# MEMBER NEWS



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SEPTEMBER 2019

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 – 6:30PM DESSERT



#### President's Message

Key Best Denim and Diamonds is now in the rear view mirror, and was a resounding success. I'll let Barb Floyd give you all the details but want to add my thanks to all who donated and volunteered to make this event happen. You are truly an amazing community.

Can it be that August is over? It seems like just yesterday we were

having our Memorial Day Dance, and the first Thirsty Thursday. As summer winds down and we take a short breather, please congratulate yourselves on the accomplishments of the summer.

Building and grounds has done multiple cleanup/maintenance projects, and new water and LP gas lines are almost complete. These efforts took a lot of volunteer hours, thanks to everyone who participated. We had a very successful Memorial Day Dance, a delicious pig roast for our June member meeting, and we have received lots of positive feedback on our upgraded Marina from visiting boaters.

The pump out station committee continues to forward with a grant application to cover permits, consultants and design costs. The county is very much behind this endeavor and is giving us strong support. Thanks to Sheryl Low for taking on the grant writing process. It's complicated work and she is doing a great job.

After we rest on our laurels for a few weeks, it's never too late to start thinking about our fall events. The weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> is the Farm Tour and Fiber Arts festival. I'm sure Nancy and Robert will give you details, but suffice to say, this event pulls people from all over the state, and is always a highlight of early fall. At the end of October we will have our very popular Trunk or Treat. If you haven't participated in this event, it's one of my favorites. The kids have fun, but sometimes I think the adults enjoy it as much, or more. Kids and Christmas is next after Trunk or Treat. It's also a very fun event and participation really gets you into the true spirit of Christmas.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months.

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# **September Guest Speaker**

Nick Bond is the Washington State Climatologist, a position created by the State of Washington to serve as a credible and expert source of climate and weather information. He earned a PhD in Atmospheric Sciences from the University of Washington, and is now a principal research scientist with the Joint Institute for the Study of Atmosphere and Ocean with

the College of the Environment. Bond is on the Science Panel for the Puget Sound Partnership, which focuses on the actions needed to recover and sustain the Puget Sound ecosystem.

Mr. Bond will be the speaker at the Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Longbranch Improvement Club at 7:00 pm. His topic "Are Salmon Doomed? Hatching a Plan to Save a Northwest Icon."

#### **Membership Report**

We are in the process of implementing a new volunteer hour tracking system, and a short demo was provided at the August Membership meeting. Some of the Board has been using the trial version for the last month and has been very happy with how easy it is to use either on a pc or from an app for your phone. If this is something you are not comfortable using, no worries - you can still use paper forms or e-mail. I will be setting current members up (a few at a time) and you will receive an 'invitation' from me through the system with the steps to setup a user id/password to begin reporting volunteer hours. I will send out an e-mail right after the invitation is issued so you can make sure it gets to

your e-mail, and is not caught in a spam filter. We have the system set up, so you can report your time in different categories, some for TLF, the LIC and the Marina. There is also a field to populate with the task you are performing. One of the neat features of this software is the reporting.

I know you will have questions, I certainly did when I was testing, so don't hesitate to let me know. We will be happy to setup of training sessions, as needed, or help with step by step directions. Stay tuned, more to come later.

Nancy Carr Membership Chair



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INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY



# The Longbranch Foundation – September 2019 Update – Part 1

# OH! WHAT A NIGHT!! THE CLUBHOUSE WAS TRANSFORMED

Congratulations to our Decoration Committee for creating a beautiful space for the Auction. Barbara Green, Cheril Allen, Lori Ziegler, Lori Deacon, Tanya Perry, Sheryl Low, Jim Sobieck.

Congratulations to our Marketing Guru for excellent Invitations and a great Program: Tanya Perry



#### THE AUCTION ITEMS DISPLAYED



Congratulations to our Procurement Committee for selecting over seventy Silent and Live Item for the event: Kelly Hettinger, Barbara Van Bogart, Kim Robinson, Beth Porter, Susan Quigley, Candice Hardt

#### THE FOOD PREPARED

Congratulations to our Food Committee for providing a delicious variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres and a wonderful selection of delicious desserts! Mary Lemon, Ann-Marie & Harold Ugles, Arisson, Kase Ugles, Bernie Dunlop, Donna Terry, Ann Dearing, Cindy Griggs, Lori Zeigler, Christine Tritt, Brett Allen, Jeff Tritt



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#### **PEOPLE ARRIVED**

Parking – Robert Theisen, Larry Layton
Drivers – Carolyn Wiley, Polly Robinson
Congratulations to our "AT" committee for entering
oodles of data and "tracking" everything for the
Auction: Bob Green, Jim Hettinger, Clark Van Bogart
Greeters – Jim Sobieck, Randy Carr, David Zeigler
Photography – David Zeigler



#### THE BAR & WINE PULL WERE POPULAR

Congratulation to our "Spirit" Committee The Bar: Marsha Kremen, Barbara Green, Diane Tomaso, Marion Sharp

The Wine Pull: Don and Molly Swensen... and thank you Cheril Allen for making all the Denim Pants for the wine bottles!



#### THE EVENING DELIGHTED US

A Superb Auctioneer – Laura Michalek

A Reader Grand – Clark Snyder

Smooth jazz - Steve Nieto

Excellent Coordination - Lori Deacon

Great Visuals – Tanya Perry, David Shinners

Spotters – Kim & Jeff Robinson, Ted Olinger & Candice Hardt

Recorders - Barb Van Bogart, Beth Porter, Vicki Biggs



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#### **OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT - GINA CABIDDU WAS THE**

Gina received a scholarship from us in 2013. She went on to receive her master's degree in Social Work from UW, and is now the Program Manager at the Peninsula branch of the Children's Home Society of Washington. She made us laugh & cry, and she received a standing ovation at the end of her talk.



We had a fun and successful Auction thanks to the hard work of over three dozen volunteers. Thank you to all who worked and thank you to all who donated.

If you have not heard, preliminary results indicate we grossed over \$75,000 – a new record for us, and a tribute to the volunteers who helped make this a success. We are still tabulating receipts and costs. We will know what the net results are in September, when we will put in place plans to use these proceeds to support our Student Programs and Higher Education Scholarships.

## The Longbranch Foundation – September 2019 Update – Part 2

The purpose of our biennial Auction is to put in place sustainable plans to fund Student Programs and Higher Education Scholarships. Your generous donations from the 2017 Auction and the yearly Celebrate Campaign established a plan that recently funded the following Student Program at Evergreen Elementary.

Our Student Program co-chairs Jan Prichard & Kim Robinson report:

Thirty-nine students from grades K through 3 were picked by their teachers to attend a free, three week "camp" at Evergreen to help them with their reading skills. A grant from Rotary North and funds from Peninsula School District paid for a paraeducator all day; Food Backpacks 4 Kids provided breakfast, lunch and snacks, Children's Home Society paid for afternoon teachers; and Community in Schools paid for Tricia Endsley, who put it all together, with the help of a great group of volunteers.



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On the last day of camp, August 8,

The Longbranch Foundation provided all the school supplies that each student will need to start a successful school year at Evergreen. Using money from our last Auction, and contributions to our yearly Celebrate campaign, Jan and Kim put together "Back to School" bags of supplies. We were so pleased to partner with CIS and be a part of this great collaboration.



If you are interested in participating in one of these activities, we are helping CIS recruit volunteers for the "Tuesday After School Reading Program" which starts in October. Volunteers are needed to help Evergreen students learn to love reading. If you are interested, please contact Tricia Endsley, <a href="mailto:tricia@cisofpeninsula.org">tricia@cisofpeninsula.org</a>

# The Longbranch Foundation September 2019 Update - Part 3

Connie Hildahl has been faithfully collecting and doing the math to submit your Food Market Receipts to receive a 1% rebate for the Foundation. This year, the total of those receipts equals \$25,803.06! Thank you, Connie!

#### Thank you for working with us to make a difference in our community.

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## **Dockmaster Report**

Hello from the marina. I want to thank everyone who volunteered at the marina work party. We accomplished quite a lot and the marina looks great!

August was a fun month hosting Fircrest for their annual kids cruise, and a DNR research boat, and many other wonderful guests.

I want to thank Robert for covering for me while I was in Texas for my son's Air Force Graduation. I really appreciated it!

Thank you to everyone, who surprised me on Thirsty Thursday for my birthday! So much fun! You all made me tear up! I even got a mermaid cake! And a pool!

The marina is not slowing down as summer is coming to an end, we will have 4 yacht clubs in for the month of September!

You cannot control the wind, however you can adjust your sails.

Katie Harrison Dockmaster



# **Marina Report**

Well, it has been a busy month and a lot of work has gone into the marina this year. I want to thank everyone who has help with making the marina look so good. It has never looked better.

Also thanks to Polly Robinson, Carolyn Wiley, and Larry Layton for their help at Diamonds and Denim. I will need a few people to help at the marina during the farm tour Saturday, October 5th. If you would like to help, please contact me. I've heard that homemade potato soup will be provided for the people who help this year at the marina. Also I'd like to thank the ice man for keeping up on the ice at the marina. I know the boaters appreciate it.

There is an advisory group for the marina. The list is as follows for who is on it.

Robert C Theisen II, Marina Chair Katie Harrison, Dockmaster Clark Van Bogart Susan Quigley Denny Prichard Randy Carr Marsha Kremen, LIC President Kelly Hettinger

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact one of these advisory group people.

Once again our BRIGHT ray of sunshine, Katie, has done a super job as dockmaster. Great job Katie.

Thanks, Robert Theisen Marina Chair

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## **In Loving Memory**

As probably most of you know, my dear husband passed away peacefully at the Hospice House in Tacoma, on July 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a celebration of life for him, on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church on Lackey Road. I hope to see many familiar faces.

Thank you, Marlies.

#### **Events**

Since we are writing this before the Labor Day Dance, we can only speculate that the dance was a success and everyone had a great time!

As we enter the seasonal changes here on the Peninsula we are gearing up for the Farm Tour and Fiber Arts at the LIC. Carolyn Wiley, Nancy Carr, and Cheril Allen have been busy coordinating booth space and the logistics for this weekend. Anne Marie and Mary are putting together another mouthwatering menu to wow everyone. In the coming weeks we will be asking for volunteers to help with the execution of this fabulous event...Stay tuned!

October will bring Trunk or Treat, in conjunction with Evergreen Elementary.

The Haunted House is always a hit, and it is so much fun to see everyone costumed for the occasion. It's almost time to start stockpiling your candy supplies!

If you have ideas for future events, please get in touch. We welcome all ideas and energy!

The next Events Committee meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at the LIC. Please join us!

Enjoy these last weeks of summer weather!

Until next month!

Bob & Barb Events Co-Chairs



#### From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All!

Since my last report to you, I have sent out 2 sympathy cards and 1 get well card. Here's to the last (and best) sunny days of Summer!

Cheril Allen, The Sunshine Lady



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## **Building and Grounds**

The past month was a busy time for working on the LIC. A huge slate of volunteers helped with one of our most ambitious projects over the last few years – the trenching and installation of a new 1,000 gal LP tank, and trenching for water and power from the Clubhouse to the new sign – total trenching of over 700 feet. Helping the cause was John Schell, Jim Sobieck, Harry & Brynn Rydell, Bill & Lynn Lloyd, Bob Green, Steve Kuresman, Dustin & Garrett Morrow, Clark Van Bogart, Larry Silva, and Jan Brown, all who came with shovels and rakes to support the cause.

The county has inspected, and trenches have been covered. Water is now flowing to the new sign area, so it can be easily watered, and the next steps in the attachment of the new LP tank to building will be taking place in the next few days.

On a separate note, most members are aware that we have video security covering our grounds and building interiors. From time to time, members park their cars in our lot as they carpool together. We have had problems in the past with non-members parking and storing vehicles and RV's, which is a major risk and cost to the LIC. If you plan to park your car during the day at the LIC, and it will be unattended, please text Bob Perry at 714-345-7745 with a note, including your car make and color, so he knows it's not abandoned. And please, no overnight parking, and as normal, parking is at your own risk.

Last but not least, Building and Grounds is starting it's 2020 budget planning cycle, and any recommendations or concerns you have for improvements is greatly appreciated. Please send a note to Bob Perry at <a href="mailto:bobperrypersonal@outlook.com">bobperrypersonal@outlook.com</a>

Bob Perry Building and Grounds



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# LIC General Meeting August 21, 2019

Marsha Kremen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and wished a happy birthday to Bert Magnuson.

There were no guests or new members.

#### **BOARD REPORTS**

**Secretary:** Kim Robinson asked that the minutes of the July meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP

Treasurer: In Jim Hettinger's absence, Marsha shared, that we are over our year-to-date income by \$11,000 and below year-to-date expenses by \$10,000, which results in a net income of \$21,000 over budgeted net income year-to-date. Building, Marina and Membership incomes are all over budgeted income year-to-date. Events is under year-to-date income by \$900, but under expense by \$2300, the net income is \$1,400 over budgeted income. The Event budget originally included net income for a 4th of July dance which we decided not to do.

Membership: Nancy Carr gave a Track It Forward demonstration, with the assistance of Bob Perry. In the past, Nancy has spent 40 hours a month tracking volunteer hours. This web-based system should not only help decrease her work load, but make it easier for members to turn in their volunteer hours. We are currently in test mode, and there has been a positive response from everyone who has used it. The tracked hours can be segregated by specific categories, i.e. LIC, The Longbranch Foundation, grants, events, fundraisers, etc. and the number of categories, that can be used are unlimited. The hours can be exported to excel with reporting available. This app can be loaded



on a phone or can be used on the web for more convenience. If there are members who do not want to use this app, Nancy will still accept a sheet of paper. Because we are allowed only 100 users for the amount we pay, couples will be set up as one user. Otherwise, our price would double. Nancy will send an email to all members with links and steps to take. This is a very straightforward and user-friendly system; however, classes can be set up for more instruction if needed.

**Events:** Bob Green stated, that the Labor Day weekend dance is on Saturday, August 31st. Volunteers are still needed and there is a sheet. The marina has sign-up reservations, so we will not be running a shuttle this year. Tickets are available at The Blend, Sunnycrest Nursery and the Marina. The band Copastetic will be playing. Nancy gave an update on the Fiber Arts event, which will be held on Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All inside booths are sold out. We have 12-14 outside booths sold, and can still take more registrations. Bertinelli's coffee will be there. Mary and Ann Marie have set the menu, which will include tomato basil soup, tacos in a bag, and gyros in a bag. The farm tour itself is two days this year, but we are only participating one day. The shuttle stop will be here Saturday. Robert stated, that Carolyn Wiley will be getting a scout boat for the marina. He is asking for volunteers to help at the marina and to help with parking at the LIC. Food will be provided for the marina volunteers this year.

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# LIC General Meeting August 21, 2019

Building & Grounds: Bob Perry thanked all the volunteers that helped out last weekend and Monday. 600 feet of power and water lines out to the sign were buried. A special thank you went out to the new fire chief, Dustin Morrow, who brought his excavation equipment. We will add a sprinkler out there and lights on the sign. A permit was issued by Pierce county last night, the pipes were inspected today and the trenches were covered up a few hours ago. It will be connected and converted over fairly quickly. A 1000-gallon LP tank was put in. We paid \$2,500 for the tank. It cost \$2.47 a gallon last December to fill the smaller tanks. We just paid \$.92 a gallon to fill the new tank, which won't need to be filled for another year. The tank will pay for itself within a couple of years. Bob is working on the budget for next year which will include a 40 ft cargo container. When we buried the pipe, we added boxes every 100 feet that we can dig up and get power. The plan is to pull power to put up lighting in parking lot, and perhaps have lights in time for the Trunk or Treat event. Feel free to share any suggestions you have for the Building and Grounds budget with Bob.

Marina: Robert Theisen states that permanent moorage is full until October.

Trustee at Large: Clark Van Bogart had nothing to report.

**Newsletter:** Tanya Perry asks that any articles you want in the newsletter be sent to her by the 25th of each month.

**Historian:** Lynn Larson completed the archives and notebook for 2005. There were many events that took place that year such



as the Raise the Roof auction, fundraising for the Evergreen Elementary reading room, and many holiday dances including Valentine's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Halloween and New Year's Eve. If anyone has anything from 2005, please let Lynn know. She is starting to compile a list of past LIC presidents.

Vice President: David Zeigler had nothing to report.

**President:** Marsha Kremen shared the pump out station status. Sheryl Low is working with the county grant writing process. We have gotten letters of support from the county. Everything is moving quickly. We need leaders for the spring garage sale. Planning will need to start as early as September or October. The bulk of the work for this event takes place 2-3 days before the event and the day of. The Pritchard's left detailed documentation, including who and when to contact people. There is also a mailing list for booths. The planning is straight forward. The LIC will turn 100 years old in 2021. We need to start planning the centennial celebration next year. We would like to have historical presentations by people who have lived here a long time. Should we have a Civic Center vs. LIC baseball game since baseball was such a big part of the community's history?

The Longbranch Foundation: In Barb Floyd's absence, Marsha gave an update on the Key Best Demin and Diamonds event, which was highly successful. Our Gross revenue was \$10,000 over the original goal of \$65,000, thanks to Laura, our auctioneer, and all those that worked so hard for this event. There are no final numbers yet, but an update will be

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but an update will be shared as soon as they are in. David Zeigler shared a slideshow from the event. Jilly and Marsha thanked all those who donated their money, time and auction items. Gina Cabiddu, a former scholarship recipient and guest speaker received a standing ovation. We are in the process of getting permission to publish a video that was made by an audience member.

#### **Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

- Labor Day Weekend Dance" Saturday, August 31 th (8pm 11pm)
- Next Membership Meeting (dessert potluck) Wednesday, September 18 th Speaker Nick
- Bond from Humanities Washington Are Salmon Doomed? Hatching a plan to save a Northwest Icon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Respectfully submitted by: Kim Robinson Secretary





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