

# LIC NEWS



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## PRESIDENT'S

### LETTER *Outgoing Message...*

Firstly, Thank you Cliff & Pam Lofgren for donating the new American Flag that replaced the tattered one which hung outside the LIC Bldg. It looks quite magnificent! Secondly, thanks to all who have given selflessly over the past year, without ulterior motives and with fairness in your hearts, working far more than the required hrs. You have truly been what has made our jobs bearable...I could not have done it without you. Good luck to the new board, I hope that all goes well and that with your guidance, the LIC organization continues to thrive. All that being said, here is a little story that describes the lesson I have learned while serving as the President of the LIC.



One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

So, he invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

Then pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!



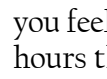
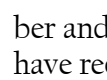
**Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up.**

Each of our troubles is really a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells by just not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up...

Linda L. Le-  
Blanc

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As the membership numbers are covered in the minutes I will refrain from repeating them in my report.



*At this time we still need two people to serve as Hostess/ Host for the June General Meeting potluck. So, if you are looking for a way to earn hours, please call Sue Stuhaug at 253.884-3685 as I will be in Alaska as you read this report.*

I have attempted to be up to date on the hours/ meetings for each member and have turned in what I have received up to this time. If you feel you have worked more hours than what have been credited please contact the Chairperson for that activity. Hopefully I will have everyone current by the end of June. Contact me at 253.884.1124.

Peg Bingham



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 5/16/07

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by  
President Linda LeBlanc.

Linda recognized and thanked the hostess and  
host, Ann Dearing and Sandy Black and greeter  
Carmen Davies.

### Membership

Peg reported that we have 110 paid  
memberships (192 members).  
No new members this month.

Tim reported that year to date the budget is in  
good shape. He was able to put \$10,000 into a  
certificate of deposit. Total income at \$55,105  
is ahead of schedule (but it is  
always ahead at this time of  
year). Expenses are 34,300,  
which is less than budgeted  
but we are coming up on the  
more expensive time of year.



Chairs have spent less than budgeted and events  
have generated more than expected.

### Events

Carolyn reported that over  
half of the tickets for the  
Odyssey cruises have been sold and at this point  
we have broken even on our cost of this event.  
The tickets have a raffle ticket on the back and  
Paula and Dave Wickland have donated a model  
of the Odyssey to be raffled.

Tickets for the Memorial Day Dance are  
available for \$12 per person. There will be  
packaged food for sale at the dance. Carolyn is  
looking for help to set-up for the dance, handle  
the door (Dottie Loomis will be at the door but  
additional help is needed there). Continued . . .

Help is needed to take down after the dance and  
clean-up with additional cleanup scheduled for  
Sunday. What cleaning is not done by members  
will be done by our cleaning service and they are  
paid at an hourly rate, so it would be to the club's  
benefit to leave it well cleaned. Carolyn passed  
around signup sheets for the dance.

Fire District 16 Division Chief Guy Allen and oth-  
er firemen planted the area by the power pole in  
the front of the clubhouse. There will be a plant  
amnesty next Sunday and if you have any plants  
or shrubs you would like to donate please bring  
them by the clubhouse. They are looking for low  
maintenance plants.

The dock breakfast was fantastic and although  
there were fewer attendees they were very  
generous and \$867.37 was donated. The raffle  
made \$200. Tom Morgan won the model boat  
donated by the Wicklands.

Mark Runions is working hard on the plans for  
the August music festival.

Judy Riggs is planning a garage sale day at the  
club on July 8th. Tables will be available for rent-  
al for \$15/table. This will be a good chance to  
do a bit of cleanup around the house and pick up  
a little extra money at the same time.

Aerobics and yoga are teetering on the brink of  
non-profitability and the classes need more  
participants. They have a very good instructor  
and would love to have you join them.

**Building:** The building (*needs to be brought to code*)  
did not pass the fire inspection  
when we applied for the dance  
permit. Kelly Oathout, with  
help from Sandy Black made  
corrections of the listed items.  
The fire inspector returned on  
Thursday and all but the doors  
(to be fixed on Friday) passed. The fire inspector  
will be called to re-inspect so we can get our  
permit on time for the dance.



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We have employed a cleaner for the building and she is paid on an hourly rate. If anyone sees anything that you think should be done please call Mike and let him know.

Lynn Carr volunteered to be the **third mower for the grounds**. He also put rails on the stage steps and fixed the re-cycle barrels. He is planning on repairing the garbage area.

As a result of the winter storms, the trail area behind the club has many **downed/leaning trees**. Fred Bigelow (keeping wood therefore no cost to LIC) has been approached about removing them.



In Dean Latshaw's absence Mark Jones gave the dock report. The dock is doing well considering the cost of gas, but moorage from the individual boaters is down.

Two yacht clubs will be in for Memorial Day, motor homes will be parked at the club house and there will be a baseball game at the field.

Mark requested that **member's boats** be moved from the marina for Memorial Day weekend.

The dock committee is meeting to set policy for the use of the dock similar to the building policy.



A boat got loose at the marina and drifted away. Sandy Black saw it and jumped into a dinghy and rowed after it. Gene

Brown came with a boat with a motor and towed the rescuer and the rescued back to the dock. The boat owner was appropriately grateful.

Carolyn had planned (now planning another date) to have a "Will it Float" meeting Thursday night the 24th at the dock for LIC members to discuss sponsored races and whether they would be a viable event. Mark Jones reminded her that was the Thursday before Memorial Day and there would probably be boats already in the marina.

## Livable Community Fair

Linda reported that the Livable Community Fair had a good turnout/we got a new member from it.

## Nominating Committee

Mike Hays submitted the following slate for the election next month.

President - Stu Stuhaug

Dock Chair - Dean Latshaw

Membership Chair - Sue Stuhaug

Treasurer - no one committed at this time but three are considering it.

Don Davies and Pat Latshaw assisted Mike on the committee. Mike noted that two other groups have said they will be bring names to the June meeting but were not naming nominees at this time. The more-The Merrier . . . Mike encourages anyone to make nominations from the floor.



Carolyn introduced her **new neighbors**, Bill and Kathy Berryhill and their daughter Brooke, who attended the meeting as guests.

John Biggs brought up an issue that had been discussed at the Board meeting. Division Chief Guy Allen of the Fire Department reclused from both discussion and vote that was about to take place. A committee has been formed in the community to **recall Fire Commissioners Bosch and Yanity**. The Business Ass. had sent a letter to the Fire Board calling for Bosch and Yanity's resignations. The LIC Board decided to let the members make their own individual decisions on this issue. John said that since the LIC Board's meeting, the Community Center had sent letters to the Fire Board asking for the resignations. Mike Hays suggested the LIC send a letter also. Phil Ingram made a motion that the LIC send a letter. Mike Maroney seconded. Motion passed.



Gene Brown announced that he has started a series of sailboat races at the dock that are not an LIC event.

Gene feels that the LIC does not need to have any say in his doing this. Gene wanted it noted in the minutes that this is “not an LIC event”. There are no sponsors, no written rules, just sailors sailing for the fun of sailing. Three races have been scheduled, one has already taken place, there will be one tomorrow and he is hoping to schedule more for June. They are trying to keep the races within the bay.



Pam and Cliff Lofgren have donated a new flag to the club. It will be raised after the meeting.

Mike Maroney announced that the Department of Emergency Management will hold a **disaster training meeting** at the Lutheran Church on Saturday.

Sandy Black said that **two new lights are needed at the dock**. They are leaking down into the wiring.

Mark Runions reminded members to **come to the Memorial Day Dance** to dance and enjoy a great band.

Marilyn Hazelquist held the **scholarship raffle**. Winners were Louise Brown, Carmen Davies and Virgil Iverson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Bingham, Acting Secretary

**EVENT REPORT:**

*“On the dock at the Bay”*

May 5, 2007

Carolyn Wiley



Thanks to the crew organized by Doug & Judy Sylvers the Opening Day Dock Breakfast was another wonderful event . . . enjoyable and successful! Donations neared the \$900 mark and the Raffle brought in another \$200. Tom Morgan was the extremely pleased raffle winner of the Bluenose (1921) model that was donated by Dave and Paula Wickland.



**EVENT REPORT:**

*Memorial Day Dance*

May 26, 2007

Carolyn Wiley

Good News! On May18th the Fire Marshal sent his report to the State approving the special event license, but it went astray. The Special Event Permit did arrive with about 30 hours to spare - just a little too close for comfort. Kudos to Mike Hays, Kelly Oathout, and Sandy Black and to all the other volunteers who worked to correct the fire code violations. Unfortunately some of the replacements and repairs were expensive.

Thanks to all of you! Especially... Mike Hays, Kelly Oathout, Sandy Black, and Lynn Carr to who pitched in to resolve the fire code issues and gave that special attention to the grounds. (By the way, Linda and Tom Kay are the official water-ers for plantings around the Building). Mark Runions who got the band and handled set up along with Laurie Jones. Tim Heitzman who designed those great posters and assumed on-site management of the dance on very short notice. Linda Leblanc who provided valuable advice and help throughout planning and execution. Wally Johnson & Norma Iverson who handled food & beverage purchases. Continued . . .

Dave Dahl, Mark Runions, Dave Cubberley, and Linda LeBlanc who managed set-up-a little short handed-sorry about that! Bartenders & Snacks: Dave Cubberley, Mike Hays, Mark Runions, Jean and Michael Xu, Tom Lupo, David Wiley. Door Keepers: Dottie Loomis, Jackie Furrey, & Judy Riggs (also troubleshooter). Clean Up: Sandy Black, Dave Dahl, Norma & Jim Larsen, Tom Lupo, and those "floaters" Lisa & George Bryan.

A special thanks to those of Members who did purchase "no show" tickets in response to the note I sent out on May 18<sup>th</sup> via e-mail.

While dealing with a variety of situations related to organizing the Memorial Day Dance, I became acutely aware that the LIC building suffers from too many years of benign neglect. The building is an historic treasure and far too valuable an asset to allow it to deteriorate further. With the support of every member the situation can be improved. I suggested that members who could not attend the Memorial Day Dance purchase "NO SHOW" Tickets and several of you did. However, to cover the cost of resolving the fire code violations every member would have had to have bought a ticket to the Dance.

Although a lot of effort has gone into increasing revenue from Events, the modest success of these efforts is inadequate without participation by members. One cannot enter the building without noticing something that could or should be fixed, but until "doing what needs to be done" becomes a priority with the members of LIC the situation will not change. Give Mike Hays a call. Mike is very enthusiastic about improving the Longbranch Improvement Club. Mike Hays 884.9498



**Carolyn Wiley**, Events Chair  
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**UPCOMING EVENT:**

SSS ODYSSEY Cruises  
June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>  
Ticket reservations:  
Carolyn Wiley 884-9157  
Mark Jones 884-5137

Tickets for both the June 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 5:00 (\$40.00 per person) and June 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 to 1:00 (\$35.00 per person) are still available. Yes, you may come down to the dock and go aboard the Odyssey while she is docked at the marina-but, no "stowaways", please. AND, Yes, you may purchase raffle tickets (\$5.00 each) for the model of the SSS Odyssey. This is another generous donation by Dave & Paula Wickland.

Several people on the Sat. Cruise have expressed interest in a potluck on the dock after the cruise so please join in if you want to know more about the boat, its history, or the Sea Scout program.



**UPCOMING EVENT:**

Plant Amnesty Day  
June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Call to donate:  
Carolyn Wiley 884-9157  
Mike Hays 884.9498

You may have noticed the beginning of a beautification effort in the parking lot turn around area. The original intent was to prevent people from driving into the guy wires. The secondary intent was to find a more suitable home for the cedars that Dolores and Wayne Argabright donated for the barrels on the dock. So, within the next few weeks, Mike Hays and I will be preparing a planting area in that triangle and invite you to donate some of your plant divisions, starts, and non-invasive extras to the LIC Plant Amnesty. If you ask me, I'll say, "Feel free to add your plant to the bed." However, you may want to check with Mike, he may want to reserve the right to relocate plants for best effect.



### UPCOMING EVENT:

“LIC Community Garage Sale”

July 8th, 2007

Judy Riggs/Eddie Morgan Co-Chairs

Call Judy for more info. 884-7909

[judyriggs12@peoplepc.com](mailto:judyriggs12@peoplepc.com)

Come join in both the “FUN” and the “FIND”. The LIC Community Garage Sale will be held on Sunday, July 8th, 2007 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. There is a \$15.00 per table /\$15.00 removal deposit charge and there are LIC tables available for your use. For planning purposes, we will be outside if the weather is “cooperating” and inside if the weather is “misbehaving”.

### UPCOMING EVENT:

“Beyond the Borders”

August 4th, 2007

Carolyn Wiley 884-9157

Mark Runions 884.4807



Mark Runions continues his efforts to bring great music to the area and highlight some of our local talent. He has four bands and a variety of food vendors lined up for this community event. Two

Waters Arts Alliance is using a grant from the Angel Guild to fund the bands, and is also organizing a juried Art Show. For prospectus and info. regarding volunteer opportunities visit the TWAA website at [www.twowaters.org](http://www.twowaters.org).

LIC will be operating a beer garden and selling desserts. Opportunities to volunteer are unlimited. Got lederhosen? . . . or ideas for an easy-summer dessert with a “Beyond Our Borders” flair-perhaps a strawberry shortcake with an accent?

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Two graduating Seniors from Peninsula High School were awarded scholarships from the LIC. The scholarships were presented at the Peninsula High School Awards Assembly on May 23, 2007.



Olivia Konicek and Amanda Milbourn will each receive a \$900 scholarship from the LIC pledge of \$1,800.<sup>00</sup>.

The criteria for this award is based on residency, merit in academics, participation in school activities and in the community, and future

plans. I am sure that each member of the LIC is pleased to share in this opportunity for support and pride in the students of our community.

Barbara Copley, Scholarship Chairwoman

### Gregoire Signing HB 1651

The word is out...Governor Gregoire planned to sign HB 1651 on Thursday, May 3rd, creating the boating activities account. It began with a blank white board last October and soon there should be a new law in place. Congratulations to all. Along the way, the bill evolved and ultimately the annual funding was reduced to \$1M, but the major components of the concept defined last fall remained in place: a boating activities account was established, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) will administer the account, there will be additional funding for marine law enforcement, and a study will be performed to determine the needs of boaters.

Passage of this bill is a step in the direction of getting millions of dollars that US boaters pay in annual excise fees invested in boating programs in the years to come...If passed, the bill will take the fees already paid on boats each year put it in a dedicated account for boating programs such as; new boat-launch ramps/repair of existing, boater safety education, boating related law-enforcement activities, boating-related environmental programs etc. Submitted by Theresa Gano ... 884.3013

**Friends Don't Let Friends  
Go Without A Lifejacket**



Coast Guard Auxiliary recommends that the best way to prevent tragedy on the water is to - "just wear it".

Sacramento - In the wake of a recent tragedy in Northern California, where three people died as a result of not wearing lifejackets, and in preparation for the upcoming boating season, the Coast Guard Auxiliary wants to remind the boating public and others who live, work or play around the water - friends don't let friends go without a lifejacket! Whether you plan to go fishing, hunting, waterskiing, or just want to enjoy a day on or around the water, the single most important thing you can do to prevent tragedy is to "just wear it".

The statistics are fairly consistent in that each year, between 80 and 90 percent of those involved in a boating accident drown. An overwhelming number of these drowning victims were not wearing lifejackets. Most boating safety experts believe that the majority of these deaths could have been prevented, if only the drowning victim had simply been wearing a properly fitted lifejacket. Wearing a lifejacket on a boat is akin to wearing a seatbelt in your car. Just as you shouldn't start your journey in your car without buckling up, you need to wear your lifejacket anytime you are on or near the water. While the law requires most children to "just wear it" there are no rules for wearing lifejackets for adults. In fact, the lifejacket wear rate is believed to be somewhere around five percent, far below the wear rate for seatbelts. Lifejackets of old - bulky and uncomfortable. Lifejackets of new - stylish, buoyant and even inflatable. The Coast Guard Auxiliary urges all boaters-sailors-paddle craft operators; wear a Coast Guard approved lifejacket at all times when near/on the water and take a boating safety course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. Submitted by Theresa Gano ...

**WANTED: Pasture to Rent** ... Horse pasture needed for 25 year old, easy to deal with, gelding. We would prefer a pasture in the Longbranch area but further north could also work. We need pasture, shelter, and some hay and feed storage. We would prefer a location that feeds, but we can feed if that is what works out best. If you could help us out, please call Ruth 208-0349 or Pat Thompson 884-5286.

**WANTED: Clean Fill Dirt** ... Fill dirt needed in Longbranch. Contact Chuck or Norma-Jean Gibson 884.6556.

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