



MEMBER NEWS

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JULY 2022

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: JULY 20, 2022 6:30PM – DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

Okay, we've had a little bit of warmth in the last couple of weeks, but this is the coldest start to the summer and the coldest spring we've had in over 70 years. And now we're looking at a drizzly 4th of July. Just sayin.' Fingers crossed for more sun ahead.

We went through 50 burgers, and I don't know how many pounds of chicken at our big membership meeting on June 15. The side dishes members brought were also spectacular.

Two big things took place at this meeting. We voted in several new board members and approved the LIC's new Five-Year Plan to guide our organization through June of 2027.

For the 2022-23 board year our new board officers are:

Xoe Frederich:	Secretary
Les Foss:	Events Chair
Chris Wright:	Building & Grounds Chair
Vice President:	Temporarily held by Jim Hettinger – and we're still looking!

We've learned that some of our most active LIC volunteers are associate members, so the board approved associate member Xoe Fredrick to the Secretary position with this in mind. If you're an associate or regular member and would consider being the LIC's

Vice President, just reach out to me or someone on the board.

And why would you consider this? Because the LIC's doing great things. As part of the 5-Year Plan, the membership approved that the LIC focus on promoting our five great areas – our forested trails, the new Centennial Garden, our field, the historic clubhouse and the marina. We also committed to providing more social and learning opportunities for members and greatly increasing our marketing.



President's Message (continued)

With the introduction of TGIF, we have also introduced our biggest new membership vehicle. Each month, we sign up multiple new members at the TGIF event alone. And TGIF has been popular enough that the KP Civic Center hosted their first TGIS (Saturday) on June 25. I attended – and had a great time.

Some key July events to hold on your calendar:

- ★ July 2 – Thirsty Thursday at the marina (every Thursday evening through Labor Day)
- ★ July 15 – TGIF at the LIC
- ★ July 16 & 17 – Marina Days Centennial Celebration at the LIC Marina with the Virginia V
- ★ July 20 – Membership meeting
- ★ July 30 – Monthly TGIS at Key Peninsula Civic Center (LIC members welcome)

I'm hoping to see many of you at one of our July events – especially Marina Days which will include a choice of opportunities: lunch and a cruise on the Virginia V, an evening party on the Virginia V, and a dock party and celebration on Sunday the 17th. Tickets for all events are on the website.

Warmly,
Kelly Guenther

Lynn Carr passed away Friday, June 24. He was an active member of the LIC as Building & Grounds Chair and Dock Master until diagnosed with Cancer in 2015. He gave as good a fight as he was able. I want to thank the members of the LIC for the flowers, cards, and messages along with offers of help. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated. A big 'Thank You' to our LIC friends.

Nancy Carr and family





Happy summer to everyone!

I know that most of us regularly turn our faces towards the sky beginning in May with the hope of seeing a shining orb free of cloud cover, ready to warm our bones and the earth in Longbranch. Though it didn't really happen as expected, we still hope!

At the end of May, before heading out on a long road trip, I planted some vegetables in my garden. As we drove back home and pulled up to our house I was filled with anticipation about the status of my plants. Inside I found three mounds which had held healthy starts – bare. My tomatoes looked anemic and practically begged to be sent to a warmer climate. With a deep sigh and some disappointment, I knew that this is simply how gardening can be. I assessed what should be done to minimize the damage and knew that no matter what the outcome, I was still in the game and would continue to nurture my desire for a thriving space.

And that's life, isn't it? We have a plan, set out to do good work, but sometimes things take a wrong turn or don't turn out as planned. Still, we continue on our path and make some adjustments.

The Longbranch Foundation board, with help from LIC members and the KP community, continues to do mission-driven work that benefits the KP. As of June 30th, three of our board members will "retire" from the board: Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler and Marcia Harris. All three have given many, many hours of their time and energy to make the KP a stronger community. Sheryl Low has served the LIC and TLF as secretary and is stepping down from those roles, but fortunately continuing to serve on TLF's board. Thank you all for your work and commitment to the KP.

To state the obvious, doing community work requires community. When we work together things get done and the place where we live is better for our efforts and we are better too.





One of TLF's final mini – grants for the school year went to support KPMS 8th graders end of year celebration and moving on ceremony. One of the application questions is for the applying teacher(s) to explain their proposal and benefits to the students:

"In sending students to Miracle Ranch, I am hopeful that we are providing access to experiences that are new to many of our students. The opportunity for these students to be together, away from school, participating in new activities, building camaraderie, and socializing with each other will make memories that these kids can hold onto-possibly for a lifetime. It's time to celebrate and send off these hard-working students who have demonstrated their flexibility, their resilience, and their determination, as they worked through the pandemic and prepared themselves for moving onto high school."

A few of the students' quotes from the day:

"The rock wall was super cool and the people running it were supportive."

"I'm proud I tried the terrifying rock wall even though I only made it 1/2 way up."

"It was a good place to try things you don't normally do. I tried archery and I actually liked it."

"The canoeing was so much fun; it was more private and quieter to hang with friends."

I look forward to the KP community activities this summer beginning with Marina Days and the Virginia V arriving in Fliucy Bay, the TWAA Art Walk and the Centennial Weekend!

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Activities

Summer is here and the next events on the calendar are Marina Days on July 16 & 17. If you haven't already considered attending or volunteering, check out the website for details and you will find a full range of activities suitable for all ages.

We welcome all members to be part of the Events Committee which meets the first Wednesday of the month at 4 PM at the LIC so please join us to help with the

planning and execution of more Club events. The next two meetings will be on July 6 and August 3. We hope to see you there!

Thanks!

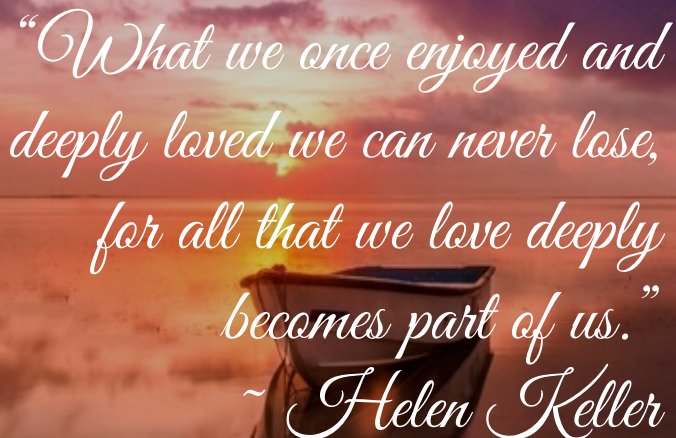
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4TH OF JULY

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“What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes part of us.”
~ Helen Keller

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month, I've mailed out an encouragement card, sent a virtual birthday card to a board member, and sent a sympathy bouquet to Nancy Carr for the loss of her husband, Lynn Carr, a longtime member of the LIC and former Dockmaster.

Cheril Allen
Sunshine Representative



Thirsty Thursday



Thirsty Thursday

For those of you who have never attended a Thirsty Thursday come down to the marina at 4:30, bring a beverage and a nibble to share. TT will continue until Labor Day. Depending on the crowd, weather and boats available we will head out for a cocktail cruise or just cocktail at the dock. We have been known to tie 3 boats together and cruise the bay with our nibbles and cocktails. Questions contact Kelly Hettinger your TT cruise director 253-220-7808

Come join the fun!

Ahoy Maties!



Join the LIC July 16 and 17 at **Centennial Marina Days!** Cruise from Tacoma to the Longbranch Marina aboard the 100-year-old wooden steamer, Virginia V, the morning of July 16. Tickets include charter bus ride, box lunch and LIC shuttle for \$125.

At the Longbranch Marina, you can tour the Virginia V that afternoon or attend the Longbranch Foundation's benefit period party, *Step Back in Time*. Tickets include food and live period music for \$75.

Then at noon on July 17, join the **Marina Days Pavilion Party** at the marina! \$15 includes an LIC shuttle, live music, catered food and cash bar. And at 4pm don't miss the Centennial Boat Parade on Filucy Bay. For more details and tickets go to www.licweb.org.



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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

LIC General Meeting: Hybrid June 15, 2022

Zoom meeting begins – 6:45 PM
Call to Order – 7:00 PM

The Board served the members a BBQ dinner before the meeting.

Kelly Guenther, the President, opened the meeting thanking the outgoing Board Members, James Sobieck, Allen and Marcel Ballinger, David Zeigler and Sheryl Low.

Kelly surveyed the members to see how many read the Proposed Five-Year Plan and explained that for tonight's meeting we would go over the Five-Year Plan and present the slate of candidates for the Board for Election.

Kelly introduced Kristen Zinc, our new Membership Chair. Kristen introduced new members present. Kristen is available for one-on-one Zoom sessions to assist in using NEON for logging volunteer hours. You can also purchase tickets for LIC events on the website through NEON.

Kelly introduced Tim Kezele as our new historian, a longtime resident of the KP. Tim presented a short story about growing up on the KP.

Election:

Kelly presented the Ballot for the new slate of candidates

Les Foss – Events

Chris Wright – Buildings and Grounds

Xoe Fredericks – Secretary

No candidate – Vice President



Motion: To elect the presented slate of candidates for the Board. MSP

Presentation of Five-Year Plan:

Kelly opened with discussion of the previous Five-Year plan and the development process for the new Five-Year Plan. A strategic planning session was led by David Shinnars to help us formulate our new proposed plan. Kelly thanked David Shinnars for volunteering to lead us through the process. The plan is based on Actions and Outcomes for each of the five goals we developed. At the July Board meeting there will be a retreat with outgoing Board members briefing incoming Board members with a review of yearly progress towards the Five-Year Plan. See newsletter and website for plan.

Kelly honored the creation of the Foundation and the work they do to raise money for the benefit of the KP. Kelly also clarified that we are discussing a zip-code boundary expansion for regular membership, but we will not be voting on that tonight.

Members were invited to ask questions on the Plan and to comment.

Motion: To approve the Five-Year Plan as written and presented. MSP



LIC General Meeting: Hybrid June 15, 2022



Vice President: David Zeigler reported on the upcoming Centennial Events. Marina Days, July 16 & 17, to celebrate the commitment to the community. The Virginia V will be at the LIC Marina and there will be music, tours of the boat and a party at the LIC that evening. “Step Back in Time on the Virginia V”. Tickets are available on the website LIC.org under Centennial Events. On Sunday, there will be a Band at the Marina, for a Pavilion Party. These events are a benefit for the Foundation and the tickets are tax deductible.

Centennial Days are August 27th & 28th. There will be a Day of Fun Events, with a croquet tournament, whiffle ball tournament, BBQ picnic, games and community activities and a Barn Dance/Square Dance featuring the South Sound Strummers. August 28th there will be an Antique Car show. We need volunteers for all these events.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- TGIS at Civic Center June 25th
- Marina Days July 16 & 17th

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Low, LIC Secretary



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