



NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: MARCH 20, 2019 – 6:30PM DESSERT & APPETIZERS



President's Message

I am not sure about you, but I'm happy to put the month of February 2019 in the rearview mirror! Whether you like snow or not, the weather resulted in a number of delays around the south Key Peninsula, including rehab work at the marina. We were able to complete the marina dock upgrades and close out the Washington

State capital grant; however, the electrical upgrades are taking longer than planned, but they are nearing completion. The good news is the marina electrical system will have a dedicated GFI circuit breaker for every outlet making it safer than before. We still need to complete maintenance on the fire system water line, so we have that protection back as soon as possible. Finally, we announced at the last membership meeting a new service offering coming this summer to the marina – kayak storage racks, so stay tuned about this new feature.

We are awaiting a schedule from the contractor that will do the refurbishing on the five large windows on the west side of the clubhouse. Sharon Gearhart will again spearhead coordination for this project as she's done in the past, so I know it'll come off without any glitches. The Pierce County Preservation Board grant is providing ½ of the funding for the \$22,815 project and we will apply to The Longbranch Foundation for additional funding of about ¼ of the total cost.

In addition, we are in the very early stages of exploring the possibility of applying for another Preservation Board grant this spring to cover about ½ of the cost for a structural engineer to evaluate the building's roof and foundation structure, and determine what additional load it could support. The interior of the roof is part of the historic nature of the building, so it cannot be covered with insulation. We can only insulate on the outside and then re-roof the building with an acceptable covering. Once feasibility is determined, TLF will apply to the State of Washington in 2021 for a capital grant.

On another Preservation Board note, we asked for and received permission to do the venting out the front of the building for the new tankless on-demand water heater that will be serving the kitchen. That work, which also encompasses a new propane tank and line into the building, together with some improvements to our audio/visual capabilities in the auditorium, all need to be completed no later than May 1st.

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Activities are picking up and coming soon is “Suds & Spuds” on Saturday, March 16th, 5pm – 8pm. I’m sure there’ll be another building/grounds/trail spring cleanup in April, and I expect that will be announced shortly. Please plan on attending “Opening Day the Longbranch Way” at the marina on May 4th, breakfast begins at 8am, with the annual sailing regatta at 11am. We’ll have a short ceremonial ribbon cutting to commemorate our marina grant at 10am. Also on May 4th, the LIC and TLF are participating in the “Livable Community Fair” at the Vaughn Civic Center, and staffing assistance at our booth is needed from 10am – 3pm , so please let either Barb Floyd or me know if you can help at this event. While you’re making notes on the calendar, don’t forget to add the Memorial Day Weekend Dance on Saturday, May 25th, 8pm – 11pm.

Finally, now that activities are revving up, this is a perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor who may not yet be an LIC member to join us and participate in our many events. This is a great way to enjoy this community and help make it a better place to live.

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Dockmaster Report

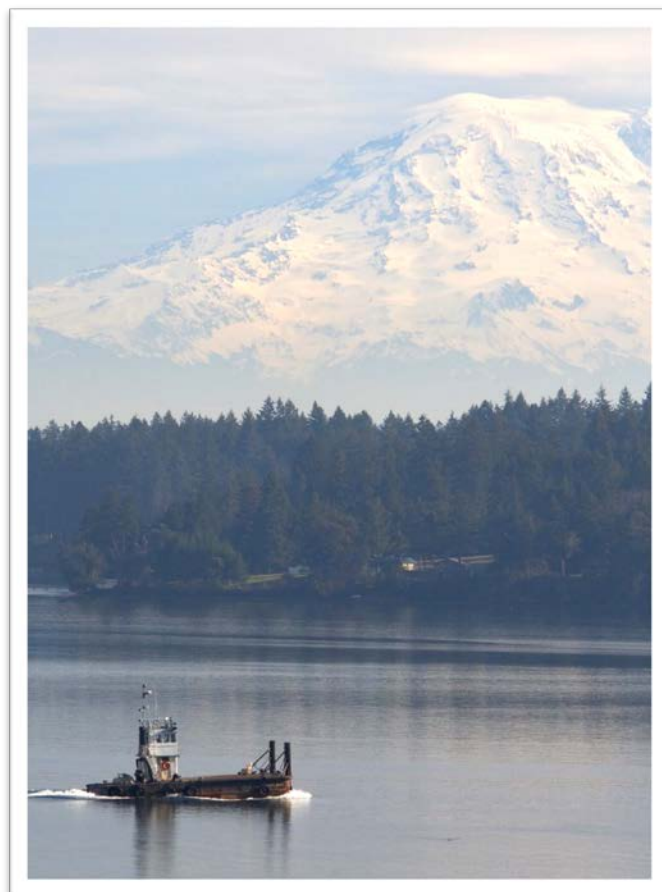
The work at the marina is coming along, slowed down somewhat by the weather. Who ordered all the snow! And chilly temperatures!

We know fair weather is in the future and work will be completed soon. With that in mind, it is not too early to start thinking about summer moorage. If you are interested, let me know.

Lynn Carr,
Dockmaster

**DON'T
FORGET!**

If you haven't already paid your Q1 Moorage Dues, please do so immediately. They are now late!



Never a shortage of jaw-dropping beauty from the Key Peninsula. Contributed by Richard Hildahl.



The Longbranch Foundation March Update

This has been one horrific February. While you all were “enjoying” being snowed in, I was in California enjoying torrential rain and gale force winds. Hopefully March will turn the corner to spring.

Kim Robinson and Jan Prichard are leading our support of Student Programs, with initial focus on Evergreen Elementary. While Jan is away on family business, Kim has been meeting with Evergreen support personnel, and reported the following to us this month:

We received a thank you note from Hugh Maxwell, Principal of Evergreen Elementary, for the \$1,500 we gave the students towards their attendance of the 5th Grade Environmental Camp. The 5th Grade Camp is from March 11-13 at Camp Seymour, 46 students will be attending with 10 counselors.

Kim discussed the need for volunteers to participate in the afterschool program. The program runs for 8 weeks, on Thursdays, from 4-5pm. Detail are still being worked out, but would potentially involve volunteers who could teach sewing, painting, crocheting, etc. If you have any interest, please contact Kim.

And, if you want to donate items to Evergreen, there is always the need for colored pencils and markers, which can readily be purchased on smile.amazon.com (contact Kim Robinson via email if you're interested in securing a supply for the Evergreen students).



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

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Events

March is upon us and hopefully the snow is behind us! Let the Crocus and Daffodils bloom!

Our next event is Suds and Spuds, a family friendly event for our entire KP community. March 16th from 5 – 8 PM. It has a little something for everyone: Irish music and dancers, limericks, trivia and coloring contests as well as a judging for best costumes!

Our volunteer roster has been filled, with the exception of Limerick coaches. Your talent is needed to help make this a fun part of the evening. Please let Bob or Barbara know if you can assist in this area. (bobgreen928@gmail.com)

Get your Green on and come join the fun! See you at the LIC, jiggety jig jig!

Bob & Barb
Events Co-Chairs



**Suds & Spuds 2019
& Desserts!**

Live music by Longbranch's own Mark Runions!

Irish Dancers!

Costume, trivia, coloring, and limerick contests

LOADED BAKED POTATOES | IRISH COFFEE | BEER | WINE

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
\$10 adults | \$5 kids | 5 - 8 PM
At the LIC Clubhouse
4312 Key Peninsula Hwy S, Longbranch

PRE-EVENT TICKET SALES:
The Blend, Sunnycrest Nursery

www.licweb.org
facebook.com/longbranchimprovementclub



Marina Report

Well, a lot has happened at the marina. I want to thank all of you for your patience and let you know we are getting close to having the work completed. YEA!!!

Once the work is done, I would like all boaters that have pressure washers let me know so we can have a pressure washing party. I think it will take 2 or 3 days to do the whole marina – it really needs a good washing. So, dust off your pressure washer and get ready for the call out.

Thanks

Robert Theisen
Marina Chair

Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Bob Perry

Bob's Extraordinarily Lazy Ribs: Shocking fact about Bob – he is a carnivore. In a world of options, burning meat on the grill with some green lawn clippings is a exercise in gourmet food for Bob. Paired with a beer, close to heaven. So, I asked Bob to share his recipe for lazy ribs – here goes:

- 3 racks of baby back ribs (that's one pkg at Costco), thawed, seasoned with garlic and salt
- Two cookie sheets, covered with foil
- Place two racks on one cookie sheet, one on the other
- Sprinkle about two tablespoons of liquid smoke on each rack
- Cover with foil, loosely tented (not airtight), let those babies breathe
- Bake for 4 hours at 215 degrees
- Drink several Margaritas (lime juice, tequila, Grand Marnier, whatever, more tequila). Drink the last one really fast
- Uncover, drain, smear with Sweet Baby Ray's, bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees (don't burn)
- Tell your friends dinner has been cancelled due to food poisoning
- Let cool, steam some green vegetable stuff, load up your plate and enjoy. Freeze the remainder for future breakfasts

Bob is trying to publish this as part of his new South Sound Diet Book.

Enjoy



Building and Grounds

Spring is just around the corner, and the Building and Grounds team is working to prepare the LIC for the amazing spring & summer we all love so much! Key projects in the coming months (in no particular order) are: Extending the parking lot logs to the end, installing the chain gates, upgrading the AV system (in preparation for the 2019 Key Best event (the Foundation Auction, August 3rd), upgrading the lighting in the main ballroom, cleaning the gutters, sprucing up the

landscaping, fixing the irrigation sprinklers, replacing the front door, and cleaning the trails. This all is just part of the short list. Volunteers with electrical experience, irrigation repair, general carpentry, and those who love to spruce up the plants, are encouraged to reach out and join – we need your help!

Bob Perry
Building and Grounds

LIC General Meeting February 20, 2019



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

There were no guests or new members present.

BOARD REPORTS

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

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger announced that the numbers (the 2019 Budget Requests and Reserve Additions for 2018) approved by the membership at the last meeting have been entered. Permanent moorage figures for January are low but should rise in February. We are over budget for member dues.

President: Clark presented a Star Award to Carolyn Wiley, for extraordinary service in 2018. Life Time Awards were sent to Kerry and Helen Jamieson and to Jim and Katherine Olson.

A letter has been sent to the holders of promissory notes, reminding them of the option for early payment of the note. [The initial amount of \$106,000 is down to \$48,000].

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Nancy Carr put out a reminder that membership dues are owing as of January. If not paid by March 1st, the bylaws specify that members lose their privileges until thirty days after payment of dues.

Events: Bob and Barb Green reported that Suds N Spuds, which is to be held on March 16th from 5 until 8 p.m., has an excellent line-up; an emcee, music, Irish dancers, games etc. There will be dessert and beverage bars as well.

Sunshine Lady: Cheril Allen said that lots of people in our community have bad colds - wash your hands! She also told us that her daughter is having a baby girl.

Newsletter: Remember to get your article submissions to Tanya Perry by the 25th of the month.

OLD BUSINESS

Marina Grant: Clark thanked Jim Hettinger for wading through all the bureaucracy, and Robert Theisen for working every day at the Marina for the past five weeks.

The water line for the fire system broke and work continues on replacing that line.

He reported on new electrical problems with the four electrical panels at the Marina. The present electrical wiring will not work with the new GFI system, so additional conduit and wiring is necessary. The contract for re-doing the wiring is on a time-and-materials basis, not to exceed \$18,500.

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LIC General Meeting February 20, 2019



NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the installation of two galvanized steel kayak racks at the Marina, at a cost of approximately \$1,500. The rental fees would initially be \$25 per month - with a five (5) months minimum. The members were asked for their approval. MSP.

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

Kim Robinson will have regular meetings with Trisha Endsly, who is to be “point person” and community liaison with Evergreen Elementary School, to identify their needs.

Kim has also agreed to be the LIC’s office manager, and has begun the herculean task of sifting and sorting through all the boxes and files in the office.

Bob Perry announced that the theme of this year’s Key Best event is “Denim and Diamonds”.

He is continuing to work on lining up corporate sponsors. He expects that the tickets to the event (between 120 and 130) will be sold out. If anyone has experiences, items, etc. to add to the auction list, please contact Kelly Hettinger.

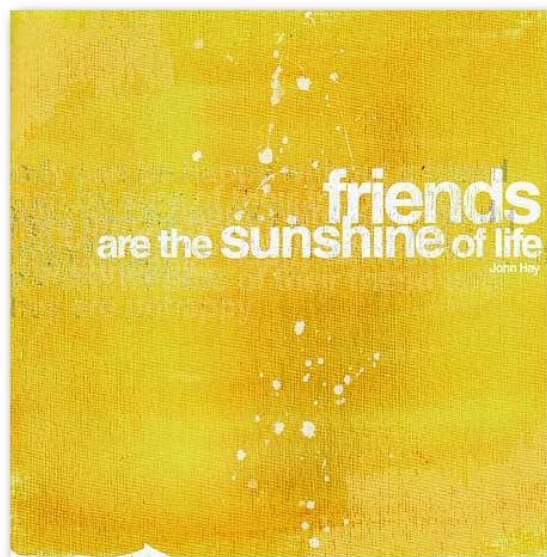
If you are interested in being part of the decorating committee, let him know. Information about the event can be found at keybestauction.com.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Suds N Spuds, March 16th, from 5-8 p.m.
- Membership meeting, dessert and appetizer potluck, March 20th, featuring Bill and Lynn Lloyd on “Living in Turkestan”

Adjourned at 8 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Eiseman



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All!

I have no report this month.

Please stay well!

Cheril Allen
The Sunshine Lady



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