



# MEMBER NEWS

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NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: FEBRUARY 16, 2022 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



## President's Message

Here comes February. The sun is beginning to set after 5 PM, spring is around the corner, and it's always the month I have to begin mowing my lawn. (But this year I'm making sure my 16-year-old starts alternating this WITH me.)

On other fronts, the Omicron variant seems to be waning, so that means we're going to be attempting our events in person – for those that are comfortable – in February. And I for one will be happy to see folks again.

Kristen Zink, our new membership chair, is kicking into gear. And we've purchased a new software to help the LIC called Neon that you'll likely be hearing more about this this month. So good changes are on the way. Having said this, you'll still be seeing Nancy Carr around. She's not leaving the LIC. Kristen is just taking on what was her biggest volunteer commitment.

So, what's happening this month?

We have our first TGIF on February 11th from 5:30 to 8:30 PM in the LIC foyer (the area by the kitchen). This is a BYOB event, and you are encouraged to bring appetizers. And if you're a musician – by all means, bring your instrument and play. This is open to the public, meant to provide some social life in the southern KP, and I think it will also stimulate some new memberships. It's also the Friday before Valentine's Day... just saying.



## President's Message (cont'd)

This is all part of a plan to slowly, but surely, have the LIC get a bit more social, and have the general public know more about us, and be invited to our events on our 100th year of improving things on the KP. And once it gets warmer, I'm hoping we'll be kicking off Thirsty Thursdays at the marina pavilion as well.

The membership meeting is in person on February 16th as well.

There are other things brewing. You may be seeing some good changes happening with The Longbranch Foundation, the board is getting its ducks in a row to have our strategic 5-year plan kickoff, and we've encountered a bureaucratic slowdown with the marina pumpout project and are coming up with ways to get this moving again. We'll let you all know more about this in the days ahead.

Enjoy the longer days. I hope to see many of you this month.

Warmly,  
Kelly Guenther



### From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

Since my last report, I've mailed out one get-well card to a member who had surgery.

Cheril Allen  
Sunshine Representative





I feel as though the foundation began the year by taking a giant step into it, with long legs and big shoes! We certainly have a lot on our plate and continue to be an important presence on the KP. We can only do this because of volunteers who are willing to take on challenges and tasks that come before us.

Here's an overview of what we are up to...and, by the way, feel free to get involved at any time!

- ♥ We have received new mini-grant requests from Key Peninsula Middle School teachers. By supporting their projects, the foundation is giving teachers the opportunity to offer students interesting, hands-on projects that may not have been possible without this support.
- ♥ We are now offering the same opportunity to the teachers at Evergreen Elementary School. The foundation has an established relationship with our elementary school and we believe that this additional opportunity only strengthens that by giving teachers more options for creative projects to further engage their students.
- ♥ The foundation is fortunate to have an impressive scholarship committee! We have met twice this year and have worked to formalize an updated process for awarding scholarships. Our work and discussions have been based on the reflection of several members who have participated in the process in past years and are also quite familiar with our student population and the college and technical school environment. We will be sending out letters to our current recipients this week letting them know of the requirements for requesting recurring scholarships. The committee will coordinate with the Peninsula HS Hawks and will review portfolios of HS seniors in mid-March. (We require that these students must have attended Evergreen Elementary for at least some portion of their elementary years.)
- ♥ A small, but mighty group of volunteers has been meeting (I know you read their survey!) about reprinting the cookbook that was put together in 2013 by the LIC. It featured over 350 recipes from our members, friends and neighbors in a handy 3-ring binder format. The cookbook included vignettes of historical information about our community that were illustrated by a local artist. This cookbook is a local treasure! I was fortunate enough to be gifted a copy by a neighbor when I moved into our house. Local art, history and food...what could be better??
- ♥ The foundation received two grants from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. The first was in the amount of \$500 to be used to “assist students and families with internet needs to help reduce the digital divide”. The second grant is for \$2000 to support “The Longbranch Foundation – Evergreen School Program.” We are so grateful to be recognized and supported by the GTCF.





- ♥ Grant requests - we have received grant requests from Food Backpacks 4 Kids to help provide the additional funds needed to purchase alternative foods, such as non-dairy and gluten-free, for those children who have food sensitivities and allergies. We have also received a request for the beautiful LIC Centennial Garden Project. The Foundation board reviews grant requests during its quarterly board meetings.
- ♥ The Foundation is participating with a coalition of other local non-profits that support families on the KP. The purpose is to understand the work each organization is doing, to offer support to each other, and to collaborate and share information. I believe that this community effort will strengthen the work being done on the KP.

Thank you, and I look forward to working to support the foundation's mission "to inspire collaboration and generosity in order to promote educational opportunities, to maintain the area's history, and to improve the natural environment."

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## Food Market

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save your Food Market receipts  
for when we meet again.*



HAPPY  
*Valentine's Day*



## From The Longbranch Foundation Scholarship Committee:

The Longbranch Foundation Scholarship Committee held its first meeting of 2022 to better define its process for assessing Peninsula High School (PHS) student portfolios for new scholarships.

The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) awards collegiate and trade/vocational scholarships to graduates of PHS, who have attended Evergreen Elementary at one time. The Committee also renews scholarships to students in higher education schools who continue to do well.

TLF uses a “holistic” review process. This means we place emphasis on the applicant as a whole person, not just his/her academic achievements. This benefits students who may not have had the best academic marks but who can contribute to their school and community in other positive ways.

We look at each portfolio and assess each student using a variety of criteria, including GPA, community service, extra-curriculum accomplishments, letters of recommendation and a personal essay. We look at GPA because research shows that the student’s high school grades are a good predictor of their likelihood of success in college.

The applicant’s essay can express their personality by sharing their hobbies, interests, passions, hopes and goals. It can make us aware of their financial need, family support and any extenuating circumstances or adversity they have encountered.

We look at their accomplishments in areas of athletics, clubs, community service and work. Athletics demonstrate commitment to the greater good of a team. Community service shows they can think beyond their own needs. Work can demonstrate maturity and responsibility.

Letters of recommendation coming from teachers, coaches, employers and community leaders are also part of the equation.

Selecting scholarships is a rewarding process and is a serious responsibility that we look forward to each year.

These scholarships are funded by your generous contributions and your participation in The Foundation’s Biannual Auction.

Stay tuned for the winners!

Carolyn Carr

## Member News

From your Retiring Membership Chair –

I want to thank everyone for being such great people to know, work with and call friends. Since July of 2015, I have welcomed you and then nagged you for your volunteer hours. It is time for me to step back (retire?) and let some of the 'youngers' with more energy lead us into the future. Not only am I retiring, but some of our systems are, too, so we all get to learn new things. Kristen Zink has 'volunteered' to take the reins and lead us forward. Please be as nice to her as you have been to me. This club has fantastic members and together we do some great work and have fun!

I'm not going anywhere, and I will admit that I will miss a lot of the communication I have with you folks. So, please drop me a line occasionally so I can keep up. Kristen, I pass the 'People, I need your volunteer hours' baton to you!

Thanks again, everyone, for all have done – and continue to do,

Thank you,

Nancy Carr

*This Valentine's Day*

May you love yourself fully  
May you trust yourself completely  
May you stand up for yourself always  
May you take care of yourself everyday  
May you treat yourself with kindness  
May you give of yourself generously  
May you live your purpose with passion  
May you live your life authentically



The LIC will be hosting an Adult/Child/Infant CPR class on Saturday, February 26th at 9 AM. This class will include AED and First Aid. The cost is \$40 per person, open to all our members, as well as to the community. Class space is limited, so sign up today. Contact Barb Boettcher (425) 232-8186 or email at [jnbboe@yahoo.com](mailto:jnbboe@yahoo.com).

## Marina News

Hello from the dock! We have Carling Yacht Club coming for a winter visit this month. March will be the start of the 2022 cruise season.

We are looking for volunteers for Opening Day, May 7th. We are also in need of raffle items donations. Please email or call Katie Harrison direct if you can help.

Spring will be here soon, and we will have a marina work party, stay tuned for updates.

Katie Harrison, Dockmaster  
Rick Harrison, Marina Chair

## Activities

The upcoming events planned for 2022 are Suds & Spuds in March and the Super Sale in April. Suds & Spuds is still on the radar, but under current COVID conditions is not likely to happen. If you are interested in getting more involved (helping plan and/or leading this event), let us know.

The Super Sale is being planned for April. A couple of key things to remember:

- 1) Volunteers and donated items are needed, and
- 2) Collection of donated items will not be until the week of the sale in April. If you want to volunteer or donate to the Super Sale, contact Barbara Green at bfg14012@gmail.com or (206) 802-8848

If you are not already part of the Events Committee, consider coming to a meeting. The next two meetings will be at 3PM on February 2, and March 2 and will either be in person at the LIC or via Zoom. Hope to see you there!

Thanks!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger  
allenandmarcel@hotmail.com



## Buildings and Grounds

We had storm damage on the trails: a large tree fell down and one of the bridges was washed out. Special thanks to David and Nancy Duress for pulling the bridge back around and Dave Ziegler for providing the bricks to hold it up.

Also, a big thanks to everyone who turned out last Saturday for the trails work party. The guys and gals really got a lot done in record time, including fixing the bridge so it won't wash out again, sawing up the tree and cleaning up leaves and branches.

Bob Perry donated a big pile of wood chips for the trails, and we hope to get the Boy

Scouts to help us spread them around.

Dennis Dixon from Pierce County Surface Water Management walked with Jim on the trails when the stream was flooding. He advised him to redirect the stream back to its original channel to avoid more damage in the future.

We are updating the rental rate page on the web site. Contact Kittie Voyce with any questions.

Jim Sobieck and Ann Morris  
Buildings and Grounds



## LIC General Meeting January 19, 2022



The meeting was called to order by Kelly Guenther at 7:02 PM. The meeting was on Zoom due to the Omicron uptick in the county.

**Secretary's Report:** Kelly Guenther requested that the minutes of last month's membership meeting be approved as written and submitted in the newsletter. MSP

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Hettinger reviewed the December 31st Financial Statements. The LIC ended the year with a positive net income. The building revenue was over budget, the marina revenue was on budget, and we were under total budgeted expenses in nearly every other category, so that is good. Marina invoices for the year were mailed out today. If you didn't get an invoice contact Jim Hettinger. If you want to pay your Marina bill for the year you can get a 5% discount. The other option is to pay quarterly, first payment is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Proposed Reserve Additions:** Every year we take our net income and put that money to put into projects that are long term. Jim sent out the proposed reserve additions and asked for a motion to add the totals to the restricted funds in reserve.

**Motion:** To accept these proposed restricted reserve additions. MSP

**2022 Budget:** Jim presented the 2022 proposed Budget. This budget is based on

previous budgets and items/projects we anticipate we need for the coming year. The Marina is sold out and we have a waiting list. Jim sent out the proposed 2022 budget passed by the Board for Membership approval.

**Motion:** To accept the budget proposed by the board for 2022 for membership approval. MSP

**Membership:** Nancy Carr introduced new members, Kyle and Alicia Chapman, who introduced themselves as new residents of the KP. Rosa Velder also introduced herself. She and her husband have two daughters, and Rosa works at Palmer Lake Beach Club as their operations manager. Other new members not on Zoom are Roy Miller and Kay Todorzak. Kristen Zink was introduced as the new Membership Chair and volunteered her husband, Justin to help. Kristen explained an upcoming change to Neon, a membership software. The plan is to replace our current membership software and transition to this new online version which Kristen will introduce. The community service category of volunteer hours will be discontinued. Hours for the Longbranch Foundation are to be recorded in the LIC system, which currently is Track it Forward for now. Kelly Guenther gave a massive shout out to Nancy Carr for her service to the organization, with seconds all around.



## LIC General Meeting January 19, 2022 (Continued)



**Events:** Bob Green reported for the Ballingers, who are out of town. The first event is April 23rd, which is the Super Sale to raise money for TLF. February 2nd at 3 PM will be the next events committee meeting at the LIC. Let Bob Green know if you would like to help with this event. Start saving your good stuff to donate to raise money. If you would like a booth, let Bob Green know. Otherwise you will be dropping off your donated items at the LIC Clubhouse. February 26th will be a CPR class hosted at the LIC by Anne Nesbit. There is a calendar on the website for events for the year. TGIF was cancelled for January due to Omicron and will instead be held from 5:30 – 8:30 PM on February 11th. Please bring appetizers and it will be BYOB. Musicians are also encouraged to play.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Jim Sobieck wanted to thank Bob Green for helping to install lights in the container. Christmas decorations are now stored in the container. Jimmy met with Dennis Dickson, and we won't need a permit to redirect the stream to its original channel. One of the footbridges was washed downstream and will be replaced at the work party on January 22nd. There is a new rental agreement with adjusted rates which was sent to the membership for review. Kitty Voyce shared specifics on the new agreement. Hourly rates and half-day rates are added, as well as options to rent the kitchen or Centennial Garden only. This allows for more flexibility in rental uses. The rules for getting a liquor license

were updated. Motion: To approve the new rental rates and agreement for the LIC Clubhouse and grounds. MSP

**Marina Chair:** Kelly Guenther reported that we are delayed with repair of the finger docks but have been given an extension from the DNR to finish the work by the end of July.

**Pumpout Station:** Brett Allen gave a pumpout station report. We have submitted plans to both the Tacoma and Pierce County Health Departments for our permits, and Jeff Barney has been helping us with getting our permits through. Filucy Bay water quality went down this year, so Jeff wants to work on getting the pumpout station going to improve water quality. We should see some movement on the final approvals in February. Bob Perry asked about overall timing, asking when we can move to construction. The goal is to have this built by late spring. He has been working with Ken Johnson on getting bids on the construction items on the docks. Brett has also been working on the upland work with the holding tanks.

**Vice-President:** We have a lot of events that were Centennial celebration events that were cancelled last year. We hope to do those events this year but need volunteers. As soon as we are back to in-person meetings, you can sign up to volunteer for various events. We want to find someone who can act as the Volunteer Coordinator for these events.

## LIC General Meeting January 19, 2022 (Continued)



**President:** TGIF scheduled for February 11th, 5:30 PM in the foyer of the LIC Clubhouse.

### **THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION:**

Michele Gorman gave the Foundation report. We have a board meeting on February 26th. We received a couple of grants from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, one for \$2,000 for Evergreen Elementary and the other for \$500 for families with internet needs. We have a couple of grants to review this month, one for Food Backpacks4Kids, and one for the Centennial Garden. We just sent out some grant money for mini-grants submitted by Evergreen teachers. The scholarship committee is updating our process for our awards every year. Michele Gorman is meeting with other community non-profits to coordinate various projects for residents of the KP. In

2013 the LIC put out a cookbook, and the Foundation is looking to reprint the cookbook with an addendum to raise funds. A survey will be sent out to see if there is interest in this. The cookbook includes vignettes and history of the area. The artwork in the cookbook is also available as note cards, you can purchase on the Foundation website for purchase. You will receive an email with the info in a link when the final decision is made on the cookbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next member meeting February 16th at the LIC, unless designated by email, on Zoom at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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