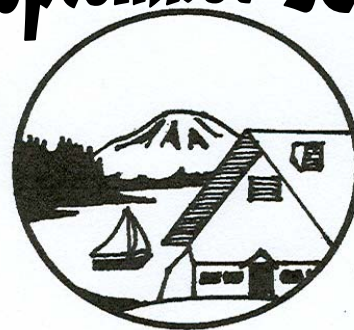


# LIC NEWS



September 2007



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Why do any of us belong to the Longbranch Improvement Club? I suspect there are as many answers as there are members. I also suspect that those answers are close kin to the answers given by the seven blind men attempting to describe an elephant from a fleeting touch. One of us will cite a wall-like side, another a tree-trunk like leg, a snake-like trunk or a spear-like tusk.

In July we volunteered many hundreds of hours as a partner in staging a really fine Community Fair. Why? We did it for the community. In early August we opened our doors (and donated our sweat) in one of the sponsoring organizations of Beyond The Borders. Great music. Delicious food and desserts. Art that intrigued the eye and re-shaped the ways we look at things. At the root of the festival, though, was a simple truth: we did it to bring our families, friends and neighbors together in a community event.

Later in August we gathered for

a picnic on our grounds, an evening of re-forming the lines of friendship and extending our hands to those we had not met before. There were a lot of smiling faces, laughter, and very good vibrations. Topping it off was a stunning presentation



by internationally-known architect Jim Olson (and an LIC member) as to ways we could enhance our grounds for both LIC and for our community. Artwork explaining some of his vision are in the LIC now and will be there for several months, giving us time to study them and making up our minds as to their application to how each of us perceives the LIC. Jim did not cast his design in stone, but instead offered us a process by which we can seek out how to best serve our community. The thread of community runs through all of these - and much else of what we do as an organization.

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*Thanks, Stu Stuhauq*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT . . .

August has been another busy month for LIC volunteers and members! If you don't know if you have been credited for hours served, you can either contact the "Chair" for that activity or you can send your hours to me and I can double check for you. A big THANK YOU to all who have served in August! Your efforts did not go unnoticed! The announcements for new members of the LIC will be noted in the October newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all at the September general meeting - desserts for all to share! Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!

*Thanks, Sue Stuhauq,*  
Membership Chair

*Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m. At the LIC  
Washington State  
Dept. of Transportation  
Presentation  
See Pg. 7*

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# General Meeting Minutes

The August LIC General Meeting (*Summer Social*) held on August 15, 2007 was started with the Board BBQ as organized by President Stu Stuhaug and his lovely wife, Sue. Many members were in attendance and a fun evening was had by all. A presentation was given about the potential of the LIC grounds and what they have to offer. Everyone enjoyed good food, dessert and camaraderie. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out!



Respectfully submitted, *Pat Latshaw*

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Calendar Up-Dates from Carolyn Wiley ... **September work party has been removed from the events calendar!**

Work Parties-are no longer coordinated through Events. Please contact:

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for volunteer opportunities at the Building

Dean Latshaw . . .

884.0808 baylakebum@centurytel.net  
for volunteer opportunities at the Dock.

\* **The Personal Best lecture** has been deleted from the September calendar.

\* **Casino Night** has been removed from the 2007 Calendar. The Board voted to table the event until 2008, secure a chairman, and plan properly. This is potentially a great fundraiser, but needs an active, focused committee to make it work.

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

We have a couple of things coming up this fall that truly define service to our Peninsula community. The kind of things we've been doing for the past century . . .

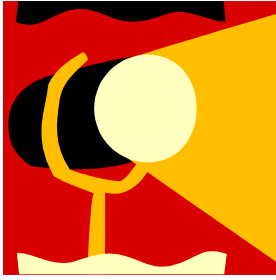


Come Halloween, we'll gather at the LIC for our second Trunk or Treat. That's right. With decorated cars (at least some of us), we'll host a horde of young ghosts, goblins and wizards who will threaten us with vile tricks unless we yield up a ransom of treats. Our long and dark rural roads are not the best for this classic kid's holiday, and so we've transported it to our centralized, adequately lit and safe yard. We'll need a batch of adults willing to hand out treats, watch for costumed figures rushing in the dark, and guarding our next generation.

**As the year winds down,  
LIC will play host to our  
Christmas for Kids . . .**

Call it a Longbranch version of Santa's Workshop, with a wide array of kids building presents for family and friends. Santa will need a lot of friends helping those kids in finding the spirit and joy of the Christmas season. What do you expect. **It's a community kind of thing!**

*Thanks, Stu Stuhaug, President*



## The Spotlight is On YOU Bruce Jeglum!

There is evidence that someone let **Bruce Jeglum** back in the LIC building?

The old splintery vanity shelf in the small dressing room on the south side of the stage has disappeared and been replaced with a lovely new one. **Thanks Bruce, what a nice improvement!**

## EVENTS REPORT . . . *Carolyn Wiley*

**Labor Day Dance** - At this point all systems are go! Once again Mark Runions gets the kudos for band selection. This job, Events, would have been impossible without him! Tim Heitzman designed the eye catching Daily Flash posters. Laurie Jones has stepped up to handle food service. Judy Riggs is on board again as the "Cash Box Boss." The door team will be on hand: Id checker, Kelly McKillip, and Hand-Stamper, Dorothy Loomis. At this time, Aug. 22, the volunteer list is incomplete.

**Trunk and Treat** - Debbie Ehrhardt and Traci Michel are heading up the planning for this event. If you want to be part of the planning please call Debbie 884-6382 or Carolyn Wiley 884-9157

**Exercise Classes with Kristina Butorec** - Congratulations are in order for Kristina who is officially a Program Supervisor and Instructor at the new Gig Harbor Y. Kristina has graciously reserved Tuesday and Thursday for classes at LIC. So if exercise is on your agenda, limp over to the LIC for a bit of fun, and enjoy one of Kristina's classes without the hassle of a round trip to Gig Harbor. Classes start on 9/11/07.

**MORNINGS:**  
Aerobics at 9:00  
Yoga at 10:10

**EVENINGS:**  
Yoga at 7:00

We are hoping enrollment will sustain the Tuesday & Thursday schedule. Please call Carolyn Wiley 884-9157 to sign-up. \$10 drop-in rate / Series rate available.

## You are invited to an Events Evaluation & Planning Meeting - bring your ideas!

9/6/07 at the LIC Bldg.  
Food for thought will be available.  
R.S.V.P. (goodies for 2 or 20?)  
Call (253) 884-9157 or email c.wiley@mac.com

- Have some fun!
- Generate interest in proposing new events and improving tried events.
- Match up volunteers with tasks related to the Fall activities calendar.
- Collect ideas for the 3008 calendar.

**Beyond the Borders...**Feed back (pg. 5) on the event was very positive overall. The predominant feeling was that the event should be part of the 2008 Calendar. Two Waters Arts Alliance designated \$3000 in grant money from Angel Guild for the event and turned over program planning responsibilities to Mark Runions. Two Waters Art Alliance involved a significant number of local artists. LIC handled the Dessert Bar and the Beer Garden. Both groups benefited from the cooperative effort and participation by LIC volunteers was fantastic! *(Unfortunately, I turned in the sign-in sheets and fear of leaving someone out made me forego the pleasure listing all volunteers.)* Especially outstanding efforts were put forth by:

- Mark Runions selected performers, and handled publicity and promotion;
- Peg Bingham and Norma Iverson created some delectable desserts;
- Geoff Baillie's bar set up worked well;
- Judy Riggs was invaluable as the major money handler;
- Phil Ingram handled the parking lot and has big plans for future events;
- Michael Hays did an amazing job managing a multitude of tasks--planned and unplanned. He arranged for borrowed equipment, helped with set-up, and handled emergency water system & electrical problems.

Mark Runions and I will be meeting with Two Waters in early September to begin planning for 2008. Yes, we will be discussing "more art and crafts and more food vendors" as suggested.



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## “Beyond the Borders” . . . Saturday’s Serendipity

Saturday 8/4/2007,  
Longbranch was the centre of  
the world . . . and the world  
danced till it fell on its axis!  
*Contributed by Lorraine Hart*

Old mossback pal and band-mate Mark Runions came up with the vision for “Beyond the Borders,” and was music event coordinator for this spectacular festival, held at the LIC. It was a collaboration between the LIC Board and the Two Waters Arts Alliance. Generous funding from the Angel Guild made this a free celebration for us.

Allow me to quote Mark, from the Key Pen News article: “Beyond the Borders will serve to break down barriers and bring people together. Music can be used as a healing tool. Our goal was to provide a variety of international music in order to expand the horizons of local folks, without the trouble and expense of leaving their own community.” Inside the Club, an invitational art exhibit was set up, incredible desserts were on sale and a drum circle performed between the outside, main acts of the day. Outside was a beer garden (featuring imported beers and wines from around the world) Hawaiian food, and the main stage for music.

The magic began when seven beautiful Ugandan women took the stage and we were introduced to Eyerabira. Florence Eyerabira, the matriarch, led her daughters (all dressed in different exquisite colors) through songs with a back-up tape for music and rhythm. At first they were shy with their voices and harmonies (being more used to singing together at home) but, oh how beautifully those harmonies rose! One song’s story was explained first. It told about doing good things in your life and the jewels that will be put in your crown in Heaven. It was slow and dreamlike and their voices wove crowns in the air around us.

Mama Florence, dressed in soft sage-green, began to lead the women in more relaxed folk songs and dances after the first, devotional songs. By this time their confidence had built with our joy and the party began to loosen. We Key Pen folk love to get a free-spirited groove on and it didn’t take much to get us up and shaking.

I’m sorry to say I had to miss the second act, Brizee (a Mexican pop band) in order to run home and take care of some things. It was so very considerate of the world’s centre to be only four miles from my house! I was assured, on my return, that Brizee was wonderful by the increase in the afternoon’s sparkle and vibration. This is a community that knows how to enjoy themselves and each other. It was such a thrill for me to be able to be a part of the visiting audience of neighbors for a change, instead of being part of the working entertainment.

Now I was ready to listen to the featured act of the day, Pearl Django. The afternoon was feeling warm and welcoming with that palpable presence between those on stage and those in the audience. Violinist Michael Gray told us he had never been to Longbranch before but the, “sweet atmosphere here,” would bring him back.

This band was such a thrill for me to watch. I love to hear them...but working bands often don’t get to see other working bands, unless they share the same bill. This was my first chance to enjoy this Northwest pearl for a live set of gypsy jazz, full of freedom, movement and passion.

The band kicked-off with, “C’est Si Bon,” lead guitar jumping in and around the pumping rhythm guitar and bass for the first solo before handing-off to the violin, which loosened as the opener warmed. The bass took a round with a playful solo and the song came full-circle back to Neil’s guitar and some joyful harmonics....wow!

In some of the faster numbers (like Swing 48) I could actually get a feel, through the music, of the seemingly chaotic speed of change in the 1930’s world of Django Rinehardt. It made me think of those cartoon cars that take the bend too fast...so the wheels extend to keep it on the road. There’s enough speed and power in that music to get a gal in trouble!

What can I say about Pearl Django? Michael Gray’s violin spins dreams and stories in my head, sometimes lifting my shoulders to hold the momentary sadness, or tilting my chin to its humour. Neil Anderson’s guitar plays the memory of conversations in my heart with old friends, warm and deep. He makes me lean forward in my seat. Even when his fingers fly, no note suffers a drive-by. Ryan Hoffman’s guitar had the slightly thinner, more treble sound, great for the



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pumping rhythm and some good bubbly leads to tickle the spine. Rick Leppanen's bass is a perfect adjustment for my belly chakra, especially with his solo that began "True Blanc Bolero," (in spite of some electric sound challenges) and his supportive playing is like the sturdy axle, upon which the melodies turn.

By the time they were finished I felt like a very full diner who couldn't stop smiling at the flavours still on the tongue and wondered if it was time to pack up the canvas rockers. But it was hard to leave the centre of the world, even if Home was only four miles away. It was hard to leave the "World Be-In" beautiful vibes... and I'm so glad we didn't because the final act of the day was a global delight.

Abrace means "Embrace," explained Samia Panni, who is co-founder of the group with Joyce Yarrow. Five women singers (who also did some percussion here and there) and a male percussionist took us around the world, in twelve languages, with rhythms built into vocal parts and rock-solid harmonies. There were Gods and Goddesses, Guides and Gauchos, grieving and giving. By the time they got to Miriam Makeba's "Pata Pata" (once a forbidden dance) we were back on our feet and dancing, neighbor with neighbor.

I'm sure the scientific satellites were all confused with their calculations on Saturday. We had enough peace, love and understanding to make Longbranch seem like the centre of the world. Not one person there would've disagreed.

Once again, kudos to Mark Runions for an excellent effort on behalf of the world, to the Longbranch Improvement Club Board, Two Waters Arts Alliance (Congrats to Bev Pederson, winner of the People's Choice award for her gorgeous painting of salmon) and, of course, to the Angel Guild for the gift of the day to our neighborhood.

Submitted by *Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair*

Contributed by *Lorraine Hart*

**Beyond the Borders Evaluation /Comments from the Membership and Other Attendees:**

- All in all I think is that it was a success and should be repeated. The publicity was superb.

- It was **great PR with the community**. We could **promote it more** effectively but as a first try, outstanding! Loved the burma shave signs.
- I think we should have sent out the **notice to the boating community** i.e. yacht clubs or individual boater guests for which we have email addresses.
- The **bands were incredible**. Mark should get a raise and a promotion.
- There were not as many **young people** as I'd expected at a free event. But we had no metal bands.
- Next year: need more division of labor. Maybe even **hire a production crew** to set up and run infrastructure.
- **Bands should be fed and watered** after their performance. Did we give them tickets? Mrs. Wiley should be canonized St. Detailya.
- I think we could have **improved on the food options**. Someone asked me if we were serving any hotdogs! The sweets were delicious and we really enjoyed our favorite food - Hawaiian Kalua pork. However, the line was too long and they didn't have enough help? Some may have preferred more choice and maybe a selection of ethnic foods including a vegetarian choice.
- Perhaps if **one of the Bar/Pop "Tenders" folk were designated Lead**, that person could be responsible for setting up the schedule for restocking etc.?
- **Umbrellas for the beer garden?** We were lucky on the weather...
- We anticipated the art being very nice, but it was very high-priced for the peninsula's majority. I'd love to see some nice **jewelry and even artwork, but at a lower price**. More of a mix perhaps. **More artist participation**, along with many of our highly talented **local craft persons** would have been better! I love the idea of supporting our local artists; please open the event to one and all and let the public decide what is worthy to be called art rather than hosting a formal high-art event (should be held in a more intimate setting). The winning art should be announced as it's auctioned off on the spot.
- Someone said you could have **free admission but charge for parking** - to help cover expenses.
- This was definitely one of the best events at the LIC in a really long time. **It brought a broad spectrum of the community together** in a most enjoyable manner.

Thanks for the Feedback Everyone! *Carolyn Wiley*

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## The Mustard Seed Project:



### Key Senior Information Center GRAND OPENING on 9/28/07 . . .

Please come join us for our Grand Opening Celebration on Friday, September 28th! The Open House will be held in the lobby of the Key Peninsula Health and Professional Center (other 1/2 of the KP Library in Key Center) 4-7p.m.

#### Building an Elder-Friendly Key Peninsula

**Mission:** The work of The Mustard Seed Project is to build an elder-friendly Key Peninsula, by assuring that a full continuum of services and programs is available and affordable, which allows community members to “age in place” with dignity, respect, self-determination and safety.

**Vision:** A rural community where a full continuum of high quality affordable services and programs will meet the needs of aging neighbors; where the elderly live in their own homes as long as they wish; and senior housing options, including long-term care, are available locally, preserving the richness of this multi-generational community.

#### Values:

Dignity and respect for the individual;  
Emphasis on wellness and prevention;  
Support for self-determination and choice;  
Positive interaction between the generations;  
Creative problem solving and program development through community dialogue;  
Collaboration between agencies and service providers;  
Services and facilities provided in a scale that fits the community need;  
Economically and ecologically responsible options that fit the rural character and heritage of the community;  
Provision of needed services to all elderly, regardless of their ability to pay.

Task Group Accomplishments 2007 (groups began meeting in February of 2007)

#### *#1 - Senior Information and Referral . . .*

There are currently 17 volunteers for staffing the Key Senior Information Center. The project has received some much needed funding from the Angel Guild Organization.

#### *#2 - Transportation & Mobility Services . . .*

Transportation and Mobility Services were the #1 concern noted in the most recent, community-wide survey. This task group was recently invited to meet with the Pierce County Transportation Coordination Coalition. **Needed:** volunteer driving pool. Printing services. Further support from volunteers including serving on the task group (with interest or expertise). Group meets 2nd Friday each month.

#### *#3 - Elder Health and Wellness Services . . .*

Currently identifying the availability of services. **Needed:** Further support from volunteers including serving on the task group (with interest or expertise). Group meets 3rd Thursday each month.

#### *#4 - Housing Options for Aging in Place . . .*

Recently held a workshop with WA State Senior & Disability Resource Services investigating the details of opening an adult family home. Also meeting with providers of assisted living opportunities. **Needed:** Further support from volunteers including serving on the task group (with interest or expertise). Group meets 4th Friday each month.

#### PARTNERS:

Pierce County Shared Housing Services  
Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care  
Coming Home Project  
Franciscan Volunteer Services  
Pierce County Aging and Long-Term Care Key Peninsula Health and Professional Center  
Pierce Transit  
Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition  
Community Transportation Association NW  
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# That's 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 PRIVILEGE & JOY* it is to live in the 884 area.

Please share YOUR stories with the LIC by submitting to [normajeangibson@remax.net](mailto:normajeangibson@remax.net)

Another "884" Story *submitted by Marlies VanCise*

I decided to buy a VERY nice pair of leather clogs for my husband, hoping that he would slip them on when he leaves the house instead of wearing his ratty, ripped, ugly pair of smelly sneakers.

Well, not so.



He felt that the clogs were a little too large for him, and guess what he did to fix the problem:

He cut a bungie cord in half, punched a hole in each side of the shoe and fed the bungie cord through, then adjusted the elastic. This together with long white socks and shorts looks so sexy, I can hardly stay away from him. A good friend suggested that he possibly could patent the idea, what do you think?

October 17<sup>th</sup> At  
6:00 p.m.  
WSDOT  
Presentation  
At the LIC



Preceding the regularly scheduled October LIC meeting, there will be a presentation regarding the SR-302 Corridor Study. After the presentation the representative (WSDOT) will be available for Q & A during the potluck. The General Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

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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