



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2017

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 20- DESSERT SOCIAL- 6:30 PM

President's Message:

September 2017

My message last month focused on volunteerism and volunteer opportunities. Summer Fest gave us an opportunity to volunteer, and we certainly did by logging more than 1,200 hours of service by 30 volunteers over an eight month period. That is simply incredible and their efforts are very much appreciated.

And speaking of Summer Fest, all I can say is "Wow!" We had 109 guests, 14 sponsors, and more than 50 businesses and individuals donating items for the silent and live auctions. On top of that, we were fortunate to hold the event at what I believe is about the best venue on Key Peninsula. I am so grateful to Fred Leenstra and Wanda Buhl for opening their property to us and helping us make it such a huge success. In case you haven't heard yet, we grossed more than \$41,000.00, and while we're still tallying up the expenses, suffice it to say this is a wonderful start towards the goal of creating a sustainable funding mechanism for the scholarship activities supported by the LIC membership and The Longbranch Foundation.

Looking forward, it will be a busy fall because we have a number of events coming up in the next two months, including the Labor Day Weekend Dance on September 2nd, the Membership Meeting on September 20th with Llyn De Danaan from Humanities Washington as the featured speaker, Fiber Arts on October 7th, another Membership Meeting on October 18th, and Trunk-Or-Treat on October 27th,

Squeezed into this same time frame is the work covered by the 2017 Pierce County Preservation Grant that must be completed on the building by mid-October. The work includes repair of the lower west windows, replacement of the office and store room doors in the meeting room, re-staining the kitchen counter and doors leading to the auditorium, and completion of the window removal in the office. In addition, we will be giving the meeting room and kitchen a badly needed face lift with new paint and staining of the beams.

There are plenty of things going on and it's very heartwarming to see so much activity and enthusiasm by our members. I would like to direct just a small amount of that enthusiasm to a few volunteer opportunities that we still have available, including assistance with identifying monthly programs for next year, and working with our Scholarship Committee to create guidelines for a sustainable program over the next five years. If you have an interest in any of these, please call or email me. These particular volunteer opportunities do not involve a large number of hours and can be done on a very flexible schedule.

Enjoy the remaining few days of summer we have left, and stay safe.

Clark

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Food Drive



Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts

to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



LIC General Membership Meeting

August 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. by Clark Van Bogart, president.

Clark introduced Lynn Larson, LIC historian, who spoke on the origins of the LIC. Excerpts from her speech follow:

Incorporation papers list December 10th, 1921 as the date of the official beginning of the Longbranch Improvement Club, although research shows that it was in existence for at least a few months before that. The incorporation signified a shift in focus from entertainment and social activities to philanthropic and civic pursuits. What prompted this shift was baseball. Mark Richert (who is buried in the Longbranch cemetery) had played baseball growing up in the area and then went on to play professionally. In 1908, the Longbranch team won the Washington State Semi-Pro Championship, with eight Richerts on the team.

Before the LIC clubhouse was built, meetings were held in the Longbranch Library Hall and in the basement of the Longbranch Congregational Church.

Many activities apart from meetings were held in the Library Hall, including dances. Before the dance, men would prepare the floor by sliding pieces of paraffin across the surface. Local talent would often provide the music, although there were visiting bands from Tacoma as well (including The Jazz Maniacs). Posters were set up along the road advertising the dances.

Socials were also popular, usually held on a week night and featuring dancing and refreshments (coffee, tea and sandwiches.) Each had a theme, such as a Hard Times Dance, a Barn Dance, a Scandinavian Dance, a Carnival Dance etc.

Once the LIC was incorporated, one fund raising strategy was that of auctioning off picnic baskets prepared by the ladies.

The Library Hall had its own board of officers, which, Lynn believes, was the seed of the Longbranch Improvement Club. In September, 1921, with funds raised by the Labor Day Dance, the Library Hall purchased six acres of land for a school and baseball field.

A couple of weeks later, a notice stated that "The Improvement Club of Longbranch has purchased ten acres of land for a people's park and athletic field. This club has a large membership which meets every first and third Thursday of the month at Penrose Hall (the afore mentioned church basement).

Article two of the December 10, 1921, incorporation stated that the "Objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed is buying real estate for the purpose of a consolidated school, athletic and picnic purposes and to encourage any activity for the betterment of schools, home making, roads, marketing, dairy, poultry and all its branches."

In 1922, the LIC was the welcoming committee for the arrival of the Elk, the first organized ferry service from Steilacoom to Longbranch.

Given the important role that baseball played in the formation of the LIC, Lynn suggested that the club's Centennial should include a baseball game.

Francie agreed to stand in for Curt Scott, speaking on earthquake preparedness.

Given that the last major earthquake occurred in 1700, we are overdue for another. We do not know where or when but seismic geologists warn of a series of earthquakes of magnitude eight or higher along the Cascadia Subduction Zone, resulting in landslides, liquefaction, fires and possible tsunamis, destroying infrastructure, buildings etc.

It is recommended that one have on hand a two week supply of food and water.

The Vaughn Community Center is being retrofitted to serve as a shelter, the closest one for Longbranch residents.

There will be an **Earthquake Emergency Preparedness Fair at Gig Harbor High School on September 30th, from ten until three.**

OFFICER REPORTS

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

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger announced that July guest moorage at the Marina, budgeted at \$2,800, actually came to somewhat higher.

The 2016 LIC tax return should be completed shortly.

Check Reimbursement forms are available for members on the LIC website and at the clubhouse. Please be sure to note on the form whether the monies should come from the LIC or from the Foundation.

Trustee at Large: Francie Carr reported that there are two tables of lost and found articles. Any items not claimed at tonight's meeting will be donated to the Angel Guild.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Nancy Carr thanked Dee McGuiness, Lynn Carr and Kelly Hettinger for setting up the meeting room and Cheril Allen and Susan Quigley for their work in the kitchen.

Members were asked to turn in the form(s) showing their volunteer hours.

Events: Jan Brown announced that the next event will be the Labor Day dance on September 2nd, for which tickets are available at the Marina, Sunnycrest Nursery and Blend. A sign-up sheet was distributed for event volunteers.

Nancy Carr noted that all of the booths for Fiber Arts have been taken.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reported that the well casings have been scrubbed, the iron deposits removed. The pump is still functioning and, although the pump is well passed its normal life expectancy, Nicholson Drilling recommends continuing to use it until it dies.

Work is progressing on the Pierce County Preservation grant. Sharon notified the county that replacing the bank of west windows is estimated to be \$20,000 and, thus, could not be part of the existing grant. The County recommended that the \$1,400 allocated be used to replace the lower west windows.

The total of additional funds needed to complete the grant work (which must be completed by October 31, 2017) on the lower window, the replacement of the office and storeroom doors, the re-staining of the kitchen cabinets and the auditorium doors is \$4,505. The LIC Board authorized using funds from the LIC Building Capital Improvements reserve account to complete those projects, as well as painting and staining in the meeting room, up to \$9,000.

Marina: Robert Theisen informed the members that the striping in the parking lot has been finished.

A 911 call from the Marina now displays the actual physical address.

Inform Robert or Lynn Carr if you know of anyone wanting winter moorage.

Sunshine: Clark has received a letter from Marlies Van Cise who is resigning. A new volunteer is needed for this post.

Newsletter: A reminder from Helen Jamieson to turn in any articles to her by the 23rd of this month.

Historian: Lynn Larson, who compiles a list each year of what the LIC has accomplished, said that she has no records of what was done in 2006. If anyone has any information, please let her know.

Old Business

Summer Fest was a tremendous success. Kathy Barrett thanked all the volunteers and donors. The event gross income was \$41,605. Bills for the event still need to be paid. Preliminary statements/receipts will be sent out to donors, sponsors and guests within the next week or so.

New Business

The Longbranch Foundation: Barbara Floyd suggested checking out the new web site and giving her your feedback. Online donations can now be made through PayPal. A brokerage account is being set up to allow stock donations.

Peg Bingham announced that **CPR classes will be held at the Key Center Fire Department on September 30th and October 18th.**

Upcoming Events

Labor Day Dance September 2nd

Membership Meeting, September 20th, with speaker, Lynn De Danaan

Fiber Arts, October 7th

Membership Meeting, November 15th, with speaker Scott Gallager

Adjourned at 8 p.m.

Submitted by *Jane Eisman*

FROM THE MARINA CHAIR:



Well another month has come and gone at the Marina and it has been a busy month. The parking lot got striped. All life ring boxes have been made, are installed and now host our new life rings and floatable ropes.

We had a medical emergency down at the marina, which brought up a new problem. Because of the way the 911 system works, you must know the physical address of the emergency. After explaining to our Fire Chief that we have boaters from all over, he contacted the 911 System folks and was able to attach the physical address of the Marina to the Longbranch Marina name. If anyone calls 911 from the Marina they need to say they are at the Longbranch Marina. The system then automatically shows the physical address. Also, he told me if you are using your cell phone to call 911, when the operator gets on, immediately advise you want Pierce County 911. Most of the time the calls go to Olympia based on cell tower access. By advising you want Pierce County 911, it will send the call to Tacoma and speed up the process. This last part applies to all cell phone calls from this area, not just the calls from the Marina.

Also Lynn did another fine job as Dockmaster. Thanks Lynn.



Robert Theisen

Marina Chair

DOCKMASTER REPORT:

We are attracting new boaters at the Marina. Some are repeat visitors but a lot are new to our Marina and Filucy Bay, just popping in when they are travelling south. We are getting great compliments from our new friends on the peace and quiet of our Marina.

Thanks to Robert for filling in while we were at my family reunion. We had a wonderful time and perfect weather.

This month we are expecting the Three Tree Point Yacht Club for the Labor Day dance, and the Trawler Crawlers will be back in the middle of Sept.

We had an eclipse party at the Marina and the viewing was excellent. Some boaters joined us along with Norma and Virgil Larsen and their family, Kelly Guenther and his daughter, Raimer Tossavainen, Donna Daily and Judy Riggs. Judy brought some ways to view the eclipse and one that worked very well was using binoculars. Here is a picture of Donna holding the binoculars and the reflection of the eclipse.

Lynn Carr



Membership Report

Thanks for Cheril Allen, Susan Quigley, Delia McGinnis, Kelly Hettinger and Lynn Carr for helping set up and in the kitchen for the August meeting.

Thank you folks who are turning in your volunteer hour forms – it helps a lot. The end of September marks the end of the third quarter of 2017. The first of the LIC Bucks will be ready in October. You still have time to volunteer in September at the Labor Day Dance and the September dessert pot luck. This will ensure you are in consideration for the first of these volunteer awards.

Please consider helping out at the next meeting – you can e-mail or call me.

Thanks,

Nancy Carr

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Dick Van Cise

&

Jilly Eddy

enjoying the Luscious
Longbranch Lips party offered
at Summer Fest.

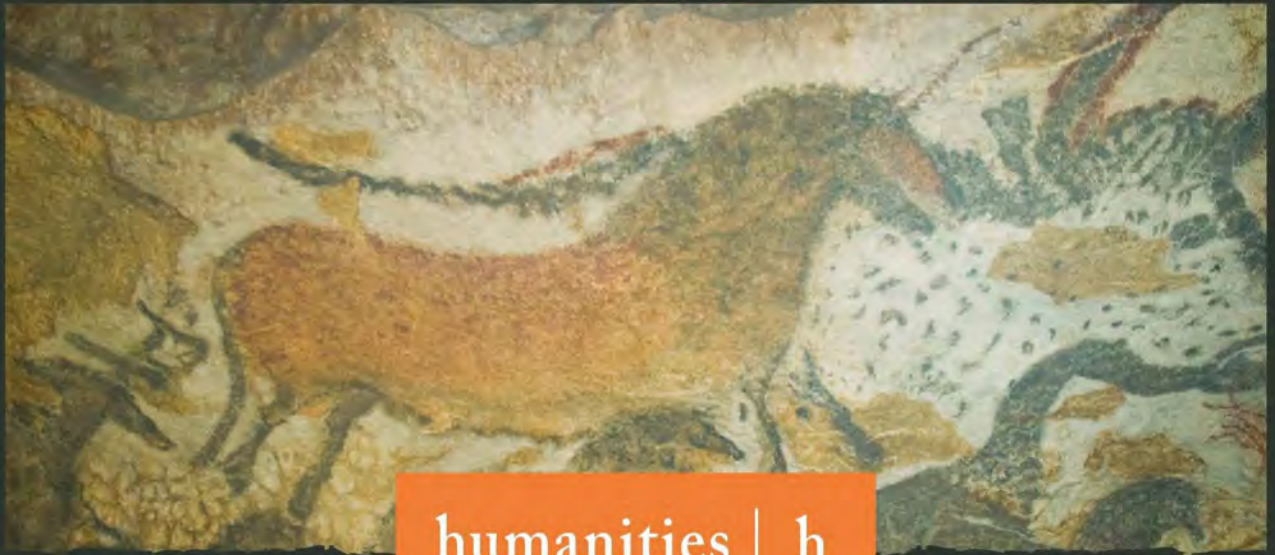


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PRESENTS A FREE PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

What It Means to be Human: What We Know about Our Ancient Predecessors

Explore deep questions about the nature of being human, and how that meaning might change with future technologies.



PRESENTED BY:

Llyn De Danaan, author and anthropologist

WHEN:

7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 20, 2017

WHERE:

Longbranch Improvement Club
4312 Key Peninsula Hwy South, Longbranch, WA 98351

humanities.org



This presentation is part of Humanities Washington's Speakers Bureau program, in which cultural experts discuss history, politics, music, philosophy, and everything in between at venues around the state.

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LIC. Summer Fest 2017!



September 2017 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

The well got scrubbed a couple of weeks ago and it has really helped with the water quality. Running the water for several minutes daily helped clear the rusty water left in the well and the water quality is much better now, although you may still see some brownish looking fluid in the toilets and urinals. This will hopefully clear up gradually. Fortunately our pump was still in good condition and Nicholson Drilling suggested we use it until it dies and then replace it along with the iron casing that is causing the sediment problem. Meanwhile we need to change the filter under the kitchen sink about every two months. In addition, the grant work is progressing nicely, although we needed to go to the Board to request additional funding since it became clear that a majority of the work was beyond volunteer capabilities and required professionals-this was especially true of the window work and staining of the counter and door frame. Randy Carr has gotten the window removed from the office and has sheet rocked the hole. The doors for the store room and office have been picked up and are in Gayle Brewer's garage. They will be brought to the LIC for staining and installation shortly. Legacy Renovations has removed the lower west widows next to the bathrooms and replaced them with particle board while they work on them at their shop-this done for safety reasons and probable lead in the glazing. They have replaced two damaged window panes and will finish glazing them when they come back to reinstall the windows. Jeff Tritt will be doing the re-staining of the kitchen counter and the door frame between the ball room and the meeting room. If you would like to know how it will look, check out the sample at the refrigerator end of the counter. The Board agreed to fund having the entire meeting room and kitchen repainted in addition to the grant work. So when all is said and done 'the Grand Old Lady' should have a significant and much needed face lift. The grant projects over the past two years have been stressful but really satisfying and I hope that we continue to follow this path to helping heal some of ravages of old age. Thanks to all of you and your support-we could not do it without you! As always I am open to suggestions if you have any. *sharon*

Project room:

-Still need someone to take on the base of the flag pole-scrape and paint

-I need someone who can look at the new doors to the south side of the ball room and figure out the best way to make the sweeps work. There is still quite a gap and I believe that is where some of the mice are coming in.

"Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you." Unknown



Late News.....

Just thought i would mention something I saw today. Tim and I were coming back from the boat. When we got to the gate we saw this tweakery guy going to several of the cars in the lot and looking inside the windows...ours included. Tim asked him why they were there and he said they were waiting for someone from "offer up". He told him that the gas station in Home was probably a better place and that they can't wait there. They got in their car and left but they were sketchy. Here's a pic in case you hear anything from anyone else.



FOR RENT

We, the Van Cises own 2 weeks in a beautiful OCEAN FRONT STUDIO IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, the name of the condo is COSTA SUR.

Look it up on the website, and you will love what you see.

We have used it for the last 10 years (sometimes inviting local friends), but 2018 will not work for us, since one of our 8 grandsons is getting married on March 10, 2018.

(Too bad that they did not check Omi and Opa's calendar for 2018)

Anyway: the dates are: week 1 - March 8 - 15, 2018

week 2 - March 15 - 22, 2018

One friend already committed to one week, so I need another person (or couple) to take week 2.

I prefer to find someone for 2 weeks, but the first proposal will also work.

Hoping to hear from a Mexico lover soon. Ready to answer any questions.

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FOOD BY
GNOSH

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
ROCK & ROLL
DANCE

Saturday **Sept 2** 8-11pm
Longbranch Improvement Club
253/884-6022 Facebook or www.licweb.org 4312 Key Peninsula Hwy
TICKETS \$15/DOOR \$12.50/ADVANCE AT SUNNYCREST, BLEND & MARINA

KNEE DEEP

FEATURING YOUR FAVORITE 70's & 80's GREATEST DANCE HITS

Attention all you "Roadies". Our next and final Road Clean Up for the year will be scheduled for September 23, 2017. We'll meet at the LIC Club House at 10:00 am have coffee, water, etc, fill out the paper work required by the County, sign the volunteer sheet, receive your vest, helmet, "picker", water and bags for all that you pick up. We need 6 people to accomplish this; two will go from the Marina back to the Club House and two will be taken out to the start of our area and the other two will go from the Club House to meet up with the two that will be working their way towards you.

I will drive the two to the Marina and the other two out to the Northern beginning of our area. Please call me at 884-3890 or email me at patroon9047@aol.com in order to sign up. Please don't wait too long to do this as I need to schedule it with the County as well. Thank you for your help and hope to hear from you soon.

Pat Muchmore

The Longbranch Foundation

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September Update

Huge congratulations and thank you to all the guests, volunteers and donors who made Summer Fest a roaring success. As volunteers, your hard work certainly paid off and will help make our scholarship program sustainable into the future. For our bidders, there was a choice of wonderful items provided by many businesses and individuals that ensured the high bids leading to success. Thank you, thank you!

Please check out the Foundations updated web site and give me feedback if you would like anything changed.

Here's wishing everyone a great "end of summer" as we continue to enjoy sun and warm weather!

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