



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

OCTOBER 2017

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 18-DINNER MEETING- 6:30 PM

President's Message:

October 2017

The Fall season is upon us, and for many of you it's the favorite time of year. Summer heat is in the rear view mirror, the leaves on trees are changing colors, and it's football season. Whether it's your favorite time of year or not, it always seems to be a very busy time of year with preparations to get the home and yard whipped into shape for the upcoming Winter season, and planning for the holidays that are right around the corner.

It's equally true the LIC will have a busy Fall. We have a number of events coming up, including Fiber Arts (and the Farm Tour) on October 7th, a Membership meeting on October 18th, and Trunk-Or-Treat on October 27th. Fiber Arts and the Farm Tour have been getting larger every year and based on everything I'm hearing, this year will continue that trend. Also, last year we entertained a near record number of kids at Trunk-Or-Treat, and I expect this year will be no different. I urge all of our members to come out and join in these events and show our strong community support.

I commented last month that the work covered by the 2017 Pierce County Preservation Grant needed to be completed on the building by mid-October. I am happy to report, all of that work was completed by mid-September! The Grant work included repair of the lower west windows of the clubhouse (adjacent to the restrooms entries), replacement of the office and storage room doors in the meeting room, re-staining the wood around the stainless steel kitchen counter and doors leading to the auditorium, and window removal in the office. In addition, we gave the meeting room a badly needed face lift with new paint and stain on the beams. As I write this, we're awaiting completion of the painting in the kitchen, which was not part of the Grant work, but an add-on the Board decided would be appropriate to complete at this time. A huge "Thank You!" goes out to Sharon Gearhart for organizing much of this work (and negotiating a few last minute project changes with the Pierce County Preservation Board folks), Gayle Brewer for heading up the office and storage room door replacement project, Randy Carr for the office window removal, and Jeffrey Tritt & Associates (including Christine) for the painting and staining. Please check it out when you can – it looks great!

Also, last month, I requested a couple of things from our members, including ideas for guest speakers at our membership meetings. I have received several great ideas, so "Thank You!" to all of the contributors. In addition, I had asked for a volunteer to assume Sunshine Lady (or Gentleman) duties, and I am pleased to report that Cheril Allen has agreed to assume those duties beginning next month. So, another big "Thank You!" to Cheril for volunteering, and to Marlies Van Cise for filling that role for a number of years.

Clark

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Food Drive



Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts

to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



LIC General Membership Meeting

September 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Clark Van Bogart, president.

New members and guests were welcomed.

Francie Carr introduced Llyn De Danaan, from Humanities Washington, speaking on the topic of "What Makes Us Human?" Her web site is www.pinterest.com/dedaan/humanities-washington-whatdoesitmeantobehuman. Excerpts from her speech follow:

First and foremost, critical thinking requires that we be aware of and distinguish the difference between hypothesis and theory. The former is a supposition or proposed explanation with limited evidence, a starting point for further examination. The latter is a system of ideas intended to explain something, based on general principles and validated by the scientific method.

In the fields of archaeology and prehistory, no assessments can be based on one find from one particular place - all findings are controversial and await the next discovery. For example, it has been propounded for years that Homo sapiens (humans) arrived in the New World via the Bering Strait approximately fifteen thousand years before the present. However, a subsequent find suggests that there may be a DNA link between Australian Aborigines and New World Amazonians dating to 100,000 years ago - which would mean that these arrivals were Homo neanderthalensis.

There have been many attempts to delineate what particular thing separates humans from other species, both humanoid and non-humanoid. These have included language (except that all animals communicate), tool-making and tool-use (except that other animals, such as orangutans and crows, also exhibit this behavior). As to the latter, what may perhaps distinguish humans from non-humans is the ability to build on and/or to improve the tool - in other words, creativity.

There are many questions left to be answered. It is important to acknowledge that we share a lot of humanity, a web of differences and similarities. WE ARE THEY.

Francie asked that everyone fill out the Washington Achievement Evaluation, to be sent to Humanities Washington.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the minutes of the August general meeting be accepted as written. MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reported that August was all about Marina guest moorage and the Labor Day Dance - both of which were very profitable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Nancy Carr acknowledged that we had a lot of guests at the meeting tonight. She thanked all of the people who helped set up for the meeting and all of the kitchen crew.

Events: Jan stated that, although attendance was down at the Labor Day Dance, the event resulted in a \$2,000 profit. A tentative list of coming events was distributed and, at Clark's request, will be forwarded to Helen Jamieson to be put in the newsletter

The next event will be **Fiber Arts**, followed in the same month by **Trunk or Treat**.

Carolyn Wiley noted that Fiber Arts, with twenty-eight artists, is held in conjunction with the Key Peninsula Farm Tour. This year there will be music during the day along with a horse handler and a farrier.

Dee McGinnis said that the LIC will have a table at the event, with a separate cashier, selling cards and cook books, raffle tickets for an American Girl Doll and Fiber Arts t-shirts. She needs volunteers to help at the table. Food is provided - and kitchen help is also needed.

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Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart announced that the work for the Pierce County Preservation Grant has been completed, with the help of Randy Carr and Jeff Tritt.

Marina: Robert Theisen stated that Pierce County has installed a barrier to prevent left turns into the Marina parking lot before the curve in the road. The cost for replacing the old wooden flagpole would be approximately \$3,000 and a new security system would be approximately \$12,000, mostly due to the cost of labor. There are slips available.

Sunshine: Cheril Allen has volunteered to take over from Marlies Van Cise.

Newsletter: A reminder to send any articles to Helen Jamieson by September 25th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Peg Bingham noted the *CPR* class is set for this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Key Center Fire Station. The cost is \$35. Another class will be held November 18th.

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION:

Clark announced that the Scholarship Committee has been expanded and will be meeting on October 10th. The members will be developing a plan with the goal of developing a sustainable program for many years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by *Jane Eiseman*

From the sunshine corner.....



Our Mary Mazur took a nasty fall on August 23rd and broke her hip. After emergency surgery she ended up at Cottesmore, where she still is. I visited her then and delivered a beautiful fall arrangement from the LIC., which she enjoyed very much.

Speaking to her this morning, she sounded optimistic and said that she was "progressing". She also mentioned to me, that she is looking for a person with nursing experience, that could stay with her 24/7. She does not know exactly when she will be released nor does she know for how long she will need a nurse.

Let me know if you know somebody. ([253-884-5608](tel:253-884-5608))

A longtime friend and member of the LIC, Barbara Copley passed away last Thursday, Sept. 21. She will be missed by many.

And the best news of all: This is my last sunshine letter. I enjoyed several years of doing this special job, but fortunately a new person stepped forward, and I will help her to get started. Her name is Cheril Allen. She and her husband recently joined the LIC and are willing to help where needed. I was told by someone, that the LIC found a younger person to be the sunshine lady (that is not very difficult in Longbranch :-).

So the "old" sunshine lady (Marlies) is turning over everything to the "young" sunshine lady Cheril.

Best wishes, Cheril ! *Marlies*

FROM THE MARINA CHAIR:



Hi to all. Well, the Marina had a GREAT summer. I want to thank Dockmaster, Lynn Carr for all the hard work and dedication he puts in at the Marina. We had more summer moorage boats that we have had in a long time.

Now that summer has gone and fall is arriving, we are taking applications for winter moorage. So put the word out. We have started a 2018 summer moorage waiting list, so if you want summer moorage, contact Robert or Lynn to be put on the waiting list.

IF you have been through Key Center, you can see that the scarecrows are going up. Ours is located by the Sound Credit Union sign, and was put up by Lynn and Nancy Carr and myself with the canoe from Buck Buckner, rain gear from Randy Babich and the hot red lipstick for the female skeleton provided by Delia McGinnis. Be sure and check out this LIC entry. Yes, Carolyn Wiley, take a good look!

Thanks everyone –

Robert Thelsen,
Marina Chair



DOCKMASTER REPORT:

September was another very good month for the Marina. We started off with the Three Tree Point Yacht Club and ended with the Trawler Crawlers, who had quite a few big boats.

We have been very lucky with a lot of independent boaters finding and liking our Marina, and a 72 foot vessel stayed with us for 2 nights. It was really a beauty.

Now, that fall is here, things will slow down. Please make sure to check your boats during the winter, as the weather gets windy and rainy.

Thank you,

Lynn Carr, Dockmaster



Membership News

We have been getting new members lately and I've been doing a poor job in acknowledging them. If you see the following new faces, please say 'hi' and welcome them to the LIC!

Ann Marie and Harold Ugles
Kathy Lewis

Bill Hill
Cindy and Jamie Griggs

Ron and Janet Houghtaling

The 3rd quarter of 2017 is almost over. Be sure to get all your volunteer hours turned in as soon as you can. We will be getting the first issue of the LIC Bucks ready for distribution at the October 18th pot luck meeting. As a reminder these bucks are rewards for hours volunteered in July, August and September. Only hours for this period turned in by October 7th will be counted.

There are still plenty of opportunities to earn hours for next quarter. Coming up (and needing volunteers) are: (** phone #'s las page of Newsletter)

Event	Date	Contact
Fiber Arts Setup	Oct 6	Jan Brown
Fiber Arts Show	Oct 7	Jan Brown
Membership Meeting	Oct 18	Nancy Carr
Trunk or Treat Haunted House	Oct 25	Jan Brown
Trunk or Treat event	Oct 27	Jan Brown
Membership Meeting	Nov 15	Nancy Carr
Deck the Hall	Dec 2	Jan Prichard
Kids & Christmas setup	Dec 6-8	Nancy Carr/Carolyn Wiley
Kids & Christmas Event	Dec 10	Nancy Carr/Carolyn Wiley
Christmas Meeting Setup	Dec 11-12	Nancy Carr
Christmas table Decoration	Dec 13	Jan Prichard
Christmas Dinner	Dec 13	Nancy Carr
Christmas Dinner Cleanup	Dec 14	Nancy Carr

You don't have to wait until the last minute to let us know you are interested in helping. If you are available to help with setup and the kitchen for a future meeting, let me know! I'm usually begging for help.

Thank you and happy volunteering!

Nancy Carr





A willing and able bodied person to occasionally help with yard and property upkeep in the Filucy Bay area. Very flexible schedule

Please call:

Rick Carr: 253.219.1409 or Jerry Strand: 206.919.5776

October 2017 Building and Grounds Chat Room;

The 2017 Historic Grant Proposal work is finished and early to boot! I am thrilled with the results, as I hope all of you will be. The window is gone from the office, the windows to either side of the bathroom have been restored and replaced by Legacy Renovations, the new doors for the store room and office are installed, and the doors between the main room and meeting room and the kitchen counter are now a darker shade in keeping with the age of the building. In addition the meeting room itself has received a new coat of paint and the beams have been refurbished and make the whole room pop. I cannot thank Jeff Tritt enough for his hard work staining the counters and connecting door frames, removing innumerable numbers of nails and staples from the walls, ceiling and beams of the meeting room and selecting a color that is in keeping with the time period of the building for painting the meeting room. In addition, I also want to extend my sincere thanks to Randy Carr for removing the office window and repairing the wall-you cannot tell a window was ever there, Gayle Brewer for working with Real Carriage Doors of Gig Harbor to get our new office and storeroom doors fabricated as well as working with Jeff to get them stained. The installer did a wonderful job and the new hardware that the locksmith put in looks more that fantastic. To all of you, who have helped on this project with suggestions, help in locating people to do the work, attending meetings etc. I applaud your assistance in helping put another successful grant project under our belts and another step in making the 'Grand Old Lady' grand again. In order to keep her grand-scotch tape, duct tape and staple use on walls, beams and woodwork are verboten (forbidden) unless approved. Your compliance with this request is appreciated. On another front-thanks goes to Bruce Jeglum, who worked on the main door sweeps to close the gap under the south doors-it is better but almost impossible to correct. He also built a new ramp to the storage shed of which, I for one, am much appreciative. It does "take a village" and I am proud to live in a right fine one. *sharon*

Projects Room:

Empty for the time being, while I finish up with the Grant Report.

I finally realized it.....people are prisoners of their phones....that's why they are called cell phones.

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2018 LIC Events Calendar*

Mar 17	Suds n Spuds
April 28	LIC Garage Sale
May 5	Dock Breakfast
May 26	Memorial Dance Band: to be advised
June 20	Member BBQ
July 7	July Dance Band: to be advised
Sept 1	Labor Day Dance Band: to be advised
Oct 6	Fiber Arts Festival
Oct 26	Trunk or Treat
Dec 1	Dec the Hall
Dec 16	Kids & Christmas
Dec 19	Member Christmas Dinner

***Subject to change**

Trunk or Treat in Longbranch!

On Friday, Oct. 27 at 6:00-8:00

At the Longbranch Improvement Club



Bring the children for games and crafts - there will be a spooky house too!

Don't have any kids to bring? Come and open the trunk for the trick or treaters. Wear a costume and decorate your trunk if you like.

Evergreen PTA and
Longbranch Improvement Club

We had a fantastic and successful Road Clean Up on Saturday, September 23rd. I can't thank the six participants enough for all of their hard work and willingness to help. I also want to thank Sharon Gearhart for making the coffee and helping set up all the necessary goodies for the Event.

Many thanks to the following "Pickers"; Rose Loper, Jani Way, William and Julia Buckner, and Christie and Bert Saywers. They all did an excellent job and I so appreciate all of their hard work. Julia had an interesting experience just North of the LIC. She found a large carton filled with packages of lobster that had been there, or somewhere, for a very long time. Many of the packages had been opened, some of the shells broken and the smell stayed with us for quite a while!!

An extra thank you to Bert Saywers; he always helps me take the signs down, rolls them up and he and Christie helped unload all of the bags out of the truck and onto the designated spot for the County to pick them up. We won't need another Road Clean Up until next year.....soooo stay tuned come May or June and you too can have the wonderful experience by signing up!!!

Pat Muchmore



Events Committee

Labor Day, our last big dance of the year, was yet another success! Thank you All who volunteered & attended. Even though the attendance was down from last year, our profit was up, we netted @ \$2000. from this dance. The band, Knee Deep, was very well received by all ages in attendance.

No, we're not done yet....Upcoming Events next month include:

Fiber Arts, on Saturday, Oct. 7 in conjunction with the *Farm Tour*. The LIC will be one of the two Farm Tour shuttle bus staging areas.. Carolyn Wiley reported that in addition to the interior & exterior vendors and demonstrations, our famous kitchen offerings, there will also be a horse training demonstration, and a horse farrier.

On **Friday, October 27** in conjunction with the Evergreen PTA, we will be hosting the annual **Trunk or Treat**. This event is open to anyone who wishes to distribute Halloween treats from the trunk of their car. This year we will again have the Fire Department passing out candy & giving tours of their truck, the R n J Smoked Meats food truck will be handing out samples of their luscious smoked mac n' cheese, the Beams' will again be erecting their famous Haunted House, the LIC will provide warm beverages & healthy snacks, and there will be carnival activities sponsored by the evergreen PTA in the big room of the lodge. This event is open to all who wish to participate &/or attend. To avoid confusion, Nancy C. will be sending out this volunteer sign-up sheet after Fiber Arts,

There is still room for folks to volunteer this month for either or both of these events for those LIC Bucks! There are volunteer opportunities for every talent and activity ability.

Janet & Kathy



Come one come all! The ANTI- IVY LEAGUE meets again Saturday OCT.21 10-12:00 at the LIC. Bring tools for cutting ivy off the trees in the woods behind the Clubhouse. It's good therapy. - Judy Riggs 884-7909



The Longbranch Foundation
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October Update

And what a party it was! Summer Fest raised over \$40,000 in support of our Scholarship program. With a minimum of expense for this gala affair, we have a little over \$30,000 to put to work to assist under-privileged children living on the South Key. The Scholarship Committee is meeting in October to put a sustainable plan in place to support the scholarships for higher education and to help fund fifth graders from Evergreen Elementary who cannot afford to attend Environmental Camp.

We are also going to look at our activity collecting donations from Key Pen Market Receipts, Aluminum Cans, Wine & Coffee donations and Marina donations. We currently collect about \$200 a month from these items which all go to "kid" oriented activities like Kids 'n Christmas and Trunk or Treat. Thank you all for your participation in these donations!

It goes without saying that the success of Summer Fest is due to the many hours of volunteer time put in by many of you. In addition to the names of volunteers listed on the program who made this auction happen, we want to thank the folks who provided the delicious desserts for the Dessert Dash: Joni Pipkin – Buck's Restaurant; Brett Hassler – Albertson's; Bob Silcott – Safeway; Peg Bingham; Meg Davis & Linda Merriam; Mary Lemon; Barb Van Bogart; Delia McGinnis & Susan Quigley; Shirley Brewer; Cheril Allen; Oliver Coldeen. Thank you all, and a special thank you to Mary Lemon who organized it all.

We also want to highlight the creators of the "Driving the Key" Quilt. Thank you to Carolyn Wiley for the design; to Ed Johnson for the photos; to Shirley Brewer, Nancy Carr, Kelly Hettinger, Barb Van Bogart and Carolyn Wiley for the piece work; and to Connie Kelsey who did the quilting.

Fall is in the air. Thankfully we have had some rain, and hopefully we will enjoy a few more days of sunny mild days in October to enjoy Fiber Arts and Trunk or Treat.

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