



Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community

**JANUARY
2016**

January 20, 2016: Dessert meeting at LIC clubhouse-6:30 pm

President's Message:



Happy New Year to all and I hope that you had a very Merry Christmas.

Each year at Christmastime, I become very nostalgic when I walk into the beautifully decorated LIC clubhouse with its stunning tree surrounded with a roomful of friends and neighbors. I wonder how many decades the clubhouse has welcomed the neighborhood to the traditional Longbranch Christmas party. This year the beautiful tree, donated by Ron and Alta Van Someren, touched the rafters! It was gorgeous. A big thank you is extended to the Van Somerens, Jeff Parsons who installed the tree and all who helped to make the clubhouse into a Christmas wonderland. Thanks to all the great cooks who contributed to the delicious potluck feast, and to Mark Runions, Lynn and Bill Lloyd who led us in Christmas carols, I extend a big thank you!

At the meeting it was my pleasure to present the Star awards to members who have made outstanding volunteer contributions to the LIC this year. Congratulations to the following Star awardees Mike Isbell, Brian and Debbie Born, Bill and Lynn Lloyd, Larry and Eloise Colbert, Susan Quigley, Lynn Larson and Robin Gould who all gave of their volunteer time to accomplish mowing the LIC field in the hot summer sun, writing a successful grant application, recycling nasty sticky soda cans for the scholarship fund, and organizing an outstanding Fiber Arts event. They are truly outstanding LIC volunteers.

This year, the Board of Directors approved two lifetime awards which are presented to members who have made outstanding contributions to the Club over a number of years.. One was bestowed to Phil and Karen Johnson. Phil has served on the Board since at least 2009, faithfully attending monthly Board meetings, serving on committees, helping to write policy, reviewing documents and generally keeping the LIC legal. Karen recently worked on the successful "Savories and Sweets" Cookbook. They both have dedicated many volunteer hours to the LIC over many years and I thank them for all their efforts! The other recipients were not in attendance so we will keep the announcement until January.

As the New Year approaches, many of us make resolutions. Think about including the LIC Core Values in your 2016 resolutions:

- Welcoming Spirit:** Welcome new members at LIC meetings and guest boaters at the dock,
- Stewardship:** Attend or monetarily support at least one event at the LIC,
- Generosity:** Give generously of your time to your community,
- Volunteerism:** Volunteer to help with an LIC event or project,
- Goodwill:** Spread a spirit of cheer and friendship while you are at the marina or clubhouse.

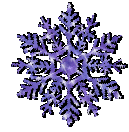
"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one." (Brad Paisley)

Happy New Year to you. I look forward to a great 2016.

Francie Carr



**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**



DEC. 18, 2015

Festive activities at the LIC started at 6:30 with a potluck feast. It was a traditional Christmas Dinner. Tables were set in the beautifully decorated hall, where members and guests mixed and matched for a leisurely paced dinner.

There wasn't a business meeting, but President Francie Carr gave out Star Awards to a few of our Members, thanking them for outstanding volunteer service on behalf of the LIC. This year the Star Awards go to: Lynn Larson, Bill and Lynn Lloyd, Susan Quigley, Robin Gould, Mike Isbel, Brian and Debbie Born, and Eloise and Larry Colbert.

Lifetime awards were presented to Phil and Karen Johnson for continued outstanding volunteer service to the LIC and our community.

There was also a big thank you to the Angel Guild for the donation of \$1000 for Kids and Christmas.

And also a big Thank you to Ron and Alta Von Sommeren for donating the Christmas tree that adorned the Clubhouse and reached above the ceiling rafters. And thank you Jeff Parsons for cutting the tree and somehow wrangling it to the LIC.

Following was a Christmas carol sing-a-long, led by Mark Runions on the keyboard and Lynn and Bill Lloyd on mandolin and guitar. Marlies VanCise sang a lovely German version of "Silent Night". The music brightened the Hall with good cheer and warm wishes all around.

And lastly, there was a very big thank you to Nancy Carr for orchestrating this mammoth event. And thank you to all of the volunteers that decorated the hall and set up the huge beautiful Noble Fir Tree; set up the table and chairs with the good tablecloths and beautiful centerpieces; bartended with wine and beer; made live music magic; set up food on tables in the lobby and monitored the feasting activities; roasted the various beasties and brought all the fabulous side dishes and desserts. And finally, a big Thank you to all who helped the massive cleanup efforts afterwards.

Happy New Year!
Reported by *Judy Riggs*



Though I have only attended LIC Meetings since 2008, I just wanted to share my heart felt feelings about the wonderful meeting we had on December 16th. The food was excellent, Francie did a great job keeping the announcements short and to the point but most of all, Mark Runions, Lynn and Bill Lloyd did a magnificent job entertaining us with live Christmas music. We sang or just listened to all those wonderful Christmas Carols and I experienced the most joyous feeling as I am sure everyone else did as well. We then had a beautiful rendition of Silent Night sung beautifully by Marlies VanCise in German. I had no idea she has such a clear and beautiful singing voice!! Thank you all for a most delightful evening that so many of us fully appreciated. *Pat Muchmore*





DE-DECORATION DAY AT LIC!



Don't forget the De-Decorating day on Sunday, January 3rd, at 10am. We'd like some strong people to get the beautiful tree down! It won't take long if a lot of people show up! ("**Many hands make light work**" as the old saying goes.) If earlier is better, we can be there at 9am.

Contact Lynn Lloyd at lloydlynn52@gmail.com or call 884-2270 to let me know if you can make it.

Dockmaster Report

The Marina has been wet and cold and there is not much visiting boater activity. Please check your electrical cords. If you are using light-duty electrical cord, please replace with heavier cord that is up to code.

The water is still on, but as you know, this is a day-by-day option depending on the weather and temperature.

Lynn Carr



Notes from the LIC Treasurer:

We are in the process of preparing the permanent moorage invoices for 2016. Permanent moorage is due in full by February 15th or in quarterly payments with the first due February 15, then, April 1, July 1, and October 1. If you choose to pay the entire bill by February 15, you may take a 5% discount off the entire bill as outlined below:

- 1.** The standard monthly rate is \$7.00 per foot applied to the longer of the vessel or assigned slip length.
- 2.** Qualified Regular Members (as of Dec. 31 of the previous calendar year) receive a 10% discount on all moorage.
- 3.** Permanent moorage tenants receive a 5% discount (applied to the previous discounted rate) for pre-paying the annual rental before February 15th of the moorage year.
- 4.** Electric, water, trash, lavatory and Wi-Fi services are included at no additional charge.

Thank you, and please, put your slip number on any checks, as I want to make sure payments are applied correctly!

Jim Hettinger

From the sunshine corner with a different kind of news.....

With permission from DOLORES ARGABRIGHT, I want you all to know that she and Wayne each have a wonderful caregiver. This will enable Dolores to take a trip to California (with her caregiver), while she knows that Wayne is in good hands.

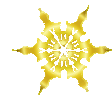


At the LIC Christmas Party I ran into Jeff Tritt, whose mother had passed away recently. I told him that I was planning to send him a card, but he told me that a genuine hug was much more special than any card I could send. So we hugged (and I saved the LIC 49cents in stamps) :-)

The other day I ran into HAROLD SCHLENKER at the post office. Harold and his wife Alice were longtime LIC members. After Alice's passing in 2013, Harold had a hard time to adjust to the new situation (who wouldn't) and finally decided that it was time to sell his home in Lake Oswego and move back fulltime to his beautiful little home on the waterfront in Longbranch. I hope, that Harold will join the LIC again, but I think that he needs a little encouraging. I will invite him to different functions and I hope, that other people will too. Harold, we are happy that you chose to return to our beautiful Longbranch and be part of our loving community!

Respectfully submitted by *Marlies Van Cise*

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



Many thanks to all the wonderful folks who helped "Deck the Halls" on Dec. 5th. **Over 30 LIC Members and helpers** descended to erect and decorate the magnificent tree, hang lights and put greenery and decor at every window, nook and cranny. They brought their tools, their greens and their good cheer and the LIC has never looked more festive, inside or out!

Special thanks to:

Sharon and Peg for feeding everyone.

Marlies for the beautiful tree skirt.

AJ for all the swags *ready - made*.



Jeff Parsons for cutting down and delivering the tree.
THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

We wish you all a peaceful and healthy 2016.



Jan

Building and Grounds Chat Room:

Well, I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday and is looking forward to 2016. I wish to take this time to thank everyone who helped with the LIC this year to include everyone who worked so diligently on the lawn and grounds, the hiking trails, general repairs, spring and fall clean up, road pick up, set up and tear down for events, kitchen crews, grant committee, building and grounds committee, flower beds, the LIC Board and all those who helped repair, procure and replace. I am looking forward to the next year and have a gentle reminder to all that our **full grant proposal** was accepted so we have our work cut out for us in the next several months. If you are going to be looking for hours and wish to help with our projects, please let me know...your help will be mightily appreciated and we will have a variety of things to choose from. Until then thanks to a wonderful group of people and Happy New Year!!!! I look forward to working with you in the coming months. I will not have a Volunteer Project list this month but just wait until next!! See you then. *Sharon*

"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time." *Laura Ingalls Wilder*



Please fill out and return to Nancy Carr-thank you.

ncarr44@centurytel.net

Notice for boaters: please include a valid mobile/emergency contact number.

2016 LIC Membership Renewal Thank you, due Jan 1, 2016

NAME

Any changes?

KPS ADDRESS **CITY STATE ZIP**

MAILING ADDRESS **CITY STATE ZIP**

LOCAL TELEPHONE **MOBILE/OTHER TELEPHONE**

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CHECK ENCLOSED CHARGE TO VISA MasterCard

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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

- Road crew pickup
- _____

FACILITIES

- Building
- Grounds/garden
- Marina
- _____

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
- Office
- Musical
- Publicity
- _____

Membership Renewal Dues

- Individual..... \$25**
- Couple/Family..... \$40**
- Associate Member..... \$25**

KIDS N' CHRISTMAS!

Children and families from all over the Evergreen service area returned to the North Pole's southern branch. "Wow!" and "a great event for this community" were comments left by happy participants of the traditional Kids and Christmas event at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

Happy tykes were aided by nearly 50 members from seven different Girl Scout troops. The G-scouts hosted craft activities including pinecone birdfeeders and snowmen ornaments so that attendees could leave with homemade gifts for others. Members of troop 43564, who have been attending the event for seven years, were especially proud of their Chicken Noodle Soup in a Jar that participants were guided to make themselves.

Speaking of gifts, earlier in the month, members of the US Marines gathered a bundle of Toys for Tots donations that LIC volunteers wrapped and prepped for distribution. Children sat on Santa's lap while busy elves and Mrs. Claus found gifts for them.

The LIC provided photos with Santa, a light lunch and a grand event. Volunteer, Maggie Barry said, that the Go Fish Ice Fishing pond was, "a party!" Barry, along with her sisters Patty and Lizzy, have been volunteering at Kids and Christmas for over five years. They travel from the big city of Seattle especially for this event and do it because it is fun and, let's face it, for Peg Bingham's cookies too. Other grandkids helping out this year were Dylan Van Bogart (in the Ice Fishing Pond), Nolan Littleton (with the Santa Photos), and 'Junior' who kept everyone on their toes and successfully evaded Santa. These volunteers and many others helped make the event run as smoothly as a sleigh over new fallen snow.

Some numbers from Kids and Christmas:

58 families attended

About 142 kids visited Santa

Seven scout troops (with 50 members) had make-it-and-take-it gifts

29 families completed surveys. Of these, 15 were first-time attendees

About 229 kids, adults, scouts, and elves enjoyed lunch



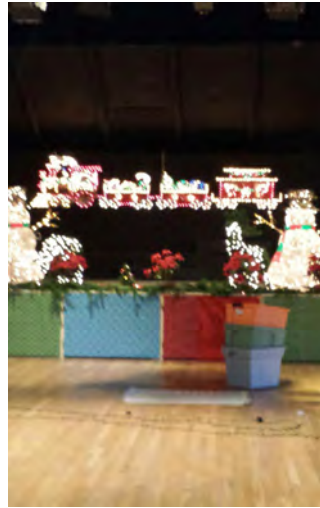
(Article prepared by some of ***Santa's Elves and volunteers.***)



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DECKING THE HALLS AT LIC!!!



photos by Robyn Enders



LIC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I want to thank everyone that helped with the Christmas dinner, and everyone that came. The Lodge looked very festive, the food was fantastic and the music was excellent. Some of the very important players:

- * Setup, tables and sound system: Kurt Anderson, Kerry Jamieson, Bill Lloyd, Lynn Carr, Mark Runions, Carolyn Wiley, Sharon Gearhart and Nancy Carr
- * Table Decorations: Jan Prichard, AJ Million and a talented crew
- * Cook ham and turkey: Sharon Gearhart, Jan Prichard, Robert Theisen, Lynn Lloyd and Jim Hettinger
- * Slide Show: Rich Hildahl
- * Kitchen Help: Tom Osborne, Susan Quigley, Jane Eiseman and Sharon Gearhart
- * Bartenders: Kelly Hettinger and Kelly Guenther
- * Cleanup: Many Members

The winners of the quilts were Jan Prichard and Connie Hildahl.

There were winners of the silent auctions, too, that benefitted the Kids & Christmas program. I think Robert and Connie did all their Christmas shopping from the auction tables, and we thank you!!

Thanks again for all your help in 2015, and we get to start over in 2016. If you can help with either setup or in the kitchen for the dessert meeting January 20, please let me know.

Nancy

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LIC Membership Report

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DESSERT MEETING- JAN. 20- 6:30 PM AT LIC CLUBHOUSE!

The program for the January Membership meeting will be presented by David Montesino, who will show some of his beautiful photography of Longbranch and Key Peninsula. If you have seen any of his work, you know how well he captures the natural beauty of our area. Don't miss this presentation.

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