

MEMBER NEWS



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

DECEMBER 2017

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 13, MEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER-6:30

President's Message: DECEMBER 2017

"Trunk – Or – Treat" on Friday, October 27th, was a wonderful event for the children in our community. By some estimates, we had 400 kids seeking treats and 35 trunks offering them up. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a success, especially our Events Committee, Chuck and Louise Beam, for the great haunted house, RnJ Meats for their food truck, the Key Peninsula Fire Department District #16, Evergreen Elementary PTA for the games and entertainment, Robert Thiesen, for parking control, Mary Lemon, for organizing the kitchen crew, and all the folks who brought the goodies for the kids. "Extremely well done!" is the least I can say about the effort that went into the event this year.

Another very busy month is coming up. We have several events you won't want to miss, including:

Decorating the clubhouse for the holidays on Saturday, December 2nd (10:00am – lunch provided),
Sorting and wrapping the presents for "Kids – n – Christmas" on Thursday, December 7th (10:00am),
Chili feast at the Marina and lighted boat parade on December 9th (beginning at 3:00pm),
"Kids – n – Christmas" main event on Sunday, December 10th (1:00pm – 4:00pm), and
Our holiday potluck membership meeting on Wednesday, December 13th (6:30pm).

If you only attend one or two membership meetings annually, I urge you to make this membership meeting and join us as we dispense with the normal business portion of the meeting and devote our time to visiting with neighbors and friends, and recognizing folks who have been particularly helpful to the organization over the past year and for many years.

If you still want volunteer hours in 2017, the events listed above will be just about the last opportunity to get them, AND earn some "LIC BUCKS" when you go over the 15 hour minimum.

Finally, once again I find myself writing this message prior to a big event (Thanksgiving) and you won't read it until afterwards. Regardless, for Barb and me it's a good time of the year to reflect on how fortunate we are for many blessings, including finding this community. It's a pretty special place with very special people.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

Clark

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LIC General Membership Meeting

LIC General Meeting
November 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Clark Van Bogart, president, at 7 p.m.

Nancy Carr introduced new members: Bob Perry, Vicki and Terry Shelton, Diane and Steve Tomaso and David Shinnars.

Robin Gould introduced the night's speaker, Scott Gallacher, Executive Director of Key Pen Parks. The following are excerpts from his speech.

Key Pen Parks was formed in 2004, at that time managing 248 acres, with a budget of \$120,000. Today the figures stand at 1,280 acres and a budget of \$2.8 million, with four developed parks (Home, Volunteer, Maple Hollow and Gateway) and three undeveloped parks (Rocky Creek, Key Central Forest and Taylor Bay).

Key Pen Parks conducts eight annual events as well as supporting the Key Peninsula Farm Tour, Red Barn and the Key Peninsula Historical Society.

The Master Plan for the newest park, Gateway Park, was adopted in March, 2015 and the opening day for the park was September 30, 2017. The first phase of the project was the playground, with a picnic shelter, for which the Rotary Club helped provide the materials. A pavilion is being built.

Volunteers spread wood chips on the play ground area and a Boy Scouts troop planted 250 trees and shrubs on the property. Eventually, Gateway Park will connect with 360 Trails.

Robin presented Scott with a Longbranch Improvement Club hat.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the minutes of the October meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reported that the revenue from Fiber Arts was \$3,900 this year as opposed to \$3,000 last year. However, the revenue this year included sales of the Fiber Arts shirts.

Guest moorage for the month at the Marina is up, at approximately \$3,500.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Nancy Carr announced a silent auction underway, to benefit Kids N Christmas, of toys too large to be included as gifts.

Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking for the December meeting.

She thanked the night's kitchen crew.

Events: Marsha Kremen proclaimed Trunk or Treat a fabulous success, with at least thirty five trunks and between 350 and 400 people. Next year various strategies will be tried in order to get a more accurate count.

Healthy snacks were provided free of charge thanks to a grant obtained by Francie Carr through the Greater Gig Harbor Foundation.

Chuck and Louise Beam provided the haunted house as a community service.

Robert Theisen, in charge of parking and traffic control, suggested that there be more people next year to help with this.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reported that the grant report has been delivered to Pierce County and we will receive a reimbursement check.

A volunteer is needed to change the water filters in the kitchen sink and to replace the filters on the furnace in the attic.

New smoke detectors have been installed.

A new smokers' urn has been purchased, to be placed outside the south door.

Larry Bingham noted that there are a number of downed trees on the trail. If you are interested in cutting them for fire wood, contact Larry.

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Sunshine: Kelly Hettinger reported for Cheril Allen. Mary Mazur is doing well. Cards were sent to Dick and Marlies Van Cise, who are out of the hospital, and to Kathy Lyons, who had surgery.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson reminded members to submit any articles to her by the 25th of the month.

Historian: Lynn Larson is putting together notebooks for each LIC year and has been unable to find any paperwork for 2006. If anyone has some, please contact her. Mary Mazur has told Lynn that she has boxes of LIC material but that she has to go through them before handing them over to Lynn.

OLD BUSINESS

A reminder from Peg Bingham that there is a CPR class at the Key Center Fire Station, Saturday, November 18th at 9 o'clock. Also one scheduled for January 13th, 2018. The cost is \$35.

NEW BUSINESS

Clark asked that the LIC board approved clarification of the Rules and Regulations of the LIC Marina, to take effect January, 2018, be approved by the LIC membership. MSP.

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

Barb Floyd announced that the Fall, once a year, fundraising campaign has begun. Thank you to all who have so far contributed. The money is put into the account(s) you designate: Building; Grounds; Marina; Scholarship/Student Programs; Other Organizations or Activities that Benefit the South Sound; or Wherever the Need Is Greatest.

Kelly Hettinger is the new focal point for Student Programs at Evergreen Elementary School. She is working with the school to understand needs and provide support. Various ways to raise money to help the extra large fifth grade class be able to attend Environmental Camp in the Spring were discussed, including money from donated "change jars" and the partial proceeds from dinner at El Sombrero on November 20th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9th there will be a lighted boat parade starting out from the Marina, after a chili feast from three until five p.m. Kids N Christmas: Gift sorting and wrapping on December 7th at 10 a.m. Main event on December 10th from one until four p.m.

Christmas membership meeting (holiday potluck) on December 13th.

Speaker for January 17, 2018 meeting will be Kate Kuhlman of the Greater Peninsula Conservancy who will highlight plans for the Filucy Bay property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by *Jane Eiseman*.



DECORATION DAY

**Sat, Dec. 2nd
10 a.m. to ?**

**Come
help make
the LIC shine
with greens, lights,
decorations, a very tall
tree
and lots of holiday cheer!**

**Come when you can.
Hot drinks and lunch provided!**

**Some things you can bring if you have them:
Garden nippers, wire cutters, hammer,
Nails, heavy duty staple gun, staples and,
cut greens for decorating
would be especially appreciated!
(Be sure to put your name on your tools.)**

**COME JOIN
THE FUN!!**





FROM THE MARINA CHAIR:

Hi to all members and boaters – another month has come and gone.

I would like to pass along a SAFETY note to all boaters. I was informed by Randy Carr that if anyone has a Kidde fire extinguisher, there is a large recall on most models. Please check your boat, the fire extinguishers you have and you can go to this link to see if yours is part of the recall, and thanks Randy for this info:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and>

Also, I received an email from Rich Hildahl advising he received a nice compliment from Dave's Diving that our marina is one of the best organized of the marinas they work with. Dave's Diving also advised they now have video equipment and the ability to take before and after pictures to email customers.

Two more permanent slips are now occupied. Want to thank Dockmaster Lynn for the good job he does at the marina.

I have a sail boat mast to turn into our new flag pole. It still has a lot of parts attached, and once the mast is stripped, these parts will be available for purchase. The money will go in the marina fund to offset the cost of the mast.

Thanks, *Robert Thetsen*

DOCKMASTER REPORT:

The wind storm a few weeks ago did a good job on the curtains at the pavilion – especially one of them. We will try to repair and see how that works. Also, chairs were blown all over the place and we are short some, so think they went overboard – about 9 of them.

We have most of the slips filled, but there is one 22 foot slip and two 26 foot slips left.

Please check your boats frequently in the windy and rainy weather and make sure the bilge pump is pumping.

Thank you,

Lynn Carr
Dockmaster



Membership News

Thanks to the folks that helped with the November meeting. Don and Char Berger, Jim Sobieck, Jan & Ron Houghtaling, Peg Bingham, Kelly Hettinger. Robin Gould for presenting our speaker.

There are three BIG events in December, and if you can help with any of these, please do so.

Saturday, Dec 2 – Decorate the Hall, see Jan & Denny Prichard, 253-884-2030

Sunday, Dec, 10 – Kids & Christmas, see Carolyn Wiley 253-884-9157, or Nancy Carr 253-884-1384

Member Christmas Dinner, Wednesday, Dec 13, see Nancy Carr, 253-884-1384.

Boaters, if you need hours for 2017, this is a good way to fill that need. All members are eligible for LIC Bucks for their volunteering hours.

Kelly Hettinger is doing a great job of helping me, and welcoming new members. Stay tuned for the new Member Mingle that will take place in January. Here is her first 'add on' to the membership news portion of the newsletter. Maybe she will do the whole thing if I shuffle my cards right!!

Nancy Carr
253-884-1384



October/November was a busy time for new members of the LIC. We have had over 50 new members in 2017 and they just keep on coming. Please seek out our new members and make them feel welcome:

Thom Halligan and Patti Burdge
Dennis (Stu) and Suzanne Stuhau (welcome back)
Vicki and Terry Shelton
Bob and Tanya Perry
Steve and Diane Tomaso
David Shinnors



Kelly Hettinger
253-884-1618



BE PART OF THE "IN" CROWD AT THE LIC

The third CPR class being offered to LIC members by the Peninsula Fire Department will be held *Saturday, January 13, 2018* at 9:00 a.m. at the Key Center Fire Station meeting room. The entrance to the room is on the south side of the building under the red awning. The class is \$35 per person and just covers CPR. At the present time 9 people have signed up for this date.

Feedback on the previous classes from both the Fire Department and the participants has been very positive. If you would like to attend the January class please contact me at 253-884-1124 or bing6178@gmail.com and I will add your name to my list.

There is currently much conversation regarding emergency preparedness and knowing the new CPR method is a step in the right direction. I would like to be able to point to a high percentage of CPR qualified LIC members.

Peg Bingham



December 2017 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

Short and sweet. Thanks for your patience while I have served on jury duty. I anticipate another 2-4 weeks or perhaps longer before we are finished. I want to thank Bob Perry-a new member-for changing the filter in the meeting room furnace in the attic and for providing me with some information on our smoke alarm system needs. He is very knowledgeable about construction, plumbing, electrical and security systems. I appreciate the help and the information. Due to jury duty I have not spent much time at the 'Grand Old Girl' so am not aware of any major problems if there are any. Please let me know if you are aware of anything that needs attention. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and/or friends. It seems incredible that Christmas is knocking on the door and another year is just about over. As a reminder the Building and Grounds Chair position will be up for vote in 2018 and I will **not** be putting my name in the hat. I think it is time for some new and fresh ideas. I would more than welcome any questions that anyone has about the position and would be glad to mentor anyone who would like to see what it involves. Let me know if you are interested. Until next month-thanks for all you do and thanks for caring. *Sharon*



-Need someone who would be interested in staining the book shelves in the meeting room so that we can get them back in place. I will have the stain and I have the shelves so could get them to you to do at your home at your leisure.



From the Sunshine Corner.....

Hello All. It has been a busy month for Sunshine. I sent out a congratulations card and 3 get well cards. Both of The Van Cise's had a recent hospital stay. I took flowers and had a brief, but very pleasant visit with Dick and Marlise after they both returned home. They are doing well, but have a way to go in the recovery process. Marlise told me they might be looking for some help around the house.

I also got a chance to talk to Mary Mazur on the phone. She was in very good humor and I laughed quite a bit while we talked. She is settling in well at home and has a 24-hour aide, a physical therapist, an occupational therapist, and a nurse that comes 1-2 times a week. "There are almost too many people around" Mary told me with a smile in her voice.

"A flower cannot blossom without sunshine, and man cannot live without love." Max Muller

Cheril



2018 LIC Events Calendar*

Mar 17	Suds n Spuds
April 28	LIC Garage Sale
May 5	Dock Breakfast
May 26	Memorial Dance Band: to be advised
June 20	Member BBQ
July 7	July Dance Band: to be advised
Sept 1	Labor Day Dance Band: to be advised
Oct 6	Fiber Arts Festival
Oct 26	Trunk or Treat
Dec 1	Dec the Hall
Dec 16	Kids & Christmas
Dec 19	Member Christmas Dinner

***Subject to change**

EDITOR'S MESSAGE:



*To everyone at LIC! Thank you for
your support! (just could not resist
this one!)*

Helen Jamieson



Remember the food bank donations and please
collect Food Market receipts
to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



TRUNK OR TREAT 2017



2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

2018 LIC Membership Renewal Thank you, due Jan 1, 2018

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

Any changes?

 LOCAL ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

 MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

 LOCAL TELEPHONE MOBILE/OTHER TELEPHONE

 EMAIL E-mail newsletter Postal mail newsletter

CHECK ENCLOSED CHARGE TO VISA MasterCard

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 EXPIRY DATE CVV NUMBER (back of card)

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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
- _____

FACILITIES

- Building
- Grounds/garden
- Marina
- _____

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
- Office
- Musical
- Publicity
- _____

Membership Renewal Dues
 Individual \$25
 Couple/Family \$40
 Associate Member \$25

The Longbranch Foundation

INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY

December Update

We are in the middle of our once a year fundraising campaign, ***Celebrate the South Key***, and a big thank you to those of you who have already responded. The Foundation is unique in that it has five distinct IRS approved charitable purposes, AND, your contribution goes to work right here in our community.

Kelly Hettinger is heading up our focus on Evergreen Elementary to understand the needs and to enhance our support. We met with Hugh Maxwell, Principal and Bette McCord, Business Manager, this month. We learned that the 5th grade class is much larger than normal – 51 students – most of whom are living in poverty. To ensure that all the students have an opportunity to attend the Environmental Camp (www.seattlemca.org/node/100881) will take more money than normal. The desire is to have the kids feel they are earning their way, instead of just being handed money. Kelly is working with them to provide a “volunteer” opportunity. Most recently, Thom Halligan and Patti Burdge donated their “change jar” and have suggested that we have the kids count the money in the jar. A fun idea! Anyone with a change jar who would like to donate, please contact Kelly at 253.220.7808.

As you shop on-line for the holidays, please don't forget to use **Amazon Smile** and designate The Longbranch Foundation as your charity of choice. smile.amazon.com

At this time of year, I am thankful for the wonderful, loving community we have here on the Key Peninsula. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) was established to support five charitable purposes, affiliated with the Longbranch Improvement Club (LIC), to improve the South Sound Community: 1. Preserve & Maintain Historic Buildings, 2. Maintain & Improve Grounds & Trails, 3. Support Scholarships & Student Programs, 4. Enhance Filucy Bay Environmental Protection & Public Safety at the LIC Longbranch Marina, and 5. Support Other Community Organizations and Activities that Benefit the Community. Your tax-deductible contributions are deposited into the account representing your cause of choice.

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