MEMBER NEWS



FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

APRIL 2021

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: APRIL 21, 2021 6:30PM - ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

Have you ever wondered about the origin of April Fools' Day? There are various stories out there going all the way back to the 1500's. One story goes that in 1561 the Flemish poet Eduard de Dene wrote of a nobleman who sent his servants on foolish errands on April 1. In another story, the origin is attributed to the Dutch victory in 1572 at

Brielle, where Spanish Duke Alvarez de Toledo was defeated. I'm not really sure why a defeat in battle would lead to April Fools' Day but maybe things were different back then. There's also speculation that the tradition dates back to 1582 when France switched from the Julian Calendar the Gregorian Calendar. More recently on April 1, 1700, English pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other. Whatever the origins, watch out for the tricksters and maybe share a good prank that you've played on someone or has been played on you. The more laughter the better!

At the spring cleanup many of you asked me when we were going to start having in person meetings. No one wants that more than me. While you've all been great on the Zoom meetings and very patient while I learned the technology I think many of us miss just being in the same room with each other. Nancy and I are going to craft a survey to determine the feasibility of meeting in person sometime this spring or summer. While the state has moved to Phase 3 recently, we will still need to comply with all of the Covid rules. As many of us are fully vaccinated, we might be able to gather in person. Watch for the survey, coming soon.

Thanks to those of you who responded to our survey regarding the Community Garden. Your responses were very positive, and we very much appreciate your feedback. Stay tuned for more news on this project.

President's Message (cont'd)

Plans for our Centennial Celebration are continuing. Watch the Centennial tab on licweb.org over the coming months so you don't miss you on any of these fun events. We are planning to hold Opening Day, The Longbranch Way this year on May 1st. The event will look different from years past. We will need to restrict it to members only and limit the number of people that can be on the docks. We will also be scaling back the breakfast portion. Hopefully by next year we have our usual celebration.

Here come the commercials: Centennial gear is now available. Go to licweb.org/gear to place your order. Opening Day gear is available and can be ordered through Jennifer Guyler. To Place an Order text, email or call Jennifer Guyler 971-533-1925 JenniferJiffy@gmail.com.

Last but definitely not least, The Longbranch Foundation Auction, "Brighter Futures" is April 10th. Please buy your tickets or if you are unable to join the virtual auction, consider a donation to the foundation. This year the needs in our community are great and every little bit helps.

Marsha Kremen President



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Brighter Futures

IT IS ALL ABOUT THE STUDENTS

As I write this newsletter on the 25th of March, there is much activity on the Auction web site with some items already sold out! There is an amazing group of volunteers working hard to make this a fun, worthwhile event. If you have not purchased your ticket yet, please join us now.

Clicking on <u>Building Brighter Futures For</u> <u>Our Students</u> will take you to the main page. Click on the REGISTER tab to first buy a ticket and receive a bid number. To bid, you need to continue on to Register - enter your credit card information again and set up a password.

Included with your ticket is a delicious appetizer box catered by Tuxedos & Tennis Shoes and your choice of a bottle of sparkling water, red or white wine; wine supplied by BLEND, of course. We need to have a number to the caterer by April 3, so buy your ticket by April 2 to guarantee receiving a food box.

After you buy your ticket, complete the registration process: Bid on a delicious array of desserts; Go to the AUCTION tab

and click Desserts under Category. Bidding on desserts ends April 8.

View Auction items and bid by going to the AUCTION and ITEM SALES tabs on the main page.

On Saturday April 10, plan on picking up your Party Box at the LIC between 1pm and 4pm. Auction Items will be on display in the main hall. You can bid on items using your cell phone.

Saturday evening, tune in at 5:45 pm and do some last-minute bidding or click on the LIVE tab to listen to music as we count down to our 6:00 pm start of the auction. Gina Cabiddu is our MC and Jeffrey Tritt is our Auctioneer and Trivia at Home host, a talented team for sure.

If you have questions about using the system, go to the "How to Guide" found in the upper left hand corner (click on three dark lines) on the Home Page.

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STUDENT PROGRAMS

One of the goals of this Auction is to provide more experiences for Evergreen Elementary students. (When I was going to school, we called these "class or field trips").

Another goal is to put in place a plan to follow these students through Middle School. To accomplish this goal, we need to be successful with this Auction, as well as recruit some interested volunteers to plan and then execute. Please read Jan Prichard's, our Student Programs Chair, message in this newsletter and consider joining her committee.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Based on your continued support we have been able to put in place a sustainable plan to award Higher Education Scholarships. This year we have set aside money to fund seven scholarships. Marcia Harris and her committee are reviewing applications March 22-26 and the Hawks virtual award ceremony is planned for May 19th. This has been a trying year, and student applications are down. We are hoping to find some qualified students for both academic and trade school scholarships.

TLF BOARD OPENING

We recently increased the number of Board members to manage TLF and there are several open positions. The mission of The Longbranch Foundation: **To Inspire Collaboration and Generosity in Order to Promote Educational Opportunities, to Maintain the Area's History and to Improve the Natural Environment.** As you may know, we are a non-profit charitable organization with six charitable purposes affiliated with the LIC, a non-profit social welfare organization. If you want to know more, please visit our web site: mytlf.org

If you have any interest in joining us, please send a resume and brief explanation of why you are interested to thelongbranchfoundation@gmail.com or contact me or a Board member directly.

STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY

We are making headway controlling the virus and many of us now are vaccinated. Thank you for doing your part!

However Please continue to follow the recommended guidelines: Wear a mask - indoors and out, wash your hands frequently and maintain at least a 6ft distance.

This is a simple way to show respect and kindness to others.

Thank you for doing your part!

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If you have any questions about or input for The Longbranch Foundation please do not hesitate to talk with one of our Board members: Randy Carr, Jim Hettinger, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler, Sheryl Low, Michele Gorman, Jan Prichard or call me. Contact information can be found on our web site. mytlf.org

Thank you for your volunteer time and donations of money to meet the needs of the community!

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Love



A reminder, please continue to save your Food Market receipts for when we meet again.



Longbranch The Foundation Student Program Committee (big title--very small committee!), is looking to add to its So we've membership. far. been concentrating on filling needs for Evergreen Elementary School, such as scholarships for 5th grade environmental camp, rain boots, funds for STEM education, grocery debit cards during COVID, and much more. With another committee member or two, we can follow our Evergreen students to Key Peninsula Middle School and help find



ways to make a positive difference for all the students there.

If you'd like to be a part of this effort, we'd love to talk to you! Please contact me, Jan Prichard,(253)884-2030, jan@pacinfo.com, or any member of the TLF Board.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference for our Peninsula kids, their teachers and their families.

Jan Prichard Student Program Committee Chair

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Centennial Events Calendar

April 10

Kicking off this Centennial Year is The Lonbranch Foundation's biennial charity auction. This virtual auction will benefit the ongoing South Key Peninsula community support and scholarship programs of The Longbranch Foundation.

May 19

Centennial Stories Part 1

At the May Member Meeting a couple current LIC members are talking with long term LIC members about their recollections about special times and events on the South Key Penninsula and at the LIC. This will be Part 1 of a two part series.

June 16

Centennial Stories Part 2

At the June meeting, Centennial Stories will continue with citizen stories of the fun and eventful history of the South KP and the LIC. Both of these Member Meeting "Centennial Stories" sessions will be recorded on video, so they can be used either in "live" face to face meetings or in virtual zoom meetings.

July 17-18

Centennial "Marina Days" will be a two-day celebration at the Longbranch Marina of the LIC's place in the history of the South KP. Multiple events are scheduled this weekend with food and family fun activities. The LIC is bringing the Virginia V steamer, "an icon of maritime history" to the marina from Seattle. We will be selling tickets for the ride on the old mosquito fleet ferry from Tacoma. Ticket price will include a bus ride up to Foss Landing in Tacoma the morning of July 17th and a box lunch for the return trip to Longbranch. Buses will board and depart from the LIC Parking Lot at 9am. A shuttle will take riders back to the LIC Lot when they deboard around 1:30pm. That afternoon there will be live music, and for three hours Virginia V tours will be available while dockside at the marina. On Sunday, July 18, the celebration festivities will continue. Events will start at 1pm at the Longbranch Marina with a live local band and other fun activities. For tickets, see next page.

August 14-15 **'Centennial Weekend'** will feature lots of old-fashioned fun at the LIC. Saturday will have an LIC sponsored outdoor BBQ and Picnic. There will be races and contests, including a two-day Whiffle Ball tournament on the old diamond. Saturday evening there will be a dance with live music performed by local fiddlers. Sunday morning there'll be a fabulous LIC Brunch, and the weekend will wrap up with an Antique Car Show on the LIC grounds.

September 15 **The LIC Member Meeting** will feature a presentation by our new LIC Historian, Polly Robinson, about the history of the South Key Peninsula and the LIC.

More here about the Virginia V:

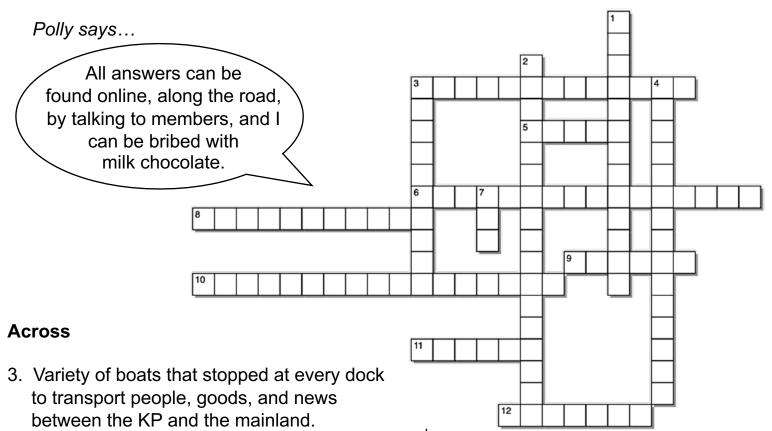
Step back in time aboard the Virginia V! The steamship, Virginia V, is one of only a couple remaining Puget Sound Mosquito Fleet Ferries. Built starting 100 years ago of local old-growth fir, she is fully functional still today. The Longbranch Improvement Club, in celebration of its Centennial, is bringing this old steamship ferry to the Longbranch Marina in July. For her July 17th run from Tacoma to Longbranch passenger tickets will be available, including a bus ride to Foss Wharf in Tacoma and a box lunch. That afternoon at the marina there will be dockside tours. The LIC will be hosting a private period party on Saturday evening aboard the historic Virginia V starting at 7:30pm. This party will benefit The Longbranch Foundation and its scholarship support programs for local South Key Penninsula kids. There will be heavy appetizers, 1920s, 30s and 40s period dance music and a cash bar on board. Join us for a whimsical evening party in mid-July aboard the Virginia V. The kids will benefit!

Tickets to the evening period party will be available in the April 10th TLF Auction. To find it, click on 'Item Sales'. If you'd like to be put on the ticketing list for the Virginia V's run from Tacoma please email <u>david@armoredmailboxes.com</u>.



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CENTENNIAL CROSSWORD - APRIL 2021



- 5. Tribe from which the Indian princess supposedly came; she whose name graces our bay. (one word)
- 6. The year our LIC purchased School #328's Gymnasium and the property, including the property originally given to the district for the school. (three words)
- 8. This guy began his Big League (which included an emergency call-up to the World Series) career right here on the Longbranch Baseball Team. (two words)
- 9. 1841 expedition land survey that first labeled our KP as the "Longbranch Peninsula."
- 10. Year in which the LIC was incorporated. (three words)
- 11. Name supposedly taken from an Indian princess and given to our bay. (one word)
- 12. The Hall in which the LIC held its meetings, at a cost of 50¢ per meeting.

Down

- Builder of the Filucy Bay lighthouse (1915-1971). (two words)
- 2. Year in which Longbranch was founded, per the sign on the side of the road. (three words).
- 3. Longbranch ______.

 This local source of ice cream, worms, dry goods, and other items was a mainstay of the KP (on and off) from 1891 to the early 21st century. (one word)
- 4. First Longbranch postmaster. (two words)
- 7. Ferry designed and built specifically to service Filucy Bay, she reigned for three and a half years.

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Dockmaster Report

Hello from the dock,

March was a great month at the marina with Totem Yacht Club, and The Viking Yacht Club both visiting. April we will host the Bellevue Yacht Club and transient boaters have already started to come spend time with us also.

May will bring Opening Day at the marina. May 1st is the opening of boating season and it is celebrated all around our country,

we do it the Longbranch way! This year with covid restrictions it will be limited to members only and 75 maximum occupancy on the dock.

We will have hand crafted speciality doughnuts, fresh fruit, coffee, and of course mimosas and bloody marys! The sailboat regatta is also on!

Katie Harrison Dockmaster

Building and Grounds Update for LIC Newsletter

First of all, thanks to all the volunteers who showed up Saturday for the spring cleanup. They hauled items from the container into the building, trimmed bushes, cleared the blackberries and debris from the side and back of the building, and weeded the beds. A special call out to Mike Fay who mowed the whole lawn with his John Deere.

Inside, Mary Lemon, Ann-Marie Ugles and Jan Brown cleaned the kitchen and storeroom. Unfortunately, they found an infestation of mice in the storeroom, which meant cleaning everything. So far, we've been able to trap four. Please be careful about leaving any food scraps outside the building to avoid further problems.

We will schedule more work parties in the future as we need to compost the beds and put bark on the south side of the building among other things. We'll also organize a trail repair party.

Many of the toilets have been replaced in the women's bathroom, as they were not working properly. Luckily, they were on recall so there was no cost to the LIC. Thanks goes out to Jason Reese at Truewater for his plumbing work.

The Health department tested the water for nitrates and bacteria; it is fine. The refrigerator was also fixed (it was low on refrigerant) and the furnaces were serviced.

Jeff Tritt is helping us paint the container (and got donated paint from Benjamin Moore) this weekend. And Jim is meeting a representative from Fircrest doors and Bart Wolfe next week to look at designs to replace the front door.

A special thanks to Mary Lemon for her years of leading the kitchen. Ann-Marie will be taking over for her.

We're still looking for anyone interested in joining a Building and Grounds committee. Contact Jim at jamsob@msn.com.

Jim Sobieck and Ann Morris Buildings and Grounds

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Activities

Spring is finally here and we hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and taking the time to get your garden in shape!

Hopefully everyone plans to attend The Longbranch Foundation Auction on April 10th. This is the first event of our centennial year.

With COVID restrictions lightening up (all counties in the state are now in Phase III)

and many people getting vaccinated, we may be able to have an in person event for Memorial Weekend. Stand by as we will plan to adjust as fast as the COVID limitations allow. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear them. Drop us a line or give us a call.

Allen & Marcel Ballinger allenandmarcel@hotmail.com

Member News

Welcome new LIC members! We have zoom-met some of you and thanks for joining us. We hope to meet you in-person at some of our activities and meetings this year.

Following are new members from January, February, and March:

Patricia Altree-Myers

Wes & Stefanie Carlton

Dennis Dixon & Holly Galbreath

Rick & Danette Felt

Ken & Mimi Fielding

Gavin & Heather Forseth

Rick & Ginger Gallagher

Gayle Graves-Embly & Tex Embly

Nick Hartman & Ilene Eigenberger

Tim Kezele

Michael & Tamara Laurion

Scott Schoenberg & Kim Westlin-

Schoenberg

Megan Schowalter

Anna Vogt & Jennifer Mitchell

Wayland Wasserman & Stephanie Berg

The Board appointed Jeff Minch (yes, he did volunteer) for the new position of Volunteer Coordinator. When volunteers are requested and the need is not filled from a request like an e-mail blast, Jeff will help find recruits. You know those boxes on the membership and renewal forms you fill out? He will use that information (first) to see if enough volunteers are available. Thank you, Jeff, for volunteering for this job!!

Nancy Carr Membership Chair



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LIC General Meeting March 17, 2021

Marsha Kremen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all members and especially new members Patricia Myers, Wes and Stefanie Carlton, Nick Hartman and Ilene Elgenberger. Marsha introduced the guest speaker, Anika Moran.

Speaker – Anika Moran, Executive Director of the Tacoma Farmers Market made a presentation about the 2021 Tacoma's Farmers Market and the new creation of the mobile Farmers Markets. There are currently three permanent markets and 10 mobile markets. The plan is to host one of their mobile markets at the Senior Center starting in May, on the Key Peninsula.

Info for this:

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BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Sheryl Low asked that the minutes of the February 2021 Membership Meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP

Treasurer: Review of the February 2021, financials by Jim Hettinger. We are over budget \$1,400 for February, which is good for the month.

Membership Reminders: When you enter your volunteer hours, and if you are working for another non-profit, put that info at the beginning of the hours. You will get credit for our organization towards your hours total.



Buildings and Grounds: Water samples were submitted for testing. Four toilets in the Ladies room were replaced as they were under recall. One of the urinals will be repaired. We are looking at replacing the front door. We will be looking for volunteer carpenters to help install the new door when we have it. Spring cleanup is this Saturday at 10 AM. We would like to move all of the stuff out of the container, so that we can start painting the The stove will be repaired container. tomorrow, for easier lighting. Jeff Munch will also help with fixing the irrigation system in April.

Marina: One finger pier on B dock needs to be fixed so new floating tubs will be installed. The gate is repaired and there is a new lock and security system. WAVE is going to be installed to improve internet service at the Marina. Opening day is planned for May and will be limited to members only. Opening day merchandise will be available, so please contact Jennifer Guyler if you would like to purchase anything.

Trustee at Large: no report

Newsletter: Articles are due on the 25th of the month to Tanya Perry.

Vice President:

- Centennial Celebration there is a tab on the website with the summary of all the events focused on the Centennial.
- We are planning monthly events to celebrate the Centennial.
- May/June Member Meetings LIC Stories to be shared at the membership meetings on video.

LIC General Meeting March 17, 2021

- July Marina Days Celebration, July 17 & 18, the Virginia V will be coming to our Marina to spend the night. Members can sign up for a bus ride to Tacoma during the morning, and then ride the boat from Tacoma to the Longbranch Marina. This will include a box lunch and the cost will be \$100.00 per person. Saturday afternoon there will be tours of the boat, and a party on the Virginia V will be auctioned off at the April event. This event will have live music.
- August There will be a two-day event at the LIC, Aug 14, & 15, which should be fun, and will include a whiffle ball tournament. Good Old Fashioned picnic games and lots of fun. Saturday night will include a dance at the LIC. Sunday morning, there will be a fabulous LIC brunch. There are also plans for an antique car show.
- September The LIC Historian will make a presentation.
- Community Garden Proposal: David Shinners explained his proposal for a Community Garden at the LIC. He would like to develop a community garden on the property of the LIC to help the community and provide for those in need. The vision is to create a



garden plot at the north end of the property that is currently unused. There is already water sourced close to the location. The plan would be to give away the produce we grow. There might also be a pea patch side that individuals could rent to grow their own produce. There is also a vision to garden use the for community and educational outreach We could potentially opportunities. partner with The Mustard Seed to offer spaces and assistance to those aging who would like to continue gardening. We could have a pumpkin patch in October to provide every child a pumpkin with our Trunk or Treat event.

President:

- Pumpout Update: A hearing is scheduled for April 14, 2021 for approval by the County.
- Preservation Grant: We have been slated to receive a \$25,000 grant to continue the preservation project of the roof. We are still waiting for the final approval by the County.
- Volunteer Coordinator: Jeff Minch, our new volunteer coordinator, will work with Nancy Carr to coordinate volunteers for all projects.

LIC General Meeting March 17, 2021

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION:

The virtual Auction is scheduled for April 10, 2021. We raise the money to support education and scholarships for the students on the Key Peninsula. The Foundation has a long history of supporting education and you will be able to register on the website this week for your tickets. Two important dates for the Auction:

- March 22: Purchase of tickets, which will include food and wine, and access to the site to bid on desserts and great auction items.
- April 10th: Pick up your party box of food and wine at the LIC and view some of the auction items displayed at the LIC that are on the system to bid on. The virtual auction is April 10, starting at 6 pm.

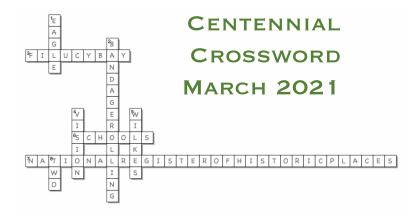
Upcoming Meetings & Events: Virtual Membership meeting, April 21st, 2021 at 6:30.

Next month the speaker is Mark Cocoran, who is working on increasing broadband service for the KP.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheryl Low Secretary



Across

- 3. Where our Marina lives. [FILUCYBAY]
 6. There were 4,000 of these built in the US by the WPA. [SCHOOLS]
- 7. In 1987, our building was added to this.
- [NATIONALREGISTEROFHISTORICPLACE S1

Down

- This Mosquito Fleet favorite ran between Steilacoom and Longbranch and stopped in 1919. [EAGLE]
- 2. This wartime activity took place in our building. [BANDAGEROLLING]
- A part of our LIC's statement of being, "To foster a sense of community." [VISION]
- 5. Expedition surveyor whose 1841 map first identified us as the Key Peninsula. [WILKES]
- 8. The number of rooms in the original schoolhouse on our property. [TWO]



"The best view comes after the hardest climb." -Unknown

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month I sent out a sympathy card, 2 get well cards, and an encouragement card.

Cheril Allen Sunshine Representative



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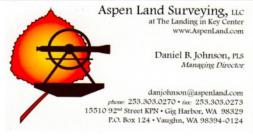
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