

February 2013



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Membership 'Dessert' Meeting, Wed. March 20, 7:00 PM

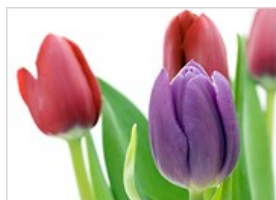
President's Message

As discussed at the February membership meeting, the LIC is moving forward with more specific plans for memorials to Geoff Baillie at the marina and the clubhouse. At the marina, the memorial will include naming of the new walkway as the Geoffrey L. Baillie Memorial Wharf, hopefully in time to include a dedication ceremony in the Dock Breakfast activities in May. Also at the February meeting, we announced the launch of the Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund, with any donations in excess of actual memorial costs to be added to the already existing memorial fund in Geoff's name at Evergreen Elementary School. More information appears elsewhere in this newsletter and I urge all members to consider a donation.

We are facing a new problem, which is that our existing heater units in the clubhouse main room are failing. One of the units is not working at all and the other one is failing. The membership (wisely, in my opinion) has voted to approach this problem by reconsidering what a better heating plan for the building might involve. By the time you read this, we will have met with one or more heating experts to determine our best options and may be on our way to having a warmer clubhouse during the cold months.

The membership is in for a treat at the March 20th meeting. Our program will be "Bad Boys of McNeil" presented by historians Joan Curtis and David Dilgard. This will deal with some of the notorious past residents of the McNeil Island Federal Prison, including Charles Manson, Robert Stroud (The Birdman of Alcatraz), Alvin Karpis, Roy Gardner and Frederick Emerson Peters. Please spread the word about this program to your friends; non-members are welcome and there is no admission charge.

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

Gayle Brewer, President, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Francie introduced Terry Stewart, Dave Dahl's son-in-law.

Secretary: In Peg Bingham's absence, Jan Prichard asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January General Meeting. A motion was made seconded and approved.

Treasurer: Francie Carr, Treasurer, drew our attention to copies of the Profit and Loss statement on the tables. The Colberts have collected \$131 for the scholarship fund by recycling our collected pop cans. Marina expenses are high because the next nine months of insurance have just been paid.

Events: Tim Heitzman, Events Chair, reported that the Pancake Breakfast was a great event with a great turn out. People were greeted at the door and non members were all invited to join the LIC. Five new members signed up. He thanked many members who helped out. Tim told us Dave Montesino was at the event and posted pictures and a write up about the breakfast on his blog about life in Longbranch. Dave is an excellent writer and photographer and there is a link to his blog on the LIC website, www.licweb.org. Dave did the picture of the Longbranch Marina that is on our website.

Membership: Jan Prichard, Membership Chair, reported that we have 86 paid memberships in 2013 making a total of 146 members so far for the year. Members were reminded that it is time to pay their yearly dues if they have not already done so. Jan also thanked the hostesses for the evening, Theresa Gano, Robin Gould and Ann Dearing.

Marina: Harry Faas, Marina Chair, asked for volunteers to be "ice runners" for the marina. We did well selling ice to guest boaters last season and Lynn Carr, Dock Master, needs a list of folks he can call on who might be able to fetch more ice when supply is low at the dock. Volunteers would get hours for their time and are asked to call anyone on the Marina Committee or Lynn to get on the volunteer list.

Newsletter: Nancy Carr, Newsletter Editor, asked for submissions for the newsletter which goes out next week.

President: Gayle Brewer, President, reminded us that Joan Curtis from the Steilacoom Historical Society will be making a presentation at our March meeting on "The Bad Boys of McNeil".

Old Business: Gayle brought us up to date on the planning for memorials to Geoff Bailey at the marina and the clubhouse. The board proposed that there be a plaque at the marina naming the wharf for Geoff and also have another plaque at the clubhouse in his memory. Of all the proposals made for memorials these were the ones, that for various reasons, seemed the most appropriate to the Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve those recommendation. There was a lot of discussion about types of plaques, costs and placement. At the wharf, the intent is to create an interpretive plaque, enamel on heavy steel, that allows us to tell the story of how the wharf came into being and why we're naming the wharf for Geoff. After many questions and comments the motion to adopt the Board's proposals were unanimously accepted.

The "Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund" was the next topic for discussion. Francie said she could establish an account only for that fund and any money donated would be used only for Geoff's memorials. Any money collected over and above the amount needed to pay for the plaques would then be donated to the memorial fund at Evergreen Elementary set up by Geoff's family. A motion was made, seconded and passed to establish the Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund. Francie accepted donations that evening and said checks mailed to the clubhouse should designate "memorial fund". Also, she can accept Visa payments over the phone. Call her at (253)564-4065.

Barb Van Bogart announced that the "Name the Cookbook Contest" deadline has been extended to April 1st and she showed us the wonderful basket full of goodies that is the prize for the contest winner. So far about 130 recipes have been submitted and they'd like to get 70 more before the cookbook committee meets again in March. She encouraged us to submit our recipes and to solicit recipes from all the good cooks in our acquaintance.

Phil Johnson reported that the water at the marina is run by an informal water association that was originally formed to serve the now defunct Chowder House and the few surrounding residences. Mike Hays, who has been managing the water system for years, had been meeting with Geoff to begin formalizing the association to decide such things as what percentage of the water bill everyone would pay and to establish a fund to take care of needed maintenance and repairs. A committee from the LIC will be meeting with Mike to continue working toward this goal. They will report back to the members at the March General Meeting.

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New Business: Gayle reported that the Board heard from Doug Lewis, Building and Grounds Chair, that one heater in the main room is out and the other is going out. These are very old units and would be impractical to repair. Doug did get two quotes for replacement and some ideas for enhancing the heating efficiency in the main room. To replace the existing units with newer 200,000 btu units would cost around \$7,100. However, both companies who came to look at our system suggested that our gas lines might not be the right size and neither would want to replace the heaters without fixing any gas line problems that might exist. We could choose to put in 250,000 or 300,000 btu units for additional cost. Another approach would be to ask the experts what their recommendations would be if we were to assume we were starting from scratch to bring heating to the building. Because we depend on good heat in order to rent out and use the building we will need to make some decisions as soon as possible. Francie reported that we have capital improvement funds of approximately \$25,000 for the building. This is separate from the fund set aside for the roof. After much discussion, Denny Prichard made a motion that the membership authorize the Board to decide, on the basis of further research, what heating system should be installed and to spend an amount not to exceed \$15,000. The motion was seconded and passed.

Denny Prichard reported that our taxes for the marina went up significantly with the building of the new wharf. He and Clark Van Bogart are looking into options for reducing that tax burden.

Kurt Anderson passed out a list of Geoff's tools that Lynn Larson would like to see purchased by people who knew Geoff and might like to own some of these items. If you would like an item on the list, please contact Kurt, not Lynn. These items are available only to LIC members at this time. If you are interested in the Boston Whaler, it is at Kurt's house and you should contact him. The Newport 28 sailboat is at the marina and to see it contact Kurt or Lynn Carr, Dockmaster.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Prichard
For Peg Bingham
Secretary

UPCOMING Events -

Wed. Mar 6—Marina Committee Meeting, 9:00 am, LIC Clubhouse

Thu. Mar 7 —Events Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse

Sun. Mar 10—Daylight Savings begins 2:00 AM

Sun. Mar 17—St. Partick's Day

Wed. Mar 20 —General Membership 'dessert' meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse, with special program 'Bad Boys of McNeil'.

Wed. Mar 20—Spring Begins!!

Sun. Mar 24—Palm Sunday

Sun. Mar 31—Easter Sunday

LIC Cookbook

The LIC cookbook project is up and running, and the Name The Cookbook contest is ON! Submit your entry (five words or less) to recipes4lic@yahoo.com for consideration. Enter early and enter often! Winner to be announced at the March 20 LIC meeting and will be presented with the gift basket loaded with goodies.

Recipes must be received by **April 1**, but don't delay! Pull out your recipe box, your cookbooks and those handwritten recipes you have relied on for years and select three to five favorites. Attached is the format for recipe submission. You can email them to recipes4lic@yahoo.com or turn them into the LIC Clubhouse, Sunnycrest Nursery or mail to LIC Cookbook, PO Box 345, Lakebay, WA 98349. Your name will be printed with each recipe, as well as in an index of authors. Join us as we create a cookbook filled with great recipes from our community...and beyond!

Barb Van Bogart

Sunshine Report

Flowers and 'get well soon' wishes to Karen Barrow and Pat Thompson.

Vicki Biggs

Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund

A new Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund account has been set up to receive donations. If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to the Longbranch Improvement Club (LIC) and on the memo line write Geoff Baillie. The check should be sent to the LIC at PO Box 111 Lakebay, WA 98349. If you would like to make a contribution using your credit card, please call me at 253.564.4065 and I will take your information. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Francie Carr

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

We hope to have a brief interesting program at the start of the general membership meetings in the odd-numbered months, which are the dessert meetings. Here are upcoming programs. Please contact Gayle Brewer if you have ideas for future programs

March: "The Bad Boys of McNeil". A review of notorious convicts that once resided in the Federal Prison on our neighboring island. Presented by Joan Curtis and David Dilgard of the Steilacoom Historical Society.

May: "Maritime Place Names of Inland Washington Waters", presented by historian and author Richard W. Blumenthal. Special emphasis on the history and derivation of maritime names in the South Sound. How did all these places get their names?

July: Open

September: "Harbor WildWatch", presented by representatives of this active organization based in Gig Harbor. Check them out in advance at www.HarborWildWatch.org. Thanks to Marlies VanCise for arranging this program.

November: Open

Gayle

Check out the Longbranch Chronicles by David Montesino. Great reading and spectacular photos of our town. Link at <http://dmontesino.wordpress.com/>

Dear Member or Friend of the Longbranch Improvement Club,

The Longbranch Improvement Club (LIC) is preparing a cookbook featuring recipes from many excellent cooks. These cookbooks will be professionally published, contain special pages of interest about the LIC, and cooking hints as well as special recipes from the community.

We would love to have you contribute to our cookbook. Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes following the instructions below. Your name will be printed with each recipe, as well as in an index of authors.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks. To ensure we order enough books, please indicate how many cookbooks we can reserve for you and your family.

Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name _____ E-mail _____ or Phone # _____

(Mail recipes to: LIC Cookbook, PO Box 345, Lakeby, WA 98349 or drop off at LIC or Sunnycrest or e-mail to recipes@lic.ydaho.com)

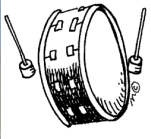
INSTRUCTIONS

- Please print NEATLY in INK, not pencil, and place one recipe per form.
- If more room is needed, please use another sheet of the same size paper and staple the sheets together.
- List all ingredients in the order they are used.
- Use standard abbreviations and accurate package sizes (16 oz pkg., 24 oz can) and indicate if ingredient should be chopped, minced, etc.
- Write directions in simple sentences, using ingredients in order listed, and please put in paragraph form, not steps.
- Clearly state pan/dish sizes and preparation needed for baking, etc. (ex: Grease 11"x7" pan and sprinkle with flour.)
- Include temperatures and cooking, cooling, baking or freezing times.
- If baking: Indicate whether to bake covered or not, and what is the test for "doneness".
- If appropriate, include the source of your recipe (family member or friend, web page, based on a cookbook recipe, etc.)
- Notes personalize your recipe; please include notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, and your name, number of servings or recipe title) at the bottom of the form.

- Standard Abbreviations: Cup = C, Pint = pt, Teaspoon = tsp, Tablespoon = T, Pound = lb, Dozen = doz, Envelope = env, Package = pkg, Ounce = oz, Gallon = gal, Quart = qt, Large = L, Medium = med, Small = sm.
- Recipe Categories:
 - **Appetizers & Beverages**
 - **Soups & Salads**
 - **Vegetables & Side Dishes**
 - **Main Dishes**
 - **Breads & Rolls**
 - **Desserts**
 - **Cookies & Candy**
 - **LIC Event Recipes**

Brunch, brunch

Our Pancake Brunch on Feb 9 was more than fun; it was a great success for our club. Donations topped \$1500, more than 100 people enjoyed flapjacks, eggs, sausage, OJ and endless cups of coffee from the LIC kitchen. We served dozens of jumbo Bloody Marys, "the best I've ever tasted" according to an expert (recipe coming in the LIC cookbook). Even better, five new families joined the LIC – simply because we asked if they'd like to. We'll be enrolling new members at all LIC events this year and encourage you to "just ask" if your neighbors would like to join. Our dessert meeting programs, like Bad Boys of McNeil March 20, are a great way to introduce newbies to the club.



Drum roll please: The LIC is nothing without volunteer enthusiasm. Please give a round of Pancake Volunteer applause to: **Dee and Dick Scharf** for greeting and cajoling, **Shirley Brewer** and **Lynn Lloyd** for setup, **Betty and Doug Lewis** decorating and squeezing warmth out of our defunct heaters, kitchen sergeant extraordinaire **Sharon Gearhart**, cooks, cleaners and servers **Barbara Van Bogart, Lynn Lloyd, Barbara Floyd, Eloise Colbert, Marlies Van Cise, Kathy Bailey** for greeting and cleanup, **Bill Lloyd** for table hopping and music, husbands, wives and friends who cleaned up and stacked. Thanks! We'll repeat this successful new social event next year.

Extra credit applause for **Nancy Carr**, tireless newsletter editor and Events Steering Committee member (among other jobs). She's added the role of Calendar and Press Liaison for LIC events – contacting newspapers, yacht clubs and local organizations with events details. Big thanks to Nancy.

For all the latest Events news, visit the LIC website at www.licweb.org or at <http://www.facebook.com/LongbranchImprovementClub> where we already have 135 Likes! Need more? Want to volunteer time or ideas? Email events@licweb.org.

Tim Heitzman

LIC Events Calendar 2013

Wed Jan 16 2013	7:00 pm	Dessert Potluck Meeting
Sat Feb 9	9 am to 1 pm	Pancake Breakfast
Wed Feb 20	6:30 pm	Dinner Potluck Meeting
Wed Mar 20	7:00 pm	Dessert Potluck Meeting
Wed Apr 17	6:30 pm	Dinner Potluck Meeting
Sat May 4	TBD	Dock Breakfast
Wed May 15	7:00 pm	Dessert Potluck Meeting
Sat May 25	8 to 11 pm	Memorial Day Dance
Wed Jun 19	6:30 pm	BBQ Potluck Meeting
Wed Jul 17	7:00 pm	Dessert Potluck Meeting
Sun Jul 21	Noon to 7 pm	Charity Croquet Tournament
Sat Aug 10	10 am to 6 pm	Drum Festival
Wed Aug 21	6:30 pm	Dinner Potluck Meeting
Sat Aug 31	8 to 11 pm	Labor Day Dance
Wed Sep 18	7:00 pm	Dessert Potluck Meeting
Sat Sep 21	5 to 9 pm	Spaghetti Social
Sat Oct 5	10 am to 4 pm	Fiber Arts Show
Wed Oct 16	6:30 pm	Dinner Potluck Meeting
Thu Oct 31	5 to 8 pm	Trunk or Treat
Wed Nov 20	7:00 pm	Dessert Potluck Meeting
Wed Dec 18	6:30 pm	Christmas Party Meeting
Sun Dec 22	1 to 4 pm	Kids n Christmas



LIC Membership Report

Thanks to all you members who have renewed for 2013. Would love to hear from the rest of you before the daffodils bloom! Renewal forms can be found in the latest newsletters or online at www.licweb.org.

We're off to a good start this year. The Pancake Breakfast was excellent with great attendance, lots of enthusiasm and delicious food. Our March meeting should be very entertaining with a presentation on "The Bad Boys of McNeil Island" by Joan Curtis from the Steilacoom Historical Society. Hope you can make it!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Lauren Fanning and James Duncan, Anne Nesbit, Bruce Onder and Tess Abaddon, Dave and Lavon Parker, Maureen Reilly and Jim Reynolds.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Jan Prichard
Membership Chair
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Mark your calendars for the March General 'Dessert' Meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.

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Dockmaster Report

We have been fortunate to have boaters at the marina almost every weekend (and occasionally during the week). We also have Clubs advising which weekends they will be visiting in the summer. It is encouraging to have more boaters and looks like it will be a good summer.

Thanks to Herb Marra for volunteering to be the 'ice runner' this summer. He will help keep the freezer filled with ice. There have been a lot of positive comments from the boaters on the availability of ice, and the profits help the scholarship fund. Thanks, Herb.

Another Marina feature the boaters like is the WiFi. A couple of boaters have extended their weekend stay as they can work from their boat!

There is a boat and boathouse for sale at the Marina. Please see the 'Classified' section of this newsletter for more information.

Lynn Carr

2013 LIC Membership Renewal Thank you, Due Jan 1, 2013

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- Set up/decorate/host
- Food prep/kitchen

ACTIVITIES

- Telephone tree
- Road crew pickup
- _____

FACILITIES

- Building
- Grounds/garden
- Dock
- _____

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
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- _____

Membership Renewal Dues

- Individual..... \$40**
- Couple/Family..... \$60**
- Associate Member..... \$40**

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