



President's Message



Happy Holidays!

December is upon us, and it's a very busy time for all of us, and the LIC. Please check the calendar at <https://licweb.org> for all the happenings! Our member meeting on Dec.13th is our traditional holiday dinner, and everyone is working very hard to make sure it's a wonderful evening for all of us. Let Nancy Carr know if you can volunteer, if you have not already thrown your name in the hat.

This year, after reviewing the calendar, we have decided to "de-deck" the halls on Dec. 16th. While this may seem a bit unusual, it's after all our planned events, and it will clear the hall so that pickleball can resume. And speaking of pickleball, with Kelly Hettinger's leadership we are expanding pickleball to also include Thursdays, so watch for the announcement.

On Dec. 15th we have TGIF, so if you would love to spend the evening with friends, drop by. Please remember that TGIF is open to the public, so feel free to spread the word. I look forward to seeing everyone at the holiday dinner, and hope you have a great holiday with friends and family!

Sincerely,
 Bob
 LIC President – president@lic-kpwa.com

Upcoming Events

- ★ Next membership meeting - Dec. 13th, 6:30PM - This is the annual holiday dinner.
- ★ Pickleball every Tuesday 10:00AM - 6:00PM
- ★ Deck the Halls - Dec. 2nd 10:00AM
- ★ Lighted Boat Parade & Chili Potluck - Dec. 2nd, 3:00PM
- ★ Open Mic - Dec. 12th, 6:30PM
- ★ TGIF- Dec. 15th, 5:30PM
- ★ De-Deck the Halls - Dec.16th, 10:00AM
- ★ Pickleball will also be open on Thursday's beginning Dec. 21, 2023 as long as the clubhouse is not being rented or used for another event.



Membership News

If you are still in need of hours, there are plenty of opportunities in December. Please check the 'events' tab in Track it Forward to see which event has openings. There will be more information in this newsletter.

Dues are due in January and are the same as last year. Please do not try to renew in Neon as that subscription is no longer valid. We are in the process of setting up a new website which will be able to take member dues along with moorage. Stay tuned for 'what's new for 2024' and how to access the features when they are available.

We will be sending out an email shortly with the best way to pay member dues for 2024. WOW – where has this year gone!!!!!!

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or comments.

Thank you,
Nancy Carr
Membership Chair – membership@lic-kpwa.com



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

Since my last report, I've sent out four cards. One card to a member that had surgery, one sympathy card, and two get well cards. Remember, if you are aware of a member that needs a bit of Sunshine, please let me know. Thank you.

Cheril Allen
Sunshine Representative –
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Hello from the dock!

The lighted boat parade and chili feed is Sat. Dec. 2nd starting at 3PM.

Bring your famous, or not so famous chili to share with other members. We will start the parade around 5PM. This is a super fun event and you do not want to miss it! Hope to see you all there.

Wintertime brings the most beautiful water to the marina, it becomes a gorgeous clear almost teal blue! Stop by and take a look!

Currently the marina planning calendar is clear, however you never know some brave a "freeze cruise!" We start back up with regular club visits in March.

Rick Harrison
Marina Chair – marina@lic-kpwa.com

Katie Harrison
Dockmaster – marina.dockmaster@lic-kpwa.com



LIC Rental Agent Opportunity

The LIC needs a new rental agent, our wonderful existing rental agent is moving on to another opportunity. Key functions of the role are communicating with potential lessees, showing the building, opening and closing for rentals, completing rental agreements, collecting funds, maintaining a rental activity & business report. Initial training is available. Candidates with good organization and communications skills, computer/office skills and personal discipline are a good fit for the role. It's an independent contractor 1099 position, and compensation is both a monthly fixed and a variable pay component. Role is part-time 3~5 hours per week, flexible work hours however must be available to show the facilities with coordination with potential lessee, as well as open /close for rentals as needed.

Please email:
LICRentalAgentJob@lic-kpwa.com
with your work history/resume and for more information.

Events

CALLING ALL MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS,
FRIENDS -----

Do you need hours? Do you want to feel the spirit of the season? Do you want to help your friends and neighbors? Do you want to meet new friends and members?

Well – we have fun activities that need you!
This month is loaded!!

Dec. 2nd– Decorate the Hall in the morning and Lighted Boat Parade and Chili feed in the afternoon.

Dec. 7th thru 10 – Kids & Christmas with many activities, different on each day

Dec. 13th – Member Christmas Dinner

Dec. 16th – De-decorate the Hall

Please check the events in Track It Forward; you can easily see what is available and sign up.

If you need more information on any of the above, or help with Track It Forward, let us know.

Jan & Denny Prichard (for Dec and De-deck the Hall) 253-884-2030

Nancy Carr, Carolyn Wiley (for K&C and Member Dinner) 253-312-1006, 253-884-9157

Note: To help in the kitchen for Kids & Christmas, a food handlers card is not required, but appreciated. You can take the test on-line and the LIC will reimburse the \$10 fee.

<https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/food-worker-card>

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DECK THE HALLS!

Sat, Dec. 2nd

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 snacks provided!

Some things you can bring if you have them:

Gloves, Garden nippers, wire cutters,

and

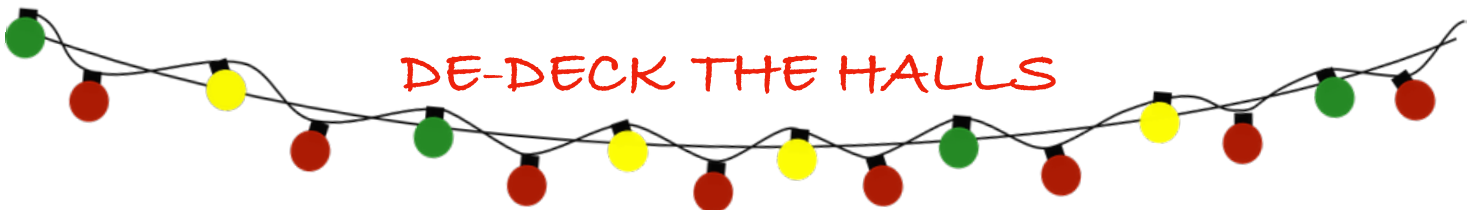
cut greens for decorating

would be especially appreciated!

(Be sure to put your name on your tools.)

COME JOIN

THE FUN!!



Saturday, Dec. 16th, 10-Noon

We are de-decorating the LIC early this year to accommodate our LIC Pickleball friends! Come help put away all those festive decorations for next year on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10-12 a.m. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. Hey Pickleball Players! Come join in the fun!!

Many thanks. Jan and Denny Prichard, (253)884-2030

History Speaks



Seining salmon at Madrona Pt. Longbranch.



Geo. Rickert and a few salmon on the bay.

Timothy Kezele
LIC Historian – timkezele@gmail.com



THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY

Celebrate the South Key 2023

Dear Friends,

The Longbranch Foundation was created in 2016 to expand its programs and services to the Key Peninsula Community. We promote and enable educational opportunities for our youth, maintain the area's history by supporting the historically designated LIC Clubhouse and work to improve the Filucy Bay environment with support to the Longbranch Marina. To continue our work we rely on donations from the LIC members and the greater Key Peninsula community. The ***Celebrate*** Campaign is your opportunity to support our causes, specifically with end of year donations. There are several ways to give, one is to write a check or complete the credit card information and return in the enclosed envelope, or go to the link on the website at

<https://www.longbranchfoundation.org/ways-to-give/gifts-of-cash/>

and click on DONATE NOW.

You can specify where your donation will go or let us decide the greatest need. We give to the following causes.

- Provide \$14,000 in scholarships each year to deserving Peninsula High School graduates, who attended Evergreen Elementary.
- Support Evergreen Elementary and KP Middle School with mini grants to enrich the school learning environment
- Assist the Longbranch Improvement Club through grants for the Marina, the Buildings and Grounds and most recently the Community Garden.
- Support specific grants to the Community for “the greatest need”. These have included Food Backpacks 4 Kids, Two Waters Art Alliance, KP Farm Tour and Civic Center Community Fair, to name a few.

Your generosity makes a difference in our community and helps us to continue our work. We all love living in the Key Peninsula – and care about its future. The Longbranch Foundation helps preserve, improve, and grow what's good about here. Our home.

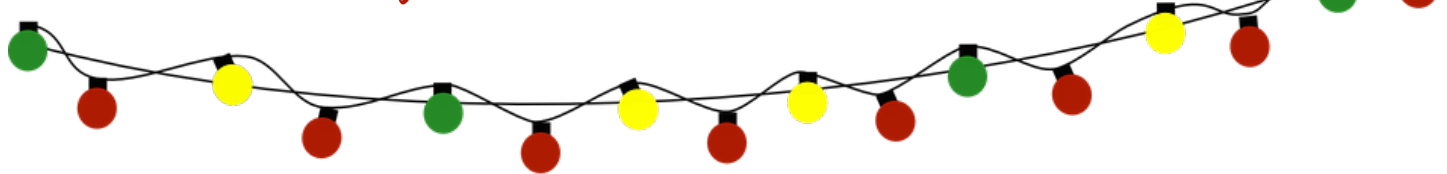
Thank you for your continuing support of the Key Peninsula Community

Sheryl Low

President, The Longbranch Foundation
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(Please note: Contributions to The Longbranch Foundation are deductible to the extent allowed by law - its federal I.D. number is 81-1147078. This letter acknowledges that no goods or services have been exchanged for this contribution.)

Membership Meeting Minutes



LIC MEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, Nov. 15th, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Acting Vice President Chris Wright, who conducted this meeting in Bob Perry's absence.

Secretary

MOTION: Approve the October membership meeting minutes. MSP

Treasurer

Jim Hettinger provided an updated financial report. The board is currently working on the budget for 2024.

Jim also announced that the board has approved opening up the foyer for viewing sports events. The board would like to know how much interest there is in having this type of gathering. These gatherings would be open to members and guests only and run like TGIF is (BYOB, bring snacks, etc.) Nancy Carr will send out a poll.

Marina

Rick Harrison gave a marina update. He thanked Gary Brownlee, Larry Force, Jim Sobiek, and Harry Rydell for their work on the fire line.

Rick announced that a slip is opening up due to a member not attending enough meetings or putting in enough volunteer hours. He reminded everyone of the importance of attending meetings, putting in the 15 volunteer hours, and being current with dues.

Rick also announced that a 22-ft slip is available now as someone else is vacating their slip.

Building & Grounds

Chris Wright spoke about the need for volunteers at the clubhouse and grounds. If you have carpentry or welding experience that is also needed. If you are in need of volunteer hours please contact Chris at bldg-grounds@lic-kpwa.com.

Chris announced that the old stove will be put up for sale as the new stove is installed.

Chris gave an update on the roof. A contractor came out and did not find any rot and progress is slowly being made.

Membership

Nancy Carr reminded everyone to turn in their hours to Track It Forward.

Robyn Denson sent the LIC letter thanking us for our participation in the Farm Tour.

Events

Nancy Carr spoke about the following events which have been loaded into Track It Forward. Lots of volunteers are needed for these events.

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Membership Meeting Minutes cont:

Kids & Christmas - Santa will be here with presents, pictures will be available, 10 girl scout troops will be here with Make & Take crafts, Go Fish will be set up, food will be available. Sunday, Dec, 10th, 1 - 4PM.

Deck the Halls - The Christmas Tree was donated by the Longbranch Cemetery. The top 17 feet of the tree will be installed. Saturday, Dec. 2nd beginning at 10:00AM.

LIC Christmas Meeting and Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, Dec. 13th. The board will provide the meats, please bring sides, desserts, etc,

De-deck the halls - Saturday, Dec. 16th beginning at 10:00AM.

Kelly Guenther spoke about the Lighted Boat Parade and Chili Feed on Dec. 2nd. This event is at the marina and starts at 3:00PM. Bring a muffin tin to taste all the different offerings. TGIF returns Nov. 17th and Tom Shimko has volunteered to take ownership of this event going forward. There will be music this month.

Kelly Hettinger announced that the Civic Center will also be offering Pickleball. She will coordinate with them to make sure there isn't too much overlap. Kelly also announced a CPR/Stop the Bleed Class will be held in late January or early February 2024. This class will be taught by Anne Nesbit of the KPF. She will also talk about first aid kits for boats.

The Longbranch Foundation

No report.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- a. TGIF - November 17th, 5:30PM
- b. Pickleball every Tuesday 10:00AM - 6:00PM
- c. Deck the Halls - Dec. 2nd, - 10:00AM
- d. Lighted Boat Parade & Chili Potluck - Dec. 2nd, - 3:00PM
- e. Next board meeting - Dec. 6th, - 6:30PM
- f. Open Mic - Dec. 12th, - 6:30PM
- g. Next membership meeting - Dec. 13th, - 6:30PM
This is the annual holiday dinner
- h. TGIF- Dec. 15th, - 5:30PM
- i. De-Deck the Halls - Dec.16th, - 10:00AM
- j. Pickleball will also be open on Thursday's beginning Dec. 21st, as long as the clubhouse is not being rented or used for another event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.



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