



# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**Feast or Famine, March 8, 6:30 p.m.**

## President's Report . . .

By the time you read this, the new wharf will have been substantially completed, which means; (1) you can walk across it safely to access the marina; (2) the water, power, and telecommunications, will have been reinstalled; and (3) the marina is officially back open for business. It was touch and go at the end (the week before Feb. 15th, the fish window) with having to get many things done in a short period of time, but we pulled it off, thanks to the efforts of the County, their contractor, our contractor, and the many volunteer efforts of LIC members and friends.

First, let me thank my wife, Lynn Larson, for helping me through what turned out to be a very stressful period. Remember, she is also the LIC Historian and is assembling archives of LIC history, so get her any historical photos, articles, etc., even anecdotal information is valuable. Second, I want to thank all the members and LIC supporters that were so generous to lend the LIC a total of \$105,000. I will be recording the deeds of trust soon (now that we have all the deeds and notes) and you will receive your official trust deeds. The lenders are:

Kurt and Janet Anderson  
Geoff Baillie and Lynn Larson  
Francie and Rick Carr  
Eloise and Larry Colbert  
Dave Dahl  
Bob and Sheila Halligan  
Tom Kelley  
Mary Mazur  
Pat Much more  
Jan Place and Scott VandeZande  
Mark Runions  
Jeff Tritt  
Michael Xu  
David and Carolyn Wiley  
Randy and Carolyn Carr  
Denny and Jan Pritchard  
Dylan and Heidi McNamee  
Bob and Betty Stackhouse  
Virgil and Norma Jean Iverson  
Jerry and Linda Strand

I also want to thank Dave Wickland and Harry Faas for their management of Marine Floats and their attention to detail. We all owe a big thanks to Norm Dicks and Terry Lee for their efforts, as well as Stan Fleming, who was a big help during the negotiations with the County. My thanks also go out to the County Public Works staff who expedited the removal of the wharf, Woodland Industries (the demolition contractor), and Marine Floats, who made sure the piling and wharf were installed in time for the fish window. Thanks also to the Bank of the Northwest (the loan papers for the \$100,000 loan to the LIC have been signed) and to our attorney Mark Roberts, and LIC Board member Phil Johnson, who were invaluable during the negotiations with the County.

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Background picture courtesy of Rich Hildahl, February 21, 2011

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Finally, I thank the LIC members who authorized their Board and me to go out and get the LIC the best deal we could get and gave the Board the necessary leeway to expedite the installation of the new wharf. Thanks to the Board for making timely and appropriate decisions throughout the process.

Now our challenge is to operate the Marina efficiently and profitably so that we can repay the bank and other lenders. Please support the Board, the Dock Committee, and the Dockmaster in their efforts to make the Marina the best it can be. By doing so, we can repay our loans, continue to build the community, and restore the LIC to its former prominence.

*Submitted by Geoff Baillie, President LIC, 884.3951, gbaillie@msn.com*

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

Your secretary so enjoyed her room with a view at St. Anthony's that she decided to extend her stay a couple days and neglected to complete the minutes of the February General Meeting in a timely fashion. When she has her thoughts together she will e-mail the minutes to you and will have printed copies at the March General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted.  
Peg Bingham

### Upcoming Events!

**Tues, March 8, 6:30 p.m.** Feast or Famine at L.I.C. More information  
In this newsletter.

**Sat, March 12, 10:00 a.m.** Marina Work party.

**Sun, March 13, 2:00 a.m.** Daylight Savings begins.

**Wed, March 16, 7:00 p.m.** LIC General Membership dessert meeting.  
Guest speaker, Jerry Borchert on shellfish biotoxins.

**Thu, March 17,** St. Patrick's Day!

**Sat, March 19, 7:00 p.m.** Citizens of The Year dinner at KP Civic  
Center. Guest speaker is Superior Court Judge Frank Cuthbertson.  
LIC members John Biggs and Marlies VanCise are two of this year's  
Nominees (see March 2 Gateway and March KP News for more info).

**Sun, March 20.** First day of spring!!





LIC Wharf ready for demolition, January 18, 2011.

Photo by Lynn Carr



LIC Wharf after construction, February 12, 2011

Photo by Lynn Carr



## Dock Report.....

We had the most successful Ribbon Cutting Celebration for our beautiful new Wharf on Monday, February 21st at 1:00 p.m. Over 60 people attended and of that number at least 40+ were LIC Members. Thank you all for coming and supporting all of those that made this possible. A special thanks goes to Robin Gould for setting up the ribbon, beautiful bows and making sure that the HUGE scissors (borrowed from Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce) did the job.....on the first try, no less! Just to name some of our guests, Joe Dacca spoke to us in place of Congressman Norm Dicks who couldn't leave the "other Washington" due to a heavy schedule. Cong. Dicks was extremely helpful to us in obtaining a most necessary permit from the Army Corp of Engineers (we were told it would take two years), but had it in a matter of a few weeks. Rick Greenhow from Marine Floats; as you know they replaced the old Wharf and are still helping us with getting our gate back up and working as well as the electricity. Terry Lee, our former County Councilman, who was so instrumental in all the permits we needed and continues to support us and our community. Thanks to Carolyn Wiley, we had a good representation of the various community organizations that both support and benefit from our Marina. Just to name a few: KPCCA, KPYC, KPPD, KPCA, TMSP, PCFD #16 and KPCS. I also want to give a special thank you to Hugh McMillan, photographer/reporter for the Gateway and Key Pen. News; he will have a full page in the local papers next week and made it possible to have an article in the Tacoma News Tribune on Tuesday, February 22nd.

After the historic Ribbon Cutting, we moved down to the Pavilion to enjoy some coffee and cookies and spend time with each other as well as all of our guests. The only down side of the entire event was that it was low tide and the angle of our ramp from the Wharf to the Marina couldn't have been greater. However, I am proud to say that many were able to brave it.....including our most honored member and long time supporter of the Marina, Marguerite Bussard.

We also had a celebration at our Clubhouse on Sunday, February 27th at 2 PM for all our LIC members. As promised, Rich Hildahl had a great continually running slide show of the old Wharf, it's demolition, construction of the new Wharf and may other great pictures. This was just meant as a celebration for all of us; just to sit with old and new friends and pass the time of day. What a great feeling to know that we all had a part in this accomplishment. A huge thank you to each and every one of you; we could never have done it without you.

On a more practical note, we are going to have a Marina Work Party on Saturday, March 12th starting at 10 am. We have guest moorage boaters scheduled for the week end after that and we need to clean off the Marina as well as make some repairs. Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*Respectfully submitted by Pat Muchmore, Dock Chair*  
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### Call for Old LIC Newsletters

Thanks to all who have provided me with newsletters, newspaper articles, and photos. I will be talking to folks to help me identify the people and events in some of the photos. In the meantime, we are missing newsletters for 2003 and 2004, and any newsletters before 2001. I have heard that there were newsletters as far back as the 1980's, though I do not know when the first one was produced. Also, I will be happy to make copies of any old newspaper articles and photos that anyone wants to share.

Respectfully,

Lynn Larson  
Historian

## Feast or Famine

Celebrate Mardi Gras at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Feast or Famine/Hunger Banquet.

*"Laissez le bon temps roulez"*

The menu features that Louisiana favorite--Red Beans & Rice. However, there's a 20% chance of drawing a ticket for the Prime Rib Dinner—a full meal belt-busting deal!

The guest speaker is Pierce County Councilman, Stanley Flemming who will share his experiences as a medical volunteer following the earthquake in Haiti.

As Vicki Biggs (past chair of the event) said it is an unabashed attempt to raise as much money while having a bit of fun. So several opportunities to contribute are offered...

Spend at the wine bar,

Bid on desserts

The Inn at Gig Harbor, chef Oliver Coldeen, is donating an array of goodies for the Dessert

Auction.

or on Silent Auction items. Created by

- Gary Anderson (Lakebay Pottery)
- Matthew Hulse (Mountain Thrown Pottery)

Take home some soup bowls...

Soup bowls made by Elaine Quigley & Gail Kelly and ceramics students at Tacoma Community College will be available for purchase.

By teaming up with the KP Community Services, and the KP family Resource Center between \$3500--\$4000 has been raised each year for the KPCS Food Bank.

This event also receives support from individual members of the KP Business Association and LIC members.

Tickets are \$25.00, payable to KPCS.

Tickets are available from Marlies 884 5608; Carolyn 884 -9157 or Sunnycrest.

Submitted by Carolyn Wiley



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony February 21. L-R, Joe Dacca (Norm Dick's Representative), Rick Greenhow (Marine Floats), Geoff Bailey (LIC), Terry Lee (former County Councilman), Rich Hildahl (LIC), and Robin Gould (LIC). Photo by Hugh McMillan



# LIC Membership Report

**Mark your calendars  
for the March  
General Membership  
Dessert Meeting  
Wed., March 16th at  
6:30 p.m.  
Look for Upcoming  
Events.**

Jerry Borchert, from the Washington State Health Dept. will be speaking at our March meeting. If you gather shellfish (or eat shellfish!) from Washington State Waters, you will want to hear Jerry, an expert in shellfish safety. He has some great stories, too, and will keep us entertained as well as informed.

Renewal forms can be found in the latest newsletters or online on our website [www.longbranchimprovementclub.org](http://www.longbranchimprovementclub.org).

Looking forward to Spring on the Key Peninsula, (though it's snowing beautifully at the moment...)...and how about that new wharf!!

Thanks to all you members who have renewed. Renewal reminder letters will be mailed soon, so it would be great if you could save us the postage!

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# Feast

OR

# Famine

A MARDI GRAS EVENT TO BENEFIT KPCS FOOD BANK

**Fat Tuesday**

**March 8 6:30-8:30 PM**

**Longbranch Improvement Club 4312 Key Peninsula Highway S.**

*Sponsored by The Longbranch Improvement Club,  
Key Peninsula Community Services,  
Key Peninsula Family Resource Center*

\$25 tickets at sponsors, Sunnycrest Nursery or call 884-9157

Lakebay WA 98349  
 PO Box 111  
 Longbranch Improvement Club

**Place your ad here . . .**

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