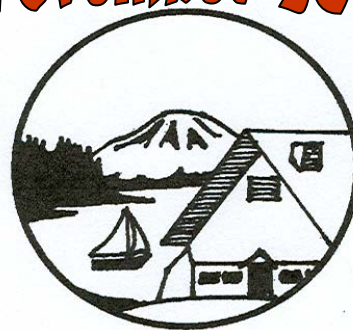


LIC NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**There are roughly
43,140 Minutes
in November**

having lost an hour when we fell back to Pacific Standard Time Nov. 4. I'd like you to take just one of those minutes and reflect upon one of the truths of living here in the PARADISE of the Key Peninsula.

We live an abundant life, cushioned by freedoms and supported by a broad base of rights. To a great extent, we live a life free of fears and ripe with opportunities. Few of the people on this spinning ball of mud can say that.

For more than 230 years our comfortable existence has been protected and defended by our military. Our soldiers, our sailors, our airmen and Marines have all sacrificed their time, their skills and all too often their lives in that long struggle.

They don't choose where they go, nor when. That's up to the Congress and President we elect to serve in our stead. All they can do, and they do so well, is their duty.

So take that minute and reflect upon the thanks we owe them. I'd suggest you use the eleventh minute of the eleventh hour of Nov. 11 to do so. Veterans Day for the younger set, Armistice Day for the more mature, and the moment that the WAR TO END ALL WARS ended and we hoped to

BRING OUR
MILITARY
HOME
FOREVER . . .



Sue Stuhauq, President

FALL IS HERE – Turn Back Your Calendar!

Fall is upon us, and it is time to turn back your calendar one week. And no, that's not the start of a joke about living on the remote and isolated Peninsula. ..

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT . . .

- 2889 hours of club & community service performed by LIC members
- 123 PAID memberships
- 87 family memberships . . .
- 35 individual memberships . . .
- Total of 210 members

I forgot to thank the host and hostesses at the October Potluck, so I would like to do so at this time! Thank you Ann Craven, Ericka Richardson, Jeff Tritt and Paula Wickland. Good job.

This year, the Membership Chair is going to coordinate all the efforts for the December 12th Christmas Dinner Potluck. I am going to need help. We will set up for the festivities on December 11 at 4pm. I will need the men folk to help with the table and chair set up (13 round - 4 long tables in the main hall and 4 in the kitchen). Ladies, I am counting on you to dress up the tables in full festive style. Table clothes, tableware, napkins, center pieces. I will also need help on the day of the dinner, carving the meats, setting out the dishes, cleaning up the kitchen area. This should be slightly more than the customary 4 host/hostesses we have on ordinary pot lucks. And of course, I will need help in the clean up area. All willing bodies accepted. Please let me know how you can help out . . . Thanks a bunch! Call Sue at 884-3685 OR email suestu@centurytel.net

Sue Stuhauq,
Membership Chair

General Meeting Minutes

MINUTES 10-17-07 . . .

The dinner meeting was called to order by LIC President Stu Stuhaug at 7:18 p.m.

Officers present were:

Dennis Stu Stuhaug, President
John Biggs, Vice-president
Patricia Latshaw, Secretary
Dean Latshaw, Dock Chair
Mike Hays, Building Chair
Sue Stuhaug, Membership Chair

Guest speakers were Mike Salatino from the Key Peninsula Civic Center and a group speaking on behalf of the 302 interchange project. Mike spoke about the New Years Eve dance at the Civic Center. Tickets are \$40 per person. We have agreed on a reciprocating program to help each other out. They need help decorating and the deadline for ticket sales will be 12-25-07. The band will be the same and food will be provided.

CHAIR REPORTS:

Dock - Dean Latshaw: Letters will be going out regarding minutes and hours and to notify those of what they need to stay on the dock. Help is needed to remove the green slime on the dock. Suggestion - Bon Ami, but we can't wash the chemicals into the water with the Enviro Star program. Need to provide separate garbage's for plastic, aluminum, glass, paper, etc. for program. Review of waiting list. Question of wharf review. Mark Jones discussed winter moorage coming up and those on list will be notified. They will get two weeks, and then on to next person. Be careful with your diesel ... it leaves a slick on the water. We are a safe marina for storms, then out. A 2 yard dumpster = 250 lbs of garbage. Doug Sylvers discussed that he is a health dept. volunteer for shellfish samples from Longbranch Shores and the LIC marina. Interesting speakers are available. He has placed biotoxin (Red tide) posters up at marina.

Building - Mike Hays: Lots of little projects are underway or planned! Concern regarding power/water to old firehouse which has its own well now and the LIC will be disconnected. Bulbs purchased and ready to plant Sunday 10-28-07, 10am. 20 names already volunteered, bring tools.

Membership - Sue Stuhaug: 2889 volunteer hours have been provided by LIC members. 1000 hours due to the fair. 124 memberships.

Events - Carolyn Wiley (absent): There was an events planning meeting 10-18-07 at 7pm.

* **Trunk or Treat- Debbie Erhardt:** Cars to be parked by 5:30pm. Crafts and games inside. Debbie requested additional volunteer help. Cupcake walk, etc. low key, luminaires between vehicles so kids know where to walk. If you can help - contact Debbie: 884.6382 OR debbie@harvest-timber.com

* 10 different Boy Scout troops are helping with Kids for Christmas. Donations in the form of dollars \$\$\$ needed.

* December 2 - decorate the hall. Volunteers needed. John Biggs has donated the tree.

* Exercise class expanding...in people not waistlines!

* Marina - the wharf project has a steering committee...Stuhaug, Biggs and Hays. Nothing in concrete yet, just discussing and talking ideas for costs to repair, replace and any and all options. Report not available since not yet received.

* Marguerite Bussard will be celebrating her 80th birthday at the Longbranch Church from 1 to 5 on 10-20-07.

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Meeting Minutes Continued . . .

- * Transportation discussed regarding the “Mustard Seed” Project. Training available, volunteers needed.
- * Carmen Davies our greeter mentioned that the \$ symbol next to your name on check-in mean that you still owe your \$5 balance from the dues being raised this year. Please pay now.
- * Nominations discussed - Ganos heading up that committee. Positions to be filled...VP, secretary, events, and building.
- * Fire in Vaughn - no one hurt and family Is fine. No requests or needs for donations.
- * Grounds being readied for improvement. Rich Hildahl asked for any trees that may fall due to storm etc. be donated for milling.
- * Discussion of Contra Dance: All are trying to find a suitable solution - Tricia will be back at the next meeting to discuss.
- * Report from October board meeting - housekeeping issues. Dock master and dock chairman will have formal process of monitoring electricity. Also, dinghy dock moorage will now be formally enforced and identify and properly bill for usage.
- * **BORROWING ASSETS FROM THE LIC WILL NOT BE ALLOWED WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**
- * Marlies VanCise, building rentals mentioned that salad plates inventory were not the proper count. Our inventory stated we had 165 but we actually only had 145. The person who borrowed the other 20 was requested to return them.
- * Many mentioned that tonight was a great meeting . . . great camaraderie, etc.

Meeting Minutes Continued . . .

- * Of special note...the LIC has a Duncan yo yo champion in our midst...any ideas of who???
- * Snowbirds are leaving...happy trails and be safe.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Latshaw, Secretary

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TURN BACK YOUR CALENDAR



The Holiday season is upon us and your Longbranch Improvement Club has shuffled its calendar a week ahead to make room for the other big days in the last two months of the year.

Nov. 7: 7 p.m., is the date for the LIC Board meeting at the LIC Building.

Nov. 14: 7 p.m., is the date for the LIC general dessert meeting at the LIC building.

Dec. 5: 7 p.m. is the date and time for the LIC board meeting at the LIC building - Election of Vice President, Secretary, Bldg. and Events Chair.

Dec. 12: is the time for the grandest LIC meeting of the year, the Holiday potluck and buffet dinner in the magnificently decorated LIC Great Hall. It's for you if you like fine company, great food and beautiful holiday decorations.

Nov. 4: Oh, yeah, get up at 2 a.m. (once) and turn your clocks back an hour to celebrate the end of Daylight Savings Time.

Stu Stuhauq,

President

What's Happening . . .

Nov. 6th ... In the LIC Bldg.
9 a.m. aerobics class
9:50 a.m. yoga class
7 p.m. yoga class

Nov. 7th ... In the LIC Bldg.
7 p.m.
LIC Board Meeting

Nov. 10th ... LB Community Church
10 a.m. TO 2 p.m.
Longbranch Community
Church Holiday Bazaar
Carol Rosebrock 884-1305

Nov. 13th ... In the LIC Bldg.
9 a.m. Aerobics Class
9:50 a.m. Yoga Class
7 p.m. Yoga Class

Nov. 14th ... Call for Directions . . .
10 a.m. TO NOON
Hydrangea Painting
For Holiday Decorations
Carolyn 884.9157

Nov. 14th ... In the LIC Bldg.
7 p.m.
LIC General Meeting
Sweets and Desserts

Nov. 20th ... In the LIC Bldg.
9 a.m. Aerobics Class
9:50 a.m. Yoga Class
7 p.m. Yoga Class

Nov. 27th ... In the LIC Bldg.
9 a.m. Aerobics Class
9:50 a.m. Yoga Class
7 p.m. Yoga Class

Month of Dec. ... ALL Exercise Classes
Are Suspended Until
Jan. 22, 2008

Dec. 2nd ... In the LIC Bldg.
All Day Long!
Decorating Great Hall

Dec. 5th & 7th ... In the LIC Bldg.
7 p.m.
LIC Board Meeting

Dec. 12th ... In the LIC Bldg.
7 p.m.
Grandest LIC Meet of Year!
Holiday Potluck/Buffer Dinner

Dec. 16th ... In the LIC Bldg.
1 p.m. TO 4 p.m.
Kids & Christmas
LIC Great Hall

Dec. 31st ... Key Pen Civic Center-Vaughn
KP New Years Eve Bash
(alternates annually with LIC)
Tickets: Sue Stuhaug 884.3685

From FRIENDS of the Key Center Library:

Thursday, November 8:

7 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Helen Thayer, World Traveler, Photographer & Author Presents A Family Program. *"Walking the Gobi"* A 1600-Mile Trek Across a Desert of Hope and Despair.

Thursday, December 13:

7 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church on Lackey Road. Join the Friends of Key Center Library for a Free Festive Classical Holiday Concert in McColley Hall. Concert by *The Helios Trio* Featuring Paul Leary, Clarinet; Mary Boyum, Cello; and Kathy Strickland, Piano

The 4-F's of Exercising with Kristina on Tuesdays.

4-F's - Have more FUN, become more FIT, FIRM & FLEXIBLE. All ages and skill levels welcome. Start with AEROBICS at 9:00, add a bit of SALSA to warm you up. Stay for the YOGA class at 9:50 and reward yourself with a period of quiet before beginning the daily rush. OR, if you prefer, join the evening YOGA session at 7:00 and let the day's stress drain away. Call 884-9157 regarding multi-class rates. Drop-in rate is \$10.00 per class session.

Recently the LIC became a member of the Heritage League of Pierce County, one of the advantages of this membership is technical assistance for historic preservation projects, another benefit is program information from museums and historic preservation organizations in Pierce County. *Heritage League of Pierce County, member of the DuPont Historical Society, would like to invite LIC members to their upcoming lecture.*

Quiemuth: A look at the life and tragic death of the Nisqually Indian leader

Presented by Historian Drew Crooks

Sunday, November 4th at 2pm

DuPont Community Presbyterian Church,
502 Barksdale Ave

Historian Drew Crooks will present an illustrated lecture examining the life and tragic death of Quiemuth, a strong and capable Native American leader who lived from ca.1800 to 1856. An older half-brother of the famous Leschi, Quiemuth was appointed chief of the Nisqually Tribe by Governor Isaac Stevens in 1854. He was later killed in the Olympia office of Governor Stevens. No one was ever brought to justice for the crime. Mr. Crooks will look at the mysteries surrounding the chiefs murder and discuss why we should remember Quiemuth whose life and death helped shape the history of southern Puget Sound. Mr. Crooks has worked in various museums in the South Sound. He has written several articles of historical interest, including three books on the regions heritage. The lecture is free. Donations to the Dupont Historical Society will be gladly accepted. For more information call Lorraine Overmeyer 253-964-3492 or Lee McDonald 253-267-5267 This is the second of three lectures sponsored by the Dupont Historical Society. The third lecture is slated for February 3rd is *Ezra Meecker: My friend Black Pioneer George Bush* presented by historian Ray Eagan.

Contact C. Wiley 884-9157 to arrange a carpool from LIC to DuPont and to develop a plan for nourishment along the way.

**New Years Eve
At The Center . . .**

It's Big Band swing with "Swing Fever". It's great food (just ask the folks who attended last year).



It's a beautifully decorated hall crowded with friends from all over the Key Peninsula - some you know and some you haven't met yet. It's the New Years Eve At The Center, this year at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The fabulous dance and party alternates between the Longbranch Improvement Club (where it was last year) and the Civic Center. To dance away the old year and waltz in the new, all you need is a big smile (mandatory for the party) and a purchased-in-advance ticket. Price is \$35 per person. **For LIC member ticket purchases:**

**Contact Sue Stuhaug, 884-3685
suestu@centurytel.net**

Tickets are also available from Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center and the KPCC in Vaughn but get them by December 24. After that, you are out of luck!



HOT TIP: to ratchet up the fun meter, hook up with your favorite friends/neighbors to reserve your **TABLE FOR EIGHT!** Dress is semi-formal, the bar is no-host, and the music is by the terrific Swing Fever. Then kick off your shoes and dance!

LCC Holiday Bazaar - Nov. 10

The Ruth Circle of the Longbranch Community Church will open the doors to its annual Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nov. 10 at the church. Select from Christmas crafts, hand-made items, books, plants, Ruth Circle cookbooks, 2008 calendars and "white elephants". Four items will entice you to the raffle: a hand spun, hand loomed table runner; an original painting; a crocheted afghan; and a decorative Christmas basket. Rolls and coffee will be available. For more information: Carol Rosebrock, 884-1305.



October Ended with a Howling Good Time

Trunk and Treat planners, Debbie Ehrhardt & Traci Michel did a fantastic job of coordinating and involving LIC and Evergreen PTA volunteers for a great evening of fun with a host of ghosts & goblins, and pirates & princesses.

If you missed it, plan for next year--
October 31st, 2008! It's a Friday.

Mark your calendars for November & December Events . . . Kicking off the festivities will be the "Official Hydrangea Painting Day" on Wednesday, November 14, from 10-12. So cut them back and dry those blossoms! Bagged, dry hydrangeas can be delivered to the LIC on any Exercise Class Day-Call Carolyn if you want to reserve a can of spray paint and join in the fun. (253) 884-9157.

There will be a "Donation Jar" at the November General Meeting for LIC elves who wish to contribute to Kids and Christmas.

LIC Decoration Day, Sunday, December 2, 10:00 to 4:00. If you have not done "Decoration Day" before, you are in for a treat!

- ◆ John Biggs is the big tree donor, Thanks, John and Mike Hays who are part of the tree transport team.
- ◆ Ladderman, Andy Gano, "The Fearless" has agreed to "hang" the tree.
- ◆ Marcia Horan has agreed to supervise table decoration creation, start time 12:30
- ◆ Woodland Elves-please deliver holly, boughs, salal & other greens early on December 2nd.
- ◆ If you bring your own tools: wire snips, scissors, hand garden clippers, hammers, please mark them so they don't get left behind.
- ◆ For those of you who can't stay to decorate, how about dropping by with a tasty tidbit for the crew. It's an all-day process, we do get hungry, we hate to stop, and we don't want to be faced with a big kitchen clean-up. So think, hand-held-finger-food. (However, that stew that Marlies VanCise made last year sure did disappear fast.). Peg Bingham will be on hand with coffee and muffins to get people started. If you want to contribute a dish to the care and feeding of the volunteers, call Peg at (253) 884-1124.

Kids and Christmas, Sunday, December 16, 2007:

1:00- 4:00: **SANTA VISITS:** Santa is ready to go & has made contact with the Toys for Tots-Don't you just love those Marines! Three to four volunteers will be needed to move the lil' ones on and off Santa's lap and distribute toys. **SANTA PICS.** This year we would prefer to use a digital camera & printer rather than a Polaroid. (It's a \$\$\$ thing). **Need 2 people + gear.**

MAKE 'N TAKE GIFTS: In 2005, the event was so well attended that some of the Scout Troop supplies were wiped out in the first hour. In 2006 we had planned for approximately 200 children, but the storms forced cancellation. This year each troop is preparing for 250 children. Ten Scout Troops will be on hand to help children make gifts for loved ones. (They are planning on 13 different craft stations. Each Scout Troop raises money to fund these projects.) Let's thank Susan Richmond, Girl Scouts of Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula, Service Unit 22 who is coordinating the troop involvement. Angel Guild stands ready to support the Scouts w/donations of craft materials. Below is the supply list submitted to Angel Guild. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them to the Scouts-call Carolyn 884-9157.

Felt * Tacky glue * Glitter * Stickers * Markers
Stamping ink pads * Card stock paper * Scented oils
Card size envelopes * Thin spool-type ribbon
Satin or velvet spool ribbon * White tissue paper
Red, white, green pipe cleaners (250 or so of each)
3 point beads in green, red, & white * Gold jingle bells
Brown paper bags (lunch size) * Colored poster board
Stick-on fun foam shapes * Book Distribution

Book Distribution is lined up-Thanks, Connie Hildahl. Volunteer opportunities for Elves...Name Tags, 3-4 people to help the "guest gift-makers" make a list before they reach the Scout activity/craft area. Crowd Control Elves, 7-10+ adults or older teens to direct traffic & keep all Scout Troops involved. Food & Beverage-public event requires purchased cookies & pre-mixed packets + hot water-coffee can be served. Peg Bingham will organize food service-one or two Kitchen Elves would be nice. Gift Wrappers-(Community Service opportunity for High School students.) and/or LIC Volunteers.

LIC UN-DECORATING DAY-to be scheduled
It is a big job and almost as much fun as Decoration Day. This is an opportunity to get the jump on the traditional New Year's resolution-to work off accumulated holiday calories."

That is so "884"

Submitted By:

Withheld to Protect the "Sweet and "Innocent"...

I was at the dock the other day and a big multi-colored dog was running loose all around and up and down on the dock. As I came down I noticed a fresh pile of "you know what" right at the bottom of the ramp.

I happened to see Dean Latshaw, our dock chairman, visiting with another club member so I told him I had seen the dog defecate on the dock. "What color was it?" said the member. "Brown" I replied; "Oh, - you mean what color was the dog?" He He He

SR 302 Planning - Open Houses - At the last general meeting of the LIC we had a spirited and darned good presentation and discussion of the planning process for the improvements within the SR 302 corridor between SR 16 and SR 3 - essentially between Purdy and Allyn. It was one of a number of community meetings with WA State Dept. of Transportation senior planner John Donahue and his staff. To kick off the next stage, **the DOT is hosting two open houses** to share the results of the preliminary SR 302 corridor analysis.



12/4/07 on Tuesday: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Peninsula High School Auxiliary Gym
(near pool and tennis courts)
14105 Purdy Drive NW

12/6/07 on Thursday: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Key Peninsula Civic Center
17010 South Vaughn Road
Vaughn

DRIVERS NEEDED - The "Mustard Seed Project" is looking for a few good volunteer drivers to help Key Peninsula residents with mobility problems make doctors' appointments, shopping, pharmacy visits and such trips as allow us to live in our rural environment. Training, an insurance umbrella and mileage reimbursement is part of the package. For further information, contact the Key Senior Information Center, 8903 Key Peninsula Highway N (same building as the library in Key Center), 884-9814, tmosp@centurytel.net.

FOR SALE: At a recent estate sale I fell in love with a filing cabinet. It is all made out of birch wood, and very nicely constructed - not laminated. Actually it is beautiful, but I need another filing cabinet like I need a hole in my head. Anyone interested to look at it? I paid \$100.00 for it and would consider any reasonable offer. Contact Marlies Van Cise (253) 884-5608

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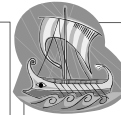
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