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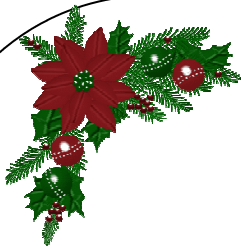
Longbranch Improvement Club December 2015

For the Betterment of the Community

CHRISTMAS MEMBER POTLUCK DINNER -DECEMBER 16 -6:30PM



President's Message:



At the November General Meeting, Treasurer, Jim Hettinger, introduced the proposed 2016 LIC budget. Many people had a hand in developing the budget, each Committee Chair and committee (Building and Grounds, DNR Lease Renewal, Events, Marina and Membership) worked on the budget for their focus area and forwarded it to Jim. He had the task of combining all the separate budgets together for an LIC budget, which was then reviewed by Clark Van Bogart, Gayle Brewer and me. The budget includes a \$20,000 transfer to the Marina Improvement Reserve Fund as well as the Pierce County Historic Grants matching funds for the LIC clubhouse renovation. In addition, the Events Committee has planned a very ambitious year ahead with both a Down Key Festival fund raising event and an early spring garage sale. (Start saving your donations!) The Down Key event will include a small silent auction, a Raise the Paddle and a dinner theater with a locally written play about our Key Peninsula history. All proceeds will support the LIC. I give many thanks to all who participated in planning a fiscally responsible 2016 year. The budget will be voted upon at the January General Meeting. If you would like more information or have a question, please contact Jim. (jehettinger@gmail.com)

Dave and Kaye Brock were welcomed to their first LIC meeting. They have recently moved here from Kalama and are in the process of getting permits to build a new house. They didn't even mind their first fall power outage!

December brings many opportunities to volunteer. Consider volunteering to decorate the LIC Clubhouse or to bring cheer to a family at Kids and Christmas.

And finally thank you to Jan and Denny Prichard for presenting their slideshow of their trip through the inside passage to Alaska! Denny had to sift through several thousand pictures to select the few hundred that he showed. It was wonderful to see their pictures of orcas, bears, eagles, cozy harbors and glaciers. It truly was an adventure of a lifetime.

Please remember to join us at the member's festive Christmas Dinner on December 16th at 6:30. Turkey and ham are provided, so please bring a side dish to share. No host wine and beer will be available. It will be a wonderful time to celebrate the season with friends and neighbors. I look forward to seeing you.

May your holidays be joyous,

Francie



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NOV.18, 2015

The LIC General Meeting was held on 11/18/15 at the LIC Lobby. It was a dessert meeting and was called to order at 7:05PM.

New members and guests were introduced.

Jan and Denny Prichard give a slide show presentation of their summer sailing adventure entitled, "To Alaska or how to spend your kid's inheritance really fast." Their trip covered 2,200 miles through the inside passage. They left Longbranch May 14 and were back at Marina on Aug 15.

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reported that it was a slow month at the LIC Marina. The recent storms had filled several boats that needed pumping out. Lynn said that the Gig Harbor Yacht Club notified him of their plan to visit the marina next month, expecting to bring in about 8 boats.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked and it was MSP to accept the Oct. 2015 LIC General Meeting minutes as written.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reported that there was \$2,300 more cash in the reserve fund than is necessary to support the net equity accounts. So, Jim will transfer that money into the operating account.

The 2014 IRS audit was finally completed, which then allowed Jim Hettinger and Francie Carr to complete and mail in the 2014 LIC Federal Tax Return.

The second half of the LIC Pierce County Property Tax was paid for 2015.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reported that the LIC lobby furnace is working well again after a cleaning and maintenance session. The down draft issue may be resolved by connecting the flue to a pipe vented through the chimney. Sharon is shopping for a second chair dolly to assist with setting up and taking down for events in the building. She thanks the members for their help with caring for the building and grounds.

Events: Sharon Gearhart reported that the LIC Trunk or Treat was a huge success. 26 cars offered trunks to the treaters. More than 150 kids attended with their families. The Haunted House was greatly enjoyed by many. Thank you to all of the volunteers that made this fun night possible.

DNR/LIC Lease Renewal: Denny Pritchard and Mark Runions reported for the committee that all the needed renewal process information had been compiled into a packet and mailed to the DNR. It includes a letter, draft Marina Longevity Plan, the Echelon Engineering LIC Dock Survey, and an up to date list of LIC Marina repairs, maintenance and upgrades made by the LIC over the past couple of years. A meeting after the first of the year is requested with the DNR.

LIC Historian: Lynn Larson is missing photos, clubhouse flyers, cards, etc., all the things that would be in the 2008 and 2009 LIC Yearbooks that are kept for the Club. If you have anything from that era, please let Lynn know so that copies can be made for the LIC archives.

Marina: Mark Runions reported that it cost \$1060 for the Case boat house to be taken away and demolished.

Winter moorage is still available at the LIC Marina. If you need to log in volunteer hours to go towards moorage, contact Mark.

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Membership: Nancy Carr reported that members should double check their meeting attendance and volunteer hours before the end of the year. There is still time to volunteer. Much help is needed with the end of the year holiday activities. Contact Nancy for more information.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson asked, that articles and photos be sent to her by the 25th of the month.

Sunshine Lady: Marlies VanCise reported that Elizabeth Stackhouse has passed away. Del Leaf was 95 when he passed away, and had attended LIC meetings up until the last month before his death. His family had a memorial service at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church. Barb Copley is mending a broken shoulder from a fall.

President: Francie Carr said that an exception to the LIC Building and Grounds non-rental winter season policy was made to allow for a community member's memorial service.

OLD BUSINESS

Francie Carr reported that Pastor Day on behalf of the Longbranch Community Church wants to reserve the LIC for their annual fundraiser again next year. The LIC will return the rental fee as a donation. But the LIC will retain the cleaning deposit to be used if necessary to pay for the cleaning of the building after the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Hettinger presented the 2016 LIC Budget. The Membership will have time to study it. Contact him for a copy. Or contact Jim with any questions. The 2016 LIC Budget will be voted on for approval at the Jan. 2016 General Meeting.

LONG RANGE PLAN

Clark Van Bogart reported that the 501(c)(3) Committee (LRP Goal 2) will be working this winter on formulating a six point charitable purpose, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, etc.

Nancy Carr thanked this meeting's hosts. She is lining up hosting volunteers for the Dec. Christmas Dinner General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. *Judy Riggs*



Just a short note this month from the **Dock Chair**;



It's been a very wet month, with plenty of wind. The Marina is one of the safest places to moor a boat in this sort of weather. But boat owners need to pay attention at this time of year, if their boat is still in the water. The dockmaster reports, that he had to bail out two boats recently because of failed bilge pumps, or dead batteries. Have you checked on your boat lately? Rain = water in the boat. Wind = strain on mooring lines and cleats, and possible damage to canvas and sails. These are things you should be paying attention to at this time of year. 'Nuff said.

I have been receiving, and enjoying, email updates from former member Jeff Hartjoy as he sails solo on his boat, Sailors Run, heading for another rounding of Cape Horn and beyond. If you would like to get in on the email chain, here is the link. Fascinating, funny, and at times scary stuff. Contact Jeff and provide your email address, and you can go along on the adventure.

Highly recommended. [sailorsrun<wck2523@sailmail.com](mailto:sailorsrun@wck2523@sailmail.com) *Mark*

Dockmaster Report

Slow month at the LIC Marina. The recent storms filled several boats that needed pumping out. The Gig Harbor Yacht Club plans to visit the marina this month, expecting to bring in about 8 boats.

Lynn Carr



Merry
Christmas

Nothing much to share from the sunshine corner of the LIC, except that it will be sunny and cool during the next few days.



Respectfully submitted by the Sunshine Lady, *Marlies Van Cise*

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Building and Grounds Chat Room:



I need to apologize, for not getting my article in last month, but appointments got the best of my time. A couple of things from last month-We had a problem with the furnace in the small meeting room, as most of you remember from the rather chilly membership meeting, but that has been fixed, after the furnace was completely cleaned. We also have had a leaking problem around the old chimney in the attic, but hope, this will be fixed when the chimney gets repaired (this will happen with or without the grant but preferably with.) We had a highly successful fall clean up and every task on the black board was accomplished to include rehangng the dumpster gates, cleaning out the shed, getting rid of the old stage from behind the building, cleaning the gutters and a myriad of other tasks. Thanks to all, who made that happen-you know who you are, and you are at the top of my list of superb members. We are preparing to give the "old lady" a winter break from rentals, although we do have a few that had deposits before we made the decision to hold rentals from November 10-February 28 each year. We hope , this will help with the wear and tear to the building that renting in wet, cold weather can bring. And last but not least, I hope to have the stage doors done before next spring. We are close but keep running into rentals and events. Hpe you had an extraordinarily wonderful Thanksgiving. Thanks for all your support. *Sharon*

"Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half time lasts twelve minutes. This is not coincidence." Erma Brombeck



Food Drive



Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.





DECORATION DAY
Sat, Dec. 5th
10 a.m. to ?



Come
help make
the LIC shine
with greens, lights,
decorations, a very tall
tree
and lots of holiday cheer!

Come when you can.
Hot drinks and lunch provided!

Some things you can bring, if you have them:
Garden nippers, wire cutters, hammer,
Nails, heavy duty staple gun, staples and,
cut greens for decorating
would be especially appreciated!
(Be sure to put your name on your tools.)

**COME JOIN
THE FUN!!**



PIX FROM TRUNK OR TREAT – Thanks, Lynn Lloyd!





UPCOMING EVENTS

- DEC. 3- 'Decoration Day' at the Clubhouse
- DEC. 10- Wrap & Set up day for Kid's n' Christmas
- DEC. 13- Kids n' Christmas at LIC Clubhouse
- DEC. 14-15- Set up for Member Christmas Dinner
- DEC. 16- Member Christmas Dinner -6:30 pm
- DEC. 17- Clean up Member Dinner
- DEC.24- Christmas Eve
- DEC.25-CHRISTMAS

From the Editor:

I do my best to make the newsletter interesting and colorful, but I owe a few of you an apology for making it difficult to print on your home printer. I will endeavor to make the colors less bright so you can print it easier. I am in the process of changing format, etc. for 2016.

In the future, if you are having some difficulties with the newsletter, please contact me at: theprplelady@gmail.com or call me at 253-884-3691, and I will do my best to answer your issues. I cannot read minds, so you must let me know. It is always difficult to manage every want/need, but I can always send you a black & white copy if you wish and request it.

I enjoy doing the newsletter and strive to make it colorful and interesting, but I can't do it without your input, so thank you to all contributors, helpers and photographers!
You are all special and make my job easier!

Thank you, *Helen Jamieson*
LIC Newsletter, Editor

MERRY CHRJSTMAS TO ALL!

(Yes, I have a purple Christmas tree!)





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