



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB



DECEMBER 2016



FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK- Dec. 14th- 6:30 PM @ LIC

President's Message:

The November General Meeting was great fun and I hope that you were able to attend. Our speaker from Humanities Washington, Llyn DeDannan encouraged us to look around our own area to discover our particular history. She lives in Oyster Bay and has found relics from the Japanese communities whose residents farmed the oyster beds prior to WWII. We also welcomed several guests and new members who have already signed up to help with the Clubhouse Christmas Decorating and the Kids N Christmas event.

The Board is engaged in building the budget for 2017. I am pleased to report that there is no anticipated moorage or membership fee increase. The Board will review the 2017 Budget in December and it will be presented to the membership for approval at the January General Meeting.

I want to thank the newly formed "Sign" Committee (Barb Floyd, Dee McGinnis, Barb Doat, Jim Olson, Barb Van Bogart, and Mark Ambler, contractor) for initiating, planning and being responsible for the construction and installation of a new "Longbranch" sign. They began by hoping to repaint the old sign but found it in great disrepair. Moving forward, they worked with our area's renowned architect Jim Olson to determine a design, material and site selection. At the November General meeting the membership approved placing the sign on the LIC property close to 40th Street which is the northern boundary of Longbranch. Beyond all this preplanning, the Committee has already raised the majority of the money to purchase the lumber, the lettering material and to pay the contractor. They promise a sign installation party to celebrate. We will publish the party date as soon as it is determined. What fabulous and determined volunteers they are!

The DNR Committee met with two DNR representatives on November 21st. The DNR presented a fifteen year schedule with particular marina improvements to be completed in each year. Within the next couple of weeks, the Committee will review the DNR plan and together with a business plan of the anticipated revenue stream propose a negotiated work plan that will be a better fit with the LIC capabilities. The Committee has worked together for over a year and certainly deserves our thanks for their continuing efforts.

I hope that you are planning to attend the LIC's festive holiday potluck on December 14th. The beautifully decorated Improvement Club will assuredly put you in the mood for the holidays. The doors will open at 6:30 for libations and a social time. Turkeys and hams are provided and the potluck will offer delicious sides as well as dessert. After dinner we will have the pleasure of being entertained by the Key Singers. It will be a celebratory evening and I hope to see you there!

Happy Holidays,

Francie



LIC General Membership Meeting
November 16, 2016



The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Francie Carr, president.

New members were introduced: Roland and Svetlana Walsh, Bob and Barb Williams, Rich and Joy Hansen, Rob and Mary Hanson.

A warm welcome was extended to Marguerite Bussard, a longtime LIC member.

Gayle Brewer introduced the night's speaker, the anthropologist and author Llyn DeDannan, whose topic was "History in Your Own Backyard". She was sponsored by Humanities Washington. One of their requirements for providing speakers is to obtain feedback. Thus, Gayle asked the members to fill out the audience evaluation form.

Francie called for a seven minute break in the meeting in order for the members to peruse the silent auction items in the auditorium.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman was not present. It was asked that the Minutes of the October meeting be accepted as written. MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger detailed the many expenses for the month of October, including the new carriage doors, the exterior work on the building, property taxes and insurance for the LIC building and for the Marina. The 2015 tax return is completed.

Committee officers are working on their budgets for 2017.

Francie wrote a grant application to the Angel Guild and the LIC received \$1,360 for the carriage doors.

Vice-President: Clark Van Bogart reported on the approximately 142 letters (100 LIC members and 42 non-members) sent out by the Longbranch Foundation asking for donations. Contributions are beginning to come in. If you wish to make a donation "...in memory of...", please do so and it will be acknowledged. Also, if there is a matching grant from your place of employment, please include that information.

President: Francie Carr announced the second and final reading of the bylaw change, Article 5 Section 5. New wording clarifies that committee chairs may appoint vice-chairpersons or co-chairpersons to assist them. However, each committee will have only one vote on the Board. MSP.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events: Kathy Lyons noted that Trunk or Treat was an amazing success. Those who were there with a "trunk" are eligible for volunteer hours.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart declared that the final report for the grant is finished and has been sent to Pierce County, along with our invoices. We hope to receive \$12,640.

Gig Harbor Roofing responded to a call regarding the leak around the stove. Debris was cleaned out and a sealer applied to the area.

The alarm system has been repaired and sensors reinstalled on the new doors. The doors passed the final building inspection.

Sharon thanked Robert Theisen and Lynn Carr for installing railings on the stairs leading to the stage.

The gutters need to be cleaned out - it will probably require a professional.

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Marina: Mark Runions announced the removal of the Buckner boathouse from the Marina by Rich Hildahl. The papers for the Tossavianien sailboat were transferred to a couple from Tacoma. The report of the sale will be filed with the State of Washington.

A slight change has been made in the Marina Rules and regulations in order to clarify the language on the rates. In the parking area there are now faint strips identifying parking slots, done by Pierce County road engineers. There will be a stall for handicapped parking and wheelchair access.

Membership: Nancy Carr thanked the kitchen crew and the setup crew at tonight's meeting. There will be a silent auction after tonight's meeting to benefit Kids N Christmas. Volunteer sheets distributed are for the December Christmas meeting and for Kids N Christmas.

Please remember to turn in your name tags.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson, editor, reminded us that articles for the newsletter need to be submitted to her by November 25th.

DNR Lease: Denny Prichard noted that there will be a meeting with representatives from the Department of Natural Resources on November 21st.

NEW BUSINESS

Barb Floyd presented a proposal to the general membership, as recommended by the Board, regarding a new Longbranch sign, with a design by Jim Olson, to be located on LIC property near 40th Street. Help will be needed for the actual installation. Although no money is requested for the project, if anyone wishes to donate, it will be collected through the Longbranch Foundation. The motion to install the sign on LIC property was MSP.

Jan Prichard announced that decoration of the clubhouse will be on Saturday, December 3rd at 9 a.m. (the tree will go up the day before). Bring clippers, pruners, hammers, greenery etc. Volunteers will be fed.

Sharon Gearhart thanked Jeff Tritt and Steve Stemhagen for all the hard work they did on the LIC building, inside and out, in completing the grant work.

Next meeting: December 14th, our Christmas Celebration, with the Key Singers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by *Jane Eiseman*



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





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DECORATION DAY

Sat, Dec. 3rd

9 a.m. to ?

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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 DOCK CHAIR:

Despite the fact that November is a slow month for visiting boaters, it has been pretty busy down at the Marina, and progress has been made in a few important areas. We recently, with the help of Rich Hildahl (again!) and his luxury tug "Awesome", towed the last non-compliant boathouse out of the marina and south to a local beach where it has been dismantled. The one remaining boathouse has been upgraded to meet DNR standards and will remain next to the Dockmaster's office. So now we have a clear space to install finger piers and create more open moorage, for members or guests.

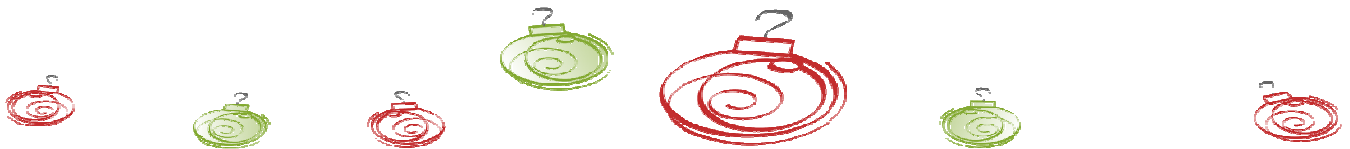
We have also worked out an agreement to pass on the 27' sailboat that belonged to Raimer Tossavainen to a new owner in Tacoma.

And, we finally have approval from all the interested parties and agencies to proceed with the piling removal/replacement project. It may take a few more days to finalize the permitting process, and then Marine Floats will get to work on the project "as soon as they can."

We are still negotiating with the DNR on the renewal of the lease. A meeting was held on Monday, Nov. 21, with representatives from the DNR and our own Lease Negotiating Committee, and it appears that we still have a ways to go before all parties can be comfortable with the terms. We are doing our best to convince the DNR that we have a solid plan to maintain and improve the marina over the next 15 years, including replacing the flotation and the decking on all the docks, but budgetary restraints prevent us from doing it all at once. At this point, it seems that the DNR's wish list exceeds our ability to fund such improvements in the short term. The current lease expires on January 30, 2017. Tick tock...

Mark Runtos

Marina Committee Chair



DOCKMASTER REPORT:

Due to the pending winter weather and because the hose valves are brass, the hose bibs are off at the valve so they will not break. You can use water, but please disconnect the hose when you are done. Also, weather related, it is time to check the lines on your boat to make sure they are good for stormy weather.

Thank you,

Cynn Carr



From the Moorage Manager:

When your boaters insurance is up for renewal, please let your insurance company know to list Longbranch Improvement Club as an additional insured (marina liability coverage endorsement). The insurance company will do this at no charge. Use P.O. Box 111, Lakebay, WA 98349 as the address, and mark to the attention 'Moorage Manger'.

Thank you -

Robert Thelsen

253-682-7993



to all!

from: LIC NC Editor

WHO AM I?

November's 'Mystery LIC Member is: Ann Dearing!

Ann has been in Longbranch for 30 years and rescues Weimaraner dogs!



She is the self-proclaimed "Crazy Lady" in the burgundy Tracker that runs her dogs at LIC. Say hello to Ann when you see her-interesting lady!

The Longbranch Foundation – December Update

The *Celebrate The South Key 2016!* annual donor solicitation letter was mailed in early November. I'm gratified so many generous folks in our community are sending the donor card back quickly. Your donations DO make a difference in our community! If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your annual pledge, please do so when you can, and remember that donations to The Longbranch Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This brings to mind that we have slightly modified the donor response card on our website to include an option to make a "remembrance" and/or "celebration" donation. In addition, you can let us know if you have a matching gift available through your employer or elsewhere so we have an opportunity to increase the value of your gift – sometimes as much as double. You can easily make a donation to the charitable purpose of your choice at any time. Go to our website (see below), click on DONATE NOW, complete the form and mail it in. It is easy and convenient.

I am always open to questions, concerns or ideas that you, as LIC members, might have so please contact me directly should you have any. Have a great Thanksgiving Day and Thank You for your support of this fundraising effort.

Clark Van Bogart, President

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Trunk or Treat was an amazing success. 34 trunks in the field and the LIC was packed with kids and parents. A BIG Thank You for all who helped. There were so many happy kids!!!
(see pictures on page 8)

Volunteers are really needed for Kids & Christmas. We need volunteers for the day-of activities, which is Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Help at the photo table preparing picture folders

Greeters and Rovers

Kitchen

Please contact Nancy Carr, 884-1384, for help in the photo booth and greeters and rovers.

Please contact May Lemon, 884-5255, for kitchen help.



2016 TRUNK OR TREAT AT LIC!





December 2016 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know I did and I had much to be thankful for: all the multitude of volunteers who worked to get the Historic Grant work completed-especially Jeffrey Tritt, Steve Stemhagen, Gayle Brewer, Clark Van Bogart, the building inspector for passing our inspection and Cindy Anderson with the Historic Preservation Commission for walking me through the daunting process of finalizing the report and preparing the invoice. This club is indeed comprised of amazing members and I am grateful for all your help-Thank you so much!!! On another front, the 'Grand Old Lady' did have a few health issues this past month. A leak was detected around the fan vent chimney in the kitchen and was dripping onto the stove top and along the bottom of the back wall behind the stove. Gig Harbor Roofing came to her rescue-locating a company that will work on a metal roof in the winter is a daunting task but this company had come to her rescue a few years ago. A huge amount of leaf and needle debris had built up behind the chimney and had been accumulating long enough to form its own little compost pile-maybe we should consider a 'living roof' instead of metal one. The debris was removed on the initial visit and when the weather cleared enough they returned to tar the base of the vent. I am glad to say the leak seems to have stopped. Her annual fire extinguisher wellness check was done and she needed to have an additional nozzle added to the fire suppression system over the stove. Otherwise the check went well. Lynn Carr and Robert Theisen changed the water filter after some arm wrestling with the filter wrench. I thank them both for taking on this knuckle-busting task. I guess that is about enough for this month. Looking forward to decorating the clubhouse and especially Kids and Christmas. Thanks everyone. *Sharon*



Project Room:

-I will be doing some deep cleaning of the building this winter if anyone is interested. The kitchen will be one of my main focuses along with the store room.
 -There are several upholstered chairs in need of repair. I have plywood templates that Doug Lewis made to repair the bottoms-let me know if you would like to tackle this project.

***"Politicians are like diapers-They both need changing regularly and for the same reason."* Mark Twain**



MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Thanks to Kelly and Jim Hettinger, Ann Dearing, Tom Tallman, Theresa Gano and Sharon Gearhart for help setting up and handling the kitchen for the November Membership Meeting.

We have revised the membership renewal form a bit, adding a box for agreement to add your name, address and phone number to a member directory that will be available in the Members Only section of the LIC website. If you need the password to this portion of the website, let me know or ask a Board member. When you return the form with your dues, please mark the envelope 'Membership'.

Now for the hard part - ***I NEED VOLUNTEERS*** and I'm beginning to get a bit pushy.

Help is needed to get ready for the December Christmas Meeting (Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 PM) as follows:

Setup - Monday, December 12th at 10:00 AM

Cleanup - Thursday, December 15th at 11:00 AM

If I don't get enough volunteers, I'll begin issuing personal invitations!!

Thank you, *Nancy Carr*
 253-884-1384





Please keep our dear Sunshine Lady, Marlies, in your thoughts as she is having to deal with some new medical issues right now.

Helen Jamieson, LIC Editor

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