



## Longbranch Improvement Club *For the Betterment of the Community*

### **Kids & Christmas . . . What a terrific event!**

“Our family truly appreciates being welcomed at the LIC each year for the Christmas event. Thank you!” “Thanks so much! My kids really like coming to Santa’s workshop!” “We just moved to the Peninsula this summer-thank you for the welcoming people who helped to make Christmas special.” “This was so awesome, I am amazed!! Thank you so much!” **Based upon these comments, Kids & Christmas was a success!**

According to the number of surveys returned our best count is that 264 families attended. We distributed about 300 gifts with the help of 22 LIC volunteers, 78 Girl Scouts with support from Angel Guild and LIC gift purchases were made to supplement the toys from the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. On Saturday before the event F.I.S.H. contributed 5 boxes of wrapped gifts---probably around 60--- *no one had time to count.* There are some gifts to be stored for 2010---Thanks, Lynn Carr

We did have some suggestions for improvement . . .

- (1) 3 hours is just not long enough countered by a Girl Scout comment that 3 hours was way too long.
- (2) Need to provide grocery bags to carry the hand made gifts.
- (3) More activities and gifts for older children and more bird houses, more hammers & tools. **See Photos on Page 3 --- Provided by Carolyn Wiley.**

*Submitted by Caroline Wiley - Events Chair*

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### **Speak Up Now . . . Submitted by Tim Heitzman, LIC Treasurer**

Or forever hold your peace, goes the old saying. Here's your chance to say your piece and own a part of the future of the LIC. Nobody gets anywhere without a plan, and the club is no different.

**There are four groups:** Marina, Building and Grounds, Events, and Community. You can join any, or all, of the groups. You'll be committing six hours. Two in Jan, two in Feb, and two in March. (The hours are billable! They do count as volunteer time.) Enough generous, and friendly, people have already signed up, so you won't feel alone. And every, and I mean EVERY, viewpoint is welcome. What will happen? We'll talk about the future, the common goals, and what's next. Everyone gets their chance to talk. After all, we're sketching out the future of the LIC. It should be a pleasure for everyone.

To get involved, call Jan Prichard at 884-2030. Or sign up at the January meeting. Or just show up. January meetings are Community: Jan 26; Events: Jan 27; Building and Grounds: Jan 28; Marina Jan 29. Meetings start promptly at 7pm. Finish promptly no later than 9pm. Quick. Easy. Fun. 7 to 9pm (no later).

*Call Membership Chair Janice Prichard and sign up now. 884-2030.  
You can start off the year 2010 being heard, and counted!*



# President's Letter

It has been a very busy month at the Longbranch Improvement Club, what with the Holidays racing upon us. There are so many, many people to thank for the absolutely beautiful decorations and events that took place.

First of all, a HUGE thank you to Denise and Mike Hays for donating the most beautiful Christmas tree ever! If you haven't had a chance to see it, please make every effort before January 2nd when we start taking down all of the decorations. When I first saw it, I thought it was almost too beautiful to have such a short life with us. However, to a person, the comments, compliments, oohs and aahs are countless. It is the most perfect tree I have ever seen; I just wish there were some way we could preserve it forever!

Also, a big thank you to Mike Hays, Andy Gano and Lynn Carr for putting the tree up in it's present position. From the time they started until the were finished only one hour had expired.....what a masterful job and so well done. And that includes putting on all of the lights, too!

We had a wonderful Christmas dinner for the Membership; the Club was

beautifully decorated, the meal delicious and the entertainment was excellent. Once again, an army of volunteers bought, cooked the food and the Members added their own special dishes to make it a huge success.

We just celebrated our annual Kids & Christmas and what a wonderful turnout of volunteers who prepared, bought and wrapped the gifts. It is such a true joy to see the children so excited to make family and friends gifts. The Girl Scout Troops did a masterful job and they even had some of the Boy Scouts helped out with the drilling, hammering, etc. of the popular bird houses. And, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus (who were brought by special sleigh, thanks to the Fire Dept.) were the main feature for all of the young ones. I do want to thank every one who added to this wonderful tradition; it truly was for the "Betterment of the Community".

Merry Christmas to you all and may we all have yet another wonderful New Year.



**Submitted by Pat Muchmore,  
President, 884.3890,  
patroon9047@aol.com**



The December Meeting was called to order by the President, Pat Muchmore. She announced that since it was a Christmas Dinner for the Membership, all business would be cancelled. A friendly round of applause followed.

An Auction was held with two items: one was a replica of the Virginia V arriving at the Longbranch Marina (*which we had on display for the 50th celebration of the Marina*) and the other item was a small toy rocking horse. Margaret Rose Faas ("MR") won the painting and the toy horse was given to Nancy and Lynn Carr for their 16 month old granddaughter.

A wonderful selection of songs and music was provided by Faith Higgins (*I think that's her last name*) and enjoyed by all.

The Meeting was ended by a wish for a very Merry Christmas to all and an equally Happy New Year.

*Respectfully submitted,  
by Pat Muchmore for Connie Hildahl,  
Secretary LIC*

**NOTE: On the right column are the Kids & Christmas photos provided by Carolyn Wiley.**



# LIC Membership Renewal

- Individual Dues      \$20  
 Couple Dues      \$30  
 Associate Dues      \$20

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DATE OF RENEWAL

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Mail this form and payment:  
LIC Attn: Membership Chair  
PO Box 111, Lakebay Wa 98349

Your LIC relies on volunteer labor.  
Check **all** the boxes for activities that  
you'd like to do.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Set up/tear down  
 Food prep/kitchen  
 Hostess/host

## ACTIVITIES

- Programs and speakers  
 Historian/archives  
 Newsletter/mailing  
 Telephone tree  
 Publicity  
 Sign making  
 Road crew pickup

## FACILITIES

- Building general  
 Grounds/garden  
 Dock general  
 Plumbing  
 Electrical  
 Painting  
 Carpentry  
 Heavy equipment  
 Mowing/weeding

## SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee  
 Office skills  
 Bookkeeping  
 Musical  
 Non-musical  
 Untapped talent  
 I'll help where needed

# Membership News

Mark your calendars for the January general membership “dessert” meeting, Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the wonderful helpers who set-up, decorated, baked, roasted, cooked, cleaned up and washed dishes for our December potluck. I want to give special thanks to Barbara Copley, Eloise Colbert, Gene Brown, Connie Hildahl, and Robin Gould for serving as host and hostesses, so the rest of us could just enjoy the evening.

We have many “unsung” volunteers in our group and we honored six of them on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Bruce Jeglum, Debbie Ehrhardt and Eloise Colbert received “Star” awards, and Jim Larsen, Harry Faas and Dorothy Loomis were awarded Lifetime Memberships. **Congratulations!**

As my first full year in Longbranch draws to a close I’m so grateful that we have landed in such a beautiful community full of folks who care about each other and are actively engaged in making the Peninsula an ever better place.

**See you in 2010!** *Jan Prichard, Membership Chair LIC, 884.2030, jan@pacinfo.com*

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