



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB



NOVEMBER 2016



FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 16 POTLUCK DESSERT SOCIAL- 6:30 PM

President's Message:

At the November Board meeting, the LIC Board will be preparing the 2017 budget. Our reliable treasurer, Jim has provided each Board member with detailed income and expense totals not only for this current year but for the prior two years. With this information, each Board member will recommend income and expense projections for his / her area of responsibility for the coming year. The 2017 budget will be presented and reviewed at the January General Meeting for membership approval. Members of the LIC should be proud that over the last few years, the LIC has presented a balanced budget to the membership for approval and is in a healthy financial position. Being in a healthy financial position has meant that the LIC has been able to meet the monetary match requirement for the Pierce County Historic Preservation and Landmarks Commission grant, retire several promissory notes early, prepare a 15 year plan for funding the upgrades at the Marina and budgeted and awaiting the final permits to remove and replace several pilings at the dock. If you have questions or suggestions regarding the new budget, please call me or any of the Board members who will be happy to hear from you!

The November General Meeting on November 16th will feature a speaker provided by Humanities Washington. Llyn DeDanaan is an anthropologist and author living in Shelton. Her book "**Katie Gale : A Coast Salish Woman's Life on Oyster Bay**" was published in 2013. Her talk will be about the people and the artifacts that helped stitch Katie Gale's story together and will help guide us in uncovering our own "backyard" history tale. *Please remember to bring your neighbor, a history buff or a friend to the meeting.* It should be a wonderful evening in our own "Princess" Fil Lucy Bay.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, I am filled with **gratitude** for this community. You respond when the call goes out for help and jobs get done. Within the last two months Club members have worked together on a Saturday morning to prep the Clubhouse prior to having the exterior stained, all the specific sections of the Historic Preservation grant were completed prior to the deadline, the DNR Committee has continued to work on the DNR negotiations and lease renewal, the Fiber Arts event was very successful with happy vendors and a record turnout of visitors, a delicious lunch for the Fiber Arts attendees was prepared by the kitchen crew, an application for a Washington State Capital grant for safety improvements at the Marina has been prepared, a Haunted House was built and Trunk & Treat was enjoyed by children in our community, the LIC ad hoc insurance committee has been working on the renewal for both the Marina and Clubhouse, and our grass field has been cut by our trusty mowing crew. Volunteerism is alive and well in our community! Thank you all for your enthusiasm, hard work and friendships.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving,

Francie



LIC General Membership Meeting

October 19, 2016

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

New members were introduced: Tom Tallman, Patrick and Kathleen (Kat) Supplee and Bart Magnuson.

BOARD REPORTS:

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the Minutes of the September 21st meeting be accepted as written. MSP. She acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Children's Home Society thanking the LIC for its \$100 grant to purchase nutritious snacks for the girls in their "Little Toasters" after-school program.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger announced that the net income for the year thus far is over budget. The tax return for 2015, due net month, is almost ready. Fiber Arts was a huge success: Revenue budget was \$1,500 and the income from it was \$3,047.

President: Francie Carr welcomed back Harry Faas after his accident.

She asked for a change to SFive of the by-laws such that each committee shall be entitled to only one vote on Board actions. This has to be presented twice to the membership, thus it will be voted on at the November meeting.

The speaker for the November meeting will present a talk on the topic of "History in Our Own Backyard". This would be a good opportunity to invite a friend and/or a neighbor to an LIC meeting.

Vice-President: Clark Van Bogart reported that the approximately \$240,000 grant request to the State of Washington is ready to be submitted. The grant, a reimbursement grant, is for improvements to the Marina, which will address environmental concerns and public safety. The office of our State Representative, Jesse Young, has been notified of its completion.

Newly designed donation cards for the Longbranch Foundation, a 501c3, were distributed. On the card there is a list of six different options to which a donation may be designated.

A donor mailing to all LIC members and to a few selected others will be sent out in early November. This will offer the same six choices that appear on the donor card posted on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events: Jan Brown and Kathy Lyons passed around sign-up sheets for volunteers for Trunk or Treat, which is a joint venture of the Evergreen Elementary School and the LIC. People are needed to work both inside the Club House and outside in the field. One and possibly two officers from the sheriff's department will help with the automobile traffic.

Nancy Carr reiterated that Fiber Arts was a rousing success. Most of the survey responses were very positive. Fourteen of this year's vendors have already registered for next year.

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Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reported that the grant work on the building is almost completed, except for the windows. The report on the work, due November 15, is being worked on now. Changes have been made to the LIC Rental Forms, specifying house rules and insurance coverage, for example, and reflecting overall rate increases of approximately 25% for rentals. She asked the membership for approval. MSP.

Marina: Mark Runions asked for clarification on the Marina budget. Jim said repeated that the Marina is way over on revenue and under on expenses.

At least one hundred feet are booked so far for winter moorage. There is space available on a temporary basis.

Negotiating for the removal of the final boathouse is underway.

The piling project is awaiting the final sign-off of the permit from the Federal Fish and Wildlife Department, which is part of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Robert Theison informed the boat owners that both their own names and the name of Longbranch Improvement Club must be on their insurance form, as an additional insured.

He has been dealing with Pierce County and technically the parking lot is a road. The area will be surveyed, the brush cut back, and the parking lot may be expanded and striped.

DNR: Denny Pritchard informed the membership that there is a new person at the Department of Natural Resources with whom he is working on the non-water portion of our lease (e.g., the pavilion).

Membership: Nancy Carr expressed thanks for tonight's kitchen crew. She said that at the November meeting there will be a silent auction to help fund Kids N Christmas. Contact Nancy if you have item(s) that you wish to donate. Kids N Christmas is a family event; free meals, photos with Santa, gifts and activities. A lot of volunteers are needed for this event.

The general membership meeting for December will be held on **December 14th** instead of the 21st. The Key Center Singers will provide the entertainment.

Nominations are being taken for Star and Lifetime Achievement awards to be given out at the December meeting.

Pat Muchmore explained that the **road clean-up** had to be canceled due to rain and the heavy winds that were predicted. Weather conditions being what they are during the fall and winter months, we may want to wait until next year to reschedule.

The next meeting will be held on November 16th.

Adjourned at 8 p.m.

Submitted by: *Jane Eiseman*



November 2016 Building and Grounds Chat room:

The grant work is in essence finished and I for one am more than relieved. I was astounded at the amount of work that got accomplished in the one week that we had the lift rented. I just have to finish the report to the Historic Preservation Commission and we have a few minor things to get completed but the body of the work is done. If you have not driven by the clubhouse recently or had a chance to look at the new doors in the main room I encourage you to do so. The chimney looks brand new even though it is the same brick that was there before, the new doors are superb and the new paint job looks tremendous. I am in the process of having the alarm company install new sensors on the main room doors as the old ones will not fit and we need to apply a coat of oil or preservative to the new doors to protect them from the weather. Steve Stenhagen is finishing up the final touches on the back windows and voila we are done!

On another note the rentals for the year are coming to an end so I am hoping to get some work done in the building-deep cleaning, organizing the storeroom some repairs that cannot be done during the busy rental season. I will let you know how you can help if you are interested. Thanks to all of you who chip in when needed-you are all the best. *Sharon*



Project's room:

I am leaving this blank this month as I need to give my brain a small rest from thinking about chores that need to be done. But don't give up-I will have a list next month.

from think-

"Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused." (Author Unknown)

Happy Thanksgiving

A large, stylized illustration of a Thanksgiving feast, including pumpkins, corn, and a turkey, positioned to the right of the text.

DOCKMASTER REPORT:

In case you have noticed, there has been a lot of rain recently. Please check your boats to make sure the pumps are working and all is in order. If you have extra water aboard, we have an electric pump at the dock so let me know if you need to use it.

Both the moorage envelope box and ice money box have been rebuilt.

Please make sure we always have current insurance information. When adding the Marina as the extra insured on your policy, it needs to be the Longbranch Improvement Club that is listed.

**** We've just been advised that the Sheriff's Dept. has found Scott Vande Zande's boat that was stolen from the Marina. The motor is long gone, but the boat is being returned.**

Cynn



THE LIC IS A COMMUNITY LIKE NO OTHER.....

The day before the Fiber Arts Show a group of dedicated volunteers were starting to gather at the LIC kitchen to prepare the food to be served at the show the following day. At that point in time, yours truly decided I was going to take a couple days of R&R. Without so much as a "by your leave" I left and the following stepped in and prepared soups, apple crisp, washed grapes, sliced cheeses and sausage, plus frosted and wrapped cookies. Those wonderful people were Shirley Brewer, Jill Eddy, Marsha Kremen, Lynn Lloyd, Barb Van Bogart, Norma Larson and Mary Lemon. Some were old hands at this but some were new to the kitchen and my quirky way of doing things.

The next day while I was still relaxing, Shirley Brewer, Eloise Colbert, Jane Eiseman, Barb Floyd, Norma Iverson, Mary Lemon, Linda Merriam and Jan Prichard baked crisp, heated soups, arranged fruit and cheese plates kept the coffee and tea going and served demanding customers. When these customers threatened to overwhelm them, Barb Van Bogart and Melissa Haumerson, neither of them scheduled to work, stepped in and made life much easier.

I must single out Mary Lemon for preparing the soups, directing traffic in the kitchen and dealing with the county inspector. The soups were delicious, the kitchen ran smoothly and passed the inspection with flying colors and no dings to our record.

The LIC is so much more than a group of people. It truly is a community and one that takes the title seriously. The reason I was able to relax is that I knew my absence would be handled with "NO PROBLEM" as I was told the couple times I called to check on things. I wish each and everyone of these wonderful people could stand and receive a round of applause from every member of the LIC. They have my heartfelt thank you and I am happy we made the decision so many years ago to join this community.

Peg Bingham



The following [sunshine greetings](#) were sent via snail mail:

A card to Skip Cook on his serious back surgery. May he soon be moving around and enjoying life.
A card to Susan Quigley, on the loss of her Mom, may fond memories be with Susan always.
A card to our rental agent, Benida Perodi - may she soon be able to go on long walks with your new hip.



During the last month Denny Prichard lost his younger sister Diana, who was known by many, since she was always willing to help out at the LIC when someone was needed. May she rest in peace.

I am so glad to hear that Harry Faas is getting along quite well after he broke several ribs. He was even able to attend the last LIC meeting. What

He was a trooper!

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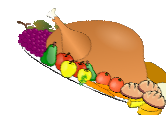


Respectfully submitted, *Marlies Van Cise*

Food Drive



Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



WHO AM I?

November's member of the month has managed several Pizza Restaurants, and sold imported cheeses from Europe, has been in Longbranch for a long time, and loves the area. Any guesses? Read the LIC NL next month (Dec) to find out who our 'mystery member' is!



From the editor:

I want you all to know I am enjoying this feature, as I get to chat with members and get to know them. I hope, after finding out the names of our mystery members, you will do the same and get to know our members who may not be as active, invite them to meetings, events and get togethers! Remember, I may be calling you next!

*Also, please email me with any suggestions, photos, ideas -thanks, **Helen***

Update on The Longbranch Foundation

The Washington State Community Project Program grant application seeking funding for significant environmental and public safety upgrades at the Marina has been completed to a point where it is ready for submission to Rep. Jesse Young's office. I have been working with them on the grant and I am awaiting their return call regarding the mechanics of submission. The grant application will be submitted on our behalf by our elected representative, so the process undoubtedly is that it will be edited by him/her, and then it is placed in line along with many more from around the State. The House Capital Budget Committee of the State Legislature makes the initial evaluation and passes it on for approval (we hope). I believe we've made a strong case to emphasize the environmental protection and public safety upgrades that are needed so I am hopeful; however, funding depends entirely on the State's priorities. In coming months, I'll keep you posted on its status and seek your help in prompting our elected representatives during the legislative session that begins in January.

We have embarked on an annual donor solicitation. Please look for an envelope in your mail shortly after the first of November. It will be easily identified by the *Celebrate The South Sound 2016!* tagline. The mailing will include a donor response card on which you can select the preferred charitable purpose you wish to support. Please be generous and send the card back as soon as you can in the envelope that is included. We live in a wonderful place but there remains ongoing needs throughout the community, so we can make a difference. And remember, donations to The Longbranch Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This also brings to mind that we have added a donor response card to our website so that you can easily make a donation to the charitable purpose of your choice at any time. Go to our website (see below), click on DONATE NOW, complete the form and mail it in. It is easy and convenient.

I am always open to questions, concerns or ideas that you, as LIC members, might have so please contact me directly should you have any.

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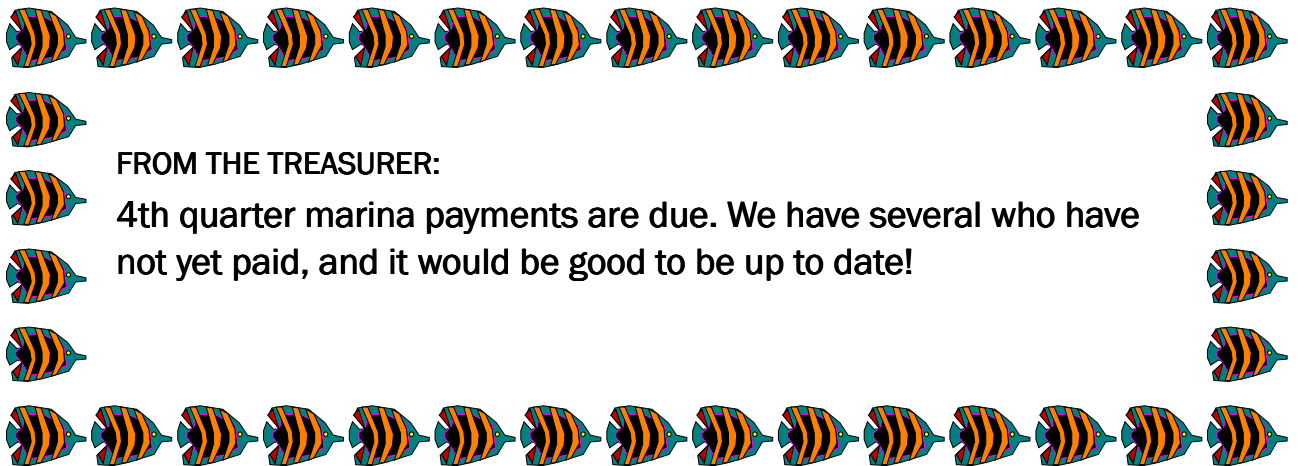
NOVEMBER MEETING PROGRAM:

Thanks to sponsorship from Humanities Washington, we will have a not-to-be-missed program at the November 16th membership meeting entitled "History in your Backyard". The speaker is Llyn De Danaan, an anthropologist and author who currently lives in Shelton and has researched and written about the peoples and history of south Puget Sound, especially around Oyster Bay near Olympia. Her well-received 2013 book "Katie Gale: A Coast Salish Woman's Life on Oyster Bay" is about a pioneering Native woman's extraordinary life. Her experience of discovering and researching this local history illustrates how we might uncover amazing stories in our own "backyard".

Gayle Brewer



ATTENTION BOATER'S



FROM THE TREASURER:

4th quarter marina payments are due. We have several who have not yet paid, and it would be good to be up to date!

LIC Membership Report



Thanks to the helpers at the October meeting: Jim and Kelly Hettinger, Patrick Supplee (new member who jumped right in!), Pat Muchmore and Sharon Gerhart. Thanks everyone!!

The November meeting will include a silent auction with proceeds to benefit Kids and Christmas. If you have items to donate for the auction, let me know ahead of time, if possible. I also need help in the kitchen, so let me know if that is something you can do.

The December Christmas meeting will move up a week so we are not so close to Christmas.

The meeting will be December 14th. At this time we also give the Star Awards for members who made outstanding contributions to the Club during the current year. If you have a suggestion for this award, let a Board member know.

Lots of activities in the next two months, so if you need hours, we can help! *Nancy Carr* 253-884-1384

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