MEMBER NEWS



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB



FEBRUARY 2017



FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 15-POTLUCK MEETING - 6:30 PM

President's Message:



Your Board of Directors recently spent a Saturday morning reviewing the 2015-2021 Long Range Plan's Centennial's Goals. In reviewing the Plan, Gayle Brewer pointed out what has already been accomplished and what areas remain to be tackled. After a long discussion, it was decided to try to increase the general awareness of the LIC in the Key Peninsula community by updating the brochures which feature the Clubhouse and the Marina. A periodic mailing to all households will be developed and would include a brief history of the LIC, a listing of the 2016 LIC accomplishments, and will let it be known that membership in the LIC is open to all Key Peninsula residents. It is hoped that a similar mailing will be published annually. When discussing these projects it became very apparent that the LIC needs a publicity guru. If you have writing or public relations skills or would be happy to help we could sure use you! Just give me a call!

Our wonderful Membership Chair Nancy Carr is working with our new Webmaster Rob Hord to update our LIC website and has developed a new member Welcome Wagon kit. It is hoped that LIC members will continue to provide a friendly and welcoming hand to new members at general meetings and work parties. It is a great way to make new friends! Nancy and a few other LIC members will be meeting to review the membership structure, dues, voting rights perks, and LIC boundaries. If you have thoughts please contact Nancy! (ncarr44@centureytel.net)

The great news that came forward in the review of the Long Range Plan is that the marina's operating expenses are well below 55% of the total marina revenue. Keeping the operating expenses down ensures that revenue is available for both the LIC general operations and the required DNR marina repairs. Remember to watch for the marina piling replacement project to be completed before the fish window deadline in February.

Additionally when applying for the LIC Employee Dishonesty Insurance this fall we became aware that the LIC needed to have more internal controls in place. In response, the Board recently passed a new policy "Shared Responsibility for Significant Financial Transactions". In the future all marina and event cash will be counted by at least two LIC officers or appointed members. A reconciliation form will be prepared and signed by those who counted the cash. The Treasurer will make the bank deposits and attach the bank deposit slip to the reconciliation form for LIC recordkeeping. This policy is intended to ensure that all significant cash transactions are reported correctly.

And finally Happy Groundhog Day to you! I don't know whether to wish for a sunny day or a cloudy day. Perhaps Patrick Young's thought is correct: "The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it."

Francie Carr



LIC General Membership Meeting January 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Francie Carr, president.

New members were introduced: Bob and Barbara Green, Kim and Jim Robinson and Benida Perodi. Guests were Sue and Dennis Hamlin.

Francie introduced the night's speaker, Hugh Maxwell, the principal of Evergreen Elementary School, and Natalie Boyle, assistant director of technology. The topic was the school profile and the new project-based learning in the classrooms, a two to three year transitional process.

At 61.7% of the student body of 278, the school has the highest rate in Washington State of students on free or reduced rate meals. Hugh thanked the members of the LIC for their support of the Nature Camp for the fifth graders, for Trunk or Treat and for Kids N Christmas.

The goal of the faculty is to build a community of life-long learners whose motto is SOAR: Strive to achieve; overcome challenges; accept responsibility; and reflect on choices. The role of the teacher is that of a facilitator for learning, rather than as a lecturer per se, with an integrated approach to STEAM - science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. There is on-going teacher training in this approach.

On the campus, there will be an Outdoor Learning Environment - in its initial phase, a restoration project to replace the blackberries with native plants.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the Minutes of the December meeting be accepted as written. MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger presented the LIC Budget Performance, January through December 2016, and Budget Request for 2017. This past year was a financial successful one - the year ended with a net income of \$39,930.50. In light of this, Francie requested that the membership approve the transfer of monies to reserve funds: \$10,000 to the Marina Reserve; \$5000 to the Building Reserve; and \$5,900 to a new Board Designated for Promissory Note fund set up to pay back the \$59,000 owed on the promissory note, due by 2027. Those transfers will take place immediately. The remainder, \$19,030, goes to unrestricted assets. MSP.

Jim asked that the proposed 2017 budget be accepted. MSP.

The moorage invoices were mailed out today. A reminder that if the total amount is paid by February 15th, there is a 5 per cent reduction in the cost.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events: Jan Brown noted that the next event, Suds N Spuds, will take place on Saturday, March 18th. There will be live Irish music, games, baked potatoes with all the fixings, root beer and beer. In the advertising, the emphasis will be on this as a family affair.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson's deadline is January 25th.

Longbranch Foundation: Clark Van Bogart reported on the approximately 142 letters sent out by the Foundation soliciting donations. The response has been incredible. with over \$12,500 in donations thus far, designated for everything from scholarship to signage.

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Announcements

Judy Riggs has set up an anti-ivy league. There will be a notice in the Newsletter as to when the next work party will be. All are welcome.

Sharon Gearhart asked that at the end of a meeting, we be certain to turn the heat down to 40 degrees (to save on propane costs) and leave the sink faucets dripping slightly (to prevent frozen pipes).

Francie announced that Gayle Brewer is resigning as Program Chair. A new Chair is needed by July, to book six speakers per year.

Pat Muchmore stated that Albertson's receipts are collected by Evergreen Elementary School.

The meeting ended on a high note with an assignment from Francie to place a sheet of paper on one's head and draw a sailboat. The winning picture was voted on by applause and the winner was Tom Tomlinson.

Francie thanked all the hostesses and set-up crew.

Next meeting: February 15th, potluck

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Elseman



FROM OUR SUNSHIND LADY:



Wow, what a gorgeous day it was, which made me realize, that Daylight Savings Time will be here in just 44 days! (who is counting?)

Our longtime member, Bob Mazur, passed away peacefully in his home on Case Inlet with his family by his side.

He was born on June 15, 1924 and lived until January 17, 2017. Mary and Bob were married for 60 plus years and spent their retirement years here in Longbranch. Traveling was their passion, and they visited many parts of the world.

The Mazur family will have a private Celebration of Life in March, when his ashes will be scattered on the waters of his beloved Case Inlet. We, the members of the Longbranch Improvement Club, are sending our heartfelt condolences and hope, that Mary will continue to be part of our LIC family.

This season was very bad and so many people suffered from influenza, bronchitis and other hard to deal illnesses. I hope, that living here on the Key Peninsula will make everybody healthy faster than in the city, especially, when we have days like today.

Just bundle up, breathe in the crisp air and indulge in the spectacular scenery.

Your sunshine lady, *Marlies Van Cise*

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VIEW FROM THE DOCK CHAIR:

All quiet on the waterfront – almost, anyway. I confess that since selling my sailboat, I have not been making the trip to the marina as often as in the past. But Lynn has been keeping busy, welcoming the few boaters who show up, and tending to the many details that arise regardless of the season. A special thanks here also to Robert Theisen for assisting on many projects at the dock. The water has been shut off during the cold months, but there is an insulated spigot that can be used that is on the landing float under the ramp. From there, hoses are available to reach all of the slips.

The Treasurer is in the process of sending out invoices for moorage. Please check yours over carefully, and if you can, take advantage of the discounts that are available if you qualify. The infusion of member moorage income at this time of year really helps the club and is relied upon to maintain a healthy financial base.

We are still holding our breath and waiting for the official notification of the DNR Lease renewal. All indications are that it is forthcoming.

The reimbursement grant proposal submitted by the Longbranch Foundation to the State Legislature has been taken up by 2 of our 3 legislative members, and now goes into the arm-twisting phase of trying to get it attached to the 2017-2018 Budget. If accepted and passed, this grant would bring up to \$240,000 to the club for marina improvements. In place of holding my breath, my fingers are crossed on this one! Clark Van Bogart is to be applauded for putting together this grant request.

The Marina Committee continues to meet to oversee the management of the marina. We are currently addressing issues that include better lighting and other safety and environmental issues. We ask all boat owners to check their boats frequently during the Winter months, and be mindful of proper procedures as outlined in the Marina regulations, copies of which can be obtained from the Dockmaster.

Mark Runions

LIC Dock Committee Chair

DOCKMASTER REPORT:

To get ready for the piling replacement to start, we have moved a few boats so they are out of the way.

I will be at the Marina every day from 9:30-10:00 if anyone wants to pay quarterly moorage (or membership dues) by credit card. If this time does not work for you, let me know and we can make other arrangements. Yearly moorage cannot be made by credit card and can be mailed to the Treasurer at P.O. Box 111, Lakebay, WA 98349.

Cynn Carr 253-307-1873

LIC Treasurer:



All permanent moorage tenants, remember to pay your first quarter moorage or your annual moorage by **February 15th!** And if you pay your annual moorage by check, you can take an additional <u>5%</u> off the bottom line!

Jim Hettinger



LEAGUE!

Come one, come all! Anti-Ivy League meets again at the LIC to save the trees from the ivy invasion. Sat. **Feb 18** from 10-12:00. Bring tools and gloves.

Judy Riggs



WHO AM I?

This month's 'Mystery Member' is one of 5 children, and at 8 yrs of age, fell out of a tree and broke an arm. Our mystery member also has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology.

Can you guess Who I am? {Answer in March LIC Newsletter}



GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Since I started counting grocery receipts last August, these are our totals! Congrats to all members for saving your receipts, turning them in, as the Key Center Markets give us 1% back for our scholarship fund!

August 2016: \$4,066.22 September 2016: \$3,126.30 November 2016: \$1,465.49 January 2017: \$2,387.20

TOTAL: \$11,045.21

You are making a difference!



Connie



Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts



to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.

February 2017 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

Well 2017 is upon us and it is time for me to start putting together a list of projects and chores that need to be done. We will be doing some grant work this year to include new doors for the storeroom and office and removing the window from the office wall. I will be letting everyone know when and what we need as the time approaches to begin work-but first things first- I would like to thank Robert Theisen and Lynn Carr who along with Randy Babich acted as a human forklift to get the 300+ pound dishwasher into Robert's truck so he could deliver it to be repaired. After much effort and a few choice words the deed was done and the dishwasher delivered to the repairman in Renton. My undying thanks for this herculean endeavor. I hope to have it back in about two weeks if I can talk Robert into picking it up:-}. Fortunately, they have a fork lift on the Renton end of the deal. On a, less positive note I am still looking for someone to clean the LIC after rentals and events. If you, someone you know or someone you have heard of might be interested, please call me (884-3890) or e-mail me at wolf9047@aol.com for more details on what the job entails. It is a part time, as needed position. I will also be looking for volunteers to help me deep clean the kitchen and store room-this is one way to earn some volunteer hours if you need them. I promise to turn the heat on while we work. I am aiming for some time in the earlier part of February. Again, if you are interested please contact me at the above phone or e-mail. A gentle reminder-if you use the LIC building, and turn the heat up, please, please, please turn it down again. I have a propane budget and it does not include heating the building when it is not in use. Thanks to all of you for all you do. *Sharon*

Project Room:

- -Clean the kitchen and store room, including stove, ovens and overhead grease filters-February 2017
- -Help getting the dishwasher back into the kitchen when it is repaired
- -Someone to look at the cracked window in the kitchen behind the sink and see if it can be repaired.
- -Please stay tuned for the announcement of a future Spring Cleaning date for the LIC and grounds.
- "Kindness is showing Love to someone else. I believe that Kindness is the cure to violence and hatred around the world." Lady Gaga

Membership Report:

If you have not yet paid your dues, checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 111, Lakebay, WA 98349. You can also pay by credit card – the Dockmaster is at the Marina daily about 9:30 – 10:00 AM, or other arrangements can be made. If you need help, let us know.

At the end of 2016, we had 178 members in our LIC family, and we put in 4099 hours of volunteer service. A big shout out for all who volunteered! Of those hours, 129 were for the LIC Grant and 576 were for the Longbranch Foundation. We had a very busy year, and next year is looking great, too.

We are working on some changes in the Membership area this year, so stay tuned. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the LIC website, please let me know, I'd love to hear them as this, too, is an evolving project.

Speaking of volunteering, I have a list for helping at the membership meetings and if you know in advance you will be available for future meetings, let me know. I'd love to fill in the blanks of this list, and will be happy to send out reminders if you are afraid you might forget!

If you would like to come to a meeting but getting there may be an issue, let me know and we will try to arrange transportation for you. Our pot lucks and programs are fantastic and we would like all who are interested to be able to attend.

Nancy Carr
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2017 LIC Membership

Mail this form with payment to: LIC PO Box 111, Lakebay Wa 98349 or email to: membership@licweb.org

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NAME	activities that you'd like to do. EVENTS Set up/decorate/host
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Ian Lindhartsen Hong Hall Pacific Lutheran University Tacoma, WA 98447 lindhaio@plu.edu

December 4, 2016

Ramona Dickson Longbranch Improvement Club 4312 Key Peninsula Hwy. S Longbranch WA 98351

Dear Ramona Dickson and the members of the Longbranch Improvement Club,

I am writing you to once again say thank you for the generous scholarship I received at the end of the 2016 school year. With the holidays coming up and Thanksgiving just behind us, I am reminded of the wonderful opportunities I've had. The greatest of these has been the ability have to attend Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) without the worry of having to take out loans or failing to pay for tuition. This has only been possible because of the great support and scholarships I have received from generous groups such as you.

Here at PLU, I am intending to dual major in Music Arts and Chinese Studies, as well as minor in Communications. Over the course of this semester, I have been able to take classes in my major areas, such as second year Chinese and private clarinet lessons, as well as play with one of the highest level performing groups at the school, the University Wind Ensemble. I have also been able to get involved in various extracurricular activities. For example, I have started a radio show through the school's internet radio station, LASR, and am training to become a music director at the station. I have also started working as an audio technician with PLU's Instructional Technologies team.

Once again, thank you for your generous support and the faith you have shown in my endeavors. Know that I am extremely thankful for this opportunity and would like to wish you happy holidays.

Sincerely

Ian Lindhartsen

p.s.

Enclosed is also the original thank you note that got lost in the mail. I found it recently, and thought you might like to have that.

Kids and Christmas was a *Huge* success with 140 kids attending, plus parents, scouts and volunteers. For a total of 327 people for the day. We made many children very happy. Thanks to everyone who helped with this event!

Coming up is a St Patrick's Day Party on March 18,5-8 pm It is called "Suds and Spuds Family Style".

(See page 9 of this newsletter) This is for the community and members of LIC. On the menu is:

"Baked Potatoes with all the Fixins"

"Beer, Irish Coffee and Root Beer"

There will be **Live Entertainment** with Dual Fiddlers, games for children and adults with Prizes. There will also be a **Raffle** for Baskets brimming with "Irish Gifts and Food".

PLEASE, *Everyone* come and support this LIC Event. You will enjoy a good meal, have fun and celebrate the Holiday with friends! \$10.00 adults

\$ 5.00 kids

\$25.00 families

Kathy Cyons & Jan Brown

Suds & Spuds Family Style

Date: March 18, 2017

Time: 5:00—8:00 PM

Menu: Spuds & Fixins'

Beer, Root Beer,

Irish Coffee

Activities: Live music by:

Fiddler's Duo

Limerick contest

Games with prizes

Sing-a-long

Raffle



Kids \$5

Families \$25

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Longbranch Improvement Club 4312 Key Peninsula Hwy S. Longbranch, WA 98351



The Longbranch Foundation – February Update

"Investing in the South Key community"

The <u>Celebrate The South Key 2016!</u> donor solicitation has been a huge success for a first such campaign. We went over the \$12,900.00 mark, and on behalf of the Foundation's board of directors, thank you for your incredible generosity. The donors are listed below, along with their designations. It proves we made the right choice in asking the IRS for the wide range of charitable purposes, as you have chosen just about all of them.

The Foundation's board of directors recently met and I will give you a complete rundown next month of the actions taken. However, the one thing that I am excited to share with you that we adopted the tagline "Investing in the South Key community". We believe it frames exactly what this organization is all about, and that is to focus our efforts on helping the entire community living in the south Key Peninsula area in a variety of ways.

We are presently developing plans for a major fundraising event this coming summer and more details will be forthcoming as they firm up. Meanwhile, please contact me with questions, concerns or ideas that you might have. Again, thank you for your wonderful support in 2016!

Clark Van Bogart, President cvb@vanbogart.com
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LIC Grounds & Trails		440.00
Scholarships – General		295.00
Kids & Christmas	•	,150.00
Evergreen Elementary	i	2,500.00
Marina		200.00
Longbranch Sign Project	!	5,200.00
Undesignated	2	2,145.00
Total	\$ 12	2,920.0







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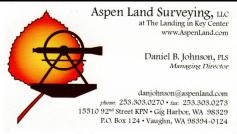
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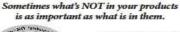


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