



Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



General Business Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 18

President's Letter . . .

Happy New Year!

We are planning on 2012 being a big year for the LIC and I invite all of you to participate. We would like to have more events and bring more new members into the LIC , which will take an extra effort from all of us. The 2012 budget includes money for promotion of the marina and clubhouse, so we are looking for someone with a promotion background to fill that slot. Sandy Black has been very busy with work, so we are looking for someone to backfill the all important Events Chair position until Sandy can resume duties. Lynn Carr, the new Dockmaster, will need help at the marina in many ways, so please contact Lynn to help out. Our appreciation goes out to Pat Thompson for the fine job he did during his tenure as Dockmaster.

Thanks to all that helped out during what was a very busy December at the Clubhouse. We are working hard to complete the septic work (hooking the kitchen sink drains to the septic tank) so that we will have water in the kitchen again. We will be working hard to reach out to yacht clubs and boaters around the Sound to let them know we are open for business at the marina. Transient moorage is an important part of our annual income. We will again submit an application for funding for a floating restroom and pumpout station this year.

Submitted by Geoff Baillie, President LIC, 884.3951, gbaillie@msn.com

HAND-STAMPER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Longtime LIC member Dorothy (Dottie) Loomis passed away on December 13th at the age of 89. She was a fixture at the entry to most of the LIC dances, stamping hands and welcoming everyone. Dressed in her finest and wearing her good jewelry she took great pleasure in socializing with members and guest alike. The boaters greeted her as an old friend and often brought her small gifts such as light necklaces and bracelets to identify her as one of them. The job was one Dottie loved and she looked forward eagerly to each event. She will be missed.

Submitted by Peg Bingham



Yarnbombers Attack Marina

Yarnbombers wrapped the two entry posts at the Longbranch Marina on December 20, 2011. The knitting graffiti added a festive touch to the marina, one post covered in a cozy red, orange, and yellow wrap decorated with sailboats and starfish; the other post in a blue, green, and white sweater. The yarnbombers are currently anonymous, though they were caught on camera, masked as cats.

Start saving items now for a Spring Garage Sale at the LIC April 14th!! We are planning a Grand Spring Sale of traditional garage goodies, plants and baked goods. Half the proceeds will go to help our club through a difficult time. Those good folks planning to help with this project will have our first organizing meeting at the Prichard's (7017 Cliff Ave. KPS) Saturday, January 21, at 10:30 am. Everyone already signed up will get an email reminder but more people are welcome.

Denny Prichard

General Membership Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 2011

There are no "minutes" from our December potluck, so this is just a Hoorah!! for all the folks who came, the folks who brought food to eat and food for the Food Bank, for the decorators, the servers, the raffle organizers, the brave and talented singers and the those of us who tried! Once again the LIC was beautifully festive and we all had a great time, despite a little chill and no water for the kitchen.

Many congratulations go to Lynn Carr and Pat Muchmore, recipients of this year's "Star" awards. Both Lynn and Pat have put in countless hours for the LIC and can always be relied upon the "be there" whenever needed. "Lifetime" awards were given to Dolores and Wayne Argabright and Mary and Bob Mazur. Both couples have been LIC members for many years and exemplify the mission of the LIC to work for "The Betterment of the Community." The Argabrights have done lots of gardening, have worked on many a dock breakfast and have been enthusiastic supporters in word, deed and dollars for "Kids and Christmas." Mary and Bob joined the LIC on moving to Longbranch and jumped in with both feet as they believed the LIC to be the "heart of the community." Among many other things, Mary has been a corporate officer, worked on compiling the LIC history and organized dinner theater events. As we have only been here for three years, our knowledge of these folks' contributions to the community is incomplete. Wouldn't it be great if they (and all our longtime members) could write a summary of their years on the Peninsula!

Many wishes to all members and friends for a happy and peaceful New Year.

Jan Prichard
Secretary

Friends of Key Center Library are presenting a lecture on January 19.

"The Perfect Circle" will cover her travels of discovery into the lost art of Ravenstail weaving that started with analyzing fragments of Northwest Coast woven robes at the Burke Museum and took her to the museum archives of St. Petersburg.

Cheryl is an adopted Tlingit and widely respected as the expert who has revived the traditional weaving techniques used by Northwest Coast tribes.

**LIFELINE HEALTH
SCREENING CLINIC-
JANUARY 11, 2012**

There will be a Lifeline Health Screening Clinic at the Longbranch Improvement Club on Wednesday January 11, 2012 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Anyone interested should contact the Lifeline Screening Group at 1-800-324-1851 for an appointment. Pre-registration is required. The screening includes a non-invasive ultrasound that can check for plaque buildup in the carotid artery or arteries of the lower extremities and detect the presence of an aortic aneurysm. They also offer a six-lead electrocardiogram to detect an irregular heartbeat (atrial fibrillation) and the risk of osteoporosis by measuring for the bone mineral density of your heel. If you are interested in a package or individual tests call 1-800-324-1851 to schedule an appointment.



CHERYL SAMUEL, Author & Artist
A Perfect Circle: Lecture

Key Center Library on January 19 @ 7pm
presented by Friends of Key Center Library

CHERYL SAMUEL
3-Day Ravenstail Weaving Workshops

Longbranch Improvement Club
4312 Key Peninsula Highway S., Longbranch WA

Beginner Level: Box of Daylight
• January 16, 17 & 18

Intermediate Level: Lightening
January • January 20, 21, 22

For workshop information contact:
Jan @ (253)884-3959 or Carolyn @ (253) 884-6022

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Coming Events.....

Jan 1—New Year's Day

Jan 13—First Friday the 13th of 2012

Jan 16—Martin Luther King's Birthday
(observed)

Jan 16, 17, 18—Cheryl Samuel Weaving
Workshop, beginning level

Jan 18—General Membership Dessert Meeting,
7:00 PM, LIC

Jan 19—Cheryl Samuel Lecture, Key Center
Library, 7:00 PM

Jan 20, 21, 22—Cheryl Samuel Weaving
Workshop, Intermediate level

Jan 23—Chinese New Year (it is the year 4710)

DECEMBER BUILDING AND GROUND CHAT ROOM:

As many of you are aware we had some excitement at the Improvement Club on the Saturday we were decorating for the Holidays. We had to have propane delivered and while the actual delivery went well when the truck backed out it dropped into a sink hole and tipped sharply to the side. After several hours a large tow truck arrived and after several tries managed to get the propane truck out of the hole and back on solid ground. Investigation showed that the sink hole was caused by a failure in the grey water collection tank and subsequent undermining of the soil with the grey water runoff. We are in the process of having this rectified but are waiting to see what the county will allow. Hopefully this problem will be fixed in the near future but until then we are not able to use the kitchen sinks or dishwasher. The good news in all of this is that we did locate septic tank which was on my bucket list of things to do as building chair. It is old but functioning and did not need to be pumped out. The next fix was the toilet in the men's bathroom and the urinals. We had to replace one of the toilets as it had ceased to function and could not be repaired. The urinals needed to have their innards cleaned out and are now working better. Like Geoff and the wharf this job suddenly got a whole lot more involved and interesting than I had anticipated but I have had lots of encouragement and suggestions and Geoff has been very supportive and informative as have many of you. Thank you all.

The building looked tremendous for the holidays and I want to thank all of those members who helped decorate. It is so beautiful when it is all lit up for the holidays. Kids and Christmas went well but the front door took somewhat of a beating and again Lynn Carr came to the rescue. It now works fine. A huge thank you to Doug and Betty Lewis for the chair dolly. It makes it so much easier to move the blue chairs around and really saves the wooden floor from being marred and scratched. Doug also put up his wonderful Halloween castle behind Santa's chair so that when the kids had their pictures taken they did not have the blue chairs as their backdrop. The castle wall looked just like it had been made for Santa.

We had a successful de-decorating day on Tuesday December 27. We needed to get it done sooner than usual because the building is rented for a memorial Service on January 7. I know there are many of you that I should thank for all your hard work and I do not have the room. You know who you are and you have my undying gratitude for all that you do. Have a safe and very happy New Year and I will see you in 2012.

Sharon Gearhart

Dock News....

Well the end of the year is near and a new year is looming on the horizon. You have probably heard that I will no longer be your Dock Master. I truly loved this position and enjoyed working for you as your Dock Master. It was a tough year with lots of challenges, but with your help the dock is back to normal and staged for a bright future in 2012. But it seems that the board desired a different dock master so I have been replaced by Lynn Carr. Congratulations Lynn. I am very disappointed with this outcome for I will miss this position very much. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and a great New Year.

Your Dock Master, Pat Thompson

Kids 'n Christmas—December 18, 1-4

A few potholes along the way—not the least of which was the big one just outside the kitchen...and the threat of hordes of children on-site with no flush toilets.

Before it all began:

Nancy & Lynn Carr were the Toys for Tots elves. They maintained the inventory of boy/girl gifts and ordered the requisite number of gifts by age group, and transported the gifts from the Toys for Tots Tacoma warehouse to LIC.

Ten elves showed up on Package Wrapping Day and Scotch-taped their way through the boxes of gifts in about 4 hours. What a discovery! In the Toys for Tots boxes there were no gifts for girls ages 8,9,10, and up. Thanks to Peg Bingham and a couple of strangers with girl-children in-tow, expert advice was obtained and suitable gifts were obtained. One of the parents asked if she could contribute \$5.00 to the cause. Her offer was accepted—so sad—we didn't get her name.

Thanks to generous donations* from individuals, strangers, members of the Key Peninsula Business Association, and "leadership giving" from two LIC members, the Toys for Tots gift-gap was bridged and each participating Scout troop received a \$50 gift. Additional gift help was received from Gig Harbor F.I.S.H and KP Family Resource Center—fortunately their events had concluded before the LIC date.

On December 18th the crowd began to assemble well before the 1 o'clock start time and Santa's scheduled arrival. Santa & Mrs. Claus came bounding in from the north--parade style—in Fred Leenstra's Christmas red vintage convertible.

Nine Girl Scout Troops and one Boy Scout Troop came prepared to help all those little kids make gifts for family members. Each troop was prepared to make approximately 100 gifts, and had been working to collect materials for their individual projects since September.

Twenty-two LIC 22 elves showed up

- to greet (approximate 134 families) and make name tags;
- to assist Scout troop set-up and direct traffic,
- to distribute cookies, and maintain a steady flow of hot beverages—a challenge since the kitchen was partially inoperable. (see: pot-hole above);
- to listen in on Santa conversations and provide the right gift for the right kid;
- to take, print & mount Santa Photo—Doug Lewis deployed his "castle" to provide a much Improved photo backdrop.

Volunteer stars on this project—Lynn Lloyd & Doug Lewis

- Several donations were given specifically to support the participating Scout troops.

By Carolyn Wiley

Santa's Here!!

(Photo by Rich Hildahl)





Wrapping Day
(Photo by Lynn Carr)

Kids & Christmas
- Almost Ready
(photo by Rich Hildahl)



Kids & Christmas—Open for Business
(photo by Rich Hildahl)



**Mark your calendars for the
January General Membership
"Dessert" Meeting,
Wed., Jan. 18th at 7:00 p.m.**

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2012 LIC Membership

Mail this form with payment:

LIC PO Box 111, Lakebay Wa 98349

DATE OF RENEWAL/APPLICATION

NAME

SPOUSE (IF COUPLE)

PLEASE NOTE IF NEW OR CHANGED

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CITY STATE ZIP

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LOCAL TELEPHONE check if OK to show in member directory

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- Set up/tear down
- Food prep/kitchen
- Hostess/host
- _____

ACTIVITIES

- Programs and speakers
- Historian/archives
- Newsletter/mailling
- Telephone tree
- Publicity
- Sign making
- Road crew pickup
- _____

FACILITIES

- Building general
- Grounds/garden
- Dock general
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Painting
- Carpentry
- Heavy equipment
- Mowing/weeding
- _____

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
- Office skills
- Bookkeeping
- Musical
- Non-musical
- Untapped talent
- I'll help where needed

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 Longbranch Improvement Club

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