



# MEMBER NEWS

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

MAY 2021

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: MAY 19, 2021 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



## President's Message

Despite the fact that Pierce County has slipped back to Phase 2, somehow things seem to be opening up a bit. Those of us who are vaccinated have been able to enjoy time with each other, unmasked. Projects around the clubhouse are happening and we are seeing more folks feel comfortable volunteering for activities. It is unfortunate

that we had to cancel our Opening Day celebration again this year and we are having to scale back our Centennial Plans, but there is progress and hope on the horizon. We are still in conversation about how to begin in person meetings. Pierce County will be reevaluated in early May, and if we return to Phase 3 we will seriously consider how to make that happen. Please stay the course for just a bit longer, and we'll emerge from this with a greater appreciation for all that we have. And please, please, please, if you have not been vaccinated, please check with local authorities and pharmacies because they can guide you towards that end.

David Shinners Centennial Garden project is going full steam ahead. Preliminary brush clearing of the site was completed by Brent Pawson. Thank you, Brent. We've collected quite an interesting array of trash out of the site. Does anyone have use for an old tar bucket, a rusting equipment fender or a deteriorating quilt? David Deress has generously been assisting with the next wave of clearing and will be helping with final brush and blackberry removal so that we can prepare the soil. The committee would also like to start the process of building the fence. If anyone has expertise in this area, please contact David Shinners. Many thanks to David Shinners, Candice Hardt, David Deress, Ann Morris, Jim Sobieck, Susan Quigley and Kim Robinson for helping move this project along.

Plans for our Centennial Celebration are evolving as we work through what's possible based on the State Covid regulations. The committee has made the decision to shorten Marina days to 1 day only, Saturday July 17th, and to shift some of the event focus to the clubhouse to alleviate crowding at the marina. Tours of the Virginia V will still be taking place, and the Saturday night event is still planned though attendance may be limited. If you have purchased tickets for that event stay tuned. Keep checking the Centennial tab on the LIC web page for event updates. CONGRATULATIONS LIC!! – The Longbranch Improvement Club ([licweb.org](http://licweb.org))

## President's Message (cont'd)

The Pump Out station project made some good progress this past month. Brett Allen and his team did a masterful presentation for the Pierce County Hearing Examiner and we are awaiting his decision on the county permits. We also got our Hydraulic Project Approval from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Overall things are looking very positive for Phase 1 of this project. Thanks to Brett and the folks at Soundview Consultant for moving this along.

While we have been approved for Preservation Grant monies by the LHPC, we have not received funding from the county as of this writing. We are hopeful we will be getting contracts soon so we can get the architectural and design portions of this project moving.

We have elections coming up in June. The nominating committee is compiling a slate of candidates for the following positions: President, Treasurer, Membership and Marina Chair. If you wish to be a candidate, please contact Kelly Hettinger or Candice Hardt. The slate of candidates will be presented to the board at the May 12th board meeting and to the membership at the May 19th member meeting. Voting will take place at the June 16 member meeting.

Congratulations to The Longbranch Foundation for a successful and fun virtual fundraiser. The team did a great job and I know Barb will cover it all in her message but I wanted to emphasize how much fun it was...great job all.

Let's hope that soon we can meet in person, hug each other again and find some semblance of normalcy in our lives. In the meantime, mask up, stay safe, take care of others in our community and look to a brighter future, AND GET VACCINATED.

Marsha Kremen  
President





## TLF AUCTION FOR EDUCATION IT WAS ALL ABOUT THE STUDENTS

When we started planning the 2021 biennial auction we set two goals: a monetary goal so we could expand our support to the students and a goal of providing an educational, engaging and fun event. We are happy to report that we passed our monetary goal and we have received feedback from many people who really enjoyed the themselves and praised not only the fun show, but the bidding process, the testimonial videos, the food and the wine.

The stars of the event were Gina Cabaddu as our MC and the intrepid, first rodeo Auctioneer Jeffrey Tritt. Hopefully you watched and enjoyed the show, they pulled off a little magic together.

We had an incredible team working to make this event a success. Our event chair, Michele Gorman, did an outstanding job working through many glitches with our auction system. A huge thank you to Michele. Working closely with Michele to make this happen was our videographer, Megan Schowalter, who not only produced the live show, but also put together the testimonial videotapes used in the show.

**We are still finalizing the numbers, but the bottom line is that with your tremendous support the auction raised over \$80,000 and the team kept expenses below \$8,000. Congrats and thank you to all!**

Following are the names of just a few of the over 30 volunteers who helped make this Auction a reality. Randy Carr led the effort to obtain a dozen sponsors, you will see their logo elsewhere in this newsletter.

Carolyn Carr and Kelly Hettinger led the effort to obtain, document and photograph 48 Auction Items. There were 126 food boxes delivered by Meg & David Haggerty's catering company, Tuxedo & Tennis Shoes, as well as 13 cases of wine supplied by Don Swensen, BLEND – of course! In addition, 14 delicious desserts were donated by some talented bakers. Thank you to Mary Lemon, Christine Tritt, and Lori Zeigler for coordinating, packaging and handing out the food, wine and desserts.

Last but not least, and the only supporting group not visible on the Auction web site, were those of you who provided donations that could be used for matching funds. There were 22 of you who gave us a base of \$17,800 with which to work, and which did not show up in the running total. A major thank you to: Allen & Marcel Ballinger, Bill & Julie Bingham, Randy & Carolyn Carr, Rick and Francie Carr, Michele Gorman, Betsy Dennis, Lynn Doherty, Thomas Duren, Barb Floyd, Bob & Barbara Green, Jeff & Marcia Harris, Jim & Kelly Hettinger, Marsha Kremen, Lynn Larson, Fred Leestra, Bill & Lynn Lloyd, Sheryl Low & Polly Robinson, Colter & Stephanie Mott, Denny & Jan Prichard, Susan Quigley, James Sobieck and Linda Strand.





## **STUDENT PROGRAMS**

Jan Prichard, Student Programs Chair, is putting together a small committee to establish a plan to increase our support to Evergreen Students and to expand our support to the Middle School. If you would like to be involved with this activity, please contact Jan.

## **EVERGREEN QUILT PROJECT**

There is a group of talented people working to produce a Quilt for Evergreen Elementary to be ready when the new school opens. This group has met several times and have a wonderful design that includes pictures of the schools over time as well as the school symbols – a fir tree and an eagle. We hope to have pictures of the quilt as it is being assembled soon.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

Marcia Harris and her committee have reviewed applications and identified three high school seniors to receive a scholarship. They have also identified three students who are currently in school for a recurring scholarship. The Hawks virtual award ceremony is planned for May 19th. We will be able to tell you more about these students after the awards ceremony.

## **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](http://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](mailto:thelongbranchfoundation@gmail.com) or contact me or a Board member directly.

### **THERE IS LIGHT AT THE END OF THIS TUNNEL**

**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 six-foot distance.**

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

# THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY



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.

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

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## Food Market

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

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**MARINE FLOATS**



## Dockmaster Report

Hello from the dock,

As most have heard Opening Day has been canceled due to a Pierce County Covid-19 phase roll back. I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help and a special thank you to Jennifer Guyler for tackling the clothing order.

Bellevue Yacht Club made a visit in April. May will have visiting clubs 3 out of the 4 weekends

Capping off the month with the big Memorial Day weekend hosting Des Moines and Day Island Yacht Clubs.

Thank you to Denny and Jan Prichard for planting and upkeep of the beautiful flowers in the containers at the marina, I have had many people comment about the tulips!

Looking forward to seeing you this summer!

Katie Harrison  
Dockmaster

## Building and Grounds

Thanks to help from Jeff Tritt, we now have a sanded and painted container. Home Excavation moved it to its new location behind the garden shed.

Jeff Minch reinstalled the irrigation system around the north side of the building and to the sign. We still need to install drip irrigation around the front.

The oven hood and extinguishers have been officially inspected.

The new front door from Fircrest needs to be reviewed for its style by Bart Wolf and Jim, but the cost estimate was fine.

Jim Sobieck and Sharon Gearhart put up a new flag.

A pest control company inspected the building and installed traps inside and out to control the mouse infestation.

Bob Green and Dennis Severson helped Jim fix the audio system, which was not working.

We replenished the first aid kit.

In future, we'll be holding work parties to put cement blocks under the container and prep the inside for storage. We also still need help to work on the trails and beds.

Jim Sobieck and Ann Morris  
Buildings and Grounds



## Member News

The following new members have not yet been introduced. We can only welcome them virtually for now, but things will get better.

- Gavin & Heather Forseth
- John & Renee Chandler
- Bill & Jo Shadt
- Tom & Kathryn Nosenzo
- Christian & Shannon Heiberg

Give them a big wave on our next Zoom meeting.

Wow – our members are doing a fantastic job volunteering. First quarter volunteer hours total 1293.75!!! Here is the breakdown:

Category	January	February	March	First Quarter Total
Community Service-helping others	39.25	130	74.5	243.75
LIC – Building & Grounds	58.5	17.5	112	188
LIC – Centennial Garden	0	0	2	2
LIC – Events	21	7	51	79
LIC – Marina	48	42	39	129
LIC – Marina Grant	0	0	0	0
LIC – Marina Pumpout	0	0	0	0
LIC – Trails	0	0	0	0
LIC – Preservation Grant	10	0	0	10
LIC – General	112	51	61.25	224.25
Newsletter	5	0	9	14
TLF – Fundraiser	77	115	117	309
TLF – General	41.25	11	19.5	71.75
TLF – Student Activities	435	373.5	485.25	1293.75

### Now for something new:

You know the volunteer options listed on the Membership Application and Renewal forms? Tim Heitzman worked very hard to find a way to download this information from the membership database. Now we need to make sure it is current!! I've posted an extract of this information in the Members Only section on the website. Please take a few minutes to see if you still want your name listed for the task it shows, or if you want to be added to a different opportunity. It is in order by volunteering options listed on the application form. Email me with changes and updates. Those of you that have not filled out a form recently

may not be listed, and please let me know where we can make additions. This will be used by committees looking for volunteers and Jeff Minch our Volunteer Coordinator.

If you don't know the password for this section of the website, please email me, or any Board member, and we will be glad to help. There is a lot of membership information located in this spot.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Nancy Carr  
Membership Chair

## Activities

April showers bring May flowers and hopefully they will bring our county back to COVID Phase 3 and beyond. Just a reminder that Opening Day festivities were cancelled and there are no plans for Memorial Weekend at this time, but we have booked Kim Archer for Labor Day so keep your fingers crossed!

The current plans are for the Marina Days to be a one-day event on Saturday July 17th with the focus on the Virginia V activities (ride from Tacoma, dockside tours, and private party in the evening). This is to minimize activities at the marina

due to COVID restrictions. All parking will be at the LIC parking lot where dockside tour tickets will be available for scheduled slots. We will need volunteers for this event so stay tuned. This is based on being in Phase 3 or better; plans may change if the county remains in Phase 2.

A big thank you to those who helped with the garage sale. There is now much more space available in our storage container!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger  
allenandmarcel@hotmail.com

## Marina

Well, it is that time of the year when all you boaters come out and enjoy the great waters of the Pacific Northwest. It is also the time of year when we need some reminders to keep our Marina as safe and picturesque for all to enjoy.

- If you have a dog, it must be on a leash and in your control while at the marina.
- The dock carts are a convenience provided by the marina. When you are done, please put the cart back in its spot in the pavilion. It is a safety hazard when they are left at the gate. We want to keep this benefit available, but Katie and I cannot be responsible for putting the carts away.
- Shore power cords should not be coiled around the J-boxes. Please coil these cords **next** to the J-box.

The security cameras are now working, so SMILE – you may be on Candid Camera!

Have a safe boating season and enjoy the weather.

Thank you,  
Robert  
Marina Chair



# CENTENNIAL CROSSWORD APRIL 2021

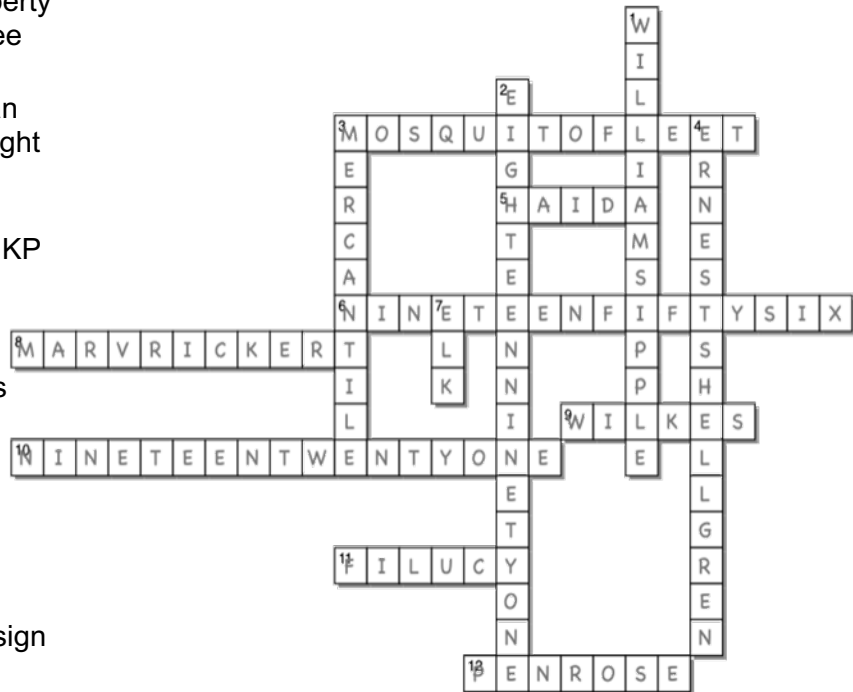
## Across

- 3) Variety of boats that stopped at every dock to transport people, goods, and news between the KP and the mainland. [MOSQUITOFLEET]
- 5) Tribe from which the Indian princess supposedly came; she whose name graces our bay. (one word) [HAIDA]
- 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) [NINETEENFIFTYSIX]
- 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) [MARVRICKERT]
- 9) 1841 expedition land survey that first labeled our KP as the "Longbranch Peninsula." [WILKES]
- 10) Year in which the LIC was incorporated. (three words) [NINETEENTWENTYONE]
- 11) Name supposedly taken from an Indian princess and given to our bay. (one word) [FILUCY]
- 12) The Hall in which the LIC held its meetings, at a cost of 50¢ per meeting. [PENROSE]

## Down

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

- 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) [MERCANTILE]
- 4) First Longbranch postmaster. (two words) [ERNESTSHELLGREN]
- 7) Ferry designed and built specifically to service Filucy Bay, she reigned for three and a half years. [ELK]



## From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

Since my last report, I have sent out 2 get well cards to LIC members and a sympathy card to a very important friend of the LIC's, Wendell Stroud, for the loss of his wife Pauline Britton Muir-Stroud. I heard of this sad news from Clark Van Bogart who told me "Wendell And Pauline were founders and

owners of Marine Floats Corp., which incidentally has built most, if not all, of the Longbranch Marina. We met Pauline at the dedication of the new marina sections back on Opening Day, 2019, and it was obvious then that she was not in the best of health, but nevertheless, a very classy lady. Marine Floats was also a sponsor of the Foundation's last two auctions for kids."

Cheril Allen  
Sunshine Representative



# LIC General Meeting

## April 21, 2021



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

Marsha introduced the guest speaker, Mark Cockerill to talk about Broadband on the KP

Speaker – Mark Cockerill, Chair of the Key Peninsula Advisory Commission, is the manager for the Broadband project on the Key Peninsula. Mark summarized the detailed analysis of the survey of broadband needs on the KP.

The plan to address the needs is for a two-part project, 1) Wire line project, where the wire line is connected to the house, (Mark is working on this part) and then 2) the Wireless project to create a wireless environment. Dustin Morrow is working on the second part of the project. They are working closely with Pierce County, the broadband providers, and the Peninsula School District. They will seek funding for the projects from local private business or organizations.

### BOARD REPORTS

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

**Treasurer:** Review of the March 2021, financials by Jim Hettinger. Net Income for the month is \$900 below budget, but we are \$9,000 over budget for the year.

### Membership:

- The newsletter will have the first quarter updates on volunteer hours.
- Super Sale Recap: The last bits of items were for sale this past weekend, and \$406.60 was made. The overall total is \$5,400 for the entire event. Kudos to Kelly Hettinger and her helpers for the year-long effort to get this Sale completed.
- Opening Day at the Marina is cancelled due to the Governor's mandate putting us back into Phase II. Check the website for Opening Day Merchandise which will still be available for purchase.

### Buildings and Grounds:

- The storage container was painted and moved and is being refurbished on the inside.
- We have an estimate to replace the front door.

**Marina:** Wave Installation is being pursued to increase the bandwidth at the Marina.

**Trustee at Large:** No report

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



# LIC General Meeting

## April 21, 2021



### Vice President:

- Centennial Celebration – The Marina Days event will be a one-day event on Saturday July 17th with the Virginia V.
- A decision to cancel may have to be made if we stay in Phase II into July.
- Community Garden Proposal – The Board has officially approved the project, and David Shinners explained the proposal for a Community Garden at the LIC. There is a design team including, Anne Morris, Susan Quigley, Marsha Kremen, and Kim Robinson working on the design for the garden. David shared slides of their vision of all areas of the garden. The vision also includes projects to include partnering with the local schools, and various non-profits to benefit the community.

### President:

- Pump out Station Update – The hearing with Pierce County was held April 14, 2021, for our permit and the hearing went very well. We have received approval from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Preservation Grant Update – 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 funding by the County.
- Nominations for Board Positions – Positions open are President, Marina Chair and Treasurer. Kelly Hettinger and Candace Hardt are the nominating committee.
- In Person Meetings: We are not there yet.

### THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION:

The virtual Auction on April 10, 2021 was a success on two accounts: 1) We exceeded our target which will enable us to expand our programs to the middle school. And, 2) We received a lot of positive feedback on the program, the appetizers supplied by Meg and David Haggerty's catering company and on the wine supplied by BLEND. Gina Cabiddu and Jeff Tritt were amazing co-hosts, and a big thank-you to Michelle Goman, event chair, and Megan Showalter, our videographer who pulled this show together. We had 30 volunteers to do this auction, we had 12 sponsors and 22 donations to the match. Thank you Randy Carr for leading this effort. Key volunteers were Carolyn Carr and Kelly Hettinger, for procurement, Mary Lemon, Christine Tritt and Laurie Zeigler for food/dessert and drinks.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Virtual Membership meeting, May 19th, 2021 at 6:30. The evening will feature Centennial Stories.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheryl Low  
Secretary



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