



MEMBER NEWS

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JUNE 2022

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: JUNE 15, 2022 6:30PM – DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

I'm probably not alone in hoping we get a warmer, drier summer as we wrap up one of the coolest, wettest Mays on record. And that's not all bad. I began the month snowboarding as the ski resorts stayed open longer than they have in many years. Still, I'm really hoping the weather gods turn off the faucet and bring on the warmth.

We held the Memorial Day Dance for the first time in two years, and if you attended and had a mixed drink, I probably made it for you. But attendance was lighter than we would have expected. Given that we have a membership that's over 300 people, I'm always surprised when fun events like these aren't heavily attended. And as part of this learning process, if you see a membership survey show up in your inbox, please answer it. We're trying to make the LIC a more social organization for the entire KP, and knowing more about what you like and don't like really helps us.

Some key June events to hold on your calendar:

- June 2 – Thirsty Thursday at the marina (every Thursday eve through Labor Day)
- June 4 – Mustard Seed Auction at the LIC
- June 10 – Monthly LIC get together
- June 15 – Membership meeting: Free BBQ (cooked by the board) & annual LIC election
- June 25 – Monthly Thank God It's Saturday – TGIS -- at Key Peninsula Civic Center (LIC members welcome)

I'd like you to take a good look at those events I just listed. It represents the hard work of your LIC board and a lot of other local organizations that are hustling to make the KP what it is, a fantastic place to live and recreate.

The most important event on that list above is the LIC membership meeting on June 15. The board will be cooking you a great BBQ dinner, and we'll be holding our annual election to elect the new board. If you want a say in the leadership of the LIC, show up and make your opinion heard (and enjoy a free dinner).



President's Message (continued)

As of this writing, we have only three positions that need to be filled. The first is the Vice President who will eventually replace me and lead the LIC. The second is a board member for The Longbranch Foundation to replace Marsha Kremen. This can be any member that cares about TLF's non-profit work and the grants we make to KP students and organizations. The third (non-elected) position is our newsletter editor, the person who puts together what you are now reading. Tanya Perry has done a fantastic job of doing this for the LIC and we need someone else to step up and take on this position.

The LIC truly does not exist without volunteers. We are a membership that's 300 people strong, and we need our members to help out and keep our great events going. If you have questions or any interest, shoot me an email at kelly@guenthergroup.com.

I have convened a subcommittee to also consider expanding full membership to three key zipcodes – 98351, 98349 and 98394 – all primarily KP addresses. These areas roughly encompass Vaughn and go as far north as Key Center. The benefits of full membership allow members to run for the board, get discounts on LIC rentals and other benefits. If you own a boat, it also gives you big discounts at the marina. If you support – or don't support this – please reach out to me and let me know. Would be great to have your feedback.

I'm hoping to see many of you at one of our June events!

Warmly,
Kelly Guenther



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

Since my last report, I've sent out a get-well card and a sympathy card to the family of our lost member, Marcy Sparks.

Cheril Allen
Sunshine Representative





The Longbranch Foundation Awards Scholarships to Peninsula High School Graduates

Four outstanding Peninsula High School Seniors were awarded college scholarships of \$2000.00 each for the 2022-23 academic year:

- Indigo Clark will be studying UI/UX Design at the University of Minnesota
- Evan Cooper will be studying Mechanical Engineering
- Mukam Shehradov will be attending Nursing School
- Aubrey Hoover will attend Eastern Washington University studying Elementary Education and Applied Developmental Psychology

Also awarded were 4 recurring scholarships to past Peninsula High School recipients:

- Kendra Hunsaker has been attending the University of Hawaii and will be transferring to Western Governors University majoring in Elementary Education
- Celia Emens is a student at Western Washington University majoring in Marine and Coastal Science
- Matt Nesbit is a student at Olympic College
- Elizabeth Pierson is a Western Washington University student majoring in creative writing with a minor in theater

TLF is extremely proud of these students, and we look forward to playing a part in their academic success. TLF welcomes new scholarship committee members. The advantage of serving on this committee is the hope, inspiration and optimism that we receive from these students each year. Each has a story. Nothing has been given to them. Many have known personal trauma and tragedy. Yet they have demonstrated intelligence, maturity, character, integrity, leadership, commitment, enthusiasm, optimism and responsibility. Whew! Now, why wouldn't you want to be involved? Funding for these scholarships comes from your generosity of donations of money, goods, services and time to our bi-annual auction. Giving is making an investment in the future and making a difference in our student's lives. If you would like to get involved please go to www.longbranchfoundation.org and click on "volunteer" or "donate" or both.

Thank you,
Carolyn Carr, Member
The Longbranch Foundation



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Activities

Even though the weather was a little bit rough, we had some great events in May with Opening Day at the Marina on May 7 and a table at the Livability Fair the same day. By the time you read this, we will have had the first (of many, we hope) dance since 2019 with the Triple Treat Band playing on Memorial Weekend. We also now have some trained BADD (Be Aware, De-escalate, Defense) women from the awesome self-defense class on May 21. Thank you to all who helped in making these events happen!

The next big events are Marina Days on July 16 & 17. If you haven't already considered attending or volunteering, check out the website for details and you will find a full range of activities suitable for all ages.

We welcome all members to be part of the Events Committee which meets the first Wednesday of the month at 4PM at the LIC, so please join us to help with the planning and execution of more Club events. The next two meetings will be on June 1 and July 6. Hope to see you there!

Thanks!

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What a great rare photo of the mosquito fleet ferry departing Longbranch.

Photo courtesy of Tim Kezele, KPCC

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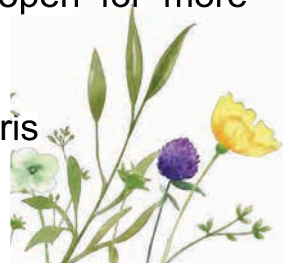
On Saturday the 28th, we got the grass mowed before the Memorial Day dance. Special thanks to Mike Fay, Tim Kezele, and Larry Silva for cutting grass and weed whacking on such a wet day.

We had some septic issues on the 28th. They seem to have corrected themselves, but Jimmy has a call in to a septic system company to inspect the problem so we

don't have a recurrence next Saturday when the Mustard Seed will be using the building for their event.

Keep your eyes and ears open for more work parties in the future.

Jimmy Sobieck and Ann Morris
Buildings and Grounds



Thirsty Thursday

June
2nd!



Thirsty Thursday starts Thursday June 2nd!

For those of you who have never attended a Thirsty Thursday come down to the marina at 4:30, bring a beverage and a nibble to share. TT will continue until Labor Day. Depending on the crowd, weather and boats available we will head out for a cocktail cruise or just cocktail at the dock. We have been known to tie 3 boats together and cruise the bay with our nibbles and cocktails. Questions contact Kelly Hettinger your TT cruise director 253-220-7808

Come join the fun!

Membership

I am happy to report that several members have been successful at processing their membership renewals online, using our new membership management program! Just as exciting – we have had our first member join completely online! As we continue to adapt, this new system will make things like joining and renewing so much easier for everyone. Starting soon you will be getting email prompts to process your renewal payments, which of course you are welcome to still do in person.

Last month we had three new members – if you are one of them then welcome! We are up to 1,464 total volunteer hours logged into Neon, which now includes all the hours previously logged into the old system for 2022. If you are struggling with the new system, please let me know! Most of you are finding success with it but we want 100% of you to feel comfortable with using it, so if you need help please ask.

Another exciting first for us thanks to our new system – members and the community can now sign up and pay for upcoming events online! This is much more secure for everyone and allows for instant tracking of who is attending what events. If you are missing out on events, please check out our Facebook page for all the fun things happening this summer! And if you don't already, please follow us on Facebook. The page is becoming more active and will continue to be a source for not just members, but for the whole community to see all the exciting things happening at the LIC.

As always, if you have questions or need assistance with anything membership related, please let me know.

Kristen Zink
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Marina

Hello from the dock!

Opening Day has been greatly missed the last two years. We were able to have the event this year and it was a wonderful time, and so nice to see everyone's smiling faces! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and thank you to our members and friends who came out to show support for the marina!

We had 4 sailboats participate in the sailboat regatta, I hear it was blowing 25 to 30 knots! Mark and Mary Lemon came in first place! We may be able to order more gear. Please contact Katie for details.

Memorial Day Weekend was a huge success! We had Des Moines and Day Island Yacht Clubs come for their annual visit. We always look forward to this busy, packed weekend at the marina. 39 boats tied up to the dock this year! Des Moines and Day Island held a beautiful and touching Memorial Ceremony on Monday. This is a ceremony they do every year at Longbranch, and we are honored to be a part of this.

Reminder, boat tags are due in June. Please make sure to place your current tag on your vessel in the marina.

Thirsty Thursdays are back! Bring a beverage of your choice and a snack to share if you choose. It is always nice to sit on the dock and socialize. Starting Thursday June 2 until Labor Day. Hope to see you there!

Rick Harrison-Marina Chair
Katie Harrison-Dockmaster



LIC General Meeting: Hybrid May 15, 2022



Due to a technical issue, there are no meeting minutes for the month of May.



Join the LIC July 16 and 17 at **Centennial Marina Days!** Cruise from Tacoma to the Longbranch Marina aboard the 100-year-old wooden steamer, Virginia V, the morning of July 16. Tickets include charter bus ride, box lunch and LIC shuttle for \$125.

At the Longbranch Marina, you can tour the Virginia V that afternoon or attend the Longbranch Foundation's benefit period party, *Step Back in Time*. Tickets include food and live period music for \$75.

Then at noon on July 17, join the **Marina Days Pavilion Party** at the marina! \$15 includes an LIC shuttle, live music, catered food and cash bar. And at 4pm don't miss the Centennial Boat Parade on Filucy Bay. For more details and tickets go to www.licweb.org.



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