

LIC NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S

LETTER ... Prop up your

feet, close your eyes, and turn on your imagination: what would like to



see happen at the LIC over the next year? Do we need more or fewer dances? An ice cream social? A jack-and-jill softball team to challenge other Peninsula teams? A dinner theater? Movie nights? A full-blown Halloween party for the young-uns?

Is there a call for small-scale events - say, a dozen tickets and a van ride for a local play or concert? Another boat ride like the really neat Odyssey cruises this summer, but perhaps with the Lady Washington or a classic steam vessel?

Is there a call for a basic AARP defensive driving class for seniors? What about a first aid and/or CPR class? Have you spotted something that needs to be fixed? Maintained? Upgraded? *Do we need a new...?*

Now, open up your eyes and look around. **This is your club.** The things that happen here are your things. They reflect your interests and your enthusiasms.

A vision without resources is a hallucination. Resources without a vision is a waste.

Throughout the fall, your LIC is going to be juggling all those things we might want to do with the resources we have at hand, and by December we're going to have a plan and a budget that will support that plan. Some events and some capital things we'll do. Some we'd like to do, but we'll postpone until we've saved up the funds to accomplish them. Some we'll look at, shake our heads, and push them aside.

That "We" is not your board. It is not your neighbor. It is not the person packing chairs into the meeting room as we gather for dessert. It's you. And it's me. And it is every single person that takes great pride in the LIC and its activities. If you won't share your visions of what we could be, and could be doing, then the rest of us are diminished because we lack sharing your unique and valuable perspective.

Tell me about it in an e-mail. Send your thoughts to any of the committee Chairs. Send it to the Club proper, either e-mail or snail mail. All the addresses are in this newsletter. Con't Pg. 4...

Thanks, Stu Stuhauq

MEMBERSHIP REPORT ...

Leonard Tusler, we are happy to say, renewed his Associate Membership at the July meeting. Welcome back Len! The club now has 119 paid memberships and 204 members.

Don't forget to send me your volunteer hours! July has been a busy month for LIC members, what with the fair and all. If you didn't find a sign-in sheet there, and don't know if you have been credited for hours served, send them to me. I can double check. Also, a big THANK YOU to all those that responded to my emergency email Monday night, July 10th asking for tent erectors. **10 percent of our**

membership showed up

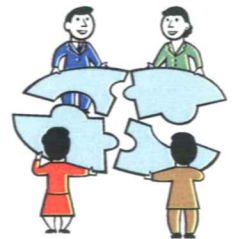
Tuesday-Wednesday (the two hottest days) to help put them up. You

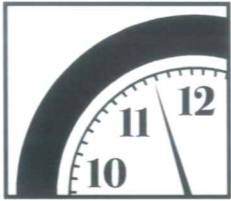
guys and gals are the greatest!

Thanks, Sue Stuhauq,

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 7/18/2007

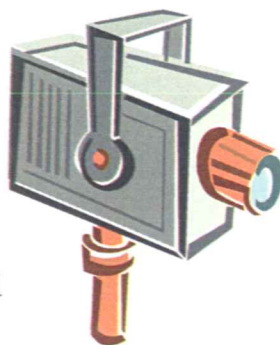
The dessert meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President, Stu Stuhaug. The pledge of allegiance was lead by Pat Latshaw.

M-2-P to approve the minutes as written.

Old Business - None.

New Business: The President reported on the recent vandalism of 2 boats at the marina last Thursday night. There are legal obligations and moral obligations. The dock committee is handling many changes and updates to the marina at this time. Any volunteers welcomed to help with dock projects. There are bad guys no matter what, land or water. Steps are being taken to handle security. Ann Dearing asked what happened and Teresa Gano explained. There were many expressions of disgust in regards to how the Sheriff's Department handles theft *anywhere on the Key Peninsula*. Need to watch area and look for strangers - always watch and plan prior to events. Get license plate numbers or something . . . any type of description for people, vehicles, boats, etc.

Only 4 cameras on dock now and need to upgrade to more practical system for our marina. Dean Latshaw, dock chairman, is looking into a new system with 8 cameras and better coverage (visual) and weather protected. Tim Heitzman mentioned that there was an article in the recent marina magazine that did not recommend cameras as they are not up to expectations. Dean is also getting help from the new Neighborhood Policing Deputy, Rich Folden, to address concerns at the marina and get his advice.



Board meeting review: Tim Heitzman was confirmed as treasurer. Vote to streamline the language in rental agreement for Marlies regarding rentals. There will be a *club wide calendar* of events to as to avoid conflicts. Review to be set for bylaws and dock regulations. Tim was asked to get information on credit card machine to make things easier for rentals, moorage, etc. Beer will be offered at dinner meetings for \$1.00 donation. All donations will go to the scholarship fund.



Dock Chairman - Dean Latshaw: New BBQ donated by Glen and Debbie Earhardt - THANK YOU!!! Sandy Black has finished getting the lights up. Transients say they cannot see the key pad at night. Dean will follow up on this. Time to dig out your key cards as the gate will be locked at night now. DNR states must be open during daylight hours. Dean is looking at different ideas for surveillance. Needs able bodies for major projects. Many boards need to be sanded and treated before they are lost to weather. Lights at the end of cabana being replaced as well.

Events - Carolyn Wiley: Beyond the Borders August 4th. All positions almost filled after 23 phone calls. Sept 1 is the Labor Day Dance. The permits are in - Tim has designed the posters. Carolyn is looking for a vice chair for events for help and backup. Exercise class still in effect.

Building - Mike Hays: Not much - just a few small projects. Research being done for signs on trails. Stage is here for Beyond the Borders, electrical to follow. Water out 7-4-07 and Mike fixed with parts from home, then fixed his own second. *Thank you Mike...what a guy!*

Membership - Sue Stuhaug: Thank you to our hostesses tonight: Teresa Gano, Ann Dearing and Con't . . .

PRESIDENTS AWARDS

Marcia Horan. Carmen Davies is our new greeter! Aug 15th we need one more person to hostess and Sept 19th too. See Sue for hours sheets.

Key Peninsula fair took a lot of membership hours with 50 people and over 1000 hours. The fair would never work without the help of the LIC. Big thanks to the SOS sent out by Sue to help with tents at the fair. 17 volunteers came through.



Treasurer - Tim Heitzman: A couple of highlights this month; goal set at 10k this year and we are already there. Goal for scholarship fund at \$1000 and we are currently at \$1800, thanks to Carolyn Wiley for running raffles, events and to those that donate. Slightly ahead on building rentals too. All looking good at this time. Money is the bank, and the bills are paid.

Rentals - Marlies VanCise: New tablecloths here tonight. Need approval to purchase. Our cost is \$10 each and they are "no iron". We need 13 so cost is \$130.00. Motion by Marlies, 2nd by Sandy Black and Teresa Gano, passed. Good news...the organ is to be removed after the Salmon Bake as promised by Glen Earhardt.

Dock Master - Mark Jones: We had 4 clubs in recently. They included South Sound Sailing Society, TOA, Classis Yacht Club, Carling and Olympic Sailing. All enjoy our marina. Follow up on break in - 1st break in in a long time! Thank you to Knutsons, Richard Dixon, Don Jopp and Sandy Black for the work done at the dock. Enviro Star flag to be hanging soon. Recycling being set up soon. OBSERVATION - David Wiley is everywhere *cleaning up garbage*. Thanks! Waiting list is moving along. More signage is needed at the marina before inspection. Question of treating boards and being environmentally safe - ok if only way to do it and we will be spraying - not rolling.

David Wiley - for cleaning our roads.
Norma Jean Gibson - she does a great job on our newsletter.

Mike Hays - Prior to the last wedding, he noticed the grounds needed to be mowed and he did so on his own prior to the fair. Water problem at club - he was notified 7-3-07 and disassembled his own system at home to repair the LIC and then worried about parts to fix his home. We hope that Denise was not too inconvenienced by this. Stu presented Mike with a "t" shirt that said:
"All is WELL in Longbranch".

Fair Overview - Mike Hays:
There are 2 camps regarding the fair:



1. The fair needs to make money?
2. Everything at the fair should be free?



They raised admission this year to \$2.00 but all the entertainment was free. Parking was free or some was paid. Not all funds/reports in yet. Some vendors were shut down due to problems. One car was stolen from the middle school. Everything the carnival makes - a portion goes to the fair. By and large it was a good fair. Kim Bauer did teen night and really involved the kids. About 300 kids attended. Other numbers to come in soon. John Biggs noted that Mike Hays was the glue that held this fair together - he is amazing!!!

Sunshine Chair - Vicky Biggs: Thank you's received from Betty Powers/Tritts/Tim Heitzman.

884 Stories - Marlies VanCise: Don't forget about sharing your 884 stories for the LIC newsletter. We need more! *They are FUN and PLEASANT to READ*. Mark Jones reminded us that Marlies has agreed to dress up in Bavarian attire for the beer garden . . .

Norma Larsen reminded everyone about the Salmon BBQ on July 28th here at the LIC put on by the Longbranch Community Church. Salmon is also available from Shane Hostettler, 884-3148.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Next meeting is potluck, 08-15-08, with the board BBQ.

Respectfully submitted, *Pat Latshaw*,
Secretary

A Tip of the LIC Fedora to:

Cont'd from the President's Letter . . .

Communications keeps any organization running, and your LIC is no exception. What is exceptional is that when it is done well it is transparent and almost unnoticeable. We as a club are very fortunate that we have someone who can take our scrambled syntax and our late reports and mix them up with the news and information about your club and turn it into a readable and attractive newsletter. It requires a lot of technical skill, an artistic eye, an unstinting eye for detail and the patience of a saint. Next time you see Norma-Jean Gibson give her a big thanks. She deserves it.

Another big thanks goes to Building Chair Mike Hays. The LIC well shut down July 3, and Mike rolled up his sleeves to solve the failure late that afternoon after a full day of gainful employment and Community Fair preparation. As night approached he isolated the electrical components that failed, and replaced them with parts from his own well. He negotiated with a well company to pick up replacements parts the morning of July 4. Your LIC well (and his own well) were up and flowing that morning. That's a heck of a job, especially on a holiday. He deserves more than the tee-shirt emblazoned "All's WELL in Longbranch" he received at the July meeting.

Security and Safety

We'll all concerned with security and safety - our own and our neighbors. Following a break-in at two boats in our marina your Dock Committee is going over our systems and practices seeing what we can do to improve our own systems. At the same time, your Building Committee is seeking the proper cautionary and use signs for our grounds and trails. Dennis "Stu" Stuhaug

EVENTS REPORT:

Exercise Classes:

August schedule is limited. Thursday 2nd, 9th, & 16th. Only one Tuesday class August 14th. Kristina Butorac is interested in continuing classes at the LIC in the Fall, please contact Carolyn to reserve space...c.wiley@mac.com



Congratulations to Kristina, she has been hired as a Program Director - new Y in Gig Harbor, and will be teaching there as well.

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help with the **Beyond the Borders!** Please plan to join in on August 4 from noon to 6:00 p.m. Take time to enjoy the musicians, the art show and the tasty treats. Most volunteer jobs are covered, but help is still needed for set up and clean-up. Showing up to work is great, but if I know who is coming ahead of time it makes it possible to better utilize your particular skills. Some incidental help may be needed during the event-especially if the parking help falls through-Yikes . . . **not a happy thought.** *** Special thanks go to Cindy and Ernie Evans and Dick & Marlies VanCise for covering the LIC/Two Waters booth at the Key Peninsula Community Fair. This was a joint effort undertaken by LIC & TWAA to promote **Beyond the Borders.** *** This event could not have been possible without Mark Runions leadership, he handled scheduling, concept development, and publicity. What a guy, thanks, Mark...*Carolyn Wiley*



Welcome to the Summer Social!

Pen in a *big red circle* around Aug. 15 and use that to remind yourself to come on down to the LIC at 6:30 p.m.

It's time for the ever-popular Summer Social & your Board members will be at the Barbecues, spatulas in hand, and hamburgers and hot dogs on the menu. Don't come empty-handed, though. There will be room for plenty of side dishes and sweets on the buffet tables. Whatever you want to share will be appreciated - and gobbled up! We admit that some of our meetings are a little dry and boring for the young'uns. This isn't one of those. It is for families, kids and grand-kids - and if there are any great-grand's we'll have a 'burger for them!

UPCOMING SEPT. & OCT. EVENTS:

"Labor Day Dance" on September 1, 2007
Rescheduling..."Personal Best Speaker" October..."Casino Night"

Hands Heads & Hearts are Needed

Labor Day Dance: Again, thanks to Mark Runions for his efforts to bring a remarkable array of musicians to our venue...featured will be a long time favorite PNW rock and roll band, "The Daily Flash". Food service & menu will depend upon availability of volunteers, so...got ideas?...time?...food handler or FBO permits?

Personal Best Speaker and Casino Night: 2 items of the adopted calendar have received inadequate attention. The "Personal Best" speaker for September needs to be re-scheduled for a later date-for some reason, I got bogged down in other events. And Casino Night...while this is a guest & member event and publicity demands are limited, I am really out of my element here so any-all help & organization guidance is appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENT:

"Beyond the Borders" ... Best Show In Town!
August 4th, 2007 from Noon-6

Great **MUSIC**, fine **ART** and delicious **FOOD**, put them together and they add up to "Beyond The Borders". They also add up to a great day of family entertainment at the LIC from Noon- 6 p.m. on Aug. 4th. *And there is icing on the cake;* the music and the art are FREE. Food that matches the entertainment in variety, a beverage garden and a dessert bar that pushes the envelope of being decadent round out great reasons to make this LIC and Two Waters Arts Alliance show a must on your social calendar. The great musical groups brought to the stage are underwritten by a substantial grant from the Angel Guild.

* 12:30 - "Eyerabira" kicks off the musical explosion, first with music from its native Uganda and then with the promise of an exhilarating display of ethnic dancing. In a word, WOW!

* 2 p.m. - "Brizee" takes the stage, lifting spirits and setting your feet moving with its high-energy blast of Mexican pop.



* 3:30 p.m. - "Pearl Django" ... will transport you to another continent laying down the notes of Gypsy jazz from the bistros of the Thirties Paris. They're chart-toppers on the radio, and you've listened to them wailing on CDs, so now's your chance to be amazed at the energy and technique of this incredible group!

Do you speak 12 languages? "Abrace" sings in 12 languages, focusing its blend of voices and percussion from Portugal to Brazil. If music can heal, then these are practitioners of the healing lively arts. This is a "Don't Miss Afternoon".

Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair
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The Daily Flash

Millenium
Edition

"Subverting the dominant paradigm since 1965"

Catch The Daily Flash on 9/1/07 at the LIC - Labor Day Dance. *Fresh from their performances in the WA segment of the "Summer of Love" 40th Anniversary and the "Legends of NW Rock" concert in Issaquah.* The Daily Flash was voted as one the "top 10 favorite NW bands" in the nwsources.com

Submitted by *Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair*

Since the mid'60s, The Daily Flash brought a fresh approach to the scene, incorporating, folk, rock, pop, bluegrass and jazz.

A new edition of The Daily Flash has returned. For discerning listeners, The Flash has revived the high art of interpretation. The band features ASCAP composers, but focuses on taking a tune out of its familiar surroundings and making it their own. There's enough recognition to know you've heard the song before, but nothing like the Flash's treatment. They breathe life into an eclectic repertoire of folk, rock, celtic, and contemporary music.

Steve Lalor remains the NW's quintessential acoustic folk performer. A veteran of the 60's west coast folk scene (*The Driftwood Singers*) and founding member of The Daily Flash, Steve spent 11 years in the L.A. studio scene under contract with London, Universal, MGM, Psycho and Rhino recording companies. His crystal voice and syncopated 6 and 12 string finger picking have been described by Bumbershoot as, "Musicianship that CRACKLES with experience."

Barry Curtis, since 1963, has performed with the *Kingsmen* who purvey their seminal form of NW garage rock at arena concerts, fairs and festivals. Ample time between tours allows Barry to pursue other projects. Significant among these is his participation in The Daily Flash. As an electric guitarist, he embodies a wide stylistic range including rural American blues, rock, r&b, country and folk. As a singer, he combines these influences with his formal training in choral music and other forms of harmonic group singing.

Don Wilhelm has been active in the Seattle scene since 1966. He has performed with founding members Roger Fisher and Steve Fossen in *White Heart & Heart*. He also performed with *Shyanne*, & with *Moby Grape's* Don Stevenson in *Washington James*. Some of his best work also includes composing, recording and performing with Pat Tennis of *Los Orchids*. Don is both a skilled guitarist and bassist. His unique bass style contributes greatly to The Flash's melodic and rhythmic character and his superb voice soars into alto territory, providing the band with the greatest possible vocal range.

Steve Peterson, also a *Kingsmen* since 1988, is one of the NWQ'S finest drummers. He has done a great deal of studio work and has played in countless other groups ranging from duos to large ensembles. Steve has the ability to play to the essence of virtually every form of popular music. His precision and dynamic range gives The Flash its multi-hued percussive style. His singing and celtic whistle work are compelling and contribute to the group's strong vocal and instrumental capabilities.

Craig Bystrom has been sound engineering for the *Kingsmen* since 1982. Over the years, he has perfected the art of taking all of the individual instruments and voices in a band to create a dynamic group sound in any situation. He brings his wealth of talent and experience to The Flash and enables the band to sound its best at all times.

This lineup has the ability to accurately replicate the vocal and instrumental qualities of the original Flash, and to take that wonderful, explorative musical platform into the future. . .

Tickets available at the Dock, Sunnycrest Nursery, Lakebay Nautical in Gig Harbor. Reminder:

This is an LIC fundraiser - if it is "not your cup of tea" buy NO SHOW tickets - then you can kickoff your shoes & stay at home.

That is SO "884" !!!

Lots of Things ARE Happening in "884 Style"

Maybe some folks who have recently moved or spend only seasonal time here have yet to *experience the PRIVELEGE & JOY* it is to live in the 884 area.

So, please share YOUR stories with the LIC by submitting to normajeangibson@remax.net

Another "884" Story submitted by Stu Stuhaug

Folks on the South Key Peninsula and their visitors are quick to comment on our good road hygiene, how littering here isn't the problem found elsewhere in the region. Sad to say, folks, in the words of the song "It ain't necessarily so." We share the visual clutter of plastic sacks, beverage cans, rain-soaked wads of paper and glop beyond description (or recognition). SKP'S big difference is that **one man** decided to do



something about it. You've seen him trudging along the highway shoulders between Evergreen Elementary and the southern tip of the Peninsula as well as the feeder roads, bag in hand and a cleaner roadway in his wake. His name is **Dave Wiley**, and he's not a member of a committee or task force.

Pierce County doesn't give him an orange vest, nor is there a congratulatory sign alongside the road identifying his labors. He's just one person, a guy who saw a thing that needed fixing and is quietly going about **making the Peninsula a better place...** Because it is the right thing to do. And it is not a one-time thing. It takes him five days to cover his self-appointed rounds and with only a brief break he's back at the beginning starting it all over again. Is his work appreciated? While Dave wasn't at the July LIC meeting, 2 separate people, one from your Board and one from your membership stood up to identify Dave and his works. Next time you see him, pass your appreciation on to him! Thanks Dave!

WANTED: *Clean Fill Dirt*... Fill dirt needed in Longbranch. Contact Chuck or Norma-Jean Gibson 253.884.6556.

We Have What You May be Looking For: *For Sale* - 9' Inflatable Dinghy-\$200.00. Matching Maytag Washer & Dryer (Large Capacity) \$75.00 Each. Contact Pat or Ruth Thomson @ 253.884.5286.

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