

December 2012



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



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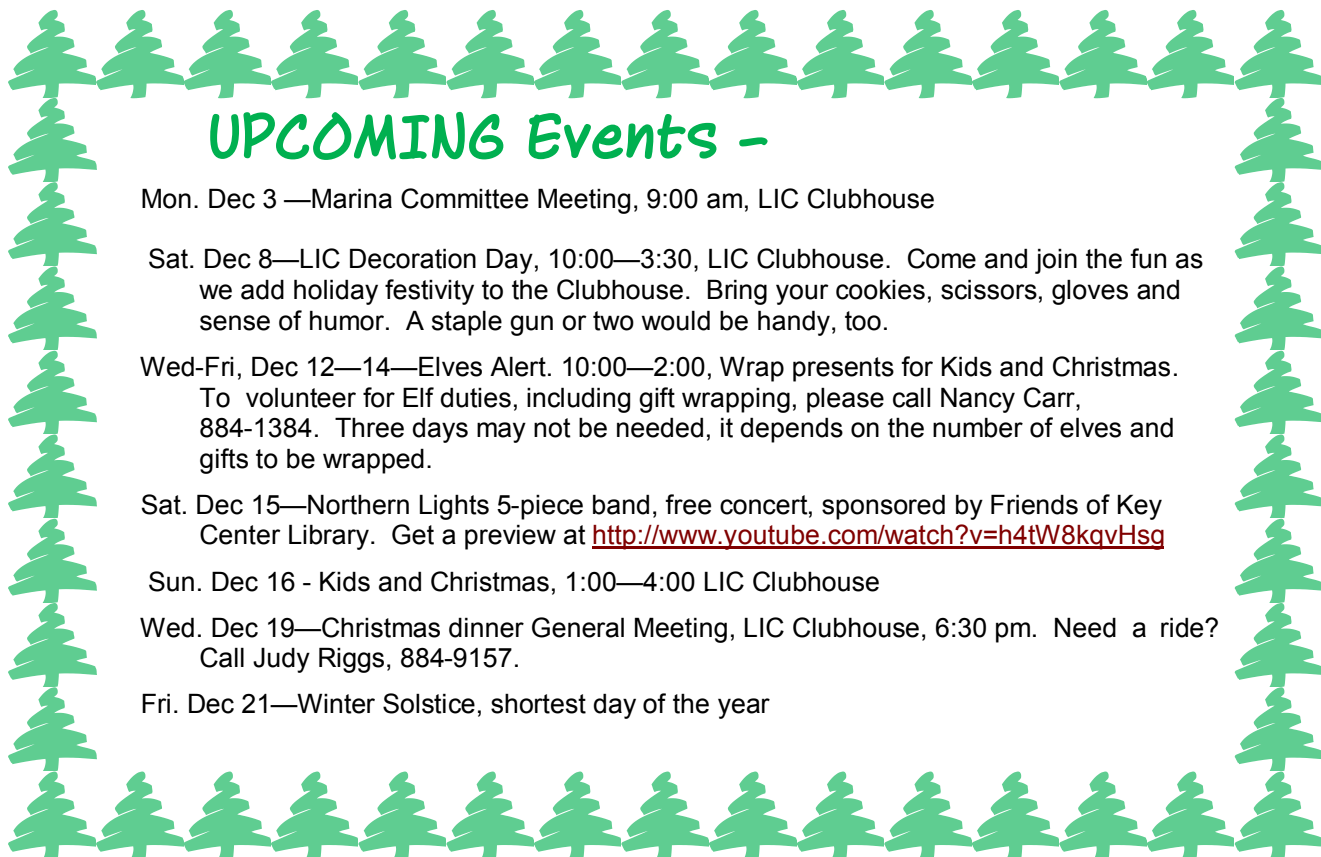
December 19, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Entertainment by some very special young dancers

Once again the LIC is providing turkey and ham, with roasting help from our members. The rest of us contribute our favorite "fixings".
COME CELEBRATE!

Donations to our local food bank can be made at the door



UPCOMING Events -

Mon. Dec 3—Marina Committee Meeting, 9:00 am, LIC Clubhouse

Sat. Dec 8—LIC Decoration Day, 10:00—3:30, LIC Clubhouse. Come and join the fun as we add holiday festivity to the Clubhouse. Bring your cookies, scissors, gloves and sense of humor. A staple gun or two would be handy, too.

Wed-Fri, Dec 12—14—Elves Alert. 10:00—2:00, Wrap presents for Kids and Christmas. To volunteer for Elf duties, including gift wrapping, please call Nancy Carr, 884-1384. Three days may not be needed, it depends on the number of elves and gifts to be wrapped.

Sat. Dec 15—Northern Lights 5-piece band, free concert, sponsored by Friends of Key Center Library. Get a preview at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4tW8kqvHsg>

Sun. Dec 16 - Kids and Christmas, 1:00—4:00 LIC Clubhouse

Wed. Dec 19—Christmas dinner General Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 pm. Need a ride? Call Judy Riggs, 884-9157.

Fri. Dec 21—Winter Solstice, shortest day of the year

LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Geoff Baillie, Vice-President Gayle Brewer, Treasurer Francie Carr, Secretary Peg Bingham, Dock Chair Harry Faas, Membership Chair "CC" Williams, Events Chair Tim Heitzman

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P. M.

Denny Prichard introduced the evening's guest speaker, Renee Crist, Collections Manager at the LeMay Auto Museum in Tacoma. Renee gave an interesting and informative PowerPoint presentation on the formation and building of the museum. It currently has a revolving collection of 150 automobiles.

Geoff asked to have the Meeting Agenda approved. Moved and approved.

REPORTS:

SUNSHINE LADY: Vickie Biggs reported that flowers were delivered to longtime member Louise Ragains. Vickie also thanked and complimented various members who have checked on Louise's wellbeing especially Theresa Gano, who checks almost daily.

SECRETARY: Peg Bingham asked to have the minutes of the last meeting approved. Moved, seconded and approved. She displayed a Certificate of Appreciation from the VFW thanking the LIC for our support.

TREASURER: Francie Carr reported no unexpected income or expenses this month. The trend continues with the building income and expenses both below expectation. The overall Marina income is a little below expectation. Francie sent six invoices out for past due amounts. The checking account balance was \$40,447.73

MEMBERSHIP: "CC" Williams reported that membership is currently at 181 members. She also said she needs volunteers for the December Christmas Dinner meeting. She has enough help with the cooking of turkey and ham, but needs help in setting up. If anyone has a couple hours on the Tuesday (12/18) before the meeting their help in setting up would be greatly appreciated.. She will be sending a note out asking for help. If you have any questions regarding your hours or meetings, please contact CC. She has tendered her resignation as she is moving back to Gig Harbor but will continue in her position until someone is appointed. If you would like to volunteer for this position please contact any Board member.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Chair Doug Lewis is out of town. Geoff announced that he and Tim Heitzman will interview the two candidates for Building Rental Agent on Thursday.

MARINA: Harry Faas reported the committee had done a thorough and wonderful job on preparing the dock's budget request. The committee continues to work on improving and maintaining operations at the marina.

EVENTS: Tim Heitzman reported the Spaghetti Social was just what we were hoping to achieve: a room full of wonderful people having a great time, enjoying good food and wanting to stay and chat with each other. About 85 tickets were sold at the door and over 35 of those were not members. Club information was taken by quite a few and two memberships were sold on the spot. This event will be held again next year.

Tim announced there were solicitation sheets on the tables giving information about the Kids & Christmas event and asking for members to sponsor one, two or more children at \$33 per child if possible. Cash, checks and credit cards are all accepted. Donations can be given to any Board member. Any amount will be appreciated

Tim asked Jan Prichard to explain about Decoration Day at the LIC. Jan has volunteered to head up this fun day. This is the day the club is decorated for the Christmas holiday and many helpful elves are needed. Jan said to bring your hammer, gloves, staple gun, tape and other tools and a willing heart. Food will be served to keep up your strength. If you have greens or decorations you would like to donate they would be most welcome. Decoration Day is Saturday, December 8th from 10:00 to 3:30 or until finished. Many elves will make the job finish in jiffy time.

Carolyn Wiley announced because the library will be closed for renovation, a previously scheduled free Christmas concert by Northern Lights will be moved to the LIC on Saturday, December 15th from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. It is sponsored by the Friends of Key Center Library and is open to the general public.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2012

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AT-LARGE: No report

Vice President: Gayle Brewer explained that 30 minute programs will be presented in odd months (dessert meetings). January will feature a DVD of the History of Thea Foss, the original Tugboat Annie, and March will feature a presentation called "The Bad Boys of McNeil" about some of the notorious residents of the island. Gayle said if anyone has an idea for a subject or a speaker, to please let him know. There is no central theme to the type of speaker to be invited.

PRESIDENT: No report. Geoff asked "CC" to introduce tonight hostesses, Connie Wick and Eloise Colbert.

HISTORIAN: Geoff announced that Historian Lynn Larson has completed three large notebooks of historical material about the LIC and they were on the bookshelf in the meeting room for all to read. Lynn would welcome any more material especially that which is still stored in member's homes.

BUDGET: Francie Carr had e-mailed copies of the proposed 2013 budget to the general membership prior to the meeting and there were copies on the tables tonight. Francie presented the budget which was prepared with reduced revenue in mind and the aim to not end the year with a negative balance. A thorough discussion followed. Francie asked for approval of the budget. The motion was made and seconded. Motion passed to accept the budget as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS: Nancy Carr asked to have articles for the newsletter to her as soon as possible since Thanksgiving is next week.

Tim Heitzman reported the web site now has a new section with photos for our viewing.

Mary Mazur brought up the fact that there is little to no information regarding LIC activities in the Key Pen News or the Gateway. She recommended that we have one person who will make sure information about our activities is sent to these two papers. Geoff assured her we would have someone do that.

Geoff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made, seconded and passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Bingham, Secretary



Halloween Dance Attendees

KIDS & CHRISTMAS

What does it take to throw a Christmas party for a couple hundred children and their parents. ELF power! The LIC elves are busy preparing for our annual Kids and Christmas event to be held on Saturday December 16th. Any of you that have attended or helped with this event before know just what it means to the kids that attend. Their smiles say it all. A visit with Santa and a photo to take home, a gift direct from Santa, games to play and table after table of crafts where our Scout elves assist the kids with making their own presents for others.

Here's a chance to bring a smile to a child's face. Two things make this event possible. Money and member participation. There is always elf work to be done. Gifts to be wrapped, decorating to be done, help in the kitchen, help with sign ins, photos, and yes we even have a snowman and elf suit that needs filling!! If you want to help please contact Doug Lewis at 206 849-2410 or email at dougclewis@earthlink.net. Donations are still being accepted. Any amount will be appreciated and a child can be sponsored for \$33.00. Donations can be given to any Board member.

Even if you don't feel comfortable in an elf costume, please feel free to drop by to see a little bit of what Christmas is all about. You will be proud that our LIC is part of such a great event!

DECORATION DAY!

Saturday, December 8th
10 a.m. to ???

The time has come for the elves to sneak into the clubhouse to decorate for the season. Come join your friends and neighbors for this fun and "transformative" experience! If you have special tools you like to use (garden nippers, wire cutters, hammers, staple guns, etc.) be sure to put your name on them. If you have holly and evergreen boughs to share that would be wonderful.

The lights, tree, ornaments, music and yummy food make this a really jolly occasion. No experience is needed and latecomers are always welcome!

Hope to see you there!

Jan Prichard

Sunshine Report —

Flowers were sent to member Karen Johnson and best wishes after her recent surgery.

Vicki Biggs

PLANNING AHEAD

BeWeave It or Knot, 2013 is fast approaching.

To all knitters, crocheters, quilters, weavers, needle pointers, beaders, etc.

Do you have a collection of UFO's ?

Or

Would like to have some help with a new, or an abandoned project?

Or

Would you just like an excuse to visit with friends and neighbors?

Let me know if you have any interest in a monthly sharing, making, and learning get-together (starting in January or February).

I can do the scheduling at the Longbranch Fire Station*. Let me know if you are interested and what is your preference regarding day & times.
Carolyn Wiley <c.wiley@mac.com>

FYI: I can't play on Wednesday or Thursday; Monday & Saturday can be iffy so someone else may need to be the primary key-getter/door-opener. Could this be you?

*The facility is cozier, warmer and cheaper than heating the LIC. Lighting is good, there is plenty of space and the rental fee is only \$15.00 per meeting.

Give a child a little Christmas happiness.



When 200 local children come to the LIC for Kids & Christmas Sunday, December 17 we'll make sure they go home with happy memories. Most come from families where joy may be in short supply—Santa doesn't always visit the poor and hungry.

With Toys for Tots, the Marine Corps, FISH, local Scouts, Angel Guild and Geneva Foundation, we make sure every child receives a suitable gift for Christmas. Every single child.

The kids get more than a nice gift. They are treated to a hot snack, fun games, their own picture in Santa's lap, "I-made-it" gifts for their family, cocoa, cookies, and most important, honor and respect. We're asking you to share a little of your happiness with the little ones here in Longbranch this Christmas.

Here's what the party costs *for each child*

- Lunch snack and treats \$5
- Age-appropriate wrapped gift \$18
- Picture with Santa \$2
- Craft supplies \$6
- Games and prizes \$2

Nothing fancy, just a swell holiday party where *every* kid in the neighborhood's invited. Why? Simply because no kid should have to go without hope.

Make your donation to Kids & Christmas...

YES. I CAN MAKE CHRISTMAS *a little better*
FOR A LONGBRANCH FAMILY THIS YEAR.

One Child \$33 Two Children \$66 Three Children \$99

Name _____ Phone _____

Payment attached Please charge my credit card

Card Number _____ Exp Date _____ Code # _____

Please keep my gift anonymous Call me to help with the event



What a year!

It's been another record-setting year for LIC events, thanks to thousands (yes thousands) of hours of volunteer time and unprecedented public participation. Sure, we've had some underachieving events, but the winners outshine:

- Pancake Breakfast – a new big hit
- Opening Day Dock Breakfast – fun social event, as always
- Taiko Drum concert – very popular with big turnout
- Memorial Day and Labor Day Dances – solid moneymakers
- Charity Croquet Tournament – Our new summer classic
- 5th Annual Fiber Arts Show – best attendance ever
- Spaghetti Social – Delicious, fun evening
- Kids n Christmas – Giving back to our community

Plus Marina wine tastings, work parties (yes, they are fun), master textile classes and more.

Our goal for next year is simple: do better at every event. There are three overlapping reasons we have events: raise money for the club, enjoy the benefits of membership, improve our Longbranch community. We're going to raise more money from the fundraiser events, provide more socializing events and entertainment for members, and showcase a variety of performers to spice up your Longbranch life.

Pancake Breakfast	February 9
Tribal Dance Festival	March 9
Opening Day Dock Breakfast	May 4
Memorial Day Dance	May 25
Charity Croquet Tournament	July 21
World Drum Festival	August 9-10
Labor Day Dance	August 31
Spaghetti Social	September 21
Fiber Arts Show	October 12
Trunk or Treat	October 31
Kid n Christmas	December 22

Tim Heitzman

December Opportunities

Opportunities are available to catch the holiday spirit at the LIC and share time with friends and neighbors:

- Decoration Day Dec 8th, 10 until...
Call Jan Prichard 884-2030, if your talents lean to décor.
If you can't play, finger foods for decor elves are always appreciated
- Gift wrapping for Kids 'n Christmas
Call Nancy Carr, 884-1384 if you gift-wrapping is your thing.
- The Northern Lights concert Dec 15th-Friends of K. C. Library
- Kids 'n Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 26th from 1-4.
Call Doug Lewis, 884-1315, if you have elf-help in your system.
- **Annual LIC Christmas Pot Luck Dinner , Dec. 19th**
Contact CC Williams < ccwilliams@centurytel.net > if your elf-talent is food, set-up, service, or clean-up. Clean-up elves are the most highly treasured volunteers!



The Northern Lights Shine at LIC

Bring your family, bring your neighbors, and be amazed by the handiwork of the LIC Décor-Elves and enjoy a free concert by The Northern Lights on Saturday, December, 15th from 4-5:30.

The Northern Lights is a six-member band performing a collection of mellow acoustic songs in eclectic folk styles. Known for beautiful vocal harmonies with mandolin and acoustic string guitar back up, the members—Len Lightfoot, Curtis Koller, Kat Cullman, Mike Shipp, Carey Koller and Teri Wolf—also write and sing original songs.

The December 15 concert at the LIC will include Christmas holiday classics along with favorite Northern Lights standards and covers.

To hear a bit of their music visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4tW8kqvHsg>.

FREE community Holiday Concerts are annual events sponsored by The Friends of Key Center Library. This year the 3-month closure for the Key Center Library remodeling project necessitated relocation of the concert.

Thanks to Longbranch Improvement Club for providing space for the event. The Friends gratefully accept donations for the Food Bank at all programs.

Carolyn Wiley



Merry Christmas to all.....



**Mark your
calendars for Pot Luck
Christmas Meeting**

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 6:30 pm

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

NAME

Any changes?

KPS ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

LOCAL TELEPHONE

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EMAIL

E-mail newsletter Postal mail newsletter

CHECK ENCLOSED CHARGE TO VISA MasterCard

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY DATE

CID NUMBER (back of card)

Mail to: LIC PO Box 111, Lakebay Wa 98349

Your LIC depends on your volunteer help. Check all the boxes for activities that you'd like to do.

EVENTS

- Set up/decorate/host
 Food prep/kitchen

ACTIVITIES

- Telephone tree
 Road crew pickup

FACILITIES

- Building
 Grounds/garden
 Dock

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
 Office
 Musical
 Publicity

Membership Renewal Dues



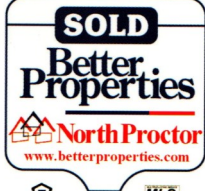


- Individual..... \$40
Couple/Family..... \$60
Associate Member..... \$40

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