

June 2014



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**Annual BBQ Potluck Meeting Wed. June 18, 6:30 PM**

## President's Message

The Down Key Festival was a huge success! The Longbranch community really came through in planning and support of this three-day event celebrating the youth of our peninsula. Kudos and heart-felt thanks are due to Connie and Rich Hildahl who masterminded this undertaking. They organized an active group of LIC members who worked long and hard to make the event a rousing success. The signature event of the DKF was the salmon dinner and charity auction aboard the ferry on Saturday night. As a result of patron generosity, about \$10,000 was raised at the auction. Accounting is still ongoing, but it appears the DKF will net something in the \$15-18,000 range. This includes designated monies that will funnel to the scholarship fund and other LIC youth programs, and monies that will be retained by the LIC to partially rebuild our reserve funds for the clubhouse and marina. After all bills are paid and the actual net is determined, the Board will consider how best to distribute (or retain) the funds, and inform the membership of the details.

The Long Range Planning Process experienced a lull due to losing our professional facilitator from Bates Technical College. However, Bates has designated a replacement whose name is Lee Williams. He attended the May Board meeting and we were all favorably impressed with him. We now have a half-day planning session set with Lee for Saturday, June 7th, to get back on track. More details will be forthcoming as there is progress to report.

On a personal note, I have been intermittently MIA during the last two months and as a result I became mainly a spectator rather than a worker during the critical lead-up to the DKF. I want to again extend gratitude to the Hildahls and the volunteers who pulled off this spectacular three-day event. I wish to acknowledge the valuable and capable assistance of our Vice President, Clark Van Bogart, who stepped in and handled a myriad of tasks that would normally have fallen to me. And kudos to the Marina Committee and our Dockmaster Lynn Carr who smoothly and safely handled the logistics of a big event aboard a ferry boat tied up at the marina. Lastly, I thank Christine Anderson who stepped up and handled program arrangements for the May membership meeting.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
May 21, 2014**

LIC General Meeting 05/21/14 @ LIC lobby called to order 7:30PM by Clark Van Bogart for Gayle Brewer. Our guest speaker for this meeting was Harriet Baskas, who gave a slide show presentation "Hidden Treasures in Washington Museums". It was an informative and funny tour of the back room collectables of some of our local museums. Thanks to Christine Anderson and the Van Bogarts for bringing her to us.

Dockmaster: (Lynn Carr) The new permanent moorage area is being filled from the waiting list and a new slip assignment chart is located at both the clubhouse and marina. Visiting boaters started increasing this month, with a big turnout expected for Memorial Dance weekend.

Rental Agent: (Kim Chaney) absent this meeting.

Secretary: (Judy Riggs) The Evergreen Elementary sent a thank you poster and thank you letters for the LIC scholarships that allowed their students to attend Camp Seymour. It was MSP to accept the April LIC General Meeting minutes.

Treasurer: (Francie Carr) The LIC cookbook continues to sell well netting a good profit. Building rentals have reached half of the annual budget expectation, with guest moorage remaining slow to date. The Dock Breakfast was again a success. The sailboat regatta raised a donation for the Mustard Seed. The LIC Garage Sale was also a big success. And the Down Key Festival was a big success. Overall the LIC is in a better financial position than expected for the end of April. The LIC will donate again this year to The Children's Home Society for summer camp.

Membership: (Eloise Colbert) reports 166 LIC memberships this month. Next month is the annual LIC BBQ general meeting.

Events: (Tim Heitzman) The Garage sale was a big success again thanks to the leadership of Jan and Denny Prichard and the hard work of many volunteers. Many thanks to Doug and Judy Sylvers and their crew for the success again of the annual Dock Breakfast. And thanks to Gene Brown for organizing the sailboat regatta (and donation to the Mustard Seed).

Marina: (Denny Prichard) has talked with DNR about removing LIC owned boathouses and converting the dock space to finger slips. The DNR appears to be receptive, but we are waiting a written response. The Marina Committee will take three proposals for a longevity survey at the LIC Marina.

Bldg and Grounds: (Doug Lewis) no report this month.

Trustee/At Large: (Phil Johnson) no report this month.

Sunshine Lady: (Marlies Van Cise) no report this month

Newsletter: (Nancy Carr) asks that items be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Historian: (Lynn Larson) no report this month

Scholarship: (Christine Anderson) reports that this year's LIC Peninsula High School scholarship recipients are invited to our BBQ meeting next month.

Vice President: (Clark Van Bogart) no report this month.

President: (Gayle Brewer) was absent this meeting.

Old Business

The Historic Structural Survey of the LIC clubhouse has begun.

Lee Williams, a Bates Voc/Tech facilitator will be helping with the LIC Board Long Range Planning Sessions scheduled for June.

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## General Meeting Minutes May 21, 2014

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Thank you to all the hard work of Connie and Rich Hildahl, in creating The Down Key Festival, and to the many volunteers from the membership and the community that made it happen.

### New Business

Barbara Floyd of the nominating committee for the LIC Board office positions introduced the candidates : Clark Van Bogart for Vice-President; Delia McGinnis for Events Chair; Sharon Gearhart for Building and Grounds Chair; Judy Riggs for Secretary; Jim Hettinger for Treasurer; (Phil Johnson for Trustee-at-Large is an appointed position). The election will be at the June General Meeting.

A Lease Renewal committee was formed to negotiate with the DNR for the LIC Marina. The initial members of the committee will be Denny Prichard acting as Chairman, Clark Van Bogart, Kurt Anderson, Randy Babich, and Phil Johnson.

Thanks to our host and hostesses for this meeting: Eloise Colbert, Mina and Tito Villanueva.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Riggs  
LIC Secretary

# Upcoming Events

Sat. May 31—Dave Dahl Memorial, LIC Clubhouse, 1:00 PM

Wed. June 4—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM

Thur. June 5—Events Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

Sun. June 8—Blue Willow Lavender Farm Weeding Party, 10:00 AM,  
call Jeff Minch 253-514-0911

Sat. June 14—LIC Road Pickup Day, Meet at LIC Clubhouse, 10:00 AM

Sat. June 14—Flag Day

Sat. June 14—National Marina Day

Sun. June 15—Father's Day

Wed. June 18—BBQ Pot Luck Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 PM

Sat. June 21—Summer Solstice

**Please check member and community ads on the last page. There may be new ones!**

## LIC Peninsula Hawks Scholarships

This year the Longbranch Improvement Club provided \$3000.00 in awards to graduates of Peninsula High School who had attended Evergreen Elementary School. Selection was based on clearly defined post-secondary academic or vocational objectives.

The recipients are: Alexander Adcock, Kyle Braaten, Brendan Greetham, Tyler Kreis, Christopher Krieger, and Justin Lauderbaugh.

Christine Anderson

## Road Pickup Notice—

Members are invited to join Patricia and Sharon for a road pick up on June 14, 2014 beginning at 10:00 AM. It would be ideal if we could get 4 teams of 2 people to make the work go faster. We will provide safety helmets, reflective vests, water and garbage bags. You will need to bring gloves and long handled grabbers if you have them. Coffee and munchies will be provided at the clubhouse. Please let us know if you are interested in helping and getting a little exercise to boot. 884-3890.

Sharon Gearhart

## LIC BOATERS OUTINGS

For those of you who plan on participating in our boaters outings this summer, it's time to start marking your calendars. Our first scheduled event, which will be lunch at Topside in Steilacoom, will be on Thursday, July 31. Our second outing, lunch at Boathouse 19, will be on Thursday, August 21. Our last event for the summer is set for Wednesday, September 17. That event will take us all the way to Olympia for a late afternoon meal at a yet to be determined restaurant.

Remember, you don't have to be a boat owner to participate. Many of our regulars are passengers who enjoy the view from the water, and who like having a quality meal with a group of friends.

I will start the signup sheet for the July outing soon after the June LIC membership meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kurt Anderson

## Blue Willow Lavender Farm

Right now we are tentatively set to have a weeding party on June 8th from 8:00 am to 11:00 or Noon. Dayl and I will also be supplying food and drink for all volunteers. We are still checking to make sure we don't interfere with anything that will be going on that day. If you are interested, please contact me so I can get a count of how many of us will be showing up.

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## Dockmaster Report.....

What a turnout for the Down Key Festival on the ferry! What a sight to have the ferry in our Marina! I think a lot of people slowed down to look when driving past the Marina. Lots of folks came down the steep ramp for the auction and dinner, and all made it safely.

We had a full Marina for the Memorial Weekend and dance. There were 62 boats in Friday and Saturday and I think most of the boaters went to the dance (I spent quite a few hours Saturday selling tickets, and I'm sure most of them went to the dance). Thanks, Judy, for the great shuttle service provided for the boaters. A lot of these folks come every year and it is great to see them again.

Lynn Carr

## LIC Down Key Festival ..... a great success!

May 16-18, 2014

The Down Key Festival was designed to celebrate and raise money for the youth of Key Peninsula, and it did just that!

Let's begin by thanking the wonderful committees who were the backbone, the workers, the members who became good friends. We started meeting in January ..... There were five months of working and planning behind this event. Rich & I took on to chair the event, and then chose committees to be responsible for various facets.

Jim & Kelly Hettinger took charge of writing letters to businesses on the Key and near the Key, to offer financial support as well as donating auction items. Did you know that Angel Guild gave us \$1,000 because they so believed in our goal? Jim & Kelly were also in charge of the bar for all events, designing the "Filucy Lucy" signature drink!

Rich & I chaired the auction committee, with wonderful assistance from Barb Doat, Delia McGinnis, Susan Quigley and Dorothy Gehgam-heim.

Food and Decorations chair Louise Beam did an outstanding job! The food was delicious all three days ..... and prepared for a bargain price! It was Louise who saw to it that all the Alaska King Salmon was donated.

She was assisted by Patty Carroll, Delia McGinnis, Barbara Henderson and Dorothy Gehgan-heim. Oh, and lets not forget all the friends Louise called on to help her! Thank you so much.

Barbara Van Bogart chaired the invitation and ticket committee. Nancy Carr was her right-hand assistant and together they were a great team. Trish Goodvin, Christine Anderson and Lynn Larson assisted.

Entertainment was fun! We worked hard to keep the event focused on the students ..... did you know that we had over 15 student volunteers – Middle and High School Students working with us throughout the weekend? They were great! Oh yes, and then there were the KPSD teachers who helped in so many ways. For that special program on Saturday during the day at the LIC, that was all pulled together for us by the music teachers from our 3 Elementary Schools on the Key. They are: Teri Hammon from Evergreen, Lisa Mills from Vaughn, and Paula Demoss from Minter Creek. We all offer them a great big thank you! Steve Hagen, PE teacher from Vaughn Elementary, led the Field Day activities and the kids loved every minute of 'em! KPF #16 came to the Clubhouse to show the fire engine and they were there if assistance was needed. Yes, there were other teachers very much involved. Steve Hagen, Charlie Hagen, Denise Olson, Beth Porter ..... All peninsula teachers volunteering to bar tend and be there to help. With so many volunteers, we were able to keep our costs down way low!

The Silent and Live Auctions on Saturday evening were a great success, bringing in strong revenues under the leadership of volunteer Auctioneer, Joe Stortini. A very special part of this event is the quilt, designed and created by the Longbranch Ladies, which brought in over \$1,000 in raffle tickets! Previously that evening we enjoyed watching the Gig Harbor Rowing & Kayak Team perform on Filucy Bay! They were amazing! Yes, they also volunteered.

Friday night our own Mark Runions brought to the ferryboat the "BeeBop-Co-op" band ..... they were great! Mark summed up the weekend in a special way by playing for us again Sunday noon.

There were so many more hard working volunteers: Dale Goodvin, Denny Prichard, Connie Copeland, Joey Vance and Dora Vaughan taking great photos throughout the event. The kitchen crew Saturday noon led by Jan Prichard with Theresa Gano, Marlies Van Cise, Meg Davis and Lynn Lloyd. Dale Case and Bill Lloyd are to be thanked for setting up and taking down chairs, etc., at the LIC. Parking for the events was organized by Bill & Lynn Lloyd and the van and driver for Saturday evening was donated by Titus-Will Automotive.

And then there are Bill & Lynn Lloyd. Always ready to do what ever needs to be done ..... thank you. Judy Riggs, thank you for working the sign in table Friday evening. Lynn & Nancy Carr, thank you so much for all your work and support. Tim Heitzman, thank you for selling drink chits during these events. A warm thank you to our Treasurer, Francie Carr, for her diligent work providing cash boxes, adding up revenues. You see, this was an amazing team effort. No one person did it, no one person could have done it ..... together WE MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR YHE YOUTH ON THE KEY!

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## **LIC Down Key Festival ..... a great success!**

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Last but not least, thank you to all of you who believed in us, members as well as guests of members, who shared our vision, bought tickets, came to the events, bought Silent Auction items and raised the paddle in our Live Auction and hopefully had a wonderful time!

Connie Hildahl

## **Jam-Packed Memorial Day Dance**

On Saturday morning, when we optimistically set up tables and chairs to seat 200 guests, our biggest concern was if the dance floor was big enough. By 8 o'clock, it was clear that we were going to have a great dance as boaters, bikers, locals and even a few members came — ready for a party.

And it was a great party. With the Marina full to overflowing with yacht clubs from Des Moines, Day Island, Gig and Roche Harbor, we saw a lot of familiar suntanned faces. One happy guest said he'd been coming to the LIC Memorial Dance for nineteen years. Luckily for him, the statute of limitations for underage drinking is seven. Our band, seven-member Fingertips, got the house on their feet and dancing — with 250+ guests it literally was standing room only.

The real heroes for this event, as always, are the volunteers who entertained our guests — thankful and happy to be dancing again at the LIC. We're sure to see them again next year, and we've already booked Fingertips for their fourth year at our Memorial Dance.

Chairs, tables and decorations setup on Saturday morning: Sandy Black, Barbara Henderson, Lynn Larson, Mark Runions and new members Mina & Tito Villanueva.

Star performance from Judy Riggs who chauffeured boaters all night. She did such a great job, the KP Community Center earned an extra \$117 in tips! And thanks for the generous use of their van, yet again.

The front door was hosted by Dick and Dee Scharf, handstamping and welcoming veterans. Carolyn Wiley greeted and expedited. Rovers and spotters were Larry Bingham and Delia McGinnis.

The very busy bar was staffed by Kelly and Jim Hettinger, Susan Quigley and very new members Dayle and Jeff Minch. Bravo for a great job pouring Mac n Jack, cases of wine and countless cocktails.

The kitchen hot-dog crew, under Peg Bingham's leadership, with Sharon Gearhart's help, was Christine & Kurt Anderson, Nancy Carr, Eloise Colbert, Barb Floyd with Pat Muchmore cashiering (and wielding a fast cleanup mop) with help from Barbara Doat.

Miracle-worker cleanup crew on Sunday morning was Kathy Bailey, Sandy Black, Jack Kennedy, Delia McGinnis, Pat Muchmore, Judy Riggs and Mark Runions. Plus all the helpers who dumped empties and cleared tables after the dance.

When Francie announces the wonderful profit from the dance, remember it was only possible through the work of the members listed above. Their diligence, friendly enthusiasm and teamwork made this event possible. Thanks to every one.

Tim Heitzman



Down Key Festival photographers, Lynn Carr, Connie Copeland and Rich Hildahl











## ODDS & ENDS

### Community Events.....

Jun 4—4:00-9:00PM, Gig Harbor, Gateway Grant Fundraiser

Jun 5—7 PM. KC Library, America's Road Trips—Horatio's Drive.

Jun 7—9:00-3:00, Lake Kathryn village, Parks Day Swap Meet

Jun 14— 9:00 start, 360 Trails, PenLight Summer Fun Run

Jun 14—10:00 AM Sign up for a Field Trip to the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma. \$10.00 at the KC Library

Jun 14—11:30-3:30, Penrose St, Park, Get your feet Wet (look for blue canopy)

Jun 19 — 11 AM, KC Library, Prepare an effective professional resume

Jun 19—2PM, KC Library, Prepare for an effective interview.

Jun 21— Pierce County Library Summer Reading program begins.

Jun 21—8:00 PM, Penrose State Park, Presentation: Camping at Penrose

Jun 24—10 AM. KC Library, Baby Story Time. 0-24 mo

Jun 24— 11 AM. KC Library, Summer stories and crafts for preschool kids. 3-6 yrs

Jun 25, 26, 27, 28—10:00 AM, Penrose State Park, Get Your Feet Wet (look for blue canopy)

Jun 27— 11 AM, KC Library, Alex Zerbe: Physics Through Juggling. All ages

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### The many odd and wonderful items out of sight in Washington Museums

Humanities Washington's speaker and award winning journalist, Harriet Baskas gave a fast-paced presentation at the May LIC meeting. She shared the stories behind artifacts that are stashed away in museum storage rooms and seldom seen by visitors.

Her photo-filled talk explored how objects such as Bing Crosby's toupees, a quilt made of Ku Klux Klan headgear, and a 150-year-old pickle came to be in local museums. If want to learn more, check out Harriett Baskas and her other books: *Washington Icons: 50 Classic Views of the Evergreen State*; *Washington Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff*, *Hidden Treasures: What Museums Can't or Won't Show You*. All her books are available on Amazon.com.

Speakers Bureau is one Humanities Washington's oldest and most popular programs.

Christine Anderson





# LIC Membership Report



A big welcome to new members Dayl & Jeff Minch, Collen & Paul Haak, Kerry & Helen Jamieson and Kathy Lyons Thanks to Tito & Felomina Villanueva for hosting the May meeting. Please email [eacolbert@msn.com](mailto:eacolbert@msn.com) or call 253-225-5115 if you would like to volunteer.

Eloise

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Membership Meeting  
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Current membership 166

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(We have to let the SUMMER SOLSTICE go for health reasons)

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