



NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: FEBRUARY 20, 2019 – 6:30PM DINNER POTLUCK



President's Message

Last month I commented that right out of the gate this year, work would begin on significant upgrades and repairs at the Longbranch Marina. Our contractor showed up as scheduled on January 7th, and we now have some beautiful new floats in place where there were environmentally and safety deficient ones. In addition, three new galvanized steel pilings were installed to replace creosote soaked

pilings. As I write this, a couple of details remain to be completed, and we are awaiting installation of the new electrical panels, which were unexpectedly delayed due to nasty weather in the eastern and mid sections of the country. Everyone's patience during this minor delay while the contractor gets the panels delivered and installed is very much appreciated. This work represents a major upgrade at our marina, and if you haven't stopped by the Marina to take a look, please do so. Also, please plan to attend our "Opening Day the Longbranch Way" event, and ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, May 4th.

We now have received word, that the Preservation Grant request for \$11,400.00, covering one-half of the cost for renovation work on the clubhouse's west bank of five large windows, was approved by the Pierce County Council. I expect roughly \$5,500.00 of the other one-half, will be covered by a grant from The Longbranch Foundation. The contractor, who will do this renovation has been notified, and we are awaiting word regarding their schedule.

Another recent highlight is the total number of members and volunteer hours devoted to projects and events of the LIC and The Longbranch Foundation. We now have grown to 231 individuals made up of 135 memberships, consisting of individuals, family, associate members and lifetime members. We have again broken a previous year's record by logging more than 5,680 volunteer hours in 2018, which generally equates to nearly 25 hours for every person. That is simply an incredible amount of support for these two organizations. Thank you very much!

Last month I asked for assistance with the collection and recycling of aluminum cans and for office administration assistance. I'm happy to report, that two individuals have agreed to help with these tasks. Celia Emens will be our recycling go-to person, and Kim Robinson has agreed to assist with office administration. A big thank you goes out to both of these willing volunteers.

Clark

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The Longbranch Foundation February Update

WHY TWO ORGANIZATIONS?

In January 2021, the Longbranch Improvement Club (LIC) will be 100 years old. It continues to serve its intended purpose, so why do we need The Longbranch Foundation (TLF)?

The LIC is recognized by the IRS as a *tax-exempt social welfare organization* under Section 501(c)(4) of the IRS Code. As long as it continues to meet certain requirements, its income is immune from taxation. However, donations made by individuals and other organizations to the LIC are not tax deductible. As a 501(c)(4), the LIC is eligible for a limited array of grants.

As the LIC continued to grow and provide greater visibility in the community, several events triggered the need to expand the ability to raise money, and support the growing list of activities. There is a great economic disparity on the Key Peninsula. As an example, Evergreen Elementary School is a Title 1 school – only a third of Washington state schools fall into this category. To qualify as a Title 1 school, greater than 40% of the student population must meet the poverty guidelines for free or reduced-price lunch. This has increased the urgency to provide additional support to the growing student population. In addition, the cost of Marina repairs, replacement of the failing clubhouse roof, and other necessary upgrades to the building and grounds, necessitates application for various grants beyond what the LIC is allowed to seek.

In January 2016, TLF was incorporated to raise funds and provide grants for specified charitable purposes as approved by the IRS. TLF is qualified as a *tax-exempt charitable organization* under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Not only is its income exempt from taxation, individuals, business and other organizations are authorized to take income tax deductions, to the extent allowed by law. Its charitable purposes include:

- Advancing educational opportunities for our students
- Preservation of historic structures and sites
- Protection of the marine environment at the Longbranch Marina, and ensuring the Marina is safe
- Support of other Community Service Organizations
- Support of the community, where the need is greatest

TLF's initial priority was to support scholarship funding previously conducted by the LIC. TLF has expanded this support by providing more dollars and volunteer focus on student programs for local elementary and middle schools, as well as higher education scholarships. TLF successfully sought and received a Washington state community grant which allowed for public safety improvements and marine life enhancements at the Longbranch Marina. Going forward, TLF will be applying for additional grants for more Marina improvements as well as a much needed new roof for the clubhouse. These kinds of grants are available only to 501(c)(3) qualified organizations.

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The LIC and TLF are both *all volunteer* organizations, sharing over 200 members who manage and support the goals of both organizations. Your dollars, whether given during the Celebrate campaign, the biennial Super Sale proceeds, or the biennial auction (Key Best August 2019 to benefit our donation to the Peninsula Hawks Scholarship program for higher education or to support our Student Programs), all help to significantly increase the support of our community. Collective efforts by both organizations through its volunteers are what keep us doing our best for our community.

AND NOW THE NEWS

Your support of the Celebrate 2018 campaign has been outstanding. THANK YOU!

Fifty-one (51) LIC members and fifteen (15) Boaters responded to support:

- Building - \$575
- Grounds - \$325
- Scholarships/Evergreen - \$2725
- Marina - \$1225
- Greatest Need - \$8,400
- FOR A TOTAL OF \$13,250

Kelly Hettinger has been doing a bang-up job

supporting our Student Programs. She is going to take a breather as lead of this area, while Jan Prichard and Kim Robinson have stepped up.

As part of our support to Evergreen Elementary, thank you to Kelly, Kim and Susan Quigley for putting together the following items:

- Colored Pencils - donated probably 20 packages
- Kids shoes sizes 3-4 mainly- donated 5 pairs
- Hygiene kits for girls (includes Deodorant, tampons or pads, hairbrush, shampoo & body wash) - put together and donated 10 kits
- Lice Kits (it's a problem here!) The kits consist of baby oil, nit combs, shower caps, small bottles of dawn dish soap and hair clips that they use to section the hair off. - put together 10 kits and donated

You all are making a difference in this community by participating with us in this on-going quest –
Thank you!!

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Membership Info

2018 was a very good year for us. We logged a total of 5683 volunteer hours with 231 members! Wow! What can we do in 2019?

The 4th quarter 2018 LIC Bucks are available and were in with the name tags for the January meeting. If you couldn't make that meeting, come to the February meeting and get yours! Since participation in the LIC Bucks program is voluntary, let me know if you want to opt out.

Our next general meeting is February 20th and will be potluck. If you can help setup for this meeting, please let me know. There will also be renewal forms available for those that have not yet renewed.

Thanks everyone,

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair



*Another glorious Key Peninsula sunset.
Contributed by Jerry Daschofsky.*

CPR/STOP THE BLEED Class



The Fire Department has scheduled a class for both, starting at @ 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 2nd at the Key Center Fire Station meeting room. CPR (\$35/per person) will be first, followed by the Stop the Bleed (free). If there are no signups for the CPR, I assume the Stop the Bleed would be at 9:00. If you are interested in either, or both, and would like to attend on the 2nd. please call Anne Nesbit at 253-884-2222 or email her at:

anesbit@keypeninsulafire.org and let her know, so she can plan on the number of attendees.

Anne has also offered to hold one, or both, classes on March 23rd, same place and time, if there is any interest. If you are interested in this date please contact me at 884-1124 or bing6178@gmail.com.

Remember, these classes are open to all members, family, friends and neighbors, so spread the word. We need to be self-sufficient in case of extreme emergency. We have had children as young as nine certified in the last year, so age is not a factor. If you have previously taken the classes and would like a refresher you are invited to attend any scheduled class with no charge.

Peg Bingham

Events

Your events committee has been busy filling in the calendar with fun and exciting events for the New Year!

We are always looking for new energy to help with planning, and generate new ideas going forward. This is a great way to work with friends, and meet, and connect with new people. As an added bonus, you get LIC bucks and you can whittle away at those 15 hours! Come and join us!

Coming up on March 16th is Suds and Spuds, so make sure you get this on your calendar and check with us at the general meeting to

see how you can help. This is a family friendly event that offers our wonderful loaded baked potatoes, with lots of other goodies from our kitchen, as well as Irish Coffee, beer and wine. We will have Irish Dancers performing, and a limerick contest, and lots of trivia floating around. So bone up on your Irish history and join us for a fun event!

The next events committee meeting will be on Monday February 11th at our home. You can call us for directions. 206-802-8848 or or email us at bobgreen928@gmail.com, or bfg14012@gmail.com

Bob & Barb
Events Co-Chairs

Food Bank

On behalf of the Food Bank, I want to thank those of you who brought food items to our recent January meeting. It is so wonderful of you, and it is also needed for our local folks, who come to the Food Bank every month for things they really need for their families. I do so appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness, and I know they all appreciate it as well.

Thank you, again.

Pat Muchmore



Building and Grounds

Happy Winter Everyone! This time of year we stay bundled up, and look forward to April when the weather breaks, and we start that amazing summertime, that makes winter bearable. For the Building and Grounds committee, it's a good time to get all the work on the inside of the LIC completed, and plan our work for the summertime. To kick off the year, the next meeting of the B&G committee is February 4th, at 4:30pm at the LIC. If you're

interested in helping us, please come join us. You'll be warmly welcomed, and you can help us plan the projects for 2019. Our membership has approved a very solid budget for the improvements we will be making, including new AV equipment, improved main room lighting, and a host of other improvements. Please join the committee – we have projects for everyone to participate in – from gardening to handyman type work.

Bob Perry
Building and Grounds

Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Xoe Fredrick



People always ask me “What is your favorite thing to bake?” I love the simplicity of baking a bundt cake. I like how a bundt cake can be dressed up with a fancy shaped pan and a drizzle of chocolate, or just served with a dusting of powdered sugar. One of my favorite flavor combinations is cranberry & orange. Here is a recipe for a pretty little cranberry & orange bundt cake that can be served with just the glaze, or dressed up by adding some sugared cranberries on top.

INGREDIENTS:

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
3/4 tsp kosher salt
12 ounces fresh cranberries
(1 bag)
1 Tbs all-purpose flour

2 sticks unsalted butter,
softened
2 cups sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
4 large eggs at room
temperature

1/2 cup sour cream
1 cup confectioners' sugar or
more as needed
1/4 cup orange juice or more
as needed
pinch of kosher salt to taste



DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F and generously butter and flour a 9" bundt pan (or use your favorite non-stick spray.)
2. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt.
3. Whisk to mix well and set aside.
4. Place 12 ounces fresh cranberries (1 bag) in a small bowl and pick through them to weed out any mushy ones.
5. Add 1 Tbs all-purpose flour and toss gently to coat the cranberries (this helps to keep them from sinking to the bottom.) Set aside until ready to use
6. In a mixing bowl, combine 2 sticks softened butter with 2 cups sugar.
7. Mix on low to combine and then turn up the speed to mid-high and beat for 2 minutes until light and fluffy.
8. Add the vanilla extract and mix to combine.
9. Add eggs to the butter mixture one at a time, mixing after each addition until combined.
10. Mix in 1/2 the flour mixture until just combined.
11. Add the sour cream and mix well.
12. Add in the remaining flour mixture until just combined and scrape down the sides of the bowl to ensure all flour is mixed in.
13. Gently fold cranberries into the batter.
14. Spoon the batter into the prepared pan and smooth to even out.
15. Bake on the center rack of the preheated oven for 50-55 minutes until the top springs back when pressed gently or a cake tester inserted comes out clean.
16. Remove from oven and allow to cool in pan for 15 minutes.
17. Carefully run a flat edge, such as a butter knife, around the edge of the pan to loosen and also around the center hole.
18. Place a cooling rack over top of the cake pan and carefully flip the cake pan over so the cake slides out onto the cooling rack. The cake pan will be hot, so be sure to protect your hands.
19. Allow cake to cool completely.
20. Prepare the glaze by combining 1 cup confectioner's sugar with 1/4 cup orange juice and a pinch of kosher salt.
21. Whisk to combine.
22. Add more sugar to thicken or more orange juice to thin to your desired consistency.
23. When cake is cooled, drizzle the glaze over the cake.

Marina Report

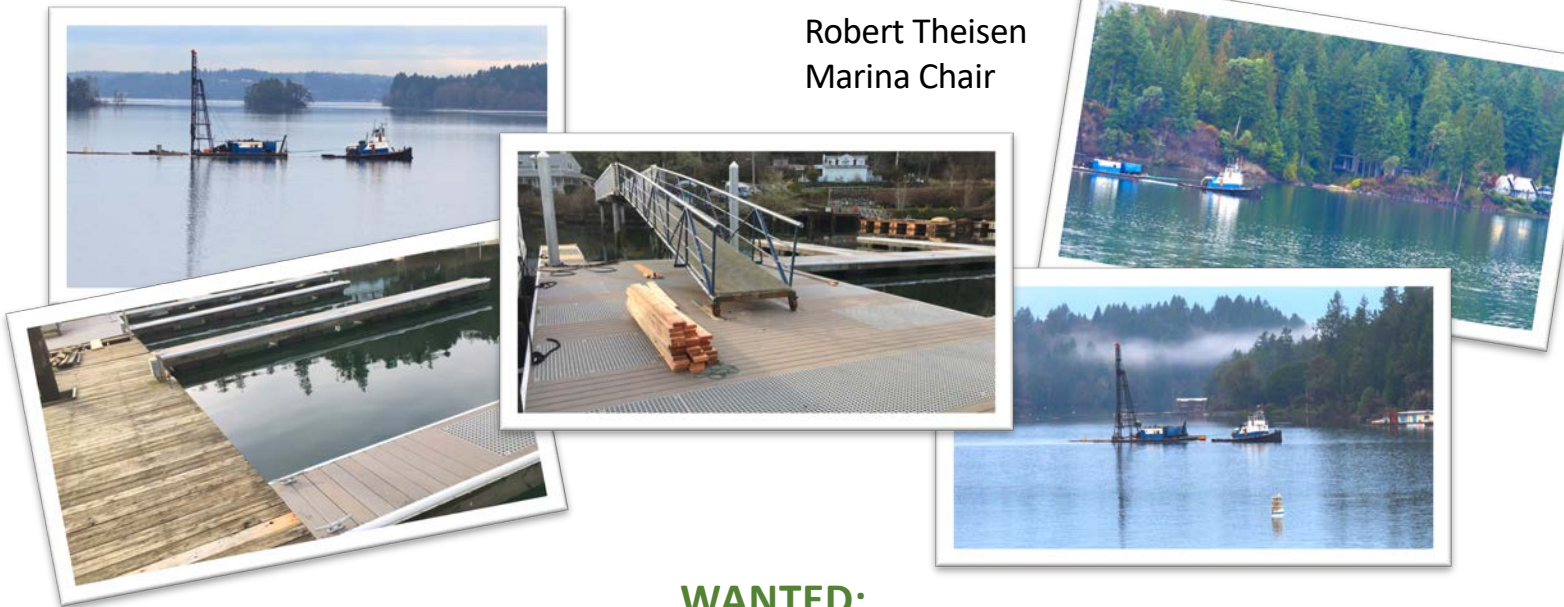
Well, as you all know, a lot is going on down at the marina. I want to THANK YOU ALL for your patience and understanding. Things are moving right along with the construction. It will be a GREAT improvement to the marina. I will do my best to keep all of you informed of when the power comes back on.

I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Kelly Hettinger and all the people who gave me the thank you card. I am not much for words, but that meant a lot to me. Again, THANK YOU!

Also with all the high winds we have had, PLEASE go down and check your boats and make sure your lines are still good.

To all you kayaker's, I'd like your help with something. As you know some of our kayaker's aren't as young as they think they are (LOL), or tall. So I would like some suggestions (pictures would help) of ideas that might help getting into and out of their kayak without needing a water rescue, as entertaining as that might be! So please email me ideas.

Robert Theisen
Marina Chair



WANTED:

Apprentice for Opening Day the Longbranch Way!

Seattle Yacht Club celebrates Opening Day of Yachting season with a large boat parade, but WE do it with an AMAZINGLY FUN dock breakfast, music, mimosas, and a very friendly sailboat race.

This is a wonderful opportunity to put your own spin on the most fun event of them all!

This will be the 4th year I have headed this event and it is time to turn the life jacket over to someone else. I have very complete documentation on how this event has been done. Use what you like, toss what is icky and add a new twist or two. There is always a great group of folks that help with this. I will co-chair this year with the new chair and then next year it will all be yours! Call me, if you have questions or want be the one!

Kelly Hettinger
253-220-7808



LIC General Meeting January 16, 2019



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

Francie Carr introduced the night's speaker, Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor, since 2009. The Auditor's office is responsible for elections, public document recording, licensing, and animal services.

The following is an excerpt from her presentation.

Julie started by pointing out that, although the office of the auditor has many duties, auditing per se, is not one of them. Her focus tonight is on elections and what might be done to improve the process, and asked for suggestions from the audience. Among the responses were same day registration and automatic registration.

Over the past two years there have been some significant election bills passed in Washington State. In 2017, drop boxes were introduced (Pierce County led the way on this, and won an award for its drop box program). Drop boxes were mandated across the state: One drop box for every fifteen thousand active registered voters, in every city and town and in every census designated location that had a post office.

Julie noted, however, that "census designated location" was not defined by the legislature when the bill was passed and no specific criteria were established. However, the result was that Pierce County needed to increase its number of drop boxes from fifty-four to sixty-three (eight were added in 2018, eight more will be added in 2019). Fabrication and installation of a drop box, costs between eight and ten thousand dollars. On top of that are maintenance, security and election day operational costs.

A trio of bills was passed in the 2018 legislative session relating to voter registration, effective June of 2019: Automatic registration; same day registration, at the Auditor's office; and pre-registration for sixteen and seventeen year olds when they apply for a driver's license or learner's permit.

When a person applies for, or renews a driver's license, or signs up for a federally funded benefit, that person's records will be relayed online to the Auditor's office and automatically registered to vote. A post card will be sent from the Secretary of State informing the person of this fact and that, if he/she does not wish that, the following steps must be taken to un-enroll. Automatic registration will only apply to those with an "enhanced" driver's license, since it requires proof of citizenship. [Thus far, only ten percent of Washington drivers have an enhanced license, which costs significantly more than a regular driver's license.]

Eighty-three percent of Washington's eligible population is already registered to vote. The goal is to increase that to ninety percent by 2025. Sixty percent of returns come by way of pre-paid postage (which must be post marked on or before election day), forty percent by way of drop boxes.

Julie responded to questions: There is no near term chance of internet voting (only the military is allowed to return a vote by email); the Key Center drop box was moved at the request of the Fire Chief.

Francie thanked our speaker and presented her with a gift on behalf of the membership.

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BOARD REPORTS

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

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger distributed copies of the LIC financials. He asked that both the 2019 Budget Requests and Reserve Additions for 2018 be approved by the membership. MSP.

Jim also noted that Marina invoices are now available. If you do not pick up your invoice, Jim will mail it to you. He reminded the membership that those who want to get the five percent discount must send a check to be received by February 15th.

President: Clark stated that in the December newsletter there was an advertisement for a volunteer to help out in the office, sorting through the paperwork to decide what needs to be retained and what needs to be recycled. Kim Robinson will help Clark and Francie with this task.

There was also an advertisement for someone to take over the job of sorting and recycling of aluminum cans at the LIC and the Marina. The money from the recycling goes into our Scholarship Program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Nancy Carr called attention to the fact that membership renewal is January 1st and can be paid tonight by credit card, check or cash.

Events: Bob and Barb Green announced that Suds N Spuds will be held at the LIC on March 16th, with a group of Irish dancers - and possibly Mark Runions -performing.

Building and Grounds: Bob Perry requested volunteers to help sort out the good chairs from ones that need to be replaced. Kim Hunsaker is our new Rental and Custodial Services Agent.

Sunshine Lady: Cheril Allen sent out a couple of get well cards - the recipients wish to remain anonymous.

Newsletter: Tanya Perry was not present. The deadline for submitting an article is the 25th

OLD BUSINESS

Clark presented a Star Award to Jan Brown, who was co-chair of the Events Committee for two years.



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MARINA GRANT

A slide show chronicled the work that has been done at the Marina, with before-and-after pictures. The project has included removing creosote pilings, new main float under the ramp, three finger piers, dingy docks and new electrical service at a cost of \$260,516.

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at the Marina on Opening Day, May 4th. Various people who have helped along the way will be invited to the ceremony; U. S. Senator Maria Cantwell, U. S. Representative Derek Kilmer and Washington State Representative Jesse Young and Michelle Caldier. Clark thanked all of the LIC members

who put in so much time and energy to bring the project to fruition.

If anyone is interested in another CPR class, please let Peg Bingham know.

The dessert pot luck will also offer appetizers from now on.

The next meeting will be held on February 20th, dinner pot luck.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Eiseman
of the month.

Take a look at the 'new' marina – it is fantastic. See you at the dock!

Lynn Carr, Dockmaster



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All! Well, it seems January is always a busy month for spreading sunshine. Since my last report to you, I have sent out five get well cards and one sympathy card for a member who lost her mother.

Stay well everyone!

Cheril Allen
The Sunshine Lady



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