

## MEMBER NEWS



# Longbranch Improvement Club MAY 2016



*For the Betterment of the Community*

**DESSERT MEETING-MAY 18- 6:30 PM @ LIC CLUBHOUSE**



### President's Message:

Robin Williams once stated that "Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's Party!" The LIC has a variety of upcoming events to celebrate the coming of spring which will enable all of us To Party! I hope that you will be able to volunteer for and attend some of the fun upcoming events.

Please plan to attend the May 7<sup>th</sup> "Opening Day the Longbranch Way" at the Marina. A delicious al fresco breakfast is served at the marina and the sailboat regatta is held in the afternoon. My oldest grandson has already asked when breakfast will be because he loves having a muffin and pancakes for breakfast! It is truly a great celebration of the coming summer season.

May 28<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial Day Dance where we can all dance, party and celebrate the coming of the summer season. It is also an easy way to welcome the guest boaters who moor at our Marina throughout the summer.

As spring flowers have been bursting forth, the LIC Board and Committees have been working diligently on "Non Party" projects. After extensive research, The Marina Committee and the LIC Board moved forward with the marina piling project. A contract was signed with Marine Floats which will design, permit, demolish five identified pilings and drive five new galvanized steel pilings at the Marina. The five old log pilings had zero useful life and put the security of our marina in jeopardy in stormy weather. It will be a relief to have the new pilings installed in the strategic places to keep the marina secure. The best news is that the LIC will be able to pay for the entire project by using the Marina Capital Reserve Fund which has been funded through careful budgeting as well as increased moorage rates over the last few years.

Representatives from the DNR Lease Committee will meet with Donna Berube on May 4<sup>th</sup> to present the Committee's action plan to meet the DNR's new requirements for renewing the LIC's lease. The Committee has dedicated hundreds of hours developing the lease renewal plan which we feel is financially feasible, environmentally friendly, and the changes/improvements have been scheduled over a period of years. We look forward to receiving Ms. Berube's review of the plan.

So spring has sprung, work is getting done and fun times are on the calendar! Enjoy the sunshine and our wonderful community!

*Francie*



**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 20, 2016**

The 04/20/16 LIC Board Meeting was held in the LIC lobby. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Francie Carr.

**CONTRACTOR REPORTS:**

**LIC Dock-Master:** Lynn Carr reported that he and Robert Theisen installed new lights on the flag poles at both the Clubhouse and Marina. The freezer at the dock is being defrosted and Thersa Gano is cleaning and painting it. All of the leaking stand up water faucets on the dock are getting new water valves. Brian and Dee Born are pressure washing and repainting the blue dock pavilion. Dave Hanson did electrical work at the dock. Thank you to all the volunteers.

**LIC Rental Agent:** Benida Parodi (absent) has made new rental bookings. (See the calendar hanging next to the office door for an update). She called in pest management to spray inside and outside the building for a hornet infestation.

**BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Secretary:** Judy Riggs asked and it was MSP to accept the March 2016 LIC General Meeting minutes as written.

**Treasurer:** Jim Hettinger gave his financial report. (Contact him for a detailed report.)

Jim has converted all marine invoices that were not paid in full to quarterly invoices. This will allow him to create an accounts receivable report for the Marina Committee. It will show which marina tenants have paid, and which still owe moorage.

Jim has set up a Square credit card processing account for both The Longbranch Foundation and the LIC. These accounts carry a very slight increase in cost per sale, and have no monthly fee.

Jim will be available at the LIC Garage Sale to troubleshoot the new credit card machine if needed.

The property taxes were paid this week.

**Membership:** Nancy Carr thanked the volunteers hosting this pot luck dinner meeting. Nancy and Clark Van Bogart have devised a plan using different colored volunteer time sheets to help keep the TLF volunteer hours separate from LIC volunteer hours.

She reminded Members that it is important to separate volunteer time between our two organizations, the LIC and TLF for taxes and for grant reimbursement money.

**Building and Grounds:** Francie Carr reports (from Sharon Gearhart's email):

Lynn Carr is working on a new pole replacement to match the existing one that supports the roof over the entrance to the lobby.

The new fence along the Erickson Rd property line has deterred garbage dumping so far. Thank you to Larry Bingham for his work on this project.

It was contracted with Tom Clark to repair our drive way.

The stage doors have received their first coat of paint thanks to Patricia Muchmore, Barb Floyd, Barb Doat and Benida Perodi.

Sharon continues to shop for a chair dolly that does not cost twice as much to ship as it does to buy it.

Tim Heitzman and Bill Lloyd have installed a new sound system in the meeting room for under budget.

The lawn team has already been hard at work this spring.

The new tables (15) and two table carts are being stored in Sharon's garage. They will need to be moved to the LIC after the garage sale and before the wedding on April 29.

**Grant Work:**

The Grant work has been changed from June to August to better insure good weather for the chimney repair and paint job. The new metal chimney insert will be installed when the chimney repair is made.

**Events:** Delia McGinnis reported that the Down Key dinner theatre play is progressing well under the guidance of play directors Kathy Barrett and Kathy Lyons. There is room for 200 diners for this event. Advertising has started for this event.

The Memorial Day Dance preparations are on schedule.

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**Marina:** Mark Runions reported that the Marina committee has selected Marine Floats for the piling replacement contract. The Marina Committee may decide to add one more piling to the contract. With the contract in place, an LIC volunteer work schedule can be planned for the dock; remove the listing portion of the dinghy dock; and add finger piers for more available moorage when there are funds to do so.

Mark is looking for help to pick out and plant the summer flower boxes at the dock.

The Dock Breakfast this year will feature the usual good food, and boating regatta. New to the event this year will be Dock Breakfast t-shirts and hats for sale. And there will be live music featuring a tropical trio.

**Trustee at Large:** Gayle Brewer is looking for a guest speaker for the May 2016 General Meeting. He suggested a boating theme, and will check with Tacoma Power Squadron for a program presenter.

**President:** Francie Carr reported that the stolen fence was not covered by the LIC insurance policy. However, the new fence is covered by the LIC policy.

Larry Bingham has volunteered to head the nominating committee for LIC Board positions of Events Chair and Secretary. The election will be in June.

Francie pointed out Sara Thompson's article about the new Filucy Bay conservation area that has been added to the Greater Peninsula Conservancy.

**Scholarship:** Francie Carr (for Ramona Dickson) gave a short report on the Peninsula High School recipients of this year's LIC scholarships. Thank you to Ramona Dickson, Barbara Van Bogart and Barbara Doat for their work on the selection committee. The Scholarship ceremony will be held May 18th from 6-8 p.m. at Peninsula High School.

2016 Recipients are Maitlin Banks and Ian Lindhartsen. Each will receive \$1,500.

Maitlin is a Running Start student and has been accepted at George Fox University. She holds a 3.7 GPA and plans on becoming a pediatric nurse.

Ian has a 3.847 GPA and has applied to PLU. He has been extremely involved in tutoring students in Chinese as well as music. He also has been very active in the community.

Planning for next year, Francie, Delia and Phil will consider the recommendations by the Scholarship Committee to create formal guidelines for the selection process.

### **The Longbranch Foundation**

Carolyn Wiley generated a \$670 contribution to TLF from a talk by Dan Mazur at The Blend Wine Shop in Key Center. Dan did a slide show presentation about the aftermath of the recent earthquake and avalanche in Nepal that leveled many buildings. He explained the work of the Mount Everest Foundation for Sustainable Development of Nepal and Tibet.

Jan Prichard gave an update on the TLF/LIC sponsored Super Garage Sale. A couple of spaces had become available to rent. There are three raffle baskets, and raffle tickets will also be sold for a beautiful quilt made by LIC Members. And there are nine items for the silent auction worth approx. \$3,000. Clark Van Bogart previewed the silent auction items to allow the Members present first chance to buy them.

### **LIC/DNR Lease Renewal**

There is a scheduled meeting at the Longbranch Marina with the new DNR contact person and the LIC/DNR Committee. Members Denny Prichard, Clark Van Bogart and Kurt Anderson will give a tour of the dock and discuss the plan for the Marina repairs and upgrades scheduled for the 2017 DNR Lease Renewal.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. *Judy Riggs*





## FROM THE DOCK CHAIR:



A lot of good things are happening down at the Marina. Lynn has been busy with maintenance items, including new illumination for the US Flag at the pavilion. Brian and Dee Born have done a meticulous job of cleaning, prepping, and painting the dark blue trim at the pavilion. And this was after they did mowing at the Hall in late April! Theresa Gano has bravely volunteered to defrost the freezer, clean it up, and paint it. Theresa will also be helping me and Kathy Lyons refill the planters and hanging baskets. Things will be looking pretty Ship Shape for the Dock Breakfast and Opening Day Regatta on Saturday, May 7.

Kelly Hettinger is the captain of this year's Dock Breakfast and has been busy designing and ordering shirts and hats, with the help of Nancy Carr, with "Opening Day the Longbranch Way" embroidered on them. Many have already been ordered, and there will be more on sale at the breakfast. Kelly also hosted the pre-event meeting with all volunteers where tasks were assigned and spirits were raised. Look for a fun time and tasty food when you come down to the dock on May 7. There will even be live music provided by the Trio Tropical - hey, when was the last time you had live music while eating breakfast? All are encouraged to attend - bring a friend and share the wonderful atmosphere of our unique Marina and visit with fellow members and other folks from the community. We hope to see some visiting boats this year as well to add to the mix.

Mark Lemon will be in charge of the Sailboat Regatta that will follow the breakfast. Skipper's meeting will be at 10 am, and the start will be at 11 am. As of now, with an eye to the tides, the course will run between McNeil and Anderson Islands, out to round the Toliva Shoal buoy (near Chambers creek), and then back to the finish in Filucy Bay. Mark will give a quick review of basic sailing courtesy (otherwise known as "rules") so there should be NO YELLING! Mark also suggests that power boaters are welcome to join in the regatta, but they must do the course in Reverse gear. An entry fee of \$20 per boat insures an award ceremony with toasts and boasts, and a donation to the The Mustard Seed Project.

Other business: the Marine Floats bid for replacing 5 pilings has been accepted, and we are hopeful that the permitting process will go smoothly and quickly so that the job can be completed before the end of the year. Thanks again the Denny Prichard for shepherding this process.

*Mark*

## DOCKMASTER REPORT:

The dock breakfast is coming fast, Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the following folks for helping spiff up the Marina for the breakfast and sailing regatta.

Brian and Dee Born have spent many hours matching paint and repainting the front of the pavilion.

Dave Hanson fixed the electrical box on A dock.

Mark Lemon pressure washed the wharf - WOW what a difference!

Robert Theisen did the weed eating around the entrance and parking lot.

I am replacing some bad boards on A dock.



Thanks to everyone for helping - the Marina is looking great!!!

*Lynn*

**THE LONGBRANCH "SUPER" SALE  
WAS TRULY "SUPER!"**

The garage sale on Saturday was a great success, thanks to the hardiness of over 40 volunteers! Thirty-five community folks had their own booths, and donations to benefit the LIC came by car and truck, filling the center of the clubhouse with so many bargains, we were hard-pressed to find places for everything.

The Saturday sale was, indeed, "Super!" Besides selling all those donated items, we did well with the bake sale, hot dog lunches, quilt and basket raffles and the silent auction. If you didn't get a chance to drop by, you really missed a fun event. There were flocks of folks from all over and the parking lot was often overflowing. On the whole the vendors were very pleased, and as for the Longbranch Foundation and the LIC we're happy to report the most profitable and well attended "Super Sale" so far!

Many thanks to all who donated their time and/or items to sell. Your contribution means a lot to the LIC and the Longbranch community. Everything that didn't sell by closing went to the Angel Guild excepting one truck load that went to Goodwill and a few items that are being sold on eBay and Craigslist.

We want to especially thank all the members and friends who volunteered so much time to make this event a success. The following is, hopefully, a comprehensive list:

*Kurt and Christine Anderson, Joe Barrow, Larry and Peg Bingham, Shirley and Gayle Brewer, Jan Brown, Francie Carr, Lynn and Nancy Carr, Eloise Colbert, Ann Dearing, Barb Doat, Jane Eiseman, Barb Floyd, Theresa Gano, Sharon Gearhart, Robin Gould, Bob and Sheila Halligan, Dorothy Heim, Tim Heitzman, Kelly and Jim Hettinger, Connie Hildahl, Norma Iverson, Kerry and Helen Jamieson, Karen and Phil Johnson, Bill and Lynn Lloyd, Pat Muchmore, Susan Quigley, Delia McGinnis, Denny and Jan Prichard, Diane Prichard, Judy Riggs, Bert and Christie Sawyers, Robert Theisen, Clark and Barb Van Bogart, Carolyn Wiley*

Our sincere apologies in advance if we missed someone. Please let us know so we can make a correction.

Good job everyone!!

*Jan and Denny Prichard*



Food Drive



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





**super sale photos !**



## **2016 Longbranch Improvement Club Scholarships Awarded**

Committee Chair: Ramona Dickson

Committee : Barbara Van Bogart; Barbara Doat; Nancy Clement

2016 Recipients are....drum Roll...Maitlin Banks and Ian Lindhartsen. Each will receive \$1,500. Both Maitlin and Ian rose to the top of the 16 portfolios we reviewed. Maitlin is a Running Start student, has been accepted at George Fox University, holds a 3.7 GPA and plans on becoming a pediatric nurse. Ian has a 3.847 GPA, has applied to PLU, has been extremely involved in tutoring students in Chinese as well as music, and has extensive community involvement.

The Scholarship ceremony will be held May 18th from 6-8 p.m. at Peninsula High School. Maitlin and Ian will receive their checks at that time. They will be invited to our June BBQ meeting so they can meet the people who are providing their scholarships. We encourage our scholarship recipients to stay in contact with the LIC and keep us apprised of their post high school educational progress.

## **Update on The Longbranch Foundation**

### **The Longbranch Foundation - May Update**

As I write this on the day before our big Super Sale event, I am reflecting on all the activity up through and including yesterday afternoon when so many of you dropped off your donated items. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity, especially those of you who dug out some very valuable items for the silent auction portion of the event. Some of you may have dropped off items and slipped away without getting a donation receipt. Your donation of goods for the Super Sale is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, similar to a donation you might make to Angel Guild or Goodwill. So, if you forgot to get a donation receipt and want one for your personal tax records, please let me know via an e-mail note and I'll send you one

Also, it has come to my attention that I may have confused some of you when I spoke about tracking volunteer hours at the April 20<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. Please note the different colored sign-in sheets (white for most of the LIC sponsored activities -green for the LIC Pierce County grant work- blue for the Foundation sponsored activities) are only being used for ease of administration in tracking the hours devoted to various activities. LIC members will receive full credit for all hours, regardless on the event sponsor.

The Foundation's application for 501(c)(3) status remains with the IRS for review and we should be receiving their approval shortly. We will let you know just as soon as we receive their Determination Letter that blesses our charitable status.

Finally, just a reminder that if you ever have questions, comments or ideas for fundraising, please give me a call or send an e-mail note.

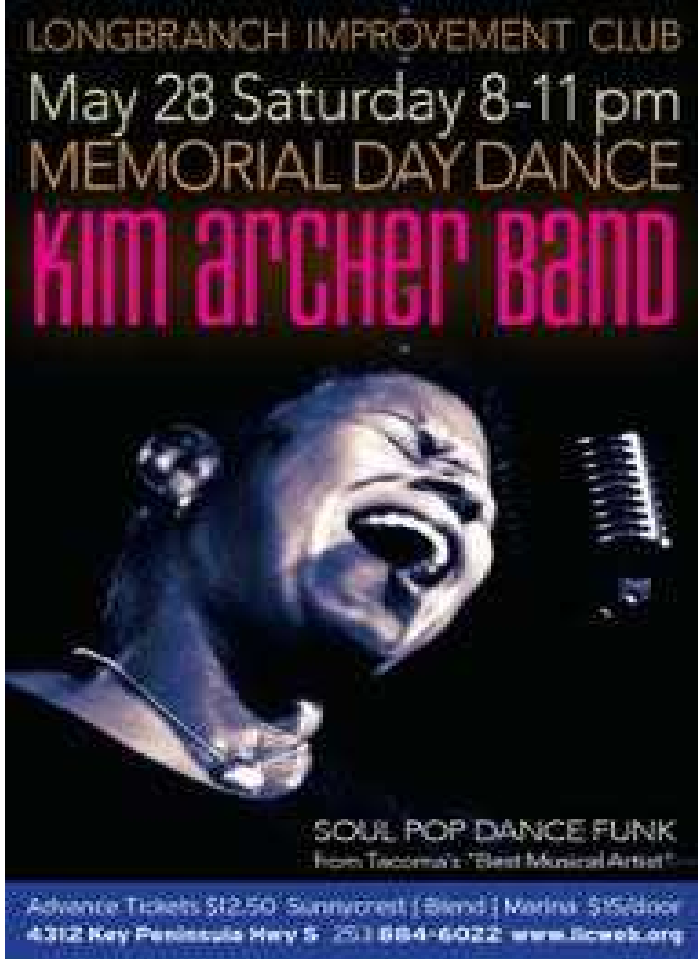
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**NEWSFLASH!**- the IRS' approval of our charitable status was received today by our tax advisor. The exempt status is retroactive to Jan 5th, 2016, which was the date of incorporation.



## CHANGE OF VENUE !



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Super Sale was a huge success! We made over \$5000.00!!! Thanks to Jan and Denny Pritchard who spearheaded this event and made it a whopping success. Thanks also to all the volunteers who worked to help. It required a lot of planning and work but as usual our volunteers out did themselves.

We will not be having the dinner theater in June. Kathy Barrett and Kathy Lyons worked tirelessly to put it together but unfortunately due to circumstances beyond their control it was decided to not go forward. Many thanks to both Kathys and to the cast members who worked to bring it to fruition.

There has been a change in the band for the Memorial Day dance. The Fingertips is being replaced by the Kim Archer Band. We are very fortunate that Kim was available to fill the slot at the last minute. So lets support her and come out to rock to her band.

Back by popular demand: The Chris Friel Band will be playing at the LIC on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. More details to follow next month.

*Delta*



## CRITERIA TO DECIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Students who are eligible for the LIC Scholarship must live south of Lackey Road and the Key Peninsula Hwy (boundaries for Evergreen Elementary School ). Criteria considered in awarding these scholarships were:

Eligible students may attend a 4 year, 2 year or voc- tech schools.

Scholarships are to be awarded in one of the following increments: 1 at \$3,000, 2 at \$1,500 or 3 at \$1,000

Recipient must be on track for high school graduation with a strong GPA

We put a strong emphasis on notebook presentation and excellent communication skills

Extracurricular activities

Community service

Financial need

*Ramona*



# OPENING DAY THE LONGBRANCH WAY!



**Come celebrate the Longbranch Marina on opening day of boating season.**

Dock breakfast complete with eggs, sausage, pancakes, muffins and fruit.

There will be live tropical music, a raffle, T-Shirts and Hats and an informal sailboat regatta.

All this starts at 8AM May 7th. Breakfast served until the food is gone or the people are gone.

Regatta starts at 11. Bring your sailboat or just come prepared to sail and we will locate a boat for you to sail on.



Hey all you Sail boat skip-



pers!!!!

I hope everybody is planning on joining the regatta FUN on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast 8AM, Skippers meeting at 10AM and the friendly, FUN regatta starts at 11AM!

Whoever it was sailing on Filucy Bay yesterday after noon you looked GREAT and I assume that was your shakedown sail and you are planning on being in the regatta ☺!!! I know Susan and the 2 Barb's have been out practicing and are the boat to beat. Bill Lloyd - I am happy you will be joining us, since you could not come up with a good excuse to not partake.

Any questions call me.

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We have a fantastic dock breakfast planned for Opening Day on May 7<sup>th</sup>. See attached flyer or read the small print below ☺.

There are 17 sailboats in our marina so I expect to have at least 10 boats in the informal regatta. Wouldn't it even be better if we have ALL 17 boats!!!

T-shirts are unisex long sleeve and short sleeve. Hats come in Black, Navy, washed out black and blue along with the Military (short bill kind of square but of course round) type hat in Olive and Brown.

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SHIRTS – SHORT SLEEVE **\$18.00** EACH OR LONG SLEEVE **\$22.00** EACH

COLOR – LT GRAY, DARK GREEN OR NAVY

SIZE – YOU PICK IT

HATS – BASEBALL RELAXED NOT STIFF COME IN BLACK, NAVY, WASHED OUT BLACK OR BLUE OR MILITARY TYPE IN OLIVE OR BROWN.

Regular hats **\$10.00** each

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Please send me your orders sooner the better. ☺

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Please reply directly to Kelly.

**May 2016 Building and Grounds Chat Room:**

Spring Cleanup will be held May 14 from 0900 to whenever. Before I get to the list of items for the spring cleanup I need to thank three people that I inadvertently left off last month's letter. Lynn Carr and Robert Theisen, for replacing the light for the flag. I cannot thank them enough. Also Jane Eiseman, who has taken on the project of watering the front Rhody beds each time she walks her dogs, who also carries her handy clippers to attack unsuspecting ivy growing on the trees in the woods. In addition, huge kudos to Tim Heitzman and Bill Lloyd for finding and installing a super sound system in the meeting room and doing so under budget. I hear that the sound quality is superb. Clark Van Bogart and Larry Bingham for the work on the driveway and the car eating pot holes. Benida Perodi, Barb Floyd, Patricia Muchmore and Barb Doat for applying the first layer of paint to the stage doors. A second coat will definitely be needed. Larry Bingham for getting additional handicapped parking signs and Do Not Park signs and installing them on moveable posts to be used during large events. As you all know we have wonderful hard working volunteers as members of the LIC and I would love to see more of you giving a small bit of time this year. It doesn't take much-a couple of hours every once in a while gets things done. Special Thanks to all of you who volunteer regularly-you are the best. As a final note, our new tables and table carts are here and I will soon have them down at the LIC along with a second chair dolly. The old tables have served us well and hopefully will go to a good home.

**Partial list of Spring Cleanup projects:** Usual suspects-Clean out flower beds around building and along shed, weed eat behind building, clean gutters, repair gutter on south side, wash windows, clean rafters for spiders webs etc., clean out dumpster area-if needed, spot check upholstered chairs for cleaning needs, check and change all batteries for the fire alarms-I will have batteries available, clean up stage area especially behind curtains and many more I am certain will find their way to the project board. I will post with a reminder before the event. (You will note that the shed no longer appears on the List-Thank Goodness!!!) Until next month, *Sharon*

**"An optimist is a human personification of Spring." Susan J. Bissonette**



From the sunshine corner:



A card is in the mail to Sharon Gearhart, due to her knee surgery. Report is that she is taking it easy and feeling slowly better. We are sending healing thoughts your way, Sharon. The club needs you and misses you !

Nothing else to report, which is good, but I am counting on club members to let me know of anyone needing a friendly card to speed up recovery.

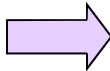
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**COMING SOON!**

**NEW EVENT!**

Advance Tickets \$12.50 Sunnycrest | Bland | Marina \$15/door

**Longbranch Improvement Club**  
**July 2**  
**Saturday 8-11pm**  
**Chris Friel Orchestra**  
**Rock & Soul Dance Party**



**2016 SOUTH SOUND WOMEN'S BOATING SEMINAR**  
STRENGTHEN FUNDAMENTAL BOATING SKILLS

**Back 2 Basics**

Saturday May 21st  
8:30-5:00  
Lunch Included

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# LIC Membership Report



Thanks to Tom Osborn, Jane Eiseman and Kelly Hettinger for kitchen help for the April pot luck. I need setup and kitchen volunteers for the May dessert meeting. Please let me know if you can help.

As you volunteer, please remember to fill out (and turn in) your volunteer hour forms. It is very important for us to keep track of everyone's time and effort. There are forms available at the Clubhouse, at the Marina and on-line. Or, you can send an e-mail I will send you one. Please volunteer and record your time. Thank you!

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