



MEMBER NEWS

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MAY 2022

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: MAY 18, 2022 6:30PM – DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

Here's a toast to May, and leaving one of the coldest ApriIs on record behind us.

For the LIC that means Opening Day, people, and our annual Memorial Day Dance! The Longbranch Marina on the first day of boating season will be in full swing with a brunch followed by a regatta on May 7th, and masking up is optional at this annual outdoor event. If you ordered Opening Day gear, please wear it! Should be a great day.

Some key May dates to hold on your calendar:

- May 7th – Opening Day
- May 18th – Membership meeting with doors opening at 6:30 PM
- May 20th – LIC's TGIF event starting at 5:30 PM
- May 21st – Women's Self Defense Class
- May 28th – Memorial Day Dance

After a long pandemic hiatus, it will be great to get our dances back in action. May's group is the Triple Treat Band with old and new school R&B as well as jazz and blues favorites. Doors will open at 8 PM on May 28th.

As we look back at April, I want to give some massive thanks to two extraordinary volunteers – Barb and Bob Green – who wrangled a very labor-intensive Super Sale across the finish line and raised thousands of dollars for The Longbranch Foundation. We had a large turnout at one of the best community events I've seen during the pandemic, with neighbor after neighbor reconnecting after long absences. None of this would have been possible without the many volunteers under Bob and Barb's guidance making it all happen.

Volunteers are the very glue of the LIC. It's what makes us great as an organization. We also had a huge turnout for the marina tune-up on April 2nd, and some amazing mowers and weeders for the LIC cleanup on April 16th.



President's Message (continued)

Speaking of the ultimate in volunteerism, I invite you to join our board! Our current open positions include Secretary, Vice President, Building & Grounds Chair, and our Events Chair. Touch base with myself or any board member for more information. The election will be held in June.

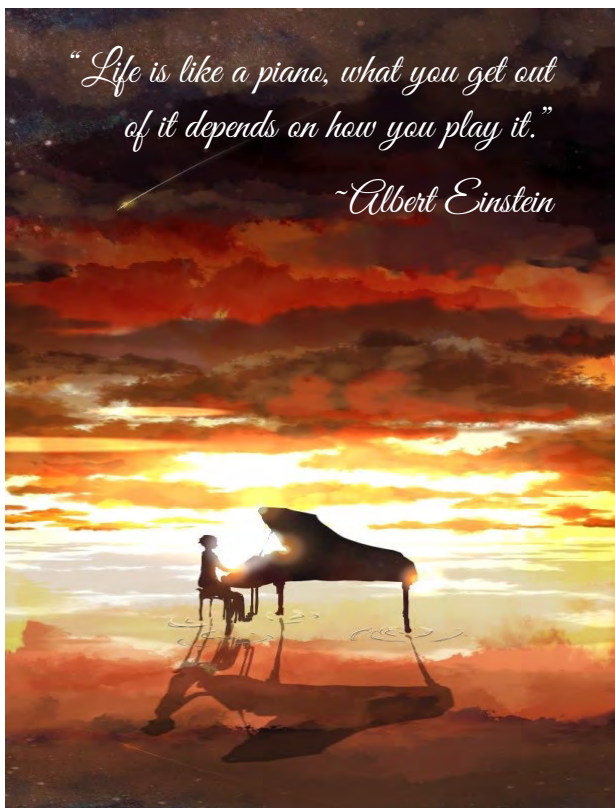
On the subject of volunteerism and membership, the LIC Board is also actively considering expanding full membership to three key zip codes – 98351, 98349 and 98394 – all primarily KP addresses. If passed by the board, people living in these zip codes could qualify as full members and not just associates, allowing them to run for key positions, get discounts on LIC rentals and other benefits. If the board thinks this is a good idea, it will be brought to the membership for a full vote. And we'd love to hear your thoughts on this!

Also, the LIC's TGIF events are bearing some fruit. After a number of the KP's Civic Center Board attended our TGIFs in March and April, the Civic Center has now decided to put on a TGIF (Saturday) event starting June 25th. We'll also be listing more of the Civic Center's events in our email blasts.

Speaking of the Civic Center, they'll be assisting us with information to get a new brick patio fundraiser underway for our Centennial Community Garden. Stay tuned with more information and a way to get your name or message engraved on one of the bricks that will eventually make up this new garden feature.

Here's toasting to the power of community and warmer days ahead!

Warmly,
Kelly Guenther



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month, I sent out two get well cards for members that had surgery, one encouragement card, and two sympathy cards.

Cheril Allen
Sunshine Representative



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The day provided so much more than an opportunity to buy a few needed (or not so needed) items. It was an occasion to once again greet community on the grounds of the historic Longbranch Improvement Club. The morning was chilly, but the smiles were warm all around at the Super Sale, sponsored by The Longbranch Foundation. The proceeds from the event will directly benefit the club's unique building.

LIC is the ideal venue. The grounds also provide us the space to take a quiet walk through lovely trails with a friend, or to sit and share a bagged lunch with others in the community garden.

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I want to extend a huge thank you to Bob and Barbara Green for their superb job coordinating the Super Sale. They put in many hours bringing this event together. And to those who volunteered time to promote the event, price items, set up tables, work the event and break down at the end of the day, and donate items to sell, thanks to each of you!

I would also like to thank Barb Riechers and Lori Zeigler for their tremendous work with the reprint of the 2013 Savories and Sweets cookbook and the new supplement, which will be available this summer.

Enjoy the month!

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Food Market

A reminder, please continue to save your Food Market receipts for when we meet again.



Super Sale

Last Saturday was a **Super Day!**

Our fabulous group of volunteers came together for three days to coordinate a fantastic event to bring our community together. We were overwhelmed by the response. Before our opening hour we encountered a steady stream of vehicles into the parking lot and field. We thank the great teamwork from our parking crew, who responded quickly and were able to get everyone situated in an orderly manner.

It was wonderful to see so many smiling friends and neighbors carting away family treasures and gently used goods from their fellow Key Peninsula community members.

We want to thank everyone for participating in the **Super Sale** and making this a very successful event to benefit the Longbranch Foundation.

Bob Green



Activities

A big thanks to Bob and Barbara Green and the many volunteers that made the biannual Super Sale on April 23rd a big success!

Mark your calendars for the Memorial Weekend Dance on Saturday, May 28th, from 8 – 11 PM. The Triple Treat Band will be playing “wide variety of Fun, Party, Dance type Old School, and some new, R&B music, with some of the Motown flavor”. Tickets will be \$20 per person sold at the door only. We need volunteers for set up, clean up, parking, driving shuttle, and selling tickets, drinks, and snacks so let us know how you would like to help.

We welcome all members to be part of the Events Committee which meets the first Wednesday of the month at 4 PM at the LIC so please join us to help with the planning and execution of Club events. The next two meetings will be on May 4th and June 1st. Hope to see you there!

Thanks!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger
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Memorial Day Dance

featuring Triple Treat Band



Plan now for a fun evening.

Listen and dance to award-winning old and new school R&B from the longest-playing jazz and blues band in the region.



**Saturday May 28
8-11pm**

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Buildings and Grounds

Thanks to everyone who showed up to cut, trim, and clean up the grounds before the Super Sale.

Susan Scott did us a great favor by aerating, fertilizing, and overseeding the grounds on Sunday. The area will be off limits for the next four weeks to let the grass grow. Signs and caution tape have been put around the area to remind

everyone. Thanks to Kelly Hettinger for making the signs.

The next project will be moving the container on blocks and running power underground for lights and ventilation.

Jimmy Sobieck and Ann Morris
Buildings and Grounds

Membership

In the past month we have had 5 new members and a total of 496.5 volunteer hours logged into Neon! I held a tutorial session in mid-April that many members attended to get up to speed with Neon. I know many more of you watched the recording or used the step by step guide I sent out afterwards. While I realize it has been quite the adjustment getting used to the new system, I feel confident we are now making great progress with it!

Starting now you can pay your membership renewals online through your Neon portal! And new members can sign up online as well – talk about progress! Events can be registered, and paid for, through event pages created through Neon. This allows us to spread the word about all the great things we have planned for this summer, even further than print media alone. If you don't already, please follow the LIC on Facebook and share the events we are posting. It will take the help of the whole club to create excitement about events, make them profitable for the LIC, and to help the group grow.

LIC Marina Opening Day Regatta - May 7th, 2022

Boating season is upon us and that means the LIC Marina's opening day dock breakfast and sailing event is coming up!

If you plan to attend the Opening Day Regatta we will need the following information:

- *Skippers Name*

- *Phone*

- *Email*

- *Boat Name*

- *Boat Length*

- *Boat Make and Model*

Please email this information to Mark Lemon at marklemon@centurytel.net so he knows who is planning on participating.

Women's Self Defense Class at the Longbranch Improvement Club

May 21st - 9am-Noon

Self Defense class taught by Arissan and Angela of Seattle Self-Defence. Angela and Arissan are world class Tae Kwon Do athletes each with over 25 years of martial arts experience.

Sign up ASAP - there is limited space. We may add an afternoon class if the morning fills up fast.

Call, text or email Kelly Hettinger to register:

Cell; 253-220-7808

Email Kelly Hettinger at kelhettinger@gmail.com

Suggested donation of \$25 per person.

This event is sponsored by the Longbranch Improvement Club

As always, if you have questions or need help with membership, Neon or anything of the sort please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Kristen Zink
Membership Chair
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The Longbranch Improvement Club

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Here is the Neon help you need!

Thank you to everyone who took some time out to attend tonight's meeting about Neon! For those of you who were not able to attend, but still have questions I have included a link to the recording of tonight's meeting for your viewing pleasure. You will also find attached a white paper I prepared with step by step instructions on how to access Neon and how to log volunteer hours. The final link is to Neon, for those that do not yet have it saved.

If you have issues logging in please let me know. I can create login/passwords for you. And of course, if you have any additional questions please let me know, I am here to help!

Finally - Thank You. Without each of you the LIC would not be the great and growing organization that it is. I know this change has been a lot but I promise you all it is worthwhile for the long term strength of the group.

[Link to Zoom Tutorial Recording](#)

[A Step By Step For Neon](#)

[Link to Neon Login Page](#)

I hope you all have wonderful weekends!

- Kristen Zink

LIC General Meeting: Hybrid April 20, 2022



Zoom meeting begins – 6:45 PM
Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Kelly Guenther, the President, introduced Kristen Zink, Membership Chair, to introduce new members. Attending are Kim and Scott Schoenberg, and Ron and Patty Cummins and Rosa Velder. A new attendee as guest was Kay Todrzak. We had 60 new members last month. Kristen encouraged all to get used to Neon. This tool allows us to pay automatically for renewal memberships, to buy tickets for events online and to track volunteer hours online.

Speaker Debbie Cassidy of Sunnycrest Nursery, canceled unexpectedly, so no speaker for the meeting. In her place, Kelly had each LIC Board member get up and explain their role and duties to encourage members to volunteer for open positions on the board.

June is the election of new board members to start in July for two years with the following positions open; Vice-President, Secretary, Events Chair and Building and Grounds Chair.



Board & Committee Reports:

Secretary: Motion: To approve March 2021 Member Meeting Minutes. MSP

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger gave the updated financial report, which was available on each table.

Events: Super Sale this weekend. We are having a Memorial Day Dance on May 28th from 8-11 PM, with the Triple Treat 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.

Building & Grounds: Jimmy Sobieck reported that mowing will commence every other week, and Susan Scott who lives across the street will come over Sunday to fertilize and seed the grass. The grass will be off limits for three weeks. If you would like to volunteer to help weed the Centennial Garden let Jim Sobieck know, and he will get you the combination to the lock. There are other upcoming work parties, and the information will be sent out via email blasts.

Marina: We had an amazing work party April 2nd with 106 boards replaced on the dock and the railings painted on the ramp. The marina received a grant from the TLF to cover the cost of new chairs. The new dock repairs were completed by Marine Floats. They needed to be completed to maintain our DNR lease. Opening day is May 7th. Breakfast is provided, sign up for what food item you would like by texting Ann-Marie Ugles at (360) 265-6258.

LIC General Meeting: Hybrid April 20, 2022



Trustee at Large: Marsha Kremen reported on the roof project. We had an initial meeting with Ferguson Architecture to decide how to spend this year's monies. This meeting planned Phase I of the project within the current budget/grant.

Vice President: David Zeigler reported on the upcoming LIC Centennial events. Marina Days, July 16th & 17th, will celebrate our marine commitment to the community. The Virginia V will be at the LIC Marina and there will be music, tours of the boat, and a party at the LIC that evening. Step Back in Time on the Virginia V. Tickets will be available. On Sunday, July 17th, there will be a Band at the Marina, and then a boat parade in the afternoon.

Centennial Days are Aug 27th & 28th. There will be a day of fun events including a BBQ picnic, games and community activities, and a Barn Dance/Square Dance presented by the South Sound Strummers. Aug 28th there will be an Antique Car show.

We need volunteers for all these events.

President: Please be open to serving on the board in the open positions listed above. TGIF continues to be a success!

TLF – Longbranch Foundation Updates

Bob Green gave the Foundation Update. The First Edition of the Longbranch Foundation Cookbook will be on sale at the SuperSale.

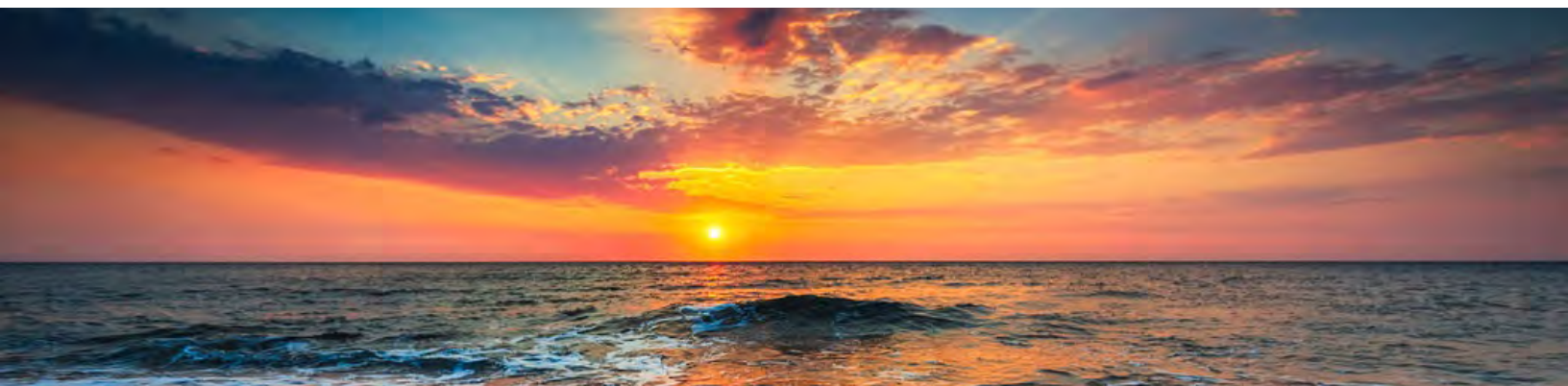
Saturday, April 23rd was the Super Sale which raised funds for the LIC Buildings and Grounds. 16 vendors were planned for inside, and 23 vendors outside. This is a large flea market with local vendors.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Membership meeting speaker for May 18th will be Jeff Barney from Pierce County explaining how to use the South Sound Mobile Pumpout Service.

Next TGIF Friday, May 20th.
Memorial Day Dance is a go – May 28th.

Adjourned
Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Low
LIC Secretary



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