



MEMBER NEWS

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JUNE 2020

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: JUNE 17, 2020 – DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

Thanks to all who attended our first Zoom Member meeting on May 20. Based on the feedback we have received, it went well. At this point, it looks like we will need to hold the June member meeting virtually also but stay tuned. If we do that, I plan to open the meeting up early so folks can chat as many seemed to really enjoy it, I certainly did.

During that meeting we introduced the slate of nominees for open board positions. These positions begin their two-year terms on July 1, 2020. The membership will vote on the nominees at the June member meeting, and nominees can also be accepted “from the floor at that meeting. The nominees are:

- ❖ Vice President – David Zeigler
- ❖ Secretary – Sheryl Low
- ❖ Events – Allen and Marcel Ballenger (Allen will be the designated board member)
- ❖ Building and Grounds – Bob Perry

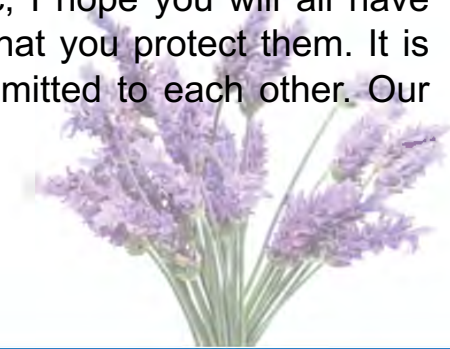
Thanks to the nominees for their willingness to serve and special thanks to Cheril Allen for her recruiting skills.

We know that many of you are concerned about getting your meeting credits for qualified membership. Rest assured that the board is evaluating the circumstances and taking these extraordinary times into account regarding credits for cancelled meetings.

Evergreen Elementary will be holding their 5th grade graduation celebration in the parking lot of the LIC. Plans are in the works for a parade, and distribution of diplomas, all using safe social distancing protocols. Congratulations to all of the 5th graders.

As many communities continue to be affected by this pandemic, I hope you will all have patience with everyone, and do everything you can to be sure that you protect them. It is my hope that we can emerge from this stronger and more committed to each other. Our actions affect those around us, please take care of each other.

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We are so fortunate to live on the Key Peninsula! This community has really come together to help one another. We have many to thank for working to keep our lives as normal as possible, as we all “stay home, stay safe”, I call it “aging in place”. From fire/rescue workers to postal employees, to small business owners, from doctors and nurses to grocery store workers, to many KP non-profit volunteers, and to many, many more, we owe a great deal of thanks.

The Longbranch Foundation created a web page to accept donations for Key Peninsula nonprofit organizations coming to the aid of the KP community during the coronavirus pandemic. If you choose to donate, you can pick one of the following options: you may fill out a donation form and pay by check or credit card; use PayPal; or you may click on the name of the non-profit to which you would like to donate and you will be taken to their web site. Go to: <https://www.longbranchfoundation.org/>

Please note: The newly passed CARES Act allows you to deduct up to \$300 in charitable donations even if you use the standard deduction.

Your donations so far this year to The Longbranch Foundation have supported Food Backpacks 4 Kids; Evergreen Elementary Families with Key Pen Market Food Coupons; the Key Peninsula Community Center and Angel Guild. There has been a three-fold increase of traffic on the web site, hopefully indicating that many of you are going directly to non-profit web sites listed and donating.



Higher Education: The Peninsula High School scholarships award ceremony was held virtually on May 20. Don Berger and his committee made a video for each of the foundation’s recipients: two academic and one vocational education scholarship were awarded. In addition, three students in college who received scholarships from us in the past, submitted reviews and will

receive scholarships to continue their education. Each scholarship is \$1,500, for a total of \$9,000 to be awarded this year. Thank you to all of you who have supported our Auction and Celebrate Campaigns, the source of funding for these scholarships.



Super Sale: As you may know, the Super Sale has been postponed again until September 19. Kelly Hettinger and her committee have been busy collecting items, some of which are for sale now. Watch for pictures and information on email blasts.

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PLEASE STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY

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, Kim Robinson, Clark Van Bogart, Don Swensen, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler or call me.

Contact information can be found on our web site: longbranchfoundation.org

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

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PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECEIVING LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Celia Emens



This year our committee is proud to present a scholarship to Celia Emens so she can continue her study of marine biology. Celia has a fine academic record and has demonstrated a sincere passion to seek a career in this field. She has been a volunteer in our Longbranch Improvement Club at the marina where she assists our dockmaster with the recycling program.

Matt Nesbit



Our scholarship committee recognized Matt because of his school and community activities. Matt was captain of the water polo team and he has volunteered countless hours through the Key Peninsula Fire District to benefit others in his community. He truly loves the outdoors and demonstrates a passion for nature – his career goal is to become a park ranger.

Forrest Stoican



Forrest plans to pursue a career in construction with a long-range goal of managing his own construction business. He works alongside his father in this business where he has gained some skills and developed a desire to learn more. Forrest has maintained a fine academic record while a Seahawk and has also been active in sports while in high school.

The Longbranch Foundation and the Scholarship Committee is very proud of these former Evergreen Elementary students who have excelled while in high school and are contributing members of our Key Peninsula Community. We want to extend our most sincere congratulations and wish each of them good luck as they begin the next phase of their education. They make us very proud!



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Events Report

It's hard to believe that summer is almost upon us. This one will be unlike those that we are used to!

Our events, going forward, are going to be much different, and at this point we don't know what the format will be. We will all have to come together to arrive at a strategy that will enable us to continue our tradition of community involvement and openness. At this time, the decision has been made to cancel the Farm Tour and Fiber Arts Show this Fall. The Scarecrow contest in Key Center will proceed. We will have to determine when our next events will be held, that are open to the public, and your board has not made a final decision on the Labor Day dance.

Looking forward to 2021, it is time to do initial planning for our Centennial celebration. This will require input from the membership so that we can formulate a comprehensive agenda to incorporate events that will celebrate the Longbranch Improvement Club, as well as the history and people of Longbranch and the Key Peninsula.

If you have family history on the Key, are a history buff, and want to help with research, or have other ideas, you can assist in this endeavor. Several people have already expressed a desire to participate. This is a great way to get volunteer hours and lighten the workload for everyone.

Please reach out to us, and we can arrange a brainstorming session to get the ball rolling in the near future!

Thanks in advance for your participation!

Bob and Barbara
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Dockmaster Report

Hello from the dock,

May was a very active month down at the marina! We hosted Day Island Yacht Club for the second time this cruising season, for Mother's Day weekend, and then South Island Yacht Club the following weekend. Des Moines Yacht Club, and Day Island Yacht Club attended our traditional Memorial Day weekend at the marina. I heard from the clubs that they all had a fabulous time!

As we enter June, a friendly reminder that 2021 boat tabs are due, and current registration is required for all boats in the marina. Please place those on your boat by the end of the month.

Thank you to Bruce Iverson for taking over the upkeep of the grass areas and parking lot at the marina, Robert and I appreciate it!

We added two more garbage cans in the pavilion. As usual no bulky, heavy items, or fuel, or chemicals should be placed in those cans. The key for the dumpster locks are in the pavilion. Please do not leave garbage on or around the marina dumpsters. If you do not have the code, please contact Robert or myself for the code. Thank you!

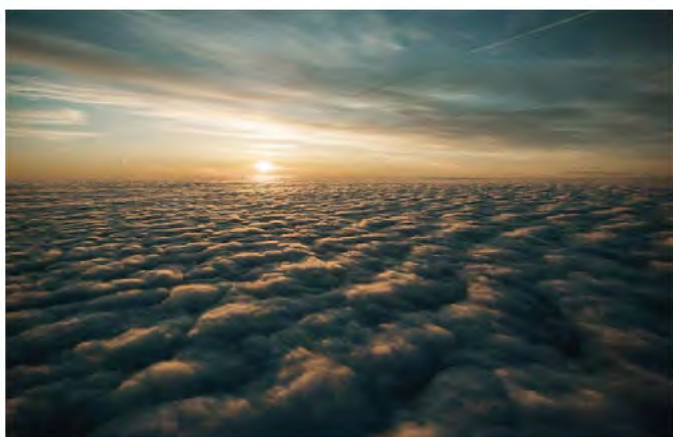
We are officially full for all moorage as of May, we do have 3 kayak spots available.

Hope to see you on the dock!

Katie Harrison

Dockmaster

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Rise above the storm and you will find the Sunshine.

~Mario Fernandez

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month I sent out 4 get well cards to members that either had hospital stays and/or surgery. I also sent out a sympathy card on behalf of the LIC to the family of Scott Gallacher.

Cheril Allen,
The Sunshine Lady



Buildings & Grounds

Summer is upon us, and while we are social distancing, our grounds are not. Fortunately, members are helping by mowing and doing maintenance on the grounds on an individual basis, and thanks to everyone who has reached out to volunteer. In the last month we have:

- Cut down about 4,000 sq ft of blackberry bushes that were threatening to take over our field area
- Mowed the super high grass
- Weed wacked the ditches, and
- We are in the process of mowing the remaining open area
- The clubhouse has been cleaned and sanitized

Membership

I thought the Membership Meeting of May 20th via Zoom went quite well, and all the comments received from attendees were positive. Thanks, Andrew Guyler, for joining from Portland!

Thanks for those of you that are helping some of our community members that need assistance. That is what we are about, and your time can be classified as

- New lighting has been installed at the front entrance
- Lighting for the sign has been installed, and will be functional when the final connections are completed.

We have more work to do, and please reach out if you would like to help, we can schedule your volunteer work on an individual basis, at your convenience.

Thanks!

Bob Perry
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‘Community Service – Helping Others’. We are still refining what this includes, but most definitely assisting our friends and neighbors that need help.

Thanks, everyone, for what you do.

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair

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LIC General Meeting May 20, 2020



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

New members: Phil and Kathy Bauer, David and Meg Haggerty, Ryder and Angela LaNier, Steve Mapel, Teri Kaiser, Craig Ranger, Liao Ninglan and George Windsor

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Kim Robinson asked that the minutes from the February meeting be accepted, as written and submitted. MSP

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reviewed the April 2020 Financial Report. Net income was \$1,700 under budget for the month. Refunds were given for building rentals. The property taxes for the building, marina and other parcels we own, were paid in April. Our 2019 tax return is currently being processed.

Membership: Nancy Carr stated that the board is reviewing membership meeting qualification options, and will do their best to accommodate the membership at this time.

If you haven't already done so, please pay your membership dues.

Please continue turning in any volunteer hours. Community service hours will now count towards your volunteer hours, so please turn them in by using the Track It Forward app.

Events: Kelly Hettinger gave an update on the Super Sale. Weekly ads are being sent out. If anyone is looking for something, or has anything to donate, please call or email Kelly. September 19th is the revised event date. We have made just under \$3,000 in online sales.

Bob Green gave an update on the Centennial Celebration. We need people that are familiar with the history of the club and the community, so we can come up with a comprehensive plan on how we will proceed after the first of the year. The historical society and state archives will provide more information. Any ideas are welcome. Please reach out to Bob to express your interest.

Building and Grounds: Bob Perry stated that the grounds should look much better in the next week. The mowing that was scheduled for last weekend was postponed due to weather. We have rescheduled for this coming weekend.

New lighting at the front entrance has been put in, which turns on automatically at dark. The wiring out to the landscaping at the Longbranch sign has been completed. The sprinkler system and wiring should be connected and operational over the weekend. The lighting at the side entrance to the clubhouse will be replaced in the next 10 days.

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We had budgeted and approved to spend \$3,500 for a new storage container. Someone has offered to donate a 40-foot storage container to the LIC, which is in decent shape, but will need to be painted. We are in the process of finding someone to move it onto the property temporarily, with an estimated cost of around \$300-500. It will be moved to its permanent location after the survey is complete.

Bob called out those volunteers who have either volunteered, or have committed to working on the grounds. They are: Jim Sobieck, Gina Cabiddu, Mike Fay, Randy Babich, Gary Brownlee, Bruce Iverson, Katie Harrison and Tom Tallman.

Marina: Robert Theisen stated that we now have ice at the marina, as well as a new barbeque. The marina is now at full capacity.

Bob Perry gave an update on the security system. Some of the cameras have been mounted. The control unit will be installed after a piece of hardware is delivered. The project is about three-quarters completed, and should be finished roughly by the end of next week. The system is set up to automatically record to the Cloud. The cameras are very high resolution, so we should be able to see faces clearly, as well as license plates in the parking lot.

Newsletter: Please send Tanya Perry any articles you would like in the newsletter

by the 25th of the month.

Trustee at Large: Clark Van Bogart had nothing to report.

Vice President: David Zeigler thanked everyone for their participation in the member survey.

This survey will help us understand where the members think we are doing well, as a community service organization, as well as where we can improve. The board will review the data in depth, and will present to the membership, our thoughts on what can be done to make the LIC better. Marsha wants everyone to know that we are listening.

President: Marsha gave a pump-out station update. Soundview Consulting is helping us through the permitting process, to incorporate as many options as we can going forward for the marina. Brett Allen is having a preliminary meeting with them today, and will arrange a meeting with the marina committee next week. The marina committee has reviewed the preliminary ideas and plans, and will work with Soundview to get those finalized. The permit process will start next.

In regards to the preservation grant, the engineer is restricted on what he is allowed to do at this time, and has been working on existing projects only.

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He has assured us that once they are allowed to start new projects, a date can be scheduled. Once he comes out and completes his inspection, it should take 3 weeks for him to finish his assessment. Marsha feels that we can meet the county's deadline of November. Marsha needs to submit a report to the county next month, and told them we may not have much information for them, and they understood.

Cheril Allen is our nominating committee chair and did a wonderful job recruiting for us.

The nominations for board positions are as follows:

- Vice President - David Zeigler
- Secretary – Sheryl Low
- Events – Allen and Marcel Ballinger
- Building and Grounds – Bob Perry

A motion was made to accept the nominating committee report, and forward it on to the membership for a vote next month, with a request for additional nominations from the floor. MSP.

The Longbranch Foundation: Barb Floyd stated that for those that would like to make donations to a number of non-profit organizations in the community, visit: <https://www.longbranchfoundation.org/>, or <https://keypennews.com/>. At this time, the foundation website is getting three times the amount of traffic than it usually does, and people are participating and donating.

The scholarship committee, led by Don Berger, has awarded \$9,000 to 6 students this year. 3 of these recipients are presently in college, and are receiving a recurring scholarship. These students sent us letters to tell us how well they were doing academically, and why they needed the money. Don will be sharing one letter a month in our newsletter for members to view. 3 students, who are graduating from Peninsula High School this year, are receiving their scholarships during a Hawk's virtual meeting tonight. Don and his committee put together a short video for these students. We awarded 2 scholastic scholarships, and one vocational, which is new this year. Hopefully the members will meet these students next month, in person or virtually. Thank you all for your support. These scholarships are made possible by your generous donations, participation in our auctions, and our yearly celebrate campaign.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

For future meetings, we will continue the virtual meetings as long as we need to, and will monitor how the state is opening up. We will review our options as we get closer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Robinson
Secretary



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