

January 2014



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



General 'Dessert' Meeting, Wed. Jan. 15, 7:00 PM

President's Message

Holiday Season Events. The LIC did itself proud during the holidays. Our Christmas Dinner meeting was an excellent event, highlighted by carols sung by a student chorus from Key Peninsula Middle School. The students and their parents were our guests for the dinner which followed the entertainment. This was a lavish meal with lots of tasty food. Thanks are due to the many volunteers who manned the kitchen and beverage bar and our members who brought generous potluck sides to compliment the turkey and ham.

Several people mentioned to me that they had never seen the Clubhouse look better than it did this Christmas. If you have never participated in the annual Decorating Day, you should make a point of doing so. It is fun to be in the beehive of activity and to experience the magical transformation of the Clubhouse into its festive holiday persona.

Kids N' Christmas was a big hit again this year. It is another example of our club's generous volunteer spirit, which basically provides the juice that makes the wheels go around. Thanks to all who were involved.

There may be some bad news to balance out the Holiday glow. Just when we thought it was safe to flush again, we are experiencing toilet backups in the ladies restroom. These occur usually during or after large events, the most recent being Kids N' Christmas. We know it is not the drain field as that is brand new, so it is a problem in the bathroom plumbing itself. As I write this in late December, we are starting the process of figuring out just what is the problem, and how can we fix it. If it turns out to be plugged or collapsed pipes under the bathroom floor, it will be challenging to fix or replace as these pipes are under the concrete slab floor. This may prove to be more \$\$ literally down the drain. We should know more soon and will brief the membership at our January meeting.

The January meeting program will hopefully feature a showing of the "Finding Thea" DVD which is based on the life of Thea Foss, who was the inspiration for the character Tugboat Annie.

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2013**

The Longbranch Improvement Club held it's annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 18 with a large and enthusiastic crowd of members and guests. The evening started with a social hour followed by entertainment provided by the Key Peninsula Middle School Choir. The choir performed a program of Christmas music for the enjoyment of all present. A bountiful spread of food presented by the LIC was served to the choir, their families, LIC guests and members. Hostesses and Host for tonight's dinner were Theresa Gano, Robin Gould, Barb Floyd, Barbara Henderson, Kelly and Jim Hettinger.

Although no formal meeting was held, President Gayle Brewer greeted all in attendance and thanked the kitchen crew. Peg Bingham announced and presented the LIC Star of the Year Awards for 2013. Award recipients were Lynn and Bill Lloyd and the Cookbook Committee, consisting of Barb Floyd, Karen Johnson, Barb Doat, Sharon Gearhart, Connie Hildahl, Barb Van Bogart and Melissa Haumerson. The Board had decided that while Melissa was not an LIC member, her donation of all the art work in the book made her a honorary member of the committee. She worked closely with the committee and attended many of their meetings. While a number of award winners were not present all received a round of applause when their names were announced.

Jan Prichard gave a brief report for Sunshine Lady Marlies Van Cise who is ill. This month five cards were sent to ill or bereaved members. Nancy Carr reminded members that Sunday the 22nd was the Kids 'N Christmas event Volunteers to sort and wrap gifts are needed for Thursday and Friday as well as members to work the day of the event. Clark Van Bogart announced the although he was a day early he wanted to wish Barbara a happy birthday. Barb was then serenaded by those in attendance with a rendition of Happy Birthday. On that note, Gayle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and the evening was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Bingham, Secretary

Announcements.....

Marlies Van Cise has graciously volunteered to be the new Newsletter Distribution go-to person with Sharon Gearhart's upcoming retirement. Sharon says this change is effective in 2014, which must mean 'immediately'.

Denny Prichard announced the sailboat the LIC had for sale has been sold and the Marina Committee is very pleased.



Upcoming Events

Wed. Jan 1—New Years Day

Thu. Jan 2—Events Meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse

Sat. Jan 4—De-Decorate the Halls Day, 10:00 AM, LIC Clubhouse

Sat, Jan 4—Trivia Day

Wed. Jan 15—General 'Dessert' Meeting, 7:00 PM, LIC Clubhouse

Sat. Feb 8—LIC Pancake Breakfast, LIC Clubhouse

DE-DECKING THE HALLS -- SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 10:00 AM UNTIL ???

Come "De-Deck the Halls" of the LIC on Saturday, January 4th. No experience is necessary and latecomers are always welcome!

If you have questions, please call Lynn Lloyd, 884-2270, lloydlynn52@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Lynn Lloyd

Report from Mrs. Sunshine—

Cards were sent to the following:

Dave Dahl after his hospital stay,

Roger Robertson's family after his passing,

Doug and Betty Lewis after Betty's Mom's passing,

Karen Barrow after her tricky back surgery

(a beautiful Poinsettia was also delivered)

Theresa Gano after her double carpal tunnel surgery

Please let me know if you hear of anyone who is ill.

My e-mail is beachwoods@centurytel.net.

Thank you,

Marlies Van Cise

It's That Time.....

Nominations for Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year 2013-2014 are now being accepted by the sponsoring KP Lions Club. The 30th annual event will be held at the KP Civic Center, as usual, and will feature a sumptuous dinner and excellent keynote speaker.

Nominations will be accepted until January 17, 2014, and may be made via email to hmcmnp1000@centurytel.net or via US Mail to: KP Lions, P.O. Box 63, Vaughn, WA 98394.

Anyone who lives, works, or owns property on the Key Peninsula is eligible for recognition for volunteer work or contributions benefitting the KP community. Members of the Lions Club are not eligible.

Nomination letters must include the full name, telephone number and physical address of the nominees (and P.O. box if appropriate) and a brief explanation of why they should be considered. Volunteer work or contributions may be in the form of a single large contribution of time or resources or for recognition of sustained contributions over a long period.

For information, call 253-853-2721 or 253-884-3319.

Hugh McMillan

Dockmaster's Report

It was a slow month with about 10 boats in the Marina. We did some upgrading of the lights in the pavilion to make it more energy efficient (replacing 22 bulbs should help reduce costs).

The sail boat the club owned has sold and will be out of the Marina in about two weeks. If any qualified member would like to rent a boathouse, let Don Gill know as there is a 28 foot and 30 foot available.

Lynn Carr
Dockmaster

Wishing you a very *eventful* New Year

Our club just gets get better and better. Seems fitting for an organization dedicated to “improvement.” And the growth in wonderfulness is built member by member, smile by smile, with helping hands and open hearts.

People tell us they joined the LIC because we always have something interesting going on. They drove by, saw the lights on and the parking lot full, and they decided to join the club, and the fun.

From pancakes to parties, socializing and scholarships, the “fun flotilla” and gift wrapping for kids, there’s a lot going on at the LIC, literally the center of Longbranch. In 2014 we’re presenting a line up of events that will entertain, enrich and engage.

So save the date for these upcoming events:

Pancake Breakfast	Sat, Feb 8
Garage sale	Sat, Apr 12
Concert TBA	Late spring
Dock Breakfast	Sat, May 3
Memorial Dance	Sat, May 24
Fundraiser TBA	Early summer
Labor Day Dance	Sat, Aug 30
Spaghetti Social	Fri, Nov 7
Fiber Arts Sat,	Oct 4
Trunk or Treat	Fri, Oct 31
Kids n Christmas	Sun, Dec 14

Now if you’re thinking, “Hey, there’s more we could do” please join the Events Steering Committee meeting on the first Thursday of every month, 7pm at the Clubhouse. We’re looking for new ideas, old ideas, your ideas... the more the merrier. It’s going to be great New Year!

Tim Heitzman

Historian’s Report.....

The 2012 LIC Notebook is on the shelf, and I am assembling 2013. Fortunately, folks left items of interest for me in the office for 2013 and for other years. Thank you for that!!!

Please continue to leave photos or other items from 2014 (and other years) in the office. I understand a labeled receptacle will be left for just such items. A note to those who leave photos. If you could identify the event and if possible, the names of the people in the photo, it will go a long way towards documenting LIC activities.

Respectfully,

Lynn Larson
LIC Historian

Pictures from the LIC Christmas Meeting courtesy of Lynn Carr



KPMS Choir

LIC Christmas Tree



LIC Diners





Mr. and Mrs. Santa

LIC Stage



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- Road crew pickup
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LIC Membership Report

SEE YOU AT THE Desert Membership
Meeting
January 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM

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