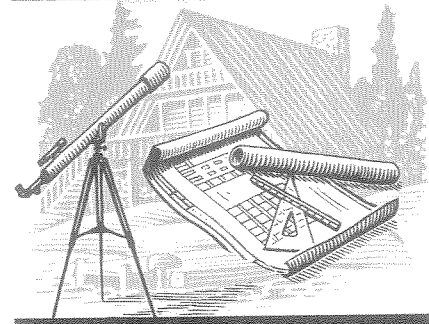


# LIC NEWS



JULY 2007



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER ....

Author Peter Mayle wrote in one of his Provence books that there were but two kinds of social engagements - those to which he could wear shorts and those to which he sent his regrets. It's easy to see why, from his pages, why he was so enthusiastic about the casual, community-oriented lifestyle of his rural community - a *gung ho* advocate of a region not much different than ours.

But *gung ho* is a slippery term. It crept into our national vocabulary as an ebullient way of describing an exuberant if not excessive enthusiasm. If you look back into its Chinese roots, it referred to working together to achieve a common goal. Teamwork, if you will. As such, it sums up the very core of the Longbranch Improvement Club. We're a cooperative in fact if not in name, building the facilities and programs that are the foundation of the community in which we want to live. Just like back in the good old pioneer days, we pool our skills and our time for the common good. And just like in the good old days, we get back far more than we put into the effort.

There are lots of opportunities to get involved in this community of ours. Two that have just stepped up to the plate are *Tim Heitzman and Carmen Davies*. Tim will continue as our LIC Treasurer for this next year, keeping track of where our money comes from and where it goes. It is a heck of a job and *Tim* deserves a round of applause for shouldering it for another year.

*Carmen* will be at the club door every meeting night, greeting people with her welcoming smile and taking attendance. As you know, we do have some meeting and service requirements and that's just part of the paperwork of running a vibrant LIC. Is there an activity you'd like to see launched, a project you think is vital to our community? Hey, it is your club. You're the stakeholder, you're the owner, you can bring any idea you have to the table. That's the whole idea of a cooperative organization. Do you want a community wide yard sale? Do you see the need for a once a week carpool for shopping (and a lunch) in Tacoma? How about cleaning up roadside litter? Its all about being *gung ho* enthusiastic and working together. *Cont'd pg 4*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 5 new members to welcome into the LIC family; Bill and Kathy Berryhill, Voskie Sprague, Sharon Gearhart, Patricia Muchmore and Babette Cook. Welcome! To date we have 118 paid memberships, 203 members. **VOLUNTEERS:** Be sure to fill out your time cards. **EVENT CHAIRS:** Be sure to give me the time cards so that I can get them posted in a timely fashion. Thanks all.

*Stu Stuhaug*



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July 12 - 6 to 10 p.m. - Teen Night - free admission

July 13-14 - 11 a.m. to midnight

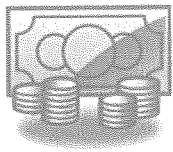
July 15 - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Entrance fees: \$2 (free for children under 5 ). Discount ride tickets available at local area businesses through July 10.



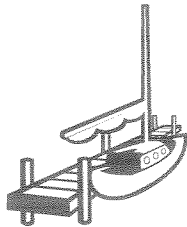
## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 6/20/07

Dinner started at 6:30pm and the meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by **President Linda LeBlanc**. Board members absent - Tim and Mike. Linda stated that we have a full agenda and voting tonight.



**TREASURER - Tim (absent):**  
There is money in the bank  
and the bills are paid.

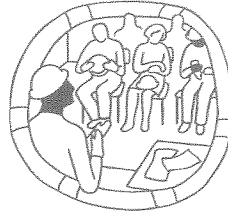
**DOCK - Dean:** Business is picking up. The power is fixed so get your cards out again and be prepared to use the security gate. Summer hours are 9am until dusk. Still waiting for a report from **Geoff Baillie** to finish water repairs. **Mark** reported that he received mail from the Day Island yacht club and they donated \$150 to our scholarship fund and that they enjoyed their memorial day weekend with us. Last weekend the Weyerhouser group was in with their "large" yachts!



**BUILDING - Mike (absent):**  
Linda met the cleaners last week at the board meeting and they are enthusiastic about their job. They are doing a great job!

**EVENTS -** The Odyssey event made \$1000 in profit. Thanks to **Lisa and George** for stepping in at the last minute (approx 30 minutes before the dance) and chairing the event. New thing coming up - Beyond the Borders...in conjunction with Two Waters. August 4th, they are handling the bands and we, the LIC, will be doing a beer garden and dessert bar. Need volunteers. **Mark Runions (884-4807)** is the chair person. The exercise classes continue to be stumbling along.

**RENTALS: - Marlies:** Rentals moving along. All is going well now.



**MEMBERSHIP - Peg:** 118 paid memberships which equal 203 members. New members here tonight...**Patricia Muchmore and Babette Cook**.

**SCHOLARSHIPS -** The LIC now gives (2) \$900 scholarships. **Olivia Konicek and Amanda Melborn**, both from Key Pen High were the recipients this year. A lovely thank you was received from Amanda. Currently our scholarship fund is up to \$2000 for next year.

**FAIR REPORT - Joe/Vicky:** Looking good this year. July 12 - 15. Thursday is youth night, 6pm until 11pm, free except carnival. Entry fee for the fair this year is \$2.00. We will be having one of the top two carnies in the NW. The Ticket taker party at the Barrow's, 7-7-07, potluck, 1:00pm. Lots of new and different entertainment at the fair this year... Great music, **Lil Bill and the Bluenotes; Vicki Martinez; Pop Culture.** Variety for the whole family. Mechanical bull (located near the beer garden). **Kris Sherman** is handling the Agri-Vision area this year. There will be a wine competition but no tasting. **Vicky** is trying to work on a shuttle from the marina to the fair. Something was mentioned about a democratic picnic at the fair...poor folks!!!

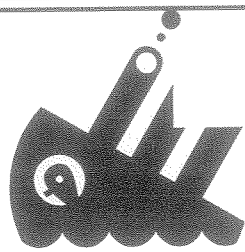


**CAMP SEYMOUR - John** shared a poster and many thanks from the 5th grade kids we sponsored to go to Camp Seymour. They apparently really loved the food!



**REMINDER -** The Longbranch Church Salmon Bake is Saturday July 28th.

**SINKING BOAT** - Dave Dahl shared his story of the sinking boat! Many lessons learned and once again, what a great community we live in as everyone rushed to help in any way they could. Dave highly recommends VESSEL ASSIST to any boat owner.



**GARAGE SALE** - Judy Riggs is postponing the garage sale for now. They hope for a Sunday and to do it all outside. Available dates were the 3rd or 4th weekend in September and Judy and Edie are not available those dates. Anyone else interested? May just put on hold and wait until next year.

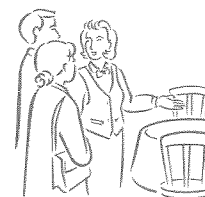
## NOMINATIONS . . .

**AND ELECTIONS** - John is handling this evening. Many thanks to Joe as our Past President, Peg Bingham as our Membership Secretary and Linda LeBlanc as our President. These people are finishing their last stint tonight and we thank them for all their work this past term. Linda thanked the membership even though there were many ups and downs! Nominated for President was Dennis "Stu" Stuhaug; Dock Chairman - Dean Latshaw and Tom Lupo; Membership - Sue Stuhaug. The position of treasurer is currently open. The board will handle finances until a new treasurer is found. It is an important position and someone with accounting and computer experience will be needed. Any volunteers? Lisa and George will pass out the ballots and Rich will oversee the counting. New members are allowed to vote after 30 days of becoming a member. **RESULTS:** Stu for PRESIDENT; Dean for DOCK CHAIRMAN; Sue for MEMBERSHIP. There were 4 write-ins for TREASURER...STEVE MAPEL; JUDY RIGGS; TIM HEITZMAN AND WALLY JOHNSON. All 4 write-ins declined. Thank you and welcome aboard!

**YOUR PRAYERS** - Remember Al and Marilyn Hazelquist in your prayers. Their son Hugh is having open heart surgery in California and they are down there with him.

**RAFFLE** - Marilyn (absent): Dottie is handling tickets tonight. The board elected to go back to the 50/50 raffle. Whatever money is made that night will be split 50/50 with the winner. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Dave Dahl won tonight and donated his winnings back to the scholarship fund.

We need hostesses for August so please . . . sign up.



### MEETING ADJOURNED -

The meeting was adjourned by Stu. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 7pm. Next general meeting is July 18 at 7pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Latshaw, Secretary*

David Wickland "At the Wheel" . . .

Sailing the Odyssey. *Photo courtesy Tim Heitzman.*

Thanks again for instigating such a great event, and then trumping everything by underwriting the raffle and the crew meal. There's a reason why you do such great things... is it that you truly love sailing? Sure looks that way in this picture!



**Dock Master's Report:** Submitted by Mark Jones. Kudos to Glen and Debbie Ehrardt for their contribution of the new BBQ and South Sound Sailing Society's contribution of the propane tank! Also, thanks to the Day Island and Des Moines Yacht Clubs for their generous donation of \$150.00 towards the LIC Scholarship Fund! We always look forward to their visits! **MEMBERS:** Secure your boats-Marina is busy!

Cont'd from President's Letter . . .



There's a community fair coming up the middle of this month, and the LIC continues to be deeply involved in staging this major event. A large number of really dedicated folks from all over the Key Peninsula have been hard at work over the past year, fitting together all the pieces of the complex jigsaw puzzle that make up the fair. However, there's still plenty of opportunity for us to pitch in and help carry water, hew wood, or do any of the myriad of tasks that will keep the fair running smoothly during its run. If you have a few hours available, get an inside look at volunteer power in action by offering your time to Lisa Bryan (884-5297) or Vikki Biggs (884-4468). The same offer holds true for the "Beyond The Borders" festival on the LIC grounds the first Saturday in August, a joint project of the LIC and the Two Waters Arts Alliance. Live music from around the world (by musicians with around-the-world reputations), food with an international flavor, and an art show will fill our grounds. Join in the fun by helping at the LIC dessert bar or beer garden, setting up at the beginning or cleaning up at the end. If you have some time, give Carolyn Wiley a call (884-1124) and be part of the excitement.

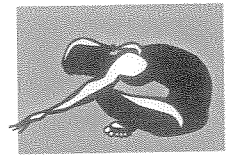
If you want to spend some time serving a really good cause, look in the mirror and then head over to the LIC on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cause in yourself (were all worth spending a little time on) and the reason to go to the club is a great series of aerobic and yoga classes. You can just drop in for an hour of one or the other, or you can save some bucks (not a lot because the classes are cheap) by signing up for a month of professionally taught sessions. Call Carolyn Wiley (884-1124), and give yourself a social and physical reward.

*Respectfully submitted . . .*

*Stu Stuhauq*

CONTINUED EVENT :

Aerobics and Yoga Classes with *Kristina Butorec* will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



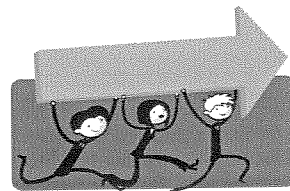
Morning classes: Aerobics 9:00 to 10:00; Yoga 10:10 to 11:10. Evening Yoga class 7:00 to 8:00

July dates: 3, 5,10, 12, 17, 19, 26, and 31. No classes July 24. August dates: 7, 9, 14, 16. No classes August 2nd.

EVENT REPORT:



The Memorial Day Dance held on May 26, 2007 was quite successful clearing a bit over \$2400. Feed back on the band was generally positive. It was particularly pleasing to see that member attendance was up.



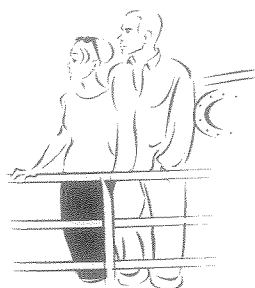
SPECIAL THANKS GO TO

*Mark Runions* - all tasks band-related. *George and Lisa Bryan* - site management of the dance on very short notice. *Laurie Jones* - the lighting master. *Wally Johnson* - the last-minute shopping. *Linda LeBlanc, Wally Johnson, Mark Runions, and David Dahl* - set-up. *Dave Cubberley* - head Bartender. *Mike Hays, Pat Thompson, Michael Xu and Jean Jiang* - able helpers. *Caron "c.c" Willaims and Tom Lupo* - managed the snack food. *Norma Iverson* - purchase & delivery chores. *Dottie Loomis and Jackie Furrey* - managed the door. *Ray Tossavainen* - door man along with Kelly. *Eloise & Larry Colbert, Jim & Norma Larsen, Sandy Black, David Dahl, Michael Xu, Jean Jiang, and Mark Runions* - left the place spotless!

Thanks to all of you who put in so much effort to make the Memorial Day Dance a success!

## EVENT REPORT:

The SSS Odyssey Cruises brought the LIC about \$1600! The Odyssey model was won by Patty Ozanich, one of the visitors from the Tahoma Yacht Club.



The feed back from both the Sea Scouts and the cruising guests was extremely positive. Do not be surprised if the Odyssey returns to Filucy Bay.

The weather may have been less than ideal for a summer cruise, but there was enough wind to keep sailors happy. The generous support of the event by *Dave and Paula Wickland* is particularly appreciated. They cashed in a "free cruise" to bring the boat down, donated the Odyssey model and along with *Linda Bakken*, paid for a Sea Scouts feast on Saturday night. (The LIC should really have someone who is better at estimating food needs--the spread fed crew and guests on both Saturday and Sunday, but no one complained.)

*Mark Jones* was most helpful in working out dockside arrangements, and the able-bodied table/chair movers--*Doug Sylvers & David Wiley* handled set up and *Paula & Dave Wickland, Doug & David, and Harry Faas* helped return tables to the club house on Sunday.



## UPCOMING EVENT:

"Beyond the Borders"  
August 4th, 2007  
Noon-6

*Mark Runions* has done a fantastic job of organizing entertainment for the Festival, designing the posters and writing the press releases. Volunteers will be needed to: (1) set up, (2) create and serve those advertised "specialty desserts" (3) manage the Beer Garden, and of course (4) clean up help will be needed. To volunteer contact Carolyn Wiley @ 884-9157 or <[c.wiley@mac.com](mailto:c.wiley@mac.com)>

## BEYOND the BORDERS - Press Release

The beautiful Longbranch Improvement Club building and grounds will be the site of the BEYOND the BORDERS Arts and Music Festival to be held on Saturday, August 4, 2007. The event will run from Noon to 6pm, and will feature music, art, and food from around the world. Admission is FREE and it promises to be fun for the entire family.

Featured music will include Pearl Django ("Gypsy-Jazz"), Abráce (multi-lingual vocals with percussion), Brizee and Band (Mexican-pop), and Eyerabira (Ugandan vocal and dance). Rhythm Intermission (drum ensemble) will provide a pulse between acts.

There will be a juried Art Exhibit with awards for Best in Show and People's Choice. The works will represent a variety of styles with an international theme. There will also be art and craft items for sale by local artists.

Food from beyond the borders will be provided by Ali'i & Sumo's Hawaiian Grill, and Infinite Soups will offer an intriguing array of soups from many lands. Specialty desserts will also be available from the Longbranch Improvement Club kitchen. The Club will also have a Beer Garden featuring beers of the world, wines, and other beverages.



The Beyond the Borders Arts and Music Festival is designed to offer the local community a chance to experience the sounds, sights, and tastes of other cultures - without the need for a passport!

The event is co-sponsored by the Longbranch Improvement Club and the Two Waters Arts Alliance, with a generous grant from the Angel Guild. For more information call (253) 884-4807.  
*Events Report Submitted by Carolyn Wiley . . .*



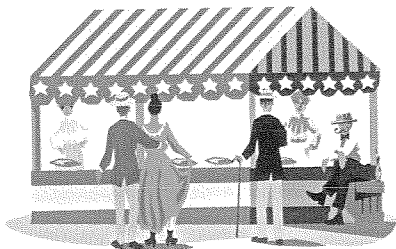
# 7th Annual Key Peninsula Community Fair



We welcome you to the seventh annual Key Peninsula Community Fair. An event envisioned, planned, and *managed by and for Key Peninsula residents*, the fair continues to grow and evolve, even as our communities do the same. This year, we have added some attractions, changed others, and experimented with new ways of presenting community resources and talents that we hope will delight audiences. Local artisans are well represented. We called upon and listened to our teen population and put together an evening geared specifically to young people's interests. We have attracted the attention of varied and interesting acts and vendors. There is something for everyone to enjoy during this community event.

In response to the enthusiasm of fair-goers, we have rebooked the Davis-Cascadia Carnival Company, which returns this year with even more midway rides. The beloved antique tractors will be on display throughout the fair, and a **NEW EVENT . . .** the children's tractor pull will challenge pint-sized farmers in training.

Join us in welcoming emerging regional and national entertainment, all included in the nominal price of admission. Come hungry and feast on traditional "fair food," and visit with animals at the petting zoo. Bring your friends, your out-of-town guests, your camera, and your smile.



Come early and stay late; this local event is a one-of-a-kind - old-fashioned country fair.  
*Sincerely, Ruth Bramhall, President of the Key Peninsula Community Fair . . .*

## HEADLINERS . . .

Friday:  
*Little Bill and the Blue Notes*  
*Pop Culture Dance Band*

Saturday:  
*Jazz Musette*  
*Vicki Martinez*

# FRIDAY

1:00 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY  
VFW District #4990 Color & Honor Guard

Friday Main Stage:  
12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. *The Filucies*  
1:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. *Magic & Hypnosis of Kevin Wolfe*  
Friday & Sunday Afternoons  
*Kawshun D. Clown* parades around . . .  
4:30 p.m. Steve "The Pretty Good" Magician  
6:00 p.m. *Little Bill and the Blue Notes*  
8:00 p.m. *Pop Culture dance band*

Beer Garden: 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
*Donn Allard & The High Plains Drifters*

11:00 a.m. FAIR OPENS w/ new announcements

Saturday Main Stage:  
11:00 a.m. DJ music from *Musical Journey*  
12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. *The Filucies*  
1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. *Valentine's Performing Pigs*  
4:00 p.m. *Shahdaroba Middle Eastern Dance Troupe*  
6:00 p.m. Music by *Jazz Musette*  
8:00 p.m. *Vicki Martinez, singer/guitarist*

Beer Garden: Time TBD  
*Blues Passage, a local blues' band*

# SATURDAY

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. OPEN

Sunday Main Stage:  
11:00 a.m. DJ music from *Musical Journey*  
12:00 p.m. Steve "The Pretty Good" Magician  
1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. *Elisha's Request singers*  
2:30 p.m. *Morgan Family Center Dance Troupe*

Friday & Sunday Afternoons  
*Kawshun D. Clown* parades around . . .

# SUNDAY



# That is so "884"

There are sometimes things happening in Longbranch, that are so "884". I love that expression and it is often used amongst our friends. I recently experienced two "884" situations, that I want to share, and I think it would be great fun if others would share theirs also. Maybe there are even some people that have not figured out what a privilege and joy it is to live in the 884 area.

## Here is one story:

Last summer my neighbor walked over to our house with her little grandson to play with our 100 pound yellow lab "Buddy". I could not find Buddy and asked my husband if he knew where he was. Here the response: Buddy is at a birthday party. He was picked up by DD to celebrate Dolli's (another lab) 10th birthday. HE WHAT? Anyway: Dolli had a party at her house and 3 more dogs were invited too. After 2 hours our dog (who really thinks he is a person), was brought back with a squeaky toy and a happy smile on his face. This year we received the invitation a few days earlier. It was now Dolli's 11th birthday, and festivities began at 2:00pm. Buddy wore a big bow in honor of the occasion and sure enough, at 2:00pm the red van drove up and several dogs wiggled and welcomed Buddy to hop in. They spent some time on the beach, then a steak dinner was served and again Buddy returned home (without his bow), another squeaky toy and a happy smile on his face. Is this "884" or what?

## Another "884" story that deeply touched me:

Yesterday Dick and I attended a Celebration of Life at our church. The person was a longtime Longbranch resident and the church was packed. Don did not want to be cremated, so the coffin was set up in the church and was later moved in a procession to the graveside cemetery. But wait, it was not a normal procession. Since Don loved his old tractor and used it whenever he could, the coffin was put behind the tractor and slowly pulled up the hill. All tears on peoples faces seemed to change into big smiles and it was obvious to me, that we experienced another "884" situation.

Hope that some of you will share another "884" story!  
*Respectfully submitted, Marlies Van Cise*

WANTED: *Clean Fill Dirt*... Fill dirt needed in Longbranch. Contact Chuck or Norma-Jean Gibson 884.6556.

WANTED: *Pasture to Rent*... Horse pasture needed for 25 year old, easy to deal with, gelding. We would prefer a pasture in the Longbranch area but further north could also work. We need pasture, shelter, and some hay and feed storage. We would prefer a location that feeds, but we can feed if that is what works out best. If you could help us out, please call Ruth 208-0349 or Pat Thompson 884-5286.

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