



MEMBER NEWS

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NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: APRIL 13, 2022 6:30PM – DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

Spring has sprung! Trees are blooming, daffodils are busting out, and soon – at least in my neighborhood – tulips should be on the way. It's time for spring planting and the Easter bunny! All signs that spring has arrived are here and with it some warmer weather.

We are blessed with not having another COVID strain bearing down on us, and that makes events at the LIC much easier to hold and enjoy. Here's a quick list of dates to mark on your calendar:

- April 2nd – Marina work party 9 am... bring your lumber tools
- April 15th – LIC's TGIF event starting at 5:30 PM
- April 20th – Hybrid membership meeting starting at 6:30 PM
- April 23rd – Super Sale!

We continue to have great volunteer turnout for our work parties, and quite a few members showing up to our meetings and TGIF. Last month we had the Sharmas visit us. They are a brother and sister duo, brand new members, and are launching an agri-business venture on 10 acres just a little past the marina. And this month we'll have Debbie Cassidy, owner of Sunnycrest Nursery, giving us some spring planting ideas and letting us know what she has in stock in the way of plants.

The LIC board met last month and hammered out the details of our new 5-year plan, which we will share with the membership once we have all the details ironed out. And the work continues to try and get a pumpout established at the marina, but we have run into some regulatory hurdles that are slowing us down. The work still goes on – and our speaker in May will be directly addressing a pumpout solution for boaters this summer.

Also, keep your eyes peeled for some spring planting and volunteer opportunities taking place in our new Centennial Garden – and don't miss the LIC's garden ad in the KP News announcing the grand opening of that space.

It's not just the flowers that are growing – so is the LIC and more good things are on the way. Thanks for being a part of it!

Warmly,
Kelly Guenther



Recently, I woke up at 3 AM, sat up in bed and gazed out the window at Fil Lucy Bay. I was struck by a longing to go out into the calm night for a paddle on my board. A voice inside my head intruded, saying to me that it was dangerous to go out alone at night. Something might happen and I'd be alone. The reasons and doubts stacked up until a wall was eventually created. I didn't climb over that wall in my mind that night, instead I resigned myself, stayed home, warm, safe, but perhaps slightly defeated.

That pull towards the evening water has remained and the next full moon I intend to go, to climb that wall that separates me from trying.

Wondering, wanting, imagining something new. Setting a goal, small or large, long-term or short-term are things I have thought about this week as I read through several essays from students who are looking towards that next pathway. Some tentatively, some boldly – no matter how they get there, I wish them well and am cheering them on.

I want to extend my heart-felt thanks to The Longbranch Scholarship Committee and Student Programs Committee for their dedication to the students on the KP: Beth Porter, Robyn Enders, Allan Vogel, Carolyn Carr, Linda Strand and Marcia Harris. Jan Prichard (Chair), Carolyn Wiley and Barb Boettcher

The Student Programs Committee has just awarded two new grants to a teacher at Evergreen Elementary for students to build a weather station and robots for teaching coding.

Enjoy the month!

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SUPER SALE

We are looking forward to the Super Sale on April 23rd from 9 AM to 3 PM at the LIC. We will be taking donations that will benefit the Longbranch Foundation to help with repairs to our historic building. If you desire help getting items to the Clubhouse, we will provide transportation the week of the sale (April 21 – 22). If you have items to donate to the Super Sale or want to volunteer to help, please contact Barbara Green at bf14012@gmail.com or (206) 802-8848.

NEON

The Neon tracking system is being perfected so that we can integrate club membership with Events, volunteer interests, and tracking hours. This will facilitate contacting those interested in helping with future events.

DANCES

We have bands lined up for both the Memorial and Labor Day Dances. The Triple Treat Band will perform on Saturday, May 28th; and the Kim Archer Band will perform on Saturday, September 3rd. Both dances are from 8-11 PM at the LIC clubhouse. As always, volunteers will be needed to execute these events. Please let us know if you will be available to volunteer for the Memorial Day Dance, we have started a sign-up sheet already.

If you are not already part of the Events Committee, please join us at a meeting to help with the planning and execution of Club events. The next two meetings will be at 4 PM on May 4th and June 1st at the LIC. Hope to see you there!

Thanks!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger
allenandmarcel@hotmail.com

ROAD CLEANUP

The Adopt-A-Road Program has been a great opportunity for us (LIC members) to give back to the community through stewardship of a portion of the Key Peninsula Highway. Marcie Sparks will be coordinating a Road Patrol in the near future, so stay tuned for upcoming opportunities.

Buildings and Grounds

First of all, thanks to all who came out to help clean up the grounds on February 26th. It was hard work weeding the frozen soil, but it looked great. Special thanks to Tim Kezele for trimming all the shrubs and hauling away debris.

Jimmy, Gary Brownlee and Jason Reese replaced the water heater, which included rebuilding the enclosure with new insulation. It now has a door so we can access the heater.

On Sunday March 27th, David Haggerty, Mike Fay, Bob Green, and Kay helped to mow the lawn and trim around the building.

Membership

As many of you know we have transitioned from using Track it Forward, and other programs, and are now using Neon for our member management, communication, and logging volunteer hours. I know this change has been a struggle for many of you, and I appreciate your patience while we work out the bugs – system changes are never fun! This will be worthwhile though, as Neon gives the club many of the organizational tools it has not had but truly has needed.

I am aware that not every member is getting emails from Neon, and we need some of your help to correct this. Neon uses Constant Contact to send emails, which is an amazing tool to have now at our disposal. However, because it is a mass email system our emails are showing up in many members spam or promotions folders. To fix this, you will need to save the sending address (pnwkristen@gmail.com)

The next projects will include repairing the damage to the roof on the south side of the building, and patching the exhaust vent on the roof. We plan to get some cement blocks from David Zeigler and install them under the container. We also need to dig a trench to run power from the building to the container. Let Jimmy Sobieck know if you're interested in helping with any of these tasks.

After the Super Sale, we will be over seeding the field so it will be off limits for a month until the grass gets established.

Buildings and Grounds
Jim Sobieck and Ann Morris

to your contact list. Alternatively, you can search your spam/junk folders for an email from the LIC and move it into your inbox which should tell your email system that you want them to arrive there in the future. The second issue is internal, and I am working to repair that. For many members when we transferred their information from the old system to the new one, their memberships came over as expired. I have a list of all current members and will have memberships updated within Neon before you are reading this article. If you are still not getting membership emails, please reach out to me directly so I can help you.

Kristen Zink
Membership Chair
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Marina

Hello from the dock! The month of March we had Totem Yacht Club and Day Island Yacht club come for a visit. We always look forward to March to start off the cruising season. Viking Yacht Club, one of our favorites, had to reschedule so we will see them later this year.

Opening Day is fast approaching, we still need a few volunteers. Please contact Katie at (253) 202-2056 if you can help.

Speaking of Opening Day we will have a delicious breakfast created by our very own Ann-Marie Ugles and her assistants. Breakfast burritos, egg breakfast sandwiches, hash browns, fruit and a dessert. As always coffee, tea, cocoa, water and the famous bloody marys and mimosas

served up by Tim and Robyn Enders! Raffle prizes, sailboat regatta, good times to be had by all and we hope to see you there! Please contact Katie with your breakfast entree choice; burrito or egg breakfast sandwich.

We are starting the annual spring maintenance and clean up at the marina, replacing dock boards, and shore power outlets, sprucing up and planting flowers are a few of the first items to be completed.

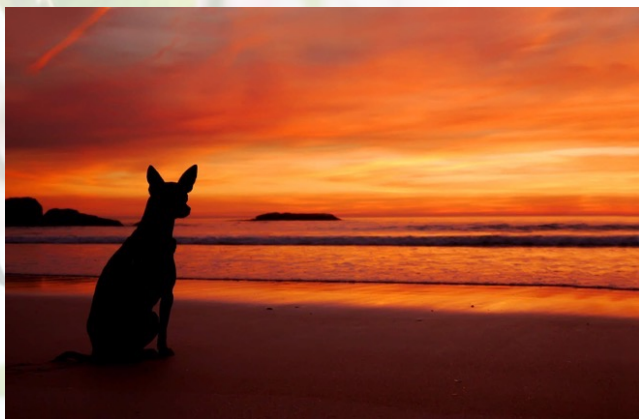
We are looking forward to another fabulous spring/summer at the marina and we hope to see you at the marina!

Rick Harrison, Marina Chair
Katie Harrison, Dockmaster

Treasury

April is the month of the 2nd quarterly moorage payment. I will be sending out your Q2 invoice by email. Remember it must be paid by April 15th or you will be assessed a 10% penalty per Marina Rules as approved by the membership. Please mail your check to the LIC at PO Box 111, Lakebay, WA 98349, or pay Katie Harrison at the marina with credit card.

Thanks!
Jim Hettinger, Treasure



"Sometimes best friends walk on four legs."

~Unknown

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

Since my last report, I've only sent out one card, a pet sympathy card.

Cheril Allen
Sunshine Representative



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The meeting was called to order by Kelly Guenther at 7:10 PM. The meeting was in person at the Clubhouse and attended by others on Zoom.

Kelly Guenther introduced the speakers for tonight, Karishma and Kanao Sharma, a sister and brother, who have purchased property and plan an agriculture-focused destination for tourism. They have purchased 10 acres near 60th Street and are seeking the proper permits and permission to develop their land. They explained their vision for the property and the current process for approvals from Pierce County.

Secretary's Report: Sheryl Low asked that the minutes of the February meeting be approved as written and submitted. MSP

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hettinger reported that our net income for the month and year to date look great since we generally receive most of the annual moorage by February 15th. Currently we are showing \$85K in net income for February, but \$25K of that grant is income that was spent last year.

We made an error in the budget that was approved by the membership and Board last month. The DNR lease net profit we planned was for \$14,605, but there was an additional expense that changes the net profit to \$11,605. Due to this we need a motion to amend the budget we approved

last month .

Jim would entertain a motion to add the DNR Lease expense to the budget for 2022 of \$3,000, which would reduce our net income from \$14,605 to \$11,605.

MOTION: To add the DNR Lease expense to the budget for 2022 for \$3,000 to reduce our net income from \$14,605 to \$11,605. MSP

Membership Update: We are transitioning to a new software program called Neon for our membership and tracking volunteer hours. Members will be expected to create a login and sign on, and then go in and make sure your information is correct.

Events: We are having a Memorial Day Dance on May 28th from 8-11 PM, with the band Triple Threat Band playing. There will also be a Labor Day Dance with Kim Archer. The Bee man will be bringing mason bees to place around the Key Peninsula.

SuperSale: Bob Green reported the Super Sale event is scheduled for Saturday April 3rd from 9 AM – 3 PM for the Longbranch Foundation. This event is to raise funds for the Building Preservation. We are taking reservations for spaces inside (\$30) and outside (\$15). If you would like a space, please email the Longbranch Foundation at Longbranchfoundation@gmail.com. We also need volunteers to sign up to tag and

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organize the donations. Donations of goods are solicited from the members for resale. No electronics or furniture.

Buildings and Grounds: Jim Sobieck started by thanking all those who came in to clean around the building. We have a number of projects in the works. David Zeigler has donated a number of concrete blocks that will need to be put under the container to stabilize it. The old water heater was removed. Thank you to Gary Brownlee for working on that project. We need work on tar around the kitchen exhaust on the roof. Contact Jim Sobieck to volunteer on any projects.

Preservation Grant: Marsha Kremen reported we got the grant from the county, at \$31,500, which is an increase from the initial grant of \$29,000. Thanks to Marsha Kremen and Cathy Williams for advocating for that increase.

Marina Chair: 2022 Opening Day gear merchandise is now available to sign up for purchase. Please pre-register for the Dock Breakfast for food items. The derelict sailboat was removed from the Marina. The water system is up and running for the year. We would like to thank Kelly Hettinger who will be our Volunteer Coordinator for any projects in the Marina. A work party is scheduled for April 2nd to replace rotting wood and painting.

Vice-President: David Zeigler reminded folks that we need many volunteers, and

we need to document the number of hours for grant reimbursement. The two events this summer are the Centennial Marina Days to be held July 16th & 17th with several events hosted at the Marina, and the other main Centennial events will be held in August the weekend of August 20th and 21st at the LIC. Save those dates to celebrate with us!

President: TGIF is this Friday, this is a BYOB event, and bring an appetizer to share, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. There will be music by local musicians. This Saturday is a four-hour strategic planning retreat for the LIC Board.

TLF Report: Michele Gorman reported about the fundraising Super Sale event being planned for Saturday April 23rd, from 9 AM to 3 PM at the LIC. Michele introduced Robin Enders, Beth Porter, Carolyn Carr, Linda Strand and Marcia Harris who do the work on the Higher Ed Committee. The committee will be reviewing the applicants for scholarships, and later they will make selections to award the scholarships funded by the Foundation. Jan Prichard reported on the student programs, which follows kids through Evergreen Elementary and through KPMS and on to PHS. Since January we have given \$1500 for the fifth graders to go to environmental camp, and money for activities during recess. Another \$500 went to supplies for pre-K students. They now have a mini-grant form for teachers to request funds for specific projects.

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There is a Little Eagles mentorship reading program that needs volunteers on Tuesday afternoons from 4 PM to 5 PM. Contact Jan Prichard to volunteer for this. For KPMS we have funded a raised bed garden project accessible for disabled students, a battery powered build a drone project, and funds to purchase concert drums for the band. The sixth graders are doing a wall mural about weather, for a class which is being funded by the Foundation.

The Longbranch Foundation Cookbook is being resurrected to raise money for the Foundation. The original books are for sale at \$25.00 and the final addendum will be another \$15.00 for those who already have the cookbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next member meeting April 20th at the LIC, unless designated by email, on Zoom at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Low
LIC Secretary

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