



MEMBER NEWS

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President's Message

Last month I shared a few highlights from 2018, a year of many successes, so I won't repeat here. You will be able to read about them in more detail in our Annual Report planned for the April 2019 issue of the Key Peninsula News. I do want to again express my heartfelt appreciation to all of our members for the thousands of volunteer hours devoted to this organization, the Longbranch Foundation, and our community. Your support is simply nothing short of incredible. Part of the larger group of volunteers is a very dedicated small group known as the LIC's Board of Directors. These individuals have the responsibility for, and have collectively given hundreds of volunteer hours, organizing such things as dances, the "Super Sale", Opening Day breakfast at the marina, "Trunk or Treat", "Kids & Christmas", maintaining our properties, and many more things. Thank you very, very much for your time, enthusiasm, dedication and cooperation throughout the year!

I'm really looking forward to another great year in 2019 for the LIC and TLF – we have so many projects and events in the mix. Right out of the gate in January you'll see significant upgrades and repairs at the marina, most of which are paid for by a \$240,560 capital grant from the State of Washington. Other improvements at the marina on tap for 2019 include a new security system, wharf and ramp lighting, and replacement of the safety swim ladders not replaced in 2018.

A little later in the year we'll see renovation work on the clubhouse's west bank of five large windows, paid for in part by an \$11,400 grant from Pierce County Preservation Board, plus a grant from The Longbranch Foundation. In addition, our capital budget for 2019 includes re-configuring the clubhouse propane service, new lighting in the meeting room, and new audio/visual equipment in the auditorium. These improvements are necessary, not only to make our operations more efficient, but they will enhance our own events and bolster the rental capabilities of the building. Next year our clubhouse will host two major fundraiser events; the annual auction of The Mustard Seed Project in May, and the biannual fundraiser for The Longbranch Foundation in August.

Happy New Year 2019

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There will also be continued improvements and expansion of the trail system on our property.

Our Events Committee has already been at work planning events for next year, including "Suds' & Spuds", dances, Fiber Arts, "Trunk or Treat", and many more. It goes without saying that our Membership Chair will not be resting either and we expect to see a continued increase in membership during 2019. In this regard, I urge you to reach out and invite your neighbors or friends in the community to attend a meeting or two next year, and I believe the rest will take care of itself.

All that, and I haven't even mentioned the other things we'll do during the year for the community. As you can probably tell, I'm excited about our future, and confident the successes of the past several years will continue with just a bit of effort from all of us. Last, and certainly not least, Barb and I want to wish you all a very safe, healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year!

Clark

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HELP WANTED

We have immediate openings for volunteers to take charge of the following – hours very flexible and rewards second to none! Interested? Please contact Clark by phone or email – see above:

Collection & recycling of aluminum cans

Office administration & organization





You are supporting our community with amazing gifts of time and dollars. Thank you.

Your contributions are channeled to the purpose you designate and, combined with the grants that we can acquire as a 501(c)(3) organization, fuel our support of the community. Our focus purposes are scholarships for local graduates, support for local students, community projects, and improvements to Longbranch - historic buildings, grounds, marina safety, and Filucy Bay ecology. As you know, the list of projects is long, and the need is great, there is much to do.

I reported last month a summary of your 2018 accomplishments through the Foundation, and it is now posted on the web site and Facebook. If you haven't already seen it, you may want to take a look.

And the new news - contributions thus far to our *Celebrate The South Key 2018* Campaign total over \$11,500. The Campaign is not over, so if you wish to donate, we would love to hear from you. Speaking for The Foundation's Board of Directors, I thank you for your generosity.

And other good news, Connie Hildahl recently reported that in 2018 you submitted Key Center Food Market receipts totaling \$36,663.50 which results in \$366.63 as a contribution to the Foundation. Food Market Receipts and Amazon Smile contributions add up over time and enrich our support of the community.

And finally, a new year's note I thought worthwhile to share:

*A time to quiet our hearts, to soften our edges
clear our minds, enjoy our world
May these days and all the new year
be joyful and peaceful*

Thank you for your wonderful support in 2018! We look forward to a busy and rewarding 2019!

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Membership Info

December was very busy, but very rewarding, too. I hope some of the many volunteers we had feel the same way. The LIC looked fantastic as it normally does, and the decorating team and centerpiece ladies did a super job. We had a great turnout for Christmas dinner, over 70 members and the Evergreen Chorus of about 30-40 folks and their families to hear them. They were really good and we all enjoyed their songs and energy.

Kids and Christmas was very good this year. We had help and donations from our members, Angel Guild, Children's Home Society, Albertson's, Food Market, and 12 Girl Scout troops from Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula. There were over 30 volunteers that helped with the event and fun was had by all.

If you have not done so, please make sure all your volunteer hours for 2018 are turned in by the first week in January. I was hoping this year would exceed the hours volunteered in 2017, but we may have not quite as many.

Thanks, too, for turning in your member dues for 2019. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks and Happy New Year,

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair

2019 LIC Membership Renewal Thank you, due Jan 1, 2019

NAME OK to list name, address and telephone in Member Directory

Any changes?

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Your LIC depends on volunteers. Check the boxes for activities that you'd like to do.

EVENTS

- Set up/decorate/host
- Food prep/kitchen

ACTIVITIES

- Road crew pickup
- _____

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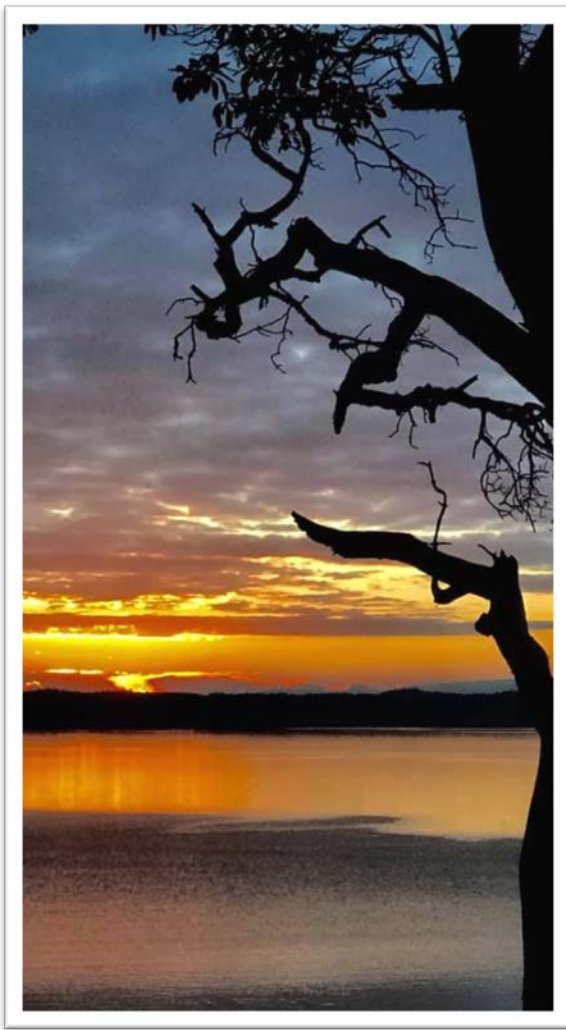
- Building
- Grounds/garden
- Marina
- _____

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
- Office
- Musical
- Publicity
- _____

Membership Renewal Dues

Individual \$25
Couple/Family \$40
Associate Member \$25



*Another glorious Key Peninsula sunset.
Contributed by Jacque Johnson Skinner.*

Events

It looks like we have made it through another year with no casualties!!

“Kids In Christmas” was another successful event, with many thanks to all of those who put in so many hours. Nancy was totally organized with the gifts and coordination with “Toys For Tots”. The kitchen crew received many complements on the quality of food and the execution.

Our next event is coming up in March, “Suds and Spuds” on March 16th. We have reached out to the Irish Dancers and they will be entertaining us again. We would like to include a couple of other types of entertainment to insure that it is another fun event. Please forward any ideas and energy.

Our next Events meeting will be January 23rd. Any and all are welcome to join us. Your feedback is always welcome.

You can contact us at bobgreen928@gmail.com or phone at 206-802-8848. We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday!

Bob & Barb
Events Co-Chairs

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All, since my last report I have mailed out 2 get well cards, both to very special ladies in our community. Marlies Van Cise had a brief stay at the hospital recently for an infection, but thankfully, she recovered quickly. Carolyn Wiley also needed to head to the hospital for a few days due to a blood pressure drop caused by A-fib. I was lucky enough to see Carolyn when she got out and I’m happy to say she was in good spirits and had her same glorious sense of humor! Take care Ladies, we are glad you’re both on the mend!

“Rise above the storm and you will find the Sunshine”

~Mario Fernandez

Cheril Allen
The Sunshine Lady



Building and Grounds

The LIC is beautiful, all dressed up for the holidays! Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. During December, B&G was able to accomplish some of our planned winter workload.

- First, the kitchen and entry foyer area ceiling lighting has been fully changed, with new and brighter integrated LED fixtures that have a lifespan of over 30 years.
- Second, the lighting in the entry areas for the ladies and men's rooms has been updated – the light switches have been moved to just inside the door frame to the entry areas.
- Additionally, the light fixture has been changed in the men's room entry area to an integrated LED fixture, and the lamps in the fixtures in the ladies entry have also been changed to LED. These lamps and fixtures should also last over 30 years.

Coming soon is new lighting in the main room, including replacement switches and dimmers. The goal is more reliable, brighter and more energy efficient lighting. Also coming soon, is a new audio system with wireless mics, improving the "hear-ability" of our presenters and audience members.

The B&G team wishes everyone a wonderful New Year!

Bob Perry
Building and Grounds

Recipe of the Month

Submitted by yours truly – Tanya Perry

Perfectly Easy Toffee – Bonus: Gluten Free

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup butter
- ¼ cup water
- ½ cup semisweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup chopped nuts (optional)

- 1) Prepare a cookie sheet with parchment paper
- 2) Heat sugar, butter and water to boiling in a pot (it should hold 1-2 gallons so that there is room for boiling mixture which rises)
- 3) Stir CONSTANTLY to 300°
- 4) Immediately pour onto parchment paper and spread out to ¼ thickness – don't worry about the shape – it can be oddly shaped
- 5) As quickly as possible sprinkle the chocolate chips onto the mixture so that they are hot and melt onto the toffee. As soon as they have softened (about a minute) spread them with a better knife.
- 6) While chocolate is still soft, sprinkle nuts onto the chocolate. Lightly press nuts into chocolate.

Let it sit, room temperature, for about an hour, then break it into small or large pieces to serve.



Marina Report

Well, the year has come to an end. A lot has happened at the marina and much more is coming in the next year. Keep checking on the progress.

I want to thank Larry Layton and Rob Carlson for helping out with the parking for Kids and Christmas. Thanks guys, I know it was wet all day, but GREAT job. Also, I would like to thank Lynn Carr for another year of a job well done as the dockmaster. Good job Lynn.

I want to send a very SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Barb Van Bogart. She has reached a milestone in her life. Great job Barb and keep it up (GO VIKINGS).

Also to Clark Van Bogart, and everyone who has worked so hard on this grant project, I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know how much work all of you have put into the grant work. THANK YOU ALL.

If you are a boat owner and your boat is currently in the marina, please unplug the shore power from your boat before January 6th when construction is scheduled to start. Thank you.

Final note - hope everyone has a GREAT holiday and NEW YEAR.

Robert Theisen
Marina Chair



All Longbranch Marina Tenants:

GREAT NEWS – WE HAVE A SCHEDULE FOR CONSTRUCTION! I spoke with Logan Brown (General Manager of Marine Floats) again later today, and he has advised “with a high degree of certainty” that work at Longbranch Marina will commence Monday, January 7th. He expects to move their barge to Filucy Bay the Friday before, or possibly over the weekend depending on weather. It will likely anchor out as opposed to tying up at the Marina because it is very large and heavy.

Logan indicated we should expect that **access to the marina will be cut off from Monday morning (January 7th) until at least Wednesday evening (January 9th) – possibly one additional day if weather does not cooperate. Also, we will be without power from that Monday morning throughout the entire week most likely.** Please keep in mind that we are replacing all four of the electrical panels, so the length of time for the power outage will depend on how fast the work can get accomplished and could actually roll over to the following week – again, all weather dependent. Water service will be disrupted as well for some period but not as long as expected for the electrical outage.

If you absolutely need access to your vessel during this period, please let me know. Jeff Robinson and I have both offered mooring buoys if necessary, and we will explore other options. I’ll ask the Marina Committee to determine whether it’s feasible or necessary to have a small boat tied up close by the marina should we need to access the facility.

The Washington State Commerce Department (the State’s grant manager) will require photos of the work as it’s being done, so all of you amateur photographers are more than welcome to take some photos as the work progresses and share with us.

Finally, please note again that you should call me (253-549-9129) if you have questions and not bother Marine Floats personnel as they’re running as fast as they can trying to get all their projects completed by the close of the “fish window” in mid-February. If I don’t already have an answer to your question – I promise you I will get it.

Thank you.

Clark Van Bogart



LIC General Meeting December 12, 2018



Before the start of the meeting, members were entertained by a choir from Evergreen Elementary School.

Clark Van Bogart, president, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. He thanked everyone for being present at our annual Christmas Dinner Meeting.

Clark asked that the minutes of the November meeting be accepted as written and approved. MSP.

Jim Hettinger, treasurer, reported that net profit for Events this year is expected to be \$4,400 over the budgeted amount. Overall net profit at the Marina, after the depreciation write-off, is projected to be \$3,900. Income from rental of the LIC building, at \$15,241, is also over budget for the year.

Clark thanked all of the LIC members for their volunteer hours in 2018. He noted that the total volunteer hours at the end of 2017 amounted to approximately 5,630, one thousand more than the year before. Nancy Carr, Membership chair, expects that the numbers for 2018 will be as good or better.

Clark announced the Star and Lifetime Membership Awards.

Star Awards were given to members, or non-members of the LIC, for outstanding or extraordinary contributions to the LIC and/or Longbranch Foundation during the current year.

CHERIL ALLEN for taking on the role of Sunshine Lady

BRETT ALLEN for helping with the permitting process for the Marina grant project

Both CHERIL and BRETT for funding one full Peninsula High School senior's scholarship

LARRY BINGHAM for tirelessly, over the years, working on the LIC's trail system [Larry thanked Denny Prichard for his help.]

ROB CARLSON for organizing parking areas for large events, in both good weather and bad

LARRY LAYTON for also organizing parking areas and for helping Robert Theisen mix thirty bags of concrete for the landing at the Marina gate

KELLY HETTINGER for her work on Summerfest, Opening Day Breakfast, Thirsty Thursdays, bar service at the membership meetings and support of programs at Evergreen Elementary School

MARY LEMON for taking over the kitchen duties and designing menus for specific events

KATHY LYONS for two successful years as co-chair of the Events Committee

JIM SOBIEK for rebuilding the fencing around the dumpster area

ANN-MARIE UGLES for helping design Event menus focusing on local farmers and resources and for her help in the kitchen

BARB VAN BOGART for her patience and persistence in getting Pierce County to make changes along the roadway to allow for the installation of the Longbranch sign

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Lifetime Membership Awards:

SHARON GEARHART for serving as Building and Grounds chair for six years, managing the contracts for two Pierce County Preservation grants and answering phone calls regarding everything from “What is the security code for the building?” to “There is someone camping on the grounds.”

PAT MUCHMORE for serving on the Marina Committee, and as past president of the LIC, being moorage manager for many years, organizing road clean-ups and taking donated items to the food bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Eiseman



Dockmaster Report

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!! Check on the marina often – things are happening.

Lynn Carr
Dockmaster

DE-DECORATING DAY Saturday, January 5th 10 a.m.

It's hard to believe it's that time again! De-decorating the Halls just takes an hour or two. Come help pack up the garlands, bows and baubles for another year and enjoy conversation, coffee and munchies with your neighbors and friends. Hope to see you there!

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