MEMBER NEWS

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JUNE 2021

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: JUNE 16, 2021 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

It appears that we may be nearing some sort of "end" to this pandemic. While we are some distance away from completely controlling this virus, cases and deaths are trending down nationally and locally. We are definitely not out of the woods yet and let's hope that the light at the end of the tunnel isn't the train. Despite the

somewhat confusing guidelines, things are getting more active around the clubhouse. David Shinners and his intrepid garden crew are moving swiftly. Check out David's article in the newsletter for details of all that they have accomplished. Jim Sobieck has been helping with the garden irrigation and lighting, in addition to getting a great deal of work done on the clubhouse and grounds. Katie and Robert continue to work hard at the marina with weekends being very active with visiting boaters.

A casualty of the pandemic are some of our Centennial Celebrations. While we will continue our Centennial stories at the member meetings, the committee has decided to postpone the two large events, Marina Days and a community brunch due to continued uncertainties. We want to include as much of the wider community as possible in these events so postponing them until next year will allow us to do that. In addition, we were notified that repairs to the Virginia V are taking longer than expected. As a result, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of that boat next year, in addition to our own Centennial. The actual incorporation date of the LIC was December 10, 1921, so we're considering some sort of special celebration at the December Member Meeting.

During the May Member Meeting I launched a poll to determine who wanted to attend inperson meetings again. The response was very positive with 85% of attendees indicating that they wanted to attend. The board will be discussing this over the next week or so and if Pierce County remains in Phase 3, we will determine the best way to make this happen. We will also plan to stream the meetings for those who prefer not to attend in person. For me, it would be really nice to have my last meeting as President be an in-person meeting!

At the May member meeting our nominating committee consisting of Kelly Hettinger and Candice Hardt introduced a slate of nominations for open positions. They are:

President's Message (cont'd)

President: Kelly Guenther Treasurer: Jim Hettinger Membership Chair: Nancy Carr Marina Chair: Robert Theisen and Rick Harrison

Since we have two candidates for the position of Marina Chair, voting will be by secret ballot per the terms of the by-laws. The board will work on the logistics of this, depending on whether we meeting in person or not. Note that only regular members are allowed to vote on candidates for board positions.

As I write this, we are expecting the ruling from the hearing examiner on the Pump Out Station any day now. We have sufficient grant monies to move forward on this project and will be scheduling the dive survey in the near future.

On Tuesday May 25, I will be attending a meeting of the Pierce County Council that will allocate funding for the architecture and engineering studies for the roof. The folks who will be doing the study have been waiting patiently and are ready to go as soon as we have contracts which will hopefully be in early June.

This will be my last article as President of the LIC. I have many people to thank for helping me make it through this two-year term, and especially, the last 14 months. First, thanks to all of the board members who worked to continue the business of the organization, always keeping in mind our purpose as an organization and the safety of our members. Special thanks to our advisors Phil Johnson and Francie Carr who provided legal and historical perspective in navigating this very strange period in our history. Big thanks go to the members who pivoted to Zoom meetings and continued to participate in club activities and the community at large as best they could and also to new members who joined us in good faith. I look forward to getting to know better. You are all truly amazing.

Marsha Kremen President

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY



As we see the end of this long year plus of lockdown, we find that we have learned a lot. It has demonstrated the deeply connected nature of our world. It has underscored our shared humanity, resilience, and the need for a just and equitable society. It has highlighted that when we come together, we can take steps to provide for a brighter future. As the LIC celebrates its centennial and TLF celebrates its fifth year, we realize that we must lay the groundwork for the future and where we want to be five, ten, one hundred years from now. We have shared much success and continue to find ways to improve our community. We have much more that we can do. Thank you for your continued participation and support.

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Peninsula Hawks held their annual scholarship awards program (virtually) Wednesday evening May 19. Marcia Harris and her committee selected three graduating seniors to receive scholarships.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Jamie Baxter – Central Washington University to study Marine Biology Kendra Hunsaker – Central Washington University to study History Elizabeth Pierson – Western Washington University to study English

In addition, TLF is proud to continue our tradition of awarding Recurring Scholarships to those students in school who are doing well, this year there are two students who will receive Recurring Scholarships to continue their education.

- Celia Emens 2nd year student at Tacoma Community College transferring to Western Washington University to study Marine Biology
- Matt Nesbitt 2nd year student at Olympia College studying Environmental Science to become a Park Ranger

Because of your generous donations, we have a sustainable plan to award these scholarships. This year we awarded a total of \$10,500 to these students to help them pursue their dreams.



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EVERGREEN QUILT PROJECT

There is a group of talented people working to produce a Quilt for Evergreen Elementary to be ready when the new school opens. This group has met several times and they have a wonderful design that includes pictures of the schools over time as well as the school symbols, a fir tree and an eagle, and words of encouragement embroidered on the design.

MARKET RECEIPTS/AMAZON SMILE/CAN RECYCLE

"Behind the scenes" there is a lot of work being done by Rich and Connie Hildahl to account for the Market Receipts you all turn in. In 2020, Rich and Connie sorted through receipts totaling \$42,986.29! They have spent many hours of dedication to add money for our initiatives. The first quarter of 2021 saw \$8,820.97 in receipts. Do keep turning in your receipts, this all adds up. Thank you to Key Pen Food Market for their civic mindedness and thank you Rich and Connie.

In addition, Amazon Smile donates to the charity of your choice (it is The Longbranch Foundation, we hope!) and we collect money from recycling cans.

Every little bit makes a difference. The total from these programs in 2020 was \$308.71.

THERE IS LIGHT AT THE END OF THIS TUNNEL

We are making headway controlling the virus and many of us now are vaccinated. Thank you for doing your part! However, join the crowd of us who are tired being part of this historical event!

A little more patience and some wisdom as we go forward will help everyone get through this.

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If you have any questions about or input for The Longbranch Foundation please do not hesitate to talk with one of our Board members: Randy Carr, Jim Hettinger, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler, Sheryl Low, Michele Gorman, Jan Prichard or call me. Contact information can be found on our web site. mytlf.org

Thank you for your volunteer time and donations of money to meet the needs of the community!

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A COLLABORATIVE SUCCESS ON THE KEY, Part 1

By Clark Van Bogart

(Note: This is the first of a two-part series highlighting the success of The Longbranch Foundation in a short five-year period. Part 1 focuses on formation of the organization and funds raised.)

The recent success of The Longbranch Foundation's (TLF) auction for education "Brighter Futures" event in April caused me to reflect back to the beginnings of this organization less than 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years ago. In 2015, a small working group of LIC members along with our favorite in-house counselor, Phil Johnson, set the wheels in motion to create TLF as an Sec. 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Formation of TLF was several years in the making. An earlier plan involved some restructuring of the LIC whereas the plan that created TLF left the LIC 100% intact, as it remains to this day. By understanding the issues with that earlier plan, we were able to create a completely new and separate organization that is affiliated with the LIC. In this planning process, we also created a unique feature of TLF in that it has multiple charitable purposes approved by the IRS.

The Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Washington Secretary of State on January 5, 2016 with the paperwork signed by Francie Carr, then president of the LIC. I served as the first president of TLF until July 2017 at which time Barb Floyd was elected president, and Barb has served in that role since. All the above serves to set the stage for the real purpose for this writing, which is to give a huge "thank you" to Barb, TLF's board of directors, the many supporting volunteers, and certainly all the financial supporters over the past 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.

The title of this piece is "A Collaborative Success on the Key", and so what does that really mean? It means that TLF has raised more than \$564,000 for the LIC, local students and other community organizations on Key Peninsula during this period. A breakdown of that astounding amount in round numbers follows:

| The LIC's Historic Clubhouse (including bi-annual Sup | er Sales) | \$19,000 |
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| LIC Grounds & Trails | | \$1,650 |
| Scholarship Programs (including bi-annual Auctions) | | \$219,900 |
| Longbranch Marina (including Wash. Capital Grant) | | \$257,700 |
| Other Community Organizations | | \$14,100 |
| The Longbranch Sign | | \$6,200 |
| All other non-designated contributions | | <u>\$45,450</u> |
| | Grand Total | \$564,000 |

Any way you look at it, the impact on this community and these two organizations in a relatively short time is simply incredible. My hope is that the phenomenal success of The Longbranch Foundation continues for many, many years. With continued strong leadership by TLF's board of directors, dedicated volunteers to make it all work, and strong financial support by all of you, it will. Congratulations, and a huge thank you, are clearly in order!!!

(Next Month - Part 2 will highlight how the funds have been utilized and future commitments.)



Dockmaster Report

May was a busy month at the marina with 6 yacht club cruises. Day Island with two cruises, Tacoma Outboard Association, Port Ludlow Yacht Club, South Island Yacht Club, and Des Moines Yacht Club. Always so much fun when the clubs visit!

I do have a few racks left for rental on the kayak rack if you would like one, please let me know. I love using our fabulous kayak launcher and Filucy Bay is perfect for beginners and advanced kayakers. Thank you to Claude Lee for sanding and restaining the picnic tables in the pavilion, they look wonderful!

The marina calendar is filling up nicely for the summer with almost every weekend hosting a club!

Come on down for a visit!

Katie Harrison Dockmaster

Building and Grounds

The front door has been ordered and should be ready for pick up by the end of June. New thresholds will also be installed on the side doors.

A new flag light has been installed .

Thanks to Jeff Minch for installing drip irrigation to the beds in the front of the building.

Chubby's Glass Repair fixed the broken windows in the back.

Special thanks to Mike Fay, Harry Rydell, Larry Silva, Polly Robinson and Bob Green for mowing and weed whacking.

We'd like to start up the Anti-Ivy league to clear out the area around the trails.

Jim Sobieck and Ann Morris Buildings and Grounds



Activities

Covid trends are in the right direction and things are looking up for summer. We hope that you were able to catch a glimpse of a few of the centennial video stories at the last member meeting. These and more will be available via a link on the LIC website where you will be able to provide feedback.

As a reminder, the LIC Centennial Events have been postponed to 2022. This includes the Marina Days Virginia V visit in July and the LIC Days event in August. However, we are planning to have a Labor



Photos compliments of David Ziegler

Day dance with the Kim Archer band in September and plans are underway for Fiber Arts in October.

We are thankful for the recent rains to refresh our spring flowers and nurture our gardens and for the unexpected opening of some dates to harvest razor clams. We hope to see you all in person soon to catch up.

Allen & Marcel Ballinger allenandmarcel@hotmail.com



The LIC as part of its Centennial Celebration has developed a new local interest plaque for the LB Marina. This plaque honors the indigenous peoples who used Filucy Bay as a popular destination prior to white settlement. It's now on display at the marina beside the previously developed plaque about Longbranch's history and community.

LIC President, Marsha Kreman spoke at the May 26 dedication along with local anthropologist and former LIC Historian, Lynn Larson.



There is a wedding scheduled for the weekend of June 5th and we would like to have a cleanup before the wedding , on the 3rd. The beds need weeding and the lawn will need mowing around the building. Start time 9:00-9:30. See you then. -Jimmy Sobieck, (206)498-5942, jamsob1954@gmail.com

The LIC Centennial Community Garden

Thanks to the many members who have contributed in one way or another, progress on the community garden is moving along nicely. We've cleared and cleaned up the garden area, fence posts were pounded into the ground, irrigation and electrical lines were set in place, and we've begun putting in paths and plants.

We should start to see the fencing completed soon as Warwick and his team at Kiwi Fencing find time during their very busy schedule. We'll have 2 gates. The main entrance will be near the north side of the parking lot for easy access. Also, upon request from Larry Bingham, we'll have a second gate near the back of the garden. There are plans to expand the trails to reach this gate.

As we grow the garden we have need for plants. If you are in the process of cleaning out your existing gardens and are planning to get rid of anything please contact Ann Morris or myself. We have a very large garden to fill. I'm sure we can find a great spot for them.

Thank you for your support!

David Shinners

Member News

Thanks to everyone that is sending in their volunteer hour either via Track It Forward, or sending to me. I have added a new listing to the Members Only section of the LIC website which shows the volunteer hours for everyone for the first few months of the year. If you do not feel your hours are correct, please let me know. If you have not submitted all your hours, please do so and make sure to record the actual date of the task. I will try to keep this updated monthly.

Nancy Carr Membership Chair



What you do today can improve all your tomorrows.

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month, I sent out only 1 get well card to a member that had surgery.

Cheril Allen Sunshine Representative



-Ralph Marston

LIC General Meeting May 19, 2021

Marsha Kremen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all members.

Marsha asked members to complete a quick survey about in person membership meetings, with results showing on the screen. This was open during the first part of the meeting.

<u>Membership:</u> There were no renewing members present.

Marsha introduced Tom Nosenzo and his wife, who are new members.

Centennial/LIC Stories: The centennial committee has been collecting LIC stories. Bob Green explained that one of the things that was proposed in the early stages was a Mock Theatre, where people could tell short stories. This morphed into interviewing people due to the pandemic. Allen reached out to the Ulshes, whose great grandfather homesteaded on the Key Peninsula. Allen then shared his screen to show the stories. Larry and Peg Bingham shared stories. Deloris & Bud Ulch shared stories as did Annita Henderson, their daughter. The stories will be posted on the LIC You-tube channel for viewing.

BOARD REPORTS

<u>Secretary:</u> Marsha asked that the minutes of the April 2021 Membership Meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP

<u>Treasurer:</u> Review of the April 2021 financials by Jim Hettinger. Total Income

(revenue) year-to-date is on par with the budget. Our expenses for the year-to-date are more than \$13,000 below budget, which is good.

Events:

The Fiber Arts show and the Farm Tour are a go this year. There will be food trucks available for food this year. Two returning stops to the Farm Tour include Kaukiki Farms and Faraway. The LIC will be a shuttle stop on the south loop.

Buildings and Grounds:

A new front door is ordered that matches the side doors. The light on the flag has been repaired so that it is lit at night. The irrigation on all the flower-beds is up and running as is new irrigation on the rhododendrons, thanks to Jeff Minch. There will be weeding needed so feel free to volunteer. The Centennial garden has made progress with water, power and fence posts. Please contact David Shinners or Ann Morris if you would like to help with this project. Other projects are planned for this summer, so stay tuned to help. When you record your time for volunteering, please make sure you put which project you are working for.

Evergreen will be doing a drive-through graduation in mid-to late June. We should clean up before that event.

Marina:

Clark reported we must make a series of improvements under the terms of our DNR lease, and the next phase is to replace

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Marina (cont):

three Finger piers immediately behind the pavilion. We had a proposal for the work from Marine Floats for a three-finger pier replacement and a repair to one finger pier on B Dock. We decided to fix the B dock pier ourselves, and we asked for another quote from Marine Floats, but it came back higher than the previous quote. During the course of a conversation, Marsha, Robert and Clark had with Logan Brown, they withdrew their proposal as the cost of materials is changing so quickly, they cannot meet the previous quote. We have decided to ask them to resubmit the proposal with a caveat, that whatever the prices are at the time the permits are approved, that would be the price we agree on. We are waiting for a revised proposal and once the permits are granted, we will have a more definite price. Meanwhile, it is incumbent upon us to find some grant assistant for this project.

Trustee at Large: No report.

<u>Newsletter:</u> Articles are due on the 25th of the month to Tanya Perry. Thanks to all who contribute.

Vice President

Centennial Celebrations

David Zeigler reported the celebration of the LIC Centennial (December 2021) will be postponed a year. We will continue to post LIC stories throughout the year. Next year summer of 2022, we are planning on the same events, the Marina days event will be July 16th and 17th with the Virginia V, and a picnic event the weekend of August 27,and 28, to include games and square dance. We will need lots of volunteers for both events. If you reserved a spot on the Virginia V, for the ride or the party, you will be contacted about staying on the list for next year. We have a new plaque to be mounted at the marina and a dedication will be scheduled for the new plaque. Date to be determined.

Community Garden Project:

We have cleared the area, installed the fence posts. The rest of the fencing and gates should be installed within a week. We now have water and electricity to the garden, the ditches have been dug, and David thanked Jimmy Sobieck for his work on this project. We now have three spigots out in the garden area. Hardscapes, trails and paths are starting to go in. We will be working the plot in phases. If you have plants you want to donate, please reach out to Ann Morris and she will figure out where they might go. David is very humbled by the number of people involved, and people who have donated as the number is up to 30 people. Future fundraising events planned for the summer include a garden lunch, or carwash.

President

Pump out Station Update:

Brett shared we have completed the hearing with the hearing with Pierce County and are waiting for the results. We should hear in the next two or three weeks about the permit.



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President (cont)

Preservation Grant Update:

There is a meeting next week on the 25th to determine authorization for funding. We will proceed with the project once funding is approved.

Lakebay Marina Project:

The Boaters Association of Washington has received a 1.776 million dollar grant to purchase this property and plan upgrades. The transaction will be completed sometime this fall.

Poll Responses:

The results show 85% want an in-person meeting in June. If the Governor and County continue to the next phase, the plan is to have an in-person meeting in June. We will send out a blast email to the membership to let you know the final plan. Nominations for Board Positions:

The nominating committee (Candace Hardt and Kelly Hettinger) presented a slate of candidates for the open positions.

Membership Chair: Nancy Carr

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger

Marina Chair: Robert Theisen and Rick Harrison

President: Kelly Guenther

You can also nominate a person or yourself, from the floor during the May or June meetings. Since we have two people for the same position I will give the two candidates for Marina Chair to present during this meeting. Robert Theisen and Rick Harrison both spoke of why they would like to be elected Chair of the Marina Committee. The vote for the



Marina Chair will be secret ballot if it is in person. The remaining ballots for uncontested positions will be a count of raised hands.

The Longbranch Foundation:

TLF awarded three \$2,000 scholarships to three Evergreen Elementary students at the Peninsula High School Hawks Award Ceremony tonight. Congratulations to: Jamie Baxter, who will attend Central Washington University, majoring in Marine Kendra Huntsaker, who will Biology. Central Washington University attend majoring in History, and Elizabeth Pearson who is going to Western Washington majoring University in English and Education. We were able to do this because of your donations, Thank-You!

Jan Prichard is coordinating meetings with Evergreen and with Middle School counselors to understand how we can expand our support to these students.

We are progressing on the Quilt Project for Evergreen targeting to have a completed quilt in time for the new school opening in the fall.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

In-person Membership meeting, June 16 th, 2021 at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Sheryl Low Secretary

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