

SEPTEMBER 2015



Member Newsletter

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Longbranch Improvement Club SEPTEMBER 2015

For the Betterment of the Community



SEPTEMBER 16- DESSERT MEETING @ LIC CLUBHOUSE-6:30pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The IRS has agreed to close the Longbranch Improvement Club's audit with "No Changes"! Finally, we are done and can move on with assurance, that we reported our activities correctly. Jim, Clark and Gayle have done a lot of work over the last ten months to satisfy the IRS. Their efforts and follow through are truly appreciated.

In less exciting news, August has been another beautiful month. I was down at the dock fishing for bullheads with my grandchildren, when I overheard a guest boater remark, that Longbranch was a beautiful anchorage. He had been here a few years ago and was glad to be back with the spectacular view of the water and mountain. All of us at the dock certainly agreed! Did you know, that during the month of July, the marina sold a whopping \$828 worth of ice? Many thanks to Herb Marra, aka "The Ice Man", and his newly recruited helpmate and wife Pam for making the 20 plus trips up and down the wharf to make sure that there was always ice available for boaters. That is a lot of bags of ice to cart down to the dock! And in August we welcomed home Jan and Denny Prichard after their three month sailing trip to Alaska. We are glad to have them safely home.

Several other members need an LIC salute this month. Thanks to Tim Heitzman for once again helping with the LIC data base. Tim made it possible for Nancy Carr to track membership hours and meetings at home which makes her job much easier. What would we do without your willingness to help, Tim? Carolyn Wiley surprised the Road Clean up Crew with freshly baked cookies. It was a sweet surprise, thank you Carolyn.

Kurt Anderson organized two great LIC Boaters Outings this summer. Pictures of the outings portrayed great comradery and delicious food. Thank you Kurt for organizing fun boating days.

At the August General meeting we welcomed the following new members: *Ramona and Thad Dickson*, who have been members for a year but just attended their first meeting. They are marina tenants. Ramona is the current President of the Evergreen Elementary PTA. She will help coordinate the Trunk n Treat and the Kids N Christmas events with Delia and the Events Committee.

Mary Vivit and Raymond Flowers are very interested in organizing a game night. Mary spent her childhood in the Longbranch area.

Tim and Robyn Enders just moved to Longbranch. Robyn already volunteered to get a health Food Card, so she can help make cookies for the Labor Day Dance.

Brian and Dee Born already are LIC volunteers. Dee is part of the team watering the flowers around the LIC. Please be sure to introduce yourselves and welcome these active and involved new members in September.

I look forward to September, which is often a beautiful month, as we enjoy the last rays of sunshine and cool nights before the gray skies arrive. Be sure to put the **September 16th LIC Dessert Meeting** on your calendar. In partnership with Humanities Washington, the LIC is presenting Alex Alben who will speak on "Privacy in the Digital Age". Mr. Alben was appointed by Gov. Inslee to be the State's first Chief Privacy Officer. He is a Stanford graduate, an attorney and a published author. The dessert meeting would be a perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor to attend, what promises to be an outstanding program! *Francie Carr*



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2015

The LIC General Membership Meeting on 08/19/15 at the LIC Lobby, was called to order at 7:00 PM, after a potluck dinner. Guests were introduced.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dockmaster: Kerry Jamieson (for Lynn Carr) reported, that July was another record breaking month at the LIC Marina with visiting yacht clubs and individual boaters. Last week the Edmonds Yacht Club visited. And this next weekend, the LIC Marina will host the Olympia Wooden Boat Association. There has been over \$800 in dock ice sales (or 22 truck-loads). Lynn repaired or replaced faulty dock cleats.

LIC Rental Agent: Lori Deacon reported, that the summer has been busy with Clubhouse rentals. There is a wedding scheduled for this weekend. The following day will be a Memorial Service for the tragic death of a Key Peninsula girl. The community has been organizing fund raisers for the family. And so to help out, the LIC Board decided, to offer the Clubhouse at a reduced rental fee for the Memorial Service. Lori also reminded Members, that due to the cost of heating and winter wear and tear on the clubhouse, the LIC Board has decided to discontinue renting the *Clubhouse from Nov 7 to March 15*. The clubhouse will continue to stay open during this time for LIC Events.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked, and it was MSP, to accept the July 2015 LIC General Membership Meeting minutes as written.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger gave his financial report. He said that designated reserves, Clubhouse rentals and Marina income are all above expected for this time of year. The LIC has some expenses coming up including property tax, insurance and some professional fees. He is also in the process of updating the credit card machines.

Membership: Nancy Carr has updated the LIC data base for the year and asked that members check their hours and meetings for accuracy on the sign in sheets. Nancy thanked the hostesses for this meeting.

Events: Nancy Carr (for Delia McGinnis) reported that advertising and preparation has been made for the Labor Day Dance, where FINGERTIPS will be playing again. The first call for volunteers is scheduled to be sent out. Advanced dance ticket sales are available at Sunnycrest, The Blend, and The Longbranch Marina

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reported, that Barb Floyd has completed the maintenance work on the Historic Building Plaque on the front of the Clubhouse. The under the stage doors have been repaired, and are in need of painting. Sharon designed a sign for unallowable activities at the LIC field, to be posted with the LIC trail signs. Also, the water system at the clubhouse needs a filter system to catch the grit that is causing damage to the plumbing fixtures. She thanks all the volunteer groundskeepers for mowing and watering the flower beds.

LIC Historian Lynn Larson asked for contributions for the LIC yearly scrapbooks, that she compiles and stores in the LIC lobby on one of the book shelves for Members to view. Lynn asks, that people contributing photos etc, please date and label them on the back.

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Marina: Mark Runions is preparing for the Hartjoy world sailing tour program to be presented at the LIC Aug. 25, with advertising locally and to yacht clubs around the Sound. Mark and Pat Muchmore are planning a survey of loose dock boards, that need to be re-nailed or replaced. Mark is looking for Members with skills, that would like to come down to the dock and work on maintenance and repairs. The LIC/DNR Lease Renewal committee is planning to meet with the DNR soon.

LIC Newsletter: Helen Jamieson requested that articles for the newsletter be sent to her by the 25th of the month.

Trustee at Large: Gayle Brewer was absent this meeting.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart reports, that there has been no progress on the IRS audit of the LIC.

President: Francie Carr had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Francie Carr announced, that the application for the Pierce County Historic Building Grant has made it through to the second round. We should hear something more about this in early Oct.

Phil Johnson reminded the membership, that the proceeds from the LIC/ Marso property sale will go to the LIC matching funds if we get the grant.

Pat Muchmore said, that they had a successful road cleanup last weekend and thanked all who participated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. *Judy Riggs*



WANTED: A few volunteer members to serve on the LIC Marina Committee. Especially needed is someone with secretarial skills and experience, as well as someone to manage general maintenance of the Longbranch Marina. If interested, please contact the Chairman of the LIC Marina Committee, Mark Runions, [\(253\) 884-4807](tel:2538844807) (email) renimark@centurytel.net



WHAT'S HAPPENING

The LIC hosted Jeff Hartjoy and his wife Debbie on August 25th. Jeff regaled the 53 sailing enthusiasts who attended with their adventures as they sailed around the world. To say, that Jeff is a very skilled and brave sailor, is a gross understatement of his abilities. His love for sailing the sea and adventure was contagious. The audience was captive. His next adventure is sailing solo around the world. He will leave on his sailboat Sailors Run on October 31st to begin his trek. He hopes, to set a record by sailing solo 21,600 miles in the northern and southern hemispheres. At 69 years old he may also set a record for being the oldest sailor and American to do so. His wife Debbie will be staying home, cheering him on, praying for his safety and blogging about his journey. You can sail with him vicariously by reading his blog at www.Sailorsrun.com. We wish him fair winds and following seas. I also want to say thanks to Mark Runions for bringing this very enjoyable event to us.

On another note, we are in high gear preparing for the Labor Day dance on September 5th with the ever popular FINGERTIPS. A change has been made, in that the LIC will not be providing hot dogs this time. There just hasn't been a big enough demand for food. We will have pre-packaged snacks and popcorn all for a small fee. We will, of course, still have beer, wine and a full bar. We hope to see you there! *Delta*

Boater's Outing to Olympia

Our last boater's outing for the season is coming up on Thursday, September 17. This time we will be heading to Olympia for some great seafood at Budd Bay Cafe, followed by a visit to Olympia's Farmer's Market. In addition to our normal fleet of boats, Doug and Betty Lewis will be bringing their 40-foot Fathom, and they will have room for eight passengers. Our estimated departure time from the LIC dock is 10:00. We will finalize that time as the date gets closer. If you plan on going, please let me know, so we can reserve you a seat. If you would like to be a passenger on the Fathom, please make that clear, so we can make sure we get you a seat on the "big boat."



Kurt Anderson
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Dockmaster Report.....

I would like to thank all that helped out during and after my surgery - thanks for the food, prayers and caring thoughts. A big thanks to Kerry handling Marina duty, while I cannot go up and down the ramp.

The surgery was successful and you will soon see me back at the Marina.

Cynn



From our LIC sunshine corner:

The following cards have been sent:

- 1 - to M.R. Faas for ongoing back trouble
- 2 - to Clark Van Bogart for ongoing back trouble
- 3 - to Lynn Carr re recent surgery, which went well, according to his wife, Nancy
- 4 - to Tom Osborne and the recent passing of his mother



The last membership meeting was fun and it was a great turnout. The potluck was outstanding, and it was good to have new members join.

One thing we did forget though, and that was giving Denny and Jan Prichard a WARM WELCOME HOME after their 3-month trip to Alaska on their sailboat.

We are so happy that they are back and are even happier to know that they had experienced the trip of a lifetime. It must feel comforting to sleep in a bed that does not sway back and forth (or up and down) anymore.

GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, SAILORS - YOU WERE MISSED BY MANY!

And last, but not least,... Happy belated wishes to Wayne Argabright for his 90TH. (YES, 90TH) Birthday! We are glad to hear, that you had quite a party at your house. Here is to many more!



Respectfully submitted,

Marlies Van Cise

Report for Newsletter on Road Clean Up



We had a very successful Road Clean Up by our terrific volunteers on Saturday, Aug. 15th. We collected more than 20 bags of trash and aluminum cans, and all of the County's equipment and paper work was returned on Aug. 17th. We had our usual two teams of four, one for the South end of the area and one for the North end. I would like to, again, thank Dee Born, Susan Quigley, Jane Eiseman, Jani Way, Julia and William Buckner and Christy and Bert Saywers for their tremendous job well done. I was informed on that day, that some gentleman had already picked up the trash from 96th Street to the Marina. This made the South's team ever so much easier and faster. That was not the case, when I had surveyed the entire length of our Road responsibility two weeks prior to then. However, I'll check with people who live down in that area before scheduling it again.

I would also like to, again, thank Sharon Gearhart for making the coffee and supplying us with the necessary liquids like water, tea, etc. And another HUGE thank you to Carolyn Wiley for making chocolate chip cookies for us.....how did she know they are my favorites?!!

Pat Muchmore, Adopt a Road Chairperson

Fiber Arts 2015 Saturday October 3rd 10-4

◆ Patty Carroll is this year's featured artist, be sure to come and see her work. You will be amazed!

There will be approximately 26 artists—weavers, quilters, clothing designers, demonstrating and sharing their work. Bring \$\$\$, you may be able to do all of your Christmas shopping for those special people, who love beautiful, hand made treasures.

- ◆ Take a chance on winning one of *Shirley Brewer's* beautiful quilts.
- ◆ Enjoy the enticing aroma of *Peg's World Famous Apple Crisp* that will fill the building—until the last morsel disappears.
- ◆ Something for everyone—antique tractors, jewelry, fly tying and hands-on activities. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/LongbranchFiberArtsShow> to see photos from past shows and work by the 2015 artists.

If you want to be involved, there are jobs for all skill levels. Thursday, hang lights and run cords. (*Someone with ladder & electrical experience would be nice*), Friday, room layout and table set-up. On Saturday, register and help the artists set-up on Saturday morning, starting @ 7:30 till the show opens at 10.

At 10, the tasks to be covered are, raffle ticket sales, greeters and survey distributors & collectors, 'tidiers'—especially in the small room, volunteers to spell artists, and PPPIC's.

Contact *Barb Floyd*: [hozro_99@yahoo.com](mailto:hoczro_99@yahoo.com) to volunteer, or *Carolyn Wiley*: c.wiley@mac.com

10th Annual Key Peninsula Farm Tour-Saturday, October 3, 10 am to 4 pm-

A full day of FREE Family-Fun-Start the day at the :

• "Fire House Pancake Breakfast" at the Key Center Fire Station. 8-noon, donations accepted.

Then set out to learn about the variety of farming enterprises on the Key Peninsula. Look for Map, addresses & Event Schedules in the October Key Pen News. Also check on-line at www.kpfarmtour.com/ for route, get farm addresses for your GPS and entertainment schedule updates.

⇒ *The route-North to South*

• Gateway Park, Farm Tour Information Center, hosts the KP Historical Society, and learn about the history of farming, especially about huckleberry harvest on the Key and visit with LIC's own Christine Anderson.

⇒ *Take the Creviston loop and visit*

- Four Winds Riding Center, vaulting demonstrations.
- Bea's Flowers; take home an armful of dahlias and fresh picked veggies.
- Minterbrook Oyster Farm, visit the education center and look for returning salmon.

⇒ *Continue south and turn off KP Hwy on to 302 and stop at:*

• PackLeader Farm—herd dog demonstrations, one of them even herds ducks.

⇒ *Turn south at Wright/Bliss Road*

• Blue Willow Lavender Farm—Farm Tour '15 Event Center—entertainment throughout the day (hang around and listen to Lynn and Bill Lloyd play their hearts out) Check event schedule at www.kpfarmtour.com/

⇒ *Take Lackey Road*

- Trillium Creek Winery—walk through the grounds and take time for a taste or two.
- Longbranch Fiber Arts—26 fiber artists, antique tractors, demos, hands-on activities—satisfy your hunger with specialty soups and Peg's World Famous Apple Crisp.
- Kaukiki Farm—sheep ranch, and fantastic family, for an overview visit :

<https://dmontesino.wordpress.com/.../life-on-a-farm-with-the-funny-name/>





No one sent me a picture, so thought I might send one of my recent visitors-eyeballing my garden!! - *Helen*



CHANGE your calendars and location for our **ICE CREAM SOCIAL EVENT** to **Saturday, September 26, from 2-4 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.**



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Building and Grounds Chat Room:(August 2015)

First I would like to begin, by thanking the following members, who have stepped up to help with the grounds:

- Jane Eiseman and Dee Born for watering the front planters and herb barrels
 - Jane for trimming ivy and blackberries in the woods whenever she walks her dogs there
 - Eric and Nancy Clement (new members) for weed eating and doing yard clean up
 - Clark Van Bogart for procuring a load of gravel and bringing his tractor to move and spread it
 - Susan Quigley for bringing her rake and strong shoulders to spread the gravel at the ends of the driveways
 - Barb Floyd for sanding and varnishing the historic plaque wood backing
 - Steve Stemhagen for finding hinges and rehangng the doors under the stage, so that they hang straight.
- Kudos and multiple levels of thanks to you all for the help.

We hope to hear about the grant application progress in October, so will keep you informed. Steve and I are trying to locate ring knob openers for the stage doors and some way to hold them closed. We considered magnetic closers but there isn't enough room to fit the full chair bins under the stage with the magnetic part hanging down so we are still looking. Again I cannot shower enough kudos on all of you, who step up to help. It is the only way we can get the projects done. Thanks to all of the worker bees.

Projects Room:

Done-

- gravel fill at end of driveways
- sand and varnish historic plague wooden back
- volunteers to water front flower beds
- Repair and refinish under stage doors-in progress

Needs to be done-

- rehang dumpster gate
- clean cement pad around flag pole and adjoining pad (cannot be power washed as it takes 4-6 weeks to dry enough to hold paint so has to be done with a hose and stiff brush) and paint-(I have the paint).



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

Marina Report

So, when did Labor Day become just another weekend at the Longbranch Marina? According to Dockmaster, Lynn Carr, last year there were just a few boats in, and as of this writing, no group or club has indicated they will be coming this time around. Let's hope the individual cruisers will still find their way to Filucy Bay and enjoy the weekend, and attend the dance, and go home, singing the praises of Longbranch and its friendly marina.

Coming up this September, the Marina Committee continues to look ahead to keep the marina running smoothly. We will be putting together next year's budget, doing a survey of immediate and doable repairs needed, such as loose boards and cleats and general maintenance, and also continuing our discussions with the DNR regarding the renewal of the lease, which ends in early 2017. We already know that any renewal of the lease will require substantial improvements and expense, and we are trying to schedule such improvements out over time to keep within the budgetary restraints of the LIC. Thanks to Kurt Anderson and the DNR Lease Committee for their work in meetings with Marine Floats and the DNR as we try to come up with a reasonable plan to allow the Marina to operate successfully well into the future.

Thanks also to Kerry Jamieson for helping out for a few days, while Lynn Carr was "on vacation" on the operating table. Happily, Lynn is already back on the docks, heeding his doctor's advice to Take It Easy!

Mark Runtons

Membership Report:

Thanks to everyone helping me familiarize with my new job, and the great folks that help out when I yell. For the August 19 meeting, accolades go to AJ Million and Ray Flowers for setup duties. The kitchen was ably handled by Sharon Gearhart, Pat Muchmore, Nancy Clement and Helen Jamieson. This is a wonderful way to meet and greet members and get volunteer hours. Openings are available for the dessert meeting Sept. 16. Please give me a call or e-mail if you can assist. 253-884-1384, ncarer44@centurytel.net Thank you, *Nancy Carr*

Dessert Meeting-Sept. 16 @ LIC Clubhouse

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