for their help on the Scholarship Committee.

Barb thanked Kelly Hettinger for arranging and organizing, with Larry Bingham, an LIC

trail cleanup by forty-seven Evergreen Elementary School fifth graders, their teachers and seventeen LIC volunteers. It was a great success - and in the rain.

Everyone present at the meeting was given a raffle ticket. Bob Perry stated that there would be two \$25 Amazon gift certificates (donated by the Bob and Tanya Perry) given out at the end of the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the minutes of the May membership meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reported that the financials on the sheet distributed need to be corrected. The figures for the Memorial Day Dance should be included in the financials for May, not June. Guest moorage at the Marina has been good.

President: Clark advised that we will have a float in the Home 4th of July parade. Decorating the float will be on July 2nd at 2 p.m. at Clark's house.

The LIC and TLF together are sponsors of the 4th of July Hot Dog Social at Gateway Park, with a donation of \$250.

Clark expressed thanks to all of the board members of the past year as well as to the retiring chairs, Sharon Gearhart (Building and Grounds), Kathy Lyons and Jan Brown (Events).

LIC General Meeting (Continued)

June 20, 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Nancy Carr announced that LIC Bucks would be distributed at the next meeting - but would not include volunteer hours for the Memorial Day Dance unless the misplaced sign-sheets are located very soon. She applauded the great turnout for tonight's annual membership meeting - more than ninety people.

Events: Kathy Lyons announced the Fourth of July Dance, to be held on July 7th, with a new band called OuttaControl. Jan Brown brought sign up sheets for volunteers and tickets for sale.

Building and Grounds: Clark reported that we have submitted a grant application to Pierce County for a Preservation Grant. The funds would be used to remove and repair the bank of windows on the west side of the LIC building. The approximately \$23,000 cost would be split between grant funding and the LIC.

Marina: Robert Theisen stated that it is no longer necessary for boat owners to list the LIC or TLF as "Additional Insureds" on their boat insurance.

He is waiting on an estimate for a light on the ramp. He is working on the entryway and will be pouring concrete, so he asked that people be careful in that area.

He and Clark have a meeting with the Angel Guild on June 25th regarding an AED for the Marina.



Robert brought a special lip-shaped birthday cake for his friend Delia McGinnis. Clark wished a happy birthday to Dick Van Cise as well.

Sunshine: Cheryl Allen said that it was a quiet month.

Newsletter: Clark presented an apron with the words "Editor Extraordinaire" to Helen Jamieson, our newsletter editor for the past four years. Tanya Perry has agreed to take on the job.

OLD BUSINESS

Clark reported on the status of the Marina grant. At the state level, it is still in the permitting process with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. At the federal level, the Corps of Engineers is required to forward any permits to the National Marine Fisheries for their approval, which is taking a tougher stand on any repairs.



LIC General Meeting (Continued)

June 20, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

Clark presented the Nominating Committee report, prepared by its chair, Delia McGinnis. Marsha Kremen is proposed for vice president, Jane Eiseman for secretary, Bob Perry for chair of Building and Grounds and Bob and Barb Green as co-chairs of Events (with Bob being the designated board member).

He asked for additional nominations from the floor, as required by our bylaws, and, hearing none, requested a close to the nominations. MSP.

He asked that, in as much as the above listed nominees are unopposed, the nominations be unanimously approved by voice vote, MSP.

Each of the committees continues to ask for additional committee members.

Pat Muchmore announced a very successful road cleanup by LIC volunteers on June 16th. She is writing a letter of thanks to the fire chief for allowing the cleanup crew to use their building across the street from the LIC. Another road cleanup will probably be held in late August or September.

Bob Perry informed the members that by signing up for Amazon Smile, listing The Longbranch Foundation as your charity of choice, one would essentially be saying that I want all my purchases to generate a donation to The Longbranch Foundation. Go to <https://www.smile.amazon.com> to sign in and

designate The Longbranch Foundation. Thereafter, be sure to sign in to that URL before making any purchases. If you do collect items in your “basket” and then switch to smile.amazon.com, it will show you the same basket. If you have any questions, please contact Bob.

NEXT MEETING

July 18th is a dessert meeting. The guest speakers from the U.S. Coast Guard will address their mission in the South Puget Sound. They have asked that the meeting be open to the public in general. Due to the expected length of the program, there will be an abbreviated business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Eiseman





Dockmaster Report

I am taking a couple of long weekends this summer and want to thank Robert for letting this happen.

We only had a couple of yacht clubs in June and one scheduled for July. It is nice to see the independent boaters visit and enjoy the marina.

In the nice weather, the marina is a wonderful place to look at the mountain or have a picnic. Check us out!

Lynn Carr
Dockmaster

Marina Report

Well, summer has hit us and it is going hard and fast with a lot of things going on. The marina is full up!

To all boat owners, June is the month to make sure the new boat stickers are on your boat. I have taken a walk around the marina and notice a lot of boats still displaying last year's stickers.

On June 19, we had a meeting with our insurance agent. We were advised we no longer have to include the Foundation and/or the Improvement Club on the insurance paperwork. The paperwork does need to state the Longbranch Marina and a minimum of \$300,000 liability on the declaration page.

There will be a new walkway in front of the entry gate at the marina which will be completed soon. Please be careful when entering the gate.

If you use a dock cart, PLEASE put back it back in the pavilion on the hooks. Don't leave the dock cart in front of the gate for others to put back for you. Also, do not overload the carts and If you carry oil or other fluids in the carts, remember to wipe out so others don't have to. We already have to replace a second wheel on one of the carts because of a broken spoke, please be cautious and careful when using the carts.

I want to wish Dee a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Robert Theisen
Marina Chairman

Membership Info

What a great Member BBQ we had! The Board provided the hamburgers, hot dogs and fixings and the membership provided, as usual, many great side dishes. Thanks to everyone for making this a really great BBQ. The weather cooperated, too! Not sure if anyone counted, but I think we had about 90 folks for dinner. Fantastic turnout!!

This is a reminder to get your volunteer hours to me by the end of June. The second quarter LIC Volunteer Bucks will be available at the July 18 dessert meeting. If you have LIC Bucks you want to exchange for a different denomination, you can do so at the meeting. The volunteer sheets for the Memorial Dance have been found, so those hours will be included.

Thanks to everyone for your help with the meetings and events. We are part of a really great and fun group!

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair



Adopt-A-Road

We had a very successful Road Clean Up on Saturday, June 16th. Our LIC Building was rented, but the Fire Department very kindly allowed us to use their office building right across the street from the LIC. Sharon Gearhart very kindly helped put the road signs up at the North End of our area (just South of Evergreen Elem.) and down just North of the Marina. She also brought her Keurig Coffee Maker so those who wanted to use it could indulge.

We had quite a few members who volunteered to help and they are the following: Susan Quigley, Marsha Kremen, Jilly Eddy, Kelly Hettinger, Barb and Bob Green, Becky Alexander and Dennis Totten. After filling out the required paper work from the County, receiving their vests, helmets, bags for the trash and aluminum cans, a bottle of water and a picker for each of them we loaded up and took everyone to their assigned portion of the KP Highway.

Fortunately, there wasn't a lot of trash or cans so the job was completed between 11:30 and noon. Everyone did a great job and since there was far less trash, we won't have another on until late August or early September. I'll keep an eye on the road and make an announcement for the next one far enough ahead so those who are interested can let me know. This is the first time that more members offered to volunteer than we actually needed. I apologize to those that were not able to join us and will try to avoid that in the future.

Pat Muchmore
LIC Adopt-A-Road Chair



Building and Grounds Chat Room:

Well folks, this is my last hurrah chat room. Bob Perry will be your new B/G chair and I know he will do a stellar job as he is very knowledgeable and can diagnose a problem quickly and provide a remedy equally as fast. His expertise covers many areas and the 'Grand Old Lady' is being placed in capable hands. I will admit that vacating the role of Building and Grounds Chair comes with bitter sweet mixed emotions. As you all know I adore this wonderful old building and have loved every minute that I spent caring for her for the past 4 years. I could not have done it without all of you who volunteered to mow, weed, help with the spring and fall cleanups, help with the grant work, come to my aid when trouble brewed or she felt under the weather, changed filters, repaired lights, cleaned gutters, blazed trails and all myriad other jobs that were required to keep her looking good and prospering and I will miss that 'village' coming together for a good cause. However it is time to pass the torch of responsibility to someone else. I cannot put into words the gratitude I feel for the support and confidence you placed in my ability to take care of such a wonderful legacy as the LIC Improvement Club building and I hope I have done you proud. I will continue to support all efforts to keep the 'Old Girl' running smoothly but I plan to vacation until I drop for the next several months. Thank you again for being there always.

Sharon Gearhart
Building and Grounds Chair

"Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak." Unknown



Events:

First of all Jan and I want to thank you all for your support these last two years! The Events have been successful due to everyone's help with great ideas, enthusiasm and cooperation. It was fun to plan an event and see it turn out with great success.

Bob and Barb Green have accepted the positions of Event Chairs. Please give them your support as you have Jan and I. If you are interested in being on the Events Committee let Barb or Bob know. You will find being part of our LIC events is super fun and rewarding.

Don't forget the FUN night of July 7th...Come listen and/or dance to this great band coming to our LIC called "Outta Control". Every song is a familiar dance/listening tune. They are loved everywhere they go... I know you will love them too. Also RNJ Food Truck will be in our Beer Garden and Rob will be cooking his delicious smoked ribs, hot dogs, mac and cheese, cornbread etc. Sounds like a great evening??? Then come hang out with your friends and enjoy yourself. See you there!!😊

Kathy Lyons
Events Co-Chair

Events:

As my two year term as Co-chair of the Event Committee comes to a close at the end of June, I look back at all of the Events that we have produced and have been touched at how beautifully this community works together.

I truly wish to thank everyone who helped to make all of our LIC Events wonderful successes these past two years. It think we counted over 250 attendees at the most recent dance. There were over 50 of you who helped in one way or another to make the Memorial Day event happen. The members of the Events Committee have been an invaluable resource and wealth of knowledge and ideas. Yes, it takes a lot of people working behind the scenes to make these events look effortless. Special Thank You's go to Nancy Carr, who is always there to send out an extra blast for volunteers and then tallies all the volunteer hours afterwards; and to Jim Hettinger, who so patiently coached us in how to interpret the budget and to perform a meaningful liquor count for the LIC books. It's been wonderful working with the entire Board.

Without the concerted efforts of all of the LIC members though, none of this would be possible. I know we have overused the saying "it takes a village", but this truly is a wonderful community of genuinely kind, caring, and giving people. It has been a pleasure working with all of you as Co-chair of the Event Committee these past two years and I hope to see and work with you all again at future events.

Kathy and I leave our tenure as Chair & Co-chair and are handing over our keys and notes to Bob and Barbara Green. We wish them the best success over these next two years....rumor has it that they already have some wonderful ideas up their sleeves. I hope that more of you will consider joining the LIC Event Planning Committee on the first Thursday of the month. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

Thank you all most sincerely,

Jan Brown
Events Co-Chair

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello all! I have nothing to report this month, so I will leave you with a good quote instead.

*"May flowers always line your path and **sunshine** light your day.
May songbirds serenade you every step along the way.
May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's always blue.
And may happiness fill your heart each day your whole life through."*
- Irish Blessing

Everyone stay happy and healthy!

Cheril Allen
Sunshine Lady





The Longbranch Foundation

MISSED OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU – We have a beautiful new flag flying above the Clubhouse. Sharon Gearhart donated this flag to the club in June and we owe her a big thank you for making the purchase and getting it flying. **THANK YOU, SHARON !!!**

Don Berger introduced the two scholarship recipients who attended our June meeting. Recurring winner Ian Lindhartsen is attending Pacific Lutheran University majoring in music and Chinese studies. Ian introduced his mom, brother and sister. Natalie Pierson will be attending Northern Arizona University this fall to major in Physics and Astronomy/Planetary Science. Natalie introduced her father and grandparents at the meeting.

You can read their thank you notes using this link:

<http://longbranchfoundation.org/2018/06/23/ian-and-natalie-thank-the-lic-for-scholarships/>

The Evergreen Elementary Fifth grade students, 47 of them!! accompanied by two teachers, thankfully, arrived promptly at 9:30 on Friday, June 8 to tackle Larry's trails. Kelly organized the group into teams and about 17 LIC volunteers headed into the woods, in the rain, with their charges for a successful 2 hours of clean up. A super job accomplished by all. The students went home with their "I love to volunteer" pins and "I Love My KP" hearts. THANK YOU to all the volunteers and especially to Kelly and Larry. I think everyone had fun!!

Following is the link to some of the 5th graders thank you letters to us:

<http://longbranchfoundation.org/2018/05/23/evergreen-elementary-students-thank-the-lic/>

The Foundation and the LIC contributed to the Parks Department 4th of July Hot Dog Social.

As a Foundation, we are focused on providing money to improve the quality of life for adults and children of the community through our charitable purposes. We strive to keep our solicitation of your donations to once a year in the fall. As you think about contributing to the Foundation, please read about "Ways to Donate" on our web page.

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