



MEMBER NEWS

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

JANUARY 2020

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: JANUARY 15, 2020 – 6:30PM POT LUCK



President's Message

Well, have you survived the holidays? I hope you were able to take some time to enjoy this season. It's always busy but it's a good time to reflect and enjoy the company of those around us. We are so fortunate to live in this community and in this message I'm going to toot our horn a bit.

As I mentioned at the member meeting, we are closing in on 6,000 volunteer hours this year. Nancy is still compiling the numbers and we expect to have the final tally available by the January meeting. Be sure to get yours in before the end of the year!

So what have we accomplished this year? Early in 2019 The Longbranch Foundation received a \$240,000 grant from the State of Washington for marina improvements. These upgrades were completed in April, and the work included new finger piers, three new galvanized pilings, and significant float replacement. In addition, the LIC contributed \$40,000 for new electrical and upgraded fire suppression systems, including new fire extinguishers. We also installed new decking on part of the marina.

We received a grant from the Pierce County Historic Preservation Society to completely refurbish the windows at the back of the building. The work was completed in the fall. Inside the Clubhouse we have new LED lighting, a new sound system, and a large screen and projector for video presentations. Outside the building we replaced our small LP tank with a much larger one, and added new piping to the clubhouse. We also ran power and water lines out to the Longbranch sign, which will be connected in the future. Additionally, logs were added to further define the parking area and provide protection for the open field from 4-wheeler practice.

We held several fun events throughout the year including two dances, our Opening Day dock breakfast and sailing regatta, and Trunk or Treat in conjunction with Evergreen PTA. We hosted Fiber Arts at the clubhouse, and the marina was part of the Farm Tour.

We continued our ongoing maintenance of the building and our beautiful trail system.

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President's Message (continued)

I'll let Barb Floyd regale you with all of the efforts that went toward supporting the aims of The Longbranch Foundation, but suffice it to say, just this list alone is pretty darn impressive. Thanks to all of you who have contributed your time so that we can boast about all of these accomplishments.

As we close out this very busy year, I'm looking forward to next year's projects. We have our Super Sale coming up in April, our building survey to determine if we can insulate the building, the annual Dock Breakfast, the pump out station for the marina, our dances, and countless other opportunities to spend time with your fellow club members, having fun and getting things accomplished. We'll also start planning for our centennial in 2021, and the next foundation fundraiser.

Jilly and I wish you a healthy and happy new year.

Marsha Kremen

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Events

2019 was a busy and productive year for us at the LIC, culminating with our wonderful Kids & Christmas event. Barb and I would like to thank everyone who participated with us throughout the year to make all of our events successful.

Looking back at the year makes us realize how much time and effort each of these events takes. The planning, recruiting of volunteers, and execution is time consuming, but in the end, well worth the efforts when you realize the impact that we have in our community.

The Kids & Christmas event each year drives home the message that what we are doing in our community matters to a lot of people, not just our membership. When we see the smiles on everyone's faces with Santa (well, not everyone was smiling) and families sitting down for a

hearty meal, it makes it all worthwhile.

Without the efforts of Nancy Carr and Carolyn Wiley, this event, in particular would not be what it is. When you realize how much time and effort these two individuals put into this event, it is pretty amazing. Anne Marie Ugles and Mary Lemon have also taken charge of the kitchen and food preparation to provide wholesome and hearty fare for our guests. There were lots of other volunteers helping to execute this event – where would it have been without Mike Fay as Santa?

We are looking forward to a 2020 filled with outreach to our community, and lots of volunteer participation!

Happy New Year!

Bob & Barb
Events Co-Chairs



My goodness has 2019 flown by or what?! And what a year it was. Your gifts of money and time have helped The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) significantly increase its investments in the South Key.

As Marsha noted in her report, the year started with a large investment of time to obtain a significant grant for Longbranch Marina environmental and safety improvements. The new floats, galvanized pilings, and day-light decking, are just part of what will improve Filucy Bay water quality, and enhance safety at the Marina.

In the Spring, Don Berger's Higher Education Scholarship Committee awarded \$8,000 to students. In the four years that TLF has been incorporated, eight Peninsula High school seniors who attended Evergreen Elementary have received scholarships to attend college. In addition to those new scholarships, some of the students have received recurring scholarships as they continue to do well in school. In those four years TLF has awarded \$21,500 in scholarships.

During the year, Jan Prichard and Kim Robinson have been steadfast in their support of Evergreen Elementary. Over \$2,500 has been invested in sending 5th graders to environmental camp, school supplies, self-care & hygiene kits, shoes, boots, and most recently a \$500 grant for supplies for the school's new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) lab.

With the gift of your efforts to make the TLF Auction fundraiser this year a huge success, we are putting in place a multiyear plan which will expand scholarship support to vocational & trade schools, as well as increase our support to Evergreen Elementary. Your tremendous efforts to make the Key Best auction a success netted us \$60,000 with which to work, and every dollar to support education.

Additional money was raised through our once a year Celebrate Campaign (thank you for contributing again this year!), our biennial Super Sale (held in 2018), and designated donations. These monies were invested (over \$10,000) in matching funds to support the LIC Clubhouse Window project, purchase gravel for our public trail system, and to run power and water to our new Longbranch Sign. We have also been able to support a number of Key Peninsula organizations including Food Backpack 4 Kids, Two Waters Arts Alliance, Key Peninsula Farm Tour, Key Pen Parks, Civic Center and the Children's Home Society.

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THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY



So, pat yourselves on the back, working together the LIC and TLF are fulfilling our mission "to improve the community" by investing in the South Key Peninsula. THANK YOU

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: We are pleased to announce that Marcia Harris has joined The Longbranch Foundation Board as a Director. Last month we announced that Don Swensen has joined the Board. We welcome both new members, they bring a wealth of experience and knowledge.

Thank you for working with us to make a difference in our community.

Wishing you a joy filled New Year!

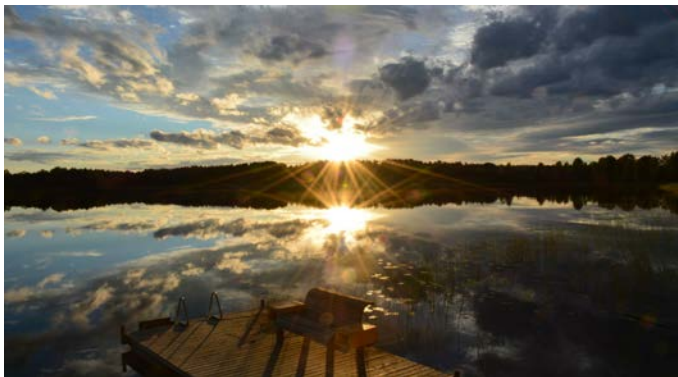
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“What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year.”
~Vern McLellan

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

I hope your Holidays were wonderful! This month I sent out 1 get well card to a long-time member.

Happy New Year!

Cheril Allen,
The Sunshine Lady



Building and Grounds

From Building & Grounds, we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, and are looking forward to a happy and prosperous New Year! During December, the LIC was home to our Kids & Christmas event, a wedding and our holiday dinner, and each event was wonderful. During each event, certain maintenance items were noted and are part of our work plan. If you have any recommendations for the work plan, please send me a note so we are aware of it. We have a toilet to replace as well as replacement outlets and outdoor lighting to keep us busy. We also have detected a very tiny leak in our new inground LP gas lines that we will focus on, and repair (there is no hazard and we keep the tank turned off when not in use).

The Building and Grounds committee could use new members with handyman skills, please reach out and let us know if you are interested. Thanks! Bob Perry, bobperrypersonal@outlook.com.

Bob Perry
Building and Grounds

“ A special message from Marlies VanCise

Hi everyone, I am in my new place and am trying to get adjusted. Good thing is, that I have great and many family members nearby, who are anxious to help me get better... plus there are 3 1/2 great-grandchildren, that cannot wait to play with OMI.

If you'd like to reach me, and I would love to hear from you, you can reach me at:

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A Special Video Tribute

A Year in Review

Our Longbranch Improvement Club
Our Longbranch Foundation
Our Community



<https://youtu.be/NzCsnCeDlh8>

A year of thanks from Pat Muchmore

I would like to thank all of you so much for contributing so much to the food bank. I can't tell you how much everyone is so grateful for the food items they received, especially during this time of the year. You are the best!!!!

Thank you again and I'll see you in the New Year!

Pat Muchmore

Membership

If you have not yet renewed for 2020, please do so. There is a renewal form on the website in the Members only section. I can e-mail to you, if you prefer, just let me know.

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Christmas dinner. It was very well attended and the music before dinner was very nice. The food, as always, was great. We were fortunate to have some new members and guests at the meeting.

<u>New Members:</u>	<u>Guests:</u>	
Blase & Theresa Yost Jack McCarley and Jill McJury Deborah Jordan Jim & Diana Craig	Kathy and Paul Antkovich Diane Grant Dan Whited	Bobbi Youtcheft Mel Hung

Please remember to log in your volunteer hours for this year. I would like to have them all entered by January 10, 2020. That way we will have statistics for the next meeting. If you don't have the app, let me know and I'll send the link. If you prefer to e-mail or fill out a form for your hours, that is fine, too, just let me know. These hours are very important for the grants and projects we are doing.

Happy and healthy New Year everyone!!!

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair



Dockmaster Report

Hello from the marina!

Our annual chili feed and lighted boat parade are in the books and what a deliciously good time we had! It was a festive night with good food, and great company. Thank you to everyone who participated. The lighted boat parade did not disappoint! We even had Rudolph (Joe the tug) leading the way.

Since the weather is getting colder, we will be turning off most of the water at the marina. There are however, two faucets at the bottom of the ramp (one on each side) that remain on all winter. Let me know if you have any questions about this.

Please keep your power cords, boat lines, and water hose squared away so that they are not tripping hazards. It is also important to come check on your boat on a regular basis. If you see something at the marina that needs my attention please let me know.

Next up on my agenda will be painting and sprucing up the marina office. I look forward to that. I have also taken on Opening Day and the dock breakfast this year and would love any and all help!

Happy New Year!
Katie Harrison
Dockmaster

LIC General Meeting December 18, 2019



Marsha Kremen, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Marsha thanked everyone for being present at our annual Christmas Dinner Meeting and introduced the following guests and new members:

Guests: Kathy & Paul Antkowich, Diane Grant, Dan Whited, Bobbi Youtcheft, and Mel Hing

New Members: Blasé & Theresa Yost, and Jack McCarley & Jill McJury

Marsha announced that the LIC had acquired the early 1900's post office boxes originally located in the Barell's Bullis store in Longbranch. We would welcome a member volunteering to refurbish the piece for a permanent display.

Marsha also thanked Jan Prichard and helpers for making all of the table centerpieces. They can be taken home for a modest donation of as little as \$5.

Kim Robinson, secretary, asked that the minutes of the November 2019 meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP.

Jim Hettinger, treasurer, reported net profit year to date is expected to be higher than the budgeted amount, and cash flow remains strong. He indicated the final 2019 numbers will be available for the January meeting, along with an

allocation of cash to the various reserves, and the LIC's 2020 capital and operating budgets.

Barb Floyd, president of The Longbranch Foundation, thanked all the volunteers who helped throughout the year, and especially those who worked so hard on the very successful Key Best auction event in August. Marsha added that we are nearing the 6,000 volunteer hour mark in 2019 and we will most likely set a new record.

Marsha noted copies of several proposed bylaw changes have been distributed on each table. The LIC's bylaws require proposed changes be presented at two successive membership meetings. This meeting should be considered the first, so members will be asked to approve the changes in January.

Masha requested a group photo for a member who is no longer living in the community. David Ziegler, vice president, took the group photo, and it will be distributed to members.

Marsha announced recipients of Star and Lifetime Membership Awards for 2019 as follows:

Star Awards are given to members, or non-members, who have made outstanding or extraordinary volunteer contributions to the LIC and/or The Longbranch Foundation, during the current year.

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Ann-Marie Ugles - For acquiring, making and staffing a delicious meal for The Longbranch Foundation's Key Best Auction, as well as creative meal preparation throughout the year for the LIC events.

Barbara Green - For hours staffing, coordinating and creating beautiful decorations for The Longbranch Foundation's Key Best Auction, as well as hours of support for LIC events.

Barbara Van Bogart - For gathering, describing and displaying many auction items which contributed significantly to the success of The Longbranch Foundation's Key Best Auction. Also, for her ongoing maintenance of the Longbranch sign landscaping.

Celia Emens - For enthusiastically volunteering, especially for Fiber Arts and Trunk or Treat, and handling the recycle program.

Cheril Allen - For creative work decorating The Longbranch Foundation's Key Best Auction and caring support of LIC membership as the club's Sunshine Lady, and for organizing and keeping everyone on track for a very successful Fiber Arts Show.

David Shinnars - For translating Tim Heitzman's slides into a wonderful video and adding music for The Longbranch Foundation advertising.

Don Swensen - For grand assistance with The Longbranch Foundation's Key Best Auction as Wine Steward and a

creative challenge to help with the success of the Key Best Auction.

Jim Sobieck: - For helping with building maintenance, grounds help and Key Best decorations and transportation and always available whenever needed.

Katie Harrison - For enthusiastically handling the boater's challenges with the new electrical system at the marina. And for promoting the marina on social media and reaching out to the yacht clubs.

Kelly Hettinger - For gathering, describing and displaying many auction items which contributed significantly to the success of The Longbranch Foundation's Key Best Auction.

Larry Bingham - For continued maintenance and upgrades on the LIC trail system and planting trees on the north end of the LIC property.

Marian Henrich - For being one of the first to volunteer whenever and wherever needed, especially for Fiber Arts and Trunk or Treat and for helping with the recycle program.

Mary Lemon - For coordinating and managing the food and desserts for The Longbranch Foundation's Key Best Auction as well as leadership of the LIC kitchen throughout the year.

Tim Heitzman - For creative design of The Longbranch Foundation's print advertising and for the creation of beautiful, heartfelt slides for The Longbranch Foundation's video.

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Tanya Perry - For hours spent on creative and successful advertising, including a video, invitations and the program for The Longbranch Foundation's Key Best Auction. Also for her ongoing effort on the newsletter and other marketing and advertising materials.

Lifetime Membership Awards are presented to one or more members or non-members who have made outstanding contributions to the LIC and/or The Longbranch Foundation over a number of years.

Geoffrey Baillie (posthumously) and Lynn Larson - For tireless effort in undertaking and completing the project for a new wharf at the marina, including their personal guarantee of the wharf bank loan. Lynn has spent many years ensuring the historical records of the LIC and marina are organized and archived. Geoff's vision for a non-profit foundation was the early framework for The Longbranch Foundation.

Melissa Haumerson - For her creative watercolor artwork of the South Key, which continues to benefit the LIC. And her behind the scenes support for the community.

Chuck & Louise Beam - For their fabulous haunted house, which is one of the key features of the Trunk or Treat event each year. Louise provided the menu and food for the original Down Key

Festival and currently has been instrumental in feeding folks at the annual Opening Day dock breakfast. Her biscuits and gravy are a favorite.

Randy & Carolyn Carr - For their long-time service to the community and continued support for the LIC. Randy served as president twice and was responsible for a major undertaking at the marina to move it into the future.

Rick & Francie Carr - For being enthusiastic supporters of the LIC and this community for many years. France served as Treasurer and President and both are willing to lend a hand and help whenever a need arises.

Marsha announced that Katie Stewart, a skipper in the Race to Alaska will be the featured speaker at the January, 2020 dessert potluck membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Minutes drafted by Clark Van Bogart for:
Kim Robinson, Secretary

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