



# MEMBER NEWS

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NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: OCTOBER 20, 2021 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



## President's Message

Leaves are changing, the drought is largely gone with some abundant rainfall lately, and we're beginning the month with the Farm Tour. It's definitely autumn on the Key Peninsula.

The LIC has been taking abundant precautions with the Farm Tour, in particular, and with our hybrid meetings to keep people safe when they're together. Vaccination rates for both the north and south KP remain stubbornly low but are slowly climbing. And if you're interested, the health department will be offering flu and vaccination shots at the LIC as part of the Fiber Arts show. (I'm going to get my flu shot while there.)

We are days away from having much higher Internet speeds at the marina. Wave dug a trench and put in the infrastructure needed to provide higher speeds and is currently working on stringing fiber down to the dock itself. This is an improvement that's long been needed, and a big hats-off to Rick Harrison for getting this done.

Work, meanwhile, continues on getting funding and planning is ongoing on how to replace the clubhouse roof, provide a sprinkler system, insulation, and other improvements that over the long run will lower our overall upkeep and insurance costs. And it's exciting to see those plans as they develop.



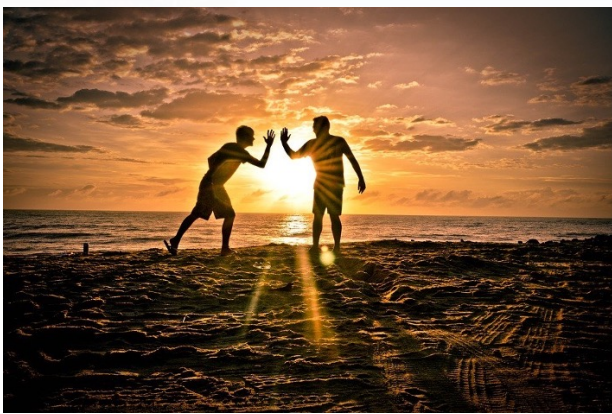


## President's Message (cont'd)

A big thank you to all those who came out recently to spiff up the clubhouse and the trails recently to make the LIC much more presentable to the public as part of the Fiber Arts and Farm Tour celebrations. A huge thank you to Jimmy Sobieck for providing an amazing lunch of bison burgers to the whole crew that helped. (He may have also eliminated a yellow jacket nest that swarmed up and gave me a few stings as I was doing trail work. So thanks again for that.)

Thank you all for being members. Even more so, thank you SO MUCH to our volunteers. The Longbranch Improvement Club would not be the organization that it is without the many long hours volunteers put in. The work of the LIC truly does improve the greater KP, so your efforts make a difference.

Warmly,  
Kelly Guenther



*"I get by with a little help from my Friends"*

*~ The Beatles*

## From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month I mailed out a get-well card, a sympathy card and sent an encouragement E-mail. Also, I found myself in need of some sunshine recently and received a get-well card from Barb and Bob Green – Thank you to The Greens! (Even the Sunshine Lady needs sunshine on occasion).

Cheril Allen  
Sunshine Representative





## From Jan Prichard, Student Programs Chair & TLF board member

The beautiful quilt being made to present to Evergreen Elementary is almost finished. Cheryl Force, Marcia Harris, Sheryl Low and Carolyn Wiley are binding it and doing the finishing touches. Presentation to the school will be sometime in October.

Other great news: Barbara Boettcher has become a new member of the TLF Student Program Committee. We are really thrilled to have her on board!

Barbara has been living in Longbranch for over 15 years, her family includes her fantastic husband, Jeff, three amazing grown kids, five energetic grandchildren and one adorable dog, Lucy. Some enjoyable hobbies are gardening, walking, reading and spending time with family and friends. She is a small business owner of a Christian Montessori preschool located in Bothell. Now retired from teaching, Barbara is looking forward to serving on the committee and continuing involvement with children and their education.

As we move into the fall season, the foundation board is continuing our work with the schools as the new school year begins. We recently supported two new Evergreen teachers with much needed educational supplies for their new classrooms. This support is so meaningful for the teachers; it lets them know that they are entering a community that cares about education and appreciates their work.

In November, we will meet again with the Key Peninsula Middle School counselors to continue to build our relationship with the KPMS school community and further discuss accepting requests for financial support for projects from their teaching staff.

Our Celebrate Campaign begins this month! Please give at any level comfortable, either one-time or monthly. You have the option to support our education fund or our other charitable purposes: maintaining the area's history, improving the Filucy Bay environment or "the greatest need" which makes dollars available as community needs arise.

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INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY



## THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION – INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY

The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) – April 2021 Update. there is much activity on the Auction web site with some items already sold out! There is an amazing group of volunteers working hard to make this a fun, worthwhile event.

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Fall is definitely in the air. Whatever your plans are for Thanksgiving, I hope you will enjoy. I know we will not be sitting around a large table as usual enjoying family and friends. We continue to give thanks for this wonderful community and being surrounded by calming, beautiful scenery! This too shall pass ... and we will get through it together.

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# THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

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Even after 34 years of teaching, the first day of school is still filled with anticipation, anxiety, and excitement. I look forward to meeting my class and seeing their bright, shiny faces. This year was a bit different because I met not only my new students, but my new school as well! The new Evergreen is huge compared to the old Evergreen! My students and I have been walking three to four miles a day coming and going to PE, STEM, Music, and recess. The natural light streams in from floor to ceiling windows, allowing warmth to fill the classrooms and halls.

This warmth reminds me of how we want to make our students feel at Evergreen. The newness is amazing *but what I realize is that although we are in a new space, the needs of our students have not changed. Many need support that their friends and families cannot provide. That's where The Longbranch Foundation continues to come in — not just filling gaps but providing a bridge for children to a better future.*

**From Beth Porter, Evergreen Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher & TLF board member**

## Food Market

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

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## Activities

A lot of work is already in process for Fiber Arts on October 2. This event may already be over by the time you read this so a big thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!

If you are not already part of the Events Committee, consider coming to a meeting the first Thursday of the month at 10AM at the LIC (October 7, November 4, and December 2 for the remaining year).

The focus of our next meeting will be Trunk or Treat on Friday October 29 from 6 – 8PM. This is likely to be similar to last year with a drive through format.

Kids & Christmas is being planned for Sunday December 12 from 1 – 4PM. We welcome your input at the event committee meetings!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger  
allenandmarcel@hotmail.com

## Building and Grounds

We had a great turn out for cleaning up the Centennial garden and spreading chips on the trails. Our president, unfortunately, discovered a hive of wasps in the woods; Jim has cordoned off the trail with tape. Thanks to all for their help. The LIC grounds are looking good for the farm tour.

Gary Brownlee did a great job fixing the flooring next to the new front door. Thanks!

A company is coming Monday the 27th to clean out the attic space and reinsulate the furnace ducts.

Jim Sobieck and Ann Morris  
Buildings and Grounds



## LIC General Meeting September 15, 2021



The meeting was called to order by Kelly Guenther at 7:00PM. The meeting was in person and on Zoom.

Nancy Carr welcomed new members Rob & Lisa Carter, Jocelyn Poulin and Christine Clark. Guest attending were Frank & Leslie Argelarci, Kyle & Alicia Chapman and Lee Brentiano.

All were welcomed in person as well as the members attending through Zoom.

Kelly turned the meeting over to Dr. Matt Brignall, who is working for the Medical Reserve Corp, to discuss COVID -19 and next steps for the pandemic.

**Secretary's Report:** Sheryl requested that the minutes of last month's membership meeting be approved as written and submitted. MSP

**Treasurer's Report:** No report this month.

**Events:** Bob Green reported for an absent Allen Ballinger.

- **LABOR DAY DANCE:** Cancelled due to Covid Restrictions.
- **FIBER ARTS FAIR:** There is a sign-up sheet for Fiber Arts Volunteers for October 2, 2021, 10AM-5PM at LIC. Nancy Chong will be the featured artist with her Hawaiian Quilts. If you are interested contact Nancy Carr. There will be limited numbers in the building and masks will be required. Food trucks etc, will be located outside.

Vendors will be outside. Golf carts will be used to take people back and forth around the campus. There is a quilt raffle for \$1 for a ticket to win a quilt made by Cheryl Allen.

- **TRUNK OR TREAT:** October 30, 2021 evening at LIC in conjunction with Evergreen Elementary PTA. This event allows kids to go through a haunted house and visit the trunks of cars in the parking lot for their treats.
- **KIDS N CHRISTMAS:** December 12, 2021. We distribute gifts and have Santa here to take pictures with the kids.

All events will need volunteers.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Trail clean-up the September 25, 2021 in preparation for the farm tour/fiber arts event.

**Centennial Garden:** No report.

**Marina Chair:** Brett reported that we are finally through the Shoreline permit process and approved for all phases of the Pumpout station and marina expansion project. The first stage is to get the three finger piers approved while we are working on the design of the pumpout station.





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**Preservation Grant Update:** The building has to be seismically retrofitted, so that is in the plan for the updates to the facility. We will also have a sprinkler system installed. We are getting ideas on cost estimates for all of the required work needed, so that we can apply for grants to cover the next phases of the project.

**Vice-President:** We have Centennial merchandise available on the website for sale. David Zeigler is suggesting a yearly community service event where we glean fruit from donated orchard trees and give to the food banks in the neighborhood. Please contact David to volunteer.

We have a new member survey action committee, which includes outreach and communication. We want to start an LIC blog about LIC activities past and future and as a source of communication and outreach in the community. We are looking for volunteers in this endeavor.

**FOUNDATION report:** Jan Prichard and Michele Gorman were able to tour the new Evergreen school and it was very exciting. The Foundation will start their Celebrate Campaign in letter and email form in October. Donations made to the Foundation can be specified by the donor for where they would like the donation to go.

Next Member Meeting October 20, 2021 at the LIC at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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