

December 2014



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Christmas Meeting, Wed. Dec. 17th 6:30 PM

President's Message

IRS Audit. This occurred during the last week of October and was focused on the 2012 tax year. We were represented by Howard Donkin, an accountant with Jacobsen Jarvis, the accounting firm in Seattle that does our tax return. We found and organized the necessary documents and Jim Hettinger hand-delivered them to Howard. The first day was done entirely at Howard's office reviewing documents we had provided. On day two, Francie Carr (treasurer in 2012), Phil Johnson, Clark Van Bogart and I met with the auditor at the clubhouse for a tour of the facility and a Q&A session. We then took him to the marina for a tour. He spent the rest of day two and all of day three back in Seattle at Howard's office. In his exit conference he indicated to Howard that the LIC "looked good" and he would be recommending a favorable review to his supervisor. But we won't know the final audit result until the IRS finishes its review, which may take another month or more.

Long Range Plan. The Board (and others) have been plugging away at this project for quite some time now. I am happy to say that it is nearly completed. After some final revisions it should be "ready for prime time" early in 2015. We are shooting for having it ready for membership review in early February, and then devoting time at the February membership meeting to an explanation of what is in the Plan, and why; followed hopefully by formal approval of the Plan by the membership.

As we have worked with multiple drafts of the Plan, I have been struck by how many of the ideas within it appeared originally in various membership surveys, retreats, and meetings going back almost five years. In many ways, the final Plan is not something the Board has concocted for the membership; it is rather something the membership originated which we have organized and refined. We look forward to sharing it with all of you.

Christmas Happenings. The holiday decoration day at the LIC clubhouse will be Sunday, December 7th, at 10 AM. There is some work involved but it is mostly fun as the clubhouse becomes transformed into a holiday environment. Food and drink will be served. Contact Jan Prichard for details. The Kids n' Christmas event will be held on Sunday, December 14th, 1-4 PM; the wrapping of the presents and other preparations will occur on December 11th & 12th. Contact Delia McGinnis or Nancy Carr for details. Lastly, our Christmas Dinner membership meeting is Wednesday evening, December 17th.

January Program. Our membership meeting on 1/21/15 will be "Longbranch - The Photography of David Montesino". If you have seen any of his images you know he is an excellent photographer. He does a fantastic job of capturing the beauty and feel of Longbranch in his photos. A visually beautiful program to brighten a dreary winter month.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2014**

LIC General Meeting 11/19/14 @ LIC lobby called to order 6:55PM
"History of the LIC Clubhouse", a slide show presentation from the Historical Building Survey, was given by Dr. Carolyn Swope.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reports that Oct. was a good month for visiting boaters and yacht clubs. Winter moorage at the LIC marina has started with three extra boats at the dock and more expected. The latest wind storm blew down the WiFi antenna, but it was remounted, and no damage to the moored boats. The fresh water system at the marina is scheduled to be turned off for the winter and the dock pipes drained before the next cold spell.

LIC Rental Agent: Kim Chaney was absent.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked and it was MSP to accept the Oct. LIC General Meeting minutes.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reports that guest moorage numbers for October were \$2,700, and member moorage was \$2,400. Cookbook sales for Fiber Arts was \$770, with an additional \$500 in Scholarship funds. We had an expensive month, with property taxes due and annual insurance. The Fiber Arts Festival/ Farm Tour netted \$1840.10. Sales of LIC cookbooks and artwork brought in an additional \$1064.00 at this event. The Spaghetti Social netted \$1049.29.

Membership: Eloise Colbert was absent.

Events: Carolyn Wiley (for Delia McGinnis) reports that the Fiber Arts festival was a success again this year. The visitor survey at the event logged in over 360 visitors from 44 zip codes. Trunk or Treat was also a big success with approximately 315 people attending. Both the kids and adults had a lot of fun. The Spaghetti Social was also well attended.

Marina: Denny Prichard reports that the Echelon marina survey came back with some good news. Much of the dock timbers and basic structure are sound. However 5 pilings need immediate replacing at approx. \$7,000 each.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reports that the dishwasher is broken and needs replacing. She is shopping for a replacement and will get funding help from LIC Cookbook sales account. Sharon plans to leave heat on in the LIC bathrooms for the water pipes and also set up a heating schedule for the LIC lobby during the very cold weather.

Sharon is starting a "to do list" with a Grounds and Clubhouse Project Book which will be located on-line and at the Clubhouse. Members can volunteer time to fit their own schedule rather than waiting for a work party. Sharon received a Certificate of Appreciation from the VFW Kitsap Peninsula Color and Honor Guard for displaying the flag daily.

LIC Historian: Lynn Larson asks members to label any photos and articles for the LIC Archives that they put in the basket located on top of the file cabinets in the LIC office.

Trustee at Large: Phil Johnson has nothing to report this month.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart has nothing to report this month.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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President: Gayle Brewer has nothing to report this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Gayle Brewer reports that the LIC has satisfied the IRS and met all the necessary criteria for our audit. He adds that the IRS auditor was very impressed with the quality of records that our Sec. Jan Prichard kept for the LIC in 2012. Many thanks to Jan Prichard as well as all our past LIC secretaries.

The LIC 2015 Budget will be presented to the Membership at the Dec. General Meeting.

The LIC Long Range Plan will be made available to the Membership at the Jan Meeting, and discussed at the Feb. Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Plans for Kids and Christmas are well underway. Contact Nancy Carr or Carolyn Wiley if you would like to help.

Jan Prichard announced that Decoration Day at the LIC will be Sunday Dec. 7 at 10:00 AM. Bring cut or fallen greens to the clubhouse day of or before Sun. Lunch from the Spaghetti Social leftovers will be served!

Preparations for the Dec. general meeting included a volunteer sign up sheet for cooking turkeys and hams, set up and take down, and needed servers.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. Judy Riggs



From Sunshine Corner.....

A sunshine message was sent to Linda LeBlanc after her hospitalization. Hope you are doing well, Linda!

Marlies Van Cise

Upcoming Events



- Wed. Dec 3—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM
- Thurs. Dec. 4—Events Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Sat. Dec. 6—Burley Bazaar, 9:00 am—4:00 pm
- Sun. Dec 7—LIC Decoration Day, 10:00 AM—??
- Sun. Dec 7—Pearl Harbor Day
- Fri. Dec 12—Poinsettia Day
- Sun. Dec 14—Kids & Christmas, LIC Clubhouse, 1:00—4:00 PM
- Wed. Dec 17—LIC Christmas Dinner, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 PM
- Sun. Dec 21—Winter Solstice—shortest day of the year
- Thurs, Dec 25—Christmas Day

Members attending the Dec. General Meeting dinner are encouraged to spread the good cheer of the Season by bringing non-perishables to the LIC Food Bank collection box located in the Lobby. Thank you.

Kids & Christmas

One of our most fun and rewarding events for local kids and families is Kids & Christmas, and it's that time again. The event will take place Sunday, Dec. 14th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. If you can help this year, please let us know. Available opportunities are:

Wrapping and event setup - Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11, 12 and 13, and all days may not be needed

Helping at the Event - Sunday

Kitchen help - Sunday

Clean up – Sunday after 4:00 PM

Please contact Sharon Gearhart for help in the kitchen and Carolyn Wiley, Delia McGinnis or Nancy Carr for the non-kitchen tasks.

Thank you

Building and Grounds Chat Room November 2014

The latest crisis to unfold for the LIC clubhouse is a broken dishwasher. The kitchen staff is working to solve the problem and hope to do so soon. The repair will cost somewhere in the \$1000.00+/- range and a new washer is looking to cost in the \$3500-4000.00 range so.....not a cheap fix or replacement. The cookbook committee hopes to be able to help with this issue, but until we find the solution the dishes will need to be done the old fashioned hand washing way using the three sink and Clorox method. I have not thanked Gayle and Shirley Brewer for sending some landscape artists our way to trim the bushes and clean up the beds along the side of the LIC. They look fantastic. Thank you both. If you have not walked the trail since it has been finished, you should do so. It is a delight and the new "bridges" are the best. If you are looking for any projects or need hours before the end of the year please contact me and I will see what I can do to help. We have plenty available. Well until next month I hope you all had a very wonderful Thanksgiving and I, for one had much to be Thankful for this year including my friendship and acquaintance with all of you. Thanks for allowing that to happen.

Sharon

WHAT'S HAPPENING

We had three very successful events in the course of a month. The Farm Tour and Fiber Arts show on the first weekend in October was a huge success. The Farm Tour saw over 500 folks from 44 zip codes. 192 surveys were returned and all the comments were very favorable. Hats off to Carolyn Wiley and Robin Gould the event captain and co-captain and their many assistants.

We had approximately 38 amazing artisans and craftsmen showing their wares and talents at the Fiber Arts Show. The featured artist was our very own Shirley Brewer who shared her breathtakingly beautiful and intricate quilts with us. There were activities for the young crafters in our midst too. The most popular was making duct tape wallets with the help of the Key Center librarians.

The Trunk or Treat on Halloween night was great fun. The estimated attendance was 315. The little kids were adorable in their costumes. There was a really scary haunted house compliments of Louise Beam, Doug Lewis and their army of helpers. The PTA provided the kids with hours of fun in the main hall from crafting to a cake walk. We didn't have many trunks and hope to see more next year. A special thank you to Lynn Lloyd who was the event captain.

Last but certainly not least was the Spaghetti Social. We are happy to report the Spaghetti Social was a great success, both in terms of terrific food and attendance. We served approximately 150 plates of spaghetti, Caesar salad and breadsticks, and we completely sold out of desserts! Along with our community coming together to socialize, the other highlight of the evening was the Key Peninsula Middle School band who performed on our stage. Those kids, led by band director Stacy Webb, are really talented, and we thank them for providing entertainment for us. Thanks as well to ALL of the volunteers who helped make this the event it was, and a shout out to Sunnycrest Nursery for providing the cyclamen we used in the centerpiece arrangements. Barb VanBogart was the event captain and assembled an amazing team of helpers.

Delia McGinnis

DECORATION DAY

Sunday, Dec. 7th

10 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!!**

The following letter is from one of our 2013 Scholarship recipients.

To those of the Longbranch Improvement Club;

My name is Gina Cabiddu. Last year you honored me with a \$1,000 scholarship through the Peninsula High School Scholarship Fund. I wanted to let you know your generosity has not been forgotten and has been put to great use. Your support means a lot on this journey to earn my Bachelors in Social Welfare and become a social worker. Let me give you an insight to my first year at the University of Washington in Tacoma.

I entered UW as a sophomore with 76 college credits from Running Start. I am now a college senior with a 3.93 GPA and 132 credits total. I just finished taking 15 credits this summer and finished the quarter with a 3.96 GPA so that I can get my degree 6 months earlier and graduate with my cohort next summer. I will continue to take one extra class each quarter this coming school year and a full load of classes again next summer to fulfill that dream of graduating with the class of 2015 to give you an idea of how hard I have been working. With my exemplary grades, I have made the Dean's List each quarter and been inducted to the Phi Alpha Honor Society for academic excellence.

I am proud of the hard work that's reflected in my GPA and my credits, but I have also expanded my leadership skills through organization involvement. I joined the Student Social Work Organization (SSWO) at UW that looks to empower, advocate for, and serve communities by raising awareness of social issues. I began by taking on small tasks like creating flyers for SSWO community events, lectures and drives and I have built up my involvement to being elected the Event Coordinator for the organization. The SSWO has contributed to my college education as it directly connects to the profession I'm working towards and it offers me the chance to expand my social welfare horizons.

I have also been involved with the Mockingbird Society which aims to build a better foster care system by implementing policy reform at a legislative level. My involvement with the society includes attending events such as "Youth Advocacy Day" in Olympia where I met with 100's of other former foster children, heard their stories, and met with state legislators and representatives to fight for foster care policy reform. Being involved in the society exemplified the need for policy activism as a social worker and I have become empowered to promote social justice for those who need it. The experience was humbling and invaluable because I was working alongside and fighting for the very population I want to serve as a social worker.

That's just a glimpse into my college experience and the future looks to be just as promising. Starting in September I'll be interning at the Children's Home Society here in Vaughn. I'm excited and grateful to be able to gain hands-on social work skills within my own community. I will also be applying to the Advanced Standing Masters of Social Work Degree Program from the University of Washington in Seattle this fall. The Advanced Standing Program condenses a two to three year Masters degree curriculum into just 10 months. The program is intense, but if accepted then I will have my MSW when I'm 21. I have big plans for my future and I wanted to recognize your contribution as you have recognized my achievements.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

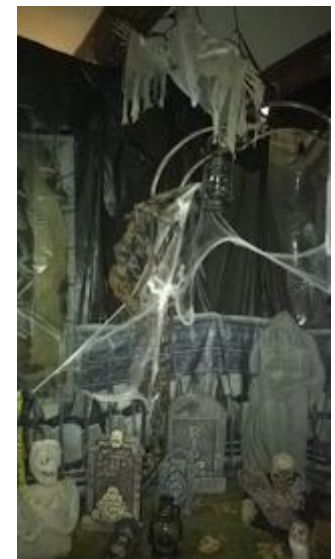
Gina Cabiddu



The following Trunk or Treat pictures were taken by Kathy Lyons:



Patty Carroll and Kathy Lyons



Lynn Lloyd, Patty Carroll, Chuck Beam, Louise Beam, Kathy Lyons

Burley Bazaar – Dec 6, 9 am-4 pm

Historic Burley Community Hall (14853 Burley Ave SE) will be hosting a **community celebration of the holiday season**, offering food & gifts from many of the South Sound's finest local artisans - including Burley Swirly Fudge, created exclusively for the Burley Bazaar. Events will include visits & free take-your-own-pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, live caroling at 10 am by the Burley Glenwood Elementary School Choir, and exhibits, **events and crafts from local youth group vendors**. Parking is easy, with a free shuttle from Purdy Park and Ride. For more information, click www.burleybazaar.org



LIC Membership Report



Welcome to new Member Deanne Charles.

Thanks to Jeff Tritt and Tom Osborne for hosting the November meeting.

We are close to having all positions filled for the Christmas potluck, thanks to all who signed up for the various duties.

If you were not at the meeting, we still need 3 more Host/Hostess to make coffee, setup plates, take in and arrange food, keep it warm. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer by e-mail eacolbert@msn.com.

Eloise Colbert

Current Membership 194
Mark your calendars for the
December Christmas Potluck,
Wed., Dec. 17th at 6:30

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