

MEMBER NEWS



FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 2018

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: NOVEMBER 14TH 7PM – DESSERT POTLUCK



President's Message

I am writing this Message just prior to one of our signature events – “Trunk or Treat” – so I do not know how many children turned out. If the past few years are any indication (around 400 kids in 2017), this event is growing larger every year. A huge “Thank You!” goes out to all the volunteers who create this event and the many LIC members who open their trunks and give out the treats.

We have a number of events coming before year-end that will provide opportunities for you to visit with your neighbors and, if necessary, put in additional volunteer hours and maybe earn a few more “LIC Bucks” for 2018. The events include:

- November 14th Dessert Potluck Membership Meeting (speakers from Pierce County Sheriff’s office)
- December 1st “Deck the Halls” (i.e., decorate the clubhouse – 10am)
- December 1st Chili potluck at the Marina (3pm) followed by the lighted boat parade
- December 12th Holiday Dinner Potluck Membership Meeting (social hour begins 6pm)
- December 16th “Kids & Christmas” (1pm – 4pm)

You will note by reading the October membership meeting minutes that an increase in all moorage rates effective January 1, 2019 was approved. We wish it wasn’t necessary, but costs for such things as the DNR Lease rent, insurance, electric, etc. have increased over the past three years by nearly \$1,000/month. The membership also took action that makes a further smaller adjustment both in 2020 and 2021.



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(President's Message continued)

In addition, the membership approved replacing the rental moratorium with a building rental fuel surcharge during the months of November through February should anyone desires to rent it. The Building and Grounds Committee is also reviewing rental rates and revamping our rental agreement, and those changes will be presented to the membership next month. Finally, this Committee is exploring the feasibility of replacing the two leased propane tanks with one larger purchased tank and upgrading the propane piping to current code. This will allow us to shop for propane prices rather than being tied to one supplier, and improve safety.

The permits for our marina upgrade project remain hung-up in the bureaucracy at National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA). We are taking steps to get our elected officials to focus on and help us prod NOAA forward with our permits. We are reaching out to the offices of Sen. Maria Cantwell and Rep. Derek Kilmer. In addition, I have explored with the Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC manages the grant) what steps need to be taken to get the grant extended, or re-appropriated for another year or two should that become necessary. That is, however, a last resort as we would likely incur additional construction costs due to any delay, plus it could be somewhat problematic depending on other State budgetary demands and new Capital Grant applications. So stay tuned as I will keep you informed as we step through these murky waters and, hopefully, get to the other side.

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Food Bank

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has donated to the Food Bank; that helps so much. However, one thing we do not need anymore are empty egg cartons. For some reason the grocery stores have not given us eggs for many months. We have so many stashed on top of freezers, and everywhere possible, that we can not fit in one more egg carton. I will let you know when that changes, but thank you so much for all that you have given. I have been volunteering at the Community Food Bank for more than three years and every time I fill a basket, the recipient is so grateful they just thank us over and over again. It is time well spent and certainly worth it.

Thank you again.

Pat Muchmore





We are proud to announce the addition of Randy Carr to the Board of Directors of The Longbranch Foundation. Randy, and his wife Carolyn, are longtime residents of Longbranch. Randy has been on the Board of a number of non-profits as well as twice being a President of the LIC. Welcome Randy!



The beautiful Farm Quilt made by Carolyn Wiley was won by John Nichols. Carolyn donated the proceeds from the raffle to the Foundation to benefit the Farm Tour!

Thank you Carolyn!

(Please ignore the shadow of the expert photographer taking the picture! LOL)

We have started the planning for our biennial auction in support of Higher Education Scholarships and Student programs at Evergreen Elementary. The event will be held Saturday, August 3, 2019. (Happy Birthday Marsha!) Bob and Tanya Perry are leading this effort. Your help is very much needed with this fun event. Please contact them at 714-345-7745 or email at tanyapersonal@outlook.com or bobperrypersonal@outlook.com to sign up. There are many worthy charities tugging at our donation dollars, many right here on the Peninsula. As a Foundation, we are focused on providing money to improve the quality of life for adults and children of the community through our charitable purposes. You have no doubt received our "Celebrate" letter in the mail. I hope you will consider a donation, of whatever size, to support the charitable purpose of your choice.

I am thankful for the wonderful community in which we live. We are surrounded by love, kindness, and joy. Happy Thanksgiving everyone! What a wonderful holiday!

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Dockmaster Report

Thanks to everyone for the hugs and good thoughts while I was in the hospital. It is really good to be back!!

The marina is good and we have had steady visitors. I feel we were a great success as part of the Farm Tour and looking forward to even a bigger event in 2019.

Remember to check your boats. This is even more important now that the rains are back and we are approaching the winter season.

Thanks,
Lynn Carr



Marina Report

For the first time, the LIC Marina was a stop on the Key Peninsula Farm Tour. It was a complete success with the help of Justin Woith, Jim Sobieck, Lynn Carr, Susan Quigley, Clark Van Bogart, Dennis Stuhau, and Rob Carlson. Marsha Kremen and Jilly Eddy did a fantastic job of creating a pictorial history of the marina that we will continue displaying for all to see.

If you know of anyone wanting winter moorage, we have space available.

To all permanent boaters – please keep your boat clean and sea worthy. If you have not been to check your boat and slip in some time, please do so. If you have any concerns, please let the Dockmaster or myself know.

If you use a dock cart, please don't overload it – the wheels are a bit fragile. And, put it back on the hook, do NOT leave on the wharf just inside the gate. Most importantly, if you spill something in the cart, be respectful and wash the cart out.

Robert Theisen
Marina Chair

Building and Grounds

Big thanks to Larry Bingham, Jim Sobieck and Kelly Hettinger for pitching in to get the remaining logs cut and positioned for the parking lot. Next steps are a few more logs, and posts/chain entry ways for vehicles. The Board approved winter rental of the Clubhouse, and the members approved the new heating surcharge rates for winter rentals. As the winter weather pushes us inside, we are improving the interior lighting and wiring, as well as drafting the 2019 budget for the facility. If you have any feedback or recommendations for Building and Grounds, please send me a note, it's appreciated!

Bob Perry
Building and Grounds Chair

Events

FIBER ARTS

Fiber Arts was a huge success this year – we had many folks attend and more than 40 zip codes were represented. The weather was great, the people were fantastic and the parking lot was full! Thanks to everyone who helped and here are a few:

Setup: Robin Gould (creating a floor plan that was easy to follow), assisted by Barb & Bob Green, Carolyn Wiley, Robert Theisen, Lynn & Nancy Carr, Jan Brown, Cheril Allen, and Mark & Lori Entringer, Jimmy Sobieck, and Dennis Severson. Everyone was a great help in moving the stage provided by the parks department for the bands. A special thanks to Phil Bauer for providing the tent for the stage and Bob Perry for putting together our exterior power supply.

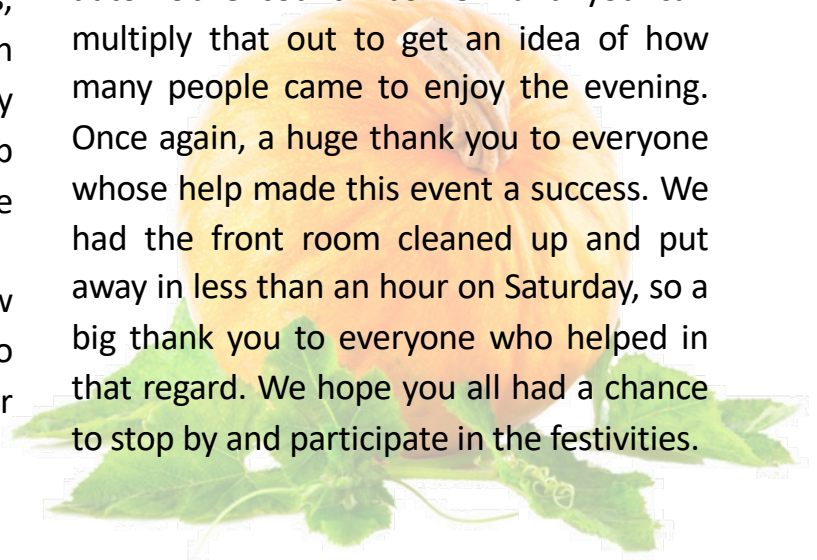
Saturday: We had a full crew including Rob Carlson, Tim Enders, Denny Prichard, Bert Saywers, Jim Hettinger, Kelly Hettinger, Kathy Lyons, Jan Prichard, Judy Riggs, Francie Carr, Karen Johnson, Jane Eiseman, Lisa Bryan, Justin Percer, Kathy Edwards, Lynn Larson, Jackie Severson, Robyn Enders, Sheryl Low, Peg Bingham, Mary Lemon, Anne-Marie Ugles, Bob & Barb Green and the kitchen crew. There are most likely others that we have missed.

Cleanup added more folks. I had a few names on the list, but more folks stayed to help. Thanks to EVERYONE for all your help and we look forward to next year!!!

Unfortunately we did not have a lot of folks fill out surveys. If you attended but did not complete a survey, please get a hold of Carolyn Wiley, Cheril Allen or myself. Your thoughts count and we value your input as to what worked well and what we could improve upon.

TRUNK OR TREAT

The clubhouse was transformed into a fun and spooky venue for Trunk or Treat on Friday October 26th. Louise and Chuck Beam and their crew once again installed a wonderful, but spooky haunted house for the festivities on Friday night. The Evergreen PTA did a great job setting up the main room for games and fun. Mary Lemon set up the kitchen with some healthy treats for our guests, and it was a fun filled evening. Robert and his crew did a great job of keeping things organized in the parking lot and the lights donated by United Rentals certainly helped. The automobile count was 297 and you can multiply that out to get an idea of how many people came to enjoy the evening. Once again, a huge thank you to everyone whose help made this event a success. We had the front room cleaned up and put away in less than an hour on Saturday, so a big thank you to everyone who helped in that regard. We hope you all had a chance to stop by and participate in the festivities.



Events (Continued)

2019

Moving forward, we are getting ready for 2019 events. Planning has begun for next year's Fiber Arts show with ideas for improvement and additional vendors. The events committee will be meeting on November 7th at our home at 3pm to formalize events for next year (call or email us for directions). If you would like to join us or have ideas or suggestions, please let us know. We welcome all ideas and participation.

Barb and Bob Green
Evens Co-Chairs

Membership Info

Thanks to everyone for helping setup and cleanup for the meetings. This helps a lot. Mary Lemon and Ann-Marie Ugles take care of the kitchen and that is really nice. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The 3rd quarter LIC Bucks are ready for distribution. If you weren't at the October meeting, they are with your nametag for the next meeting. These LIC Bucks are awarded for volunteer hours earned during the previous quarter. The first 15 hours of the year do not count – each hour after that does count. These 'bucks' can be used for membership dues, building rental, permanent or temporary moorage fees and event tickets. These bucks have an expiration date of December 31st of the year following the year earned. They cannot be redeemed for cash, nor can cash be given as change. They cannot be transferred to another member or non-member and if lost, will not be re-issued. Volunteer hours must be turned in within one week following the end of the quarter to be counted. It is easiest for me if they can be turned in monthly. Let me know if you have any questions.



As always, there are volunteering opportunities still available for 2018:

- Help set up for November general meeting, November 14th at 5:30 PM
- Help decorate the LIC for Christmas, Saturday Dec. 8th at 10:00 AM
- Help set up for the December Christmas meeting. The meeting is Wednesday, December 12th at 6:00 PM, but we will set up Monday Dec 10th or
- Tuesday, Dec 11th – date will be decided closer to the meeting
- Help set up for Kids & Christmas, Friday, Dec 14th, or maybe move tables around
- After the Christmas dinner meeting – to be determined closer to the date
- Help with Kids and Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 16th. Event is from 1:00 – 4:00 PM

If you want to help set up for the meetings, please let me know.

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair

Recipe of the Month

What a great time of year to start a new section of the monthly newsletter. We kick off our inaugural recipe column with a recipe by LIC's own Ann Marie Ugles, Personal Chef. Thank Ann Marie, I'm so excited to try this new recipe for the holidays.

Pumpkin Cookies

It seems during the Holidays, Pumpkin Pie is a mixed bag with half the people loving it and the other half, not so much. But these soft and cake like pumpkin cookies win over the toughest pumpkin pie critics and will soon be a family favorite! I like them plain. But feel free to adapt them to your tastes like adding a cup of raisins or your favorite nuts.

Prepare Pumpkin:

- Cut a small pumpkin in half, take out the seeds and put pumpkin halves on a prepared cookie sheet and roast at 350 degrees until soft.
- Let pumpkin cool.
- Scoop out pumpkin meat into a large bowl and use an emersion blender, or beater, to cut up pumpkin strings.
- Place pumpkin mean in several layers of cheese cloth and squeeze all the liquid out of the pumpkin. If you use canned pumpkin, be sure to still ring out any liquid.

Cream together:

- 1 cup Sugar
- ½ cup Crisco
- ½ cup butter

Then mix in:

- 1 egg
- 1 cup pumpkin

Blend dry ingredients in a bowl (stir with a fork to incorporate):

- 2 ½ cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt

Blend in half the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients.

Mix well and add the rest of the flour mixture.

Mix well again and drop a spoonful of dough on cookie sheet.

Sprinkle with turbinado sugar or make the optional frosting below.

Bake at 350 degrees for 10 min and let cool before frosting.

Frosting - boil for 2 min

- ½ cup sugar,
- 4 Tablespoons of evaporated milk
- 3 Tablespoons of butter
- 1 cup powder sugar

Pour frosting over cookies.



TRUNK or *Treat*



LIC General Meeting October 17, 2018



The meeting was called to order by Clark Van Bogart, president, at 7 p.m.

New members were introduced: Klaus and Laura Topbjerg, Robert Emens, Marian Henrich and Donna Terry.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger provided a review of the September 2018 financials. Our net income, through September is \$11,000 over budget.

President: Clark announced that the AED's purchased with the grant from Angel Guild are being installed. One has been installed at the LIC small meeting room just to the left of the entrance to the auditorium (next to the fire extinguisher). The other will be in the Marina pavilion. The AED's, which cost \$1,600 each, are to be "scheduled" on our insurance policy.

The Stop the Bleed class at the Key Center Fire Station has been rescheduled for November 3rd, 11 a.m. There is no cost for this class. The CPR class begins at 9 a.m. and is \$35.

The Marina grant is still on hold, awaiting approval from NOAA. The work must be

done during the "fish window" so it must be completed by late January or early February. The grant, for safety related and environmental upgrades, expires next June, so we are beginning to look to the elected U.S. Representative, Derek Kilmer, and Senator, Maria Cantrell, to become involved in an effort to prod NOAA into action on the permits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Nancy Carr continues to work to improve the LIC website. The LIC Bucks program for volunteer hours will continue. The Bucks can be used to pay for membership dues, marina fares, hall rental and admission to LIC events. The Bucks cannot be replaced if lost and are non-transferrable.

Events: Bob Green thanked all the volunteers who made Fiber Arts so successful. We had visitors from forty different zip code areas at the event.

The raffle quilt was won by John Nichols. The PTA is coming in next week to transform the main room into a game room, and the small room into the haunted house for Trunk or Treat. There are volunteer sign-up sheets for the event at the membership desk. There will be more lights in the field this year. Please give donations for healthy snacks or donate candy.

LIC General Meeting October 17, 2018



Building and Grounds: Bob Perry is asking for volunteers on October 24th, from 9 until 11:30 a.m., to move the logs into place, in order to define the parking area.

The LIC board has approved building rental availability through the winter months, subject to a heating surcharge of \$100/half day and \$150/full day.

Thursday night Pierce County is renting the kitchen from six to eight p.m. Their presentation on septic systems is open to the public.

Marina: Robert Theisen announced that the board had approved an increase in the rates for the Marina. The membership was asked to approve the surcharge. MSP.

He thanked Marsha Kremen and Jilly Eddy, for the bulletin boards depicting the history of the Marina since 1880. The boards were on display for the Farm Tour, which the Marina participated in for the first time this year. He intends to have the boards laminated and put on permanent display. Robert also thanked Jim Sobiak for having his boat open for the event.

Newsletter: Tanya Perry reminded members to submit their articles etc. to her by the 25th of the month. She expressed thanks for the feedback from readers which she has received and asked that we send her ideas

for new articles. The last page of the newsletter has space for business cards, if someone is interested.

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

Barb Floyd, president, announced that Randy Carr has joined the foundation's board. The foundation's annual "Ask Letter" has been mailed out, requesting contributions to this 501c(3) organization which supports multiple charitable purposes.

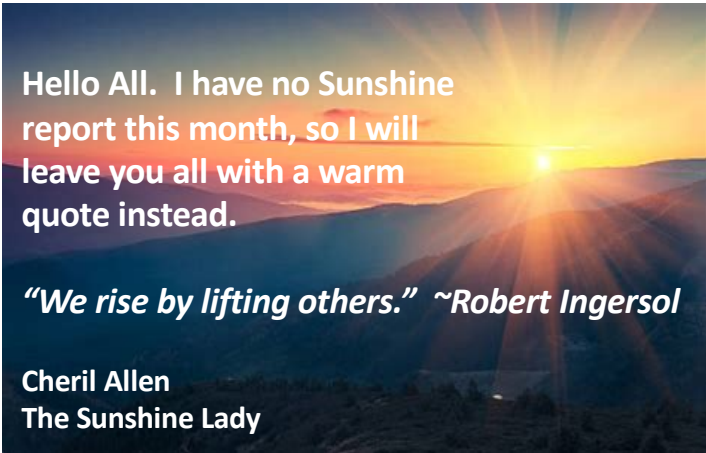
Next events:

- 11/14 general meeting, two representatives of the Pierce County Sheriff's office will be the guest speakers.
- 12/1 lighted boat parade from the Marina
- 12/8 Deck the Halls, decorating the LIC
- 12/12 general meeting, holiday pot luck
- 12/16 Kids N Christmas, 1 to 4 p.m.

Adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Eiseman

From the Sunshine Corner



Hello All. I have no Sunshine report this month, so I will leave you all with a warm quote instead.

"We rise by lifting others." ~Robert Ingersol

Cheril Allen
The Sunshine Lady

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