



NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: MAY 15, 2019 – 6:30PM DESSERT POTLUCK



President's Message

May is upon us and here we go with a flurry of activity. Please join your fellow members and friends and attend the following:

- “Opening Day the Longbranch Way” at the marina on **Saturday, May 4th**; breakfast begins at 8am, with the annual sailing regatta at 11am. We’ve invited some of our elected dignitaries to join us for the ceremonial ribbon cutting at 10am to commemorate completion of our marina project and thank them for their support.
- Also on **Saturday, May 4th**, an informational booth for the LIC and The Longbranch Foundation (TLF), will be at the “Livable Community Fair”, which will be held from 10am – 3pm at the Vaughn Civic Center.
- Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 5th**, which is spring cleanup day at the clubhouse and grounds. Work party begins at 9am, and Bob Perry is promising a real treat at lunch.
- Join us at our May membership meeting on **Wednesday, May 15th**. This is a dessert potluck meeting and our guest speaker will be Aaron Barnett, Washington Sea Grant Program. Our Nominating Committee will also announce the slate of candidates for the four open Board positions, that you will vote on at our June annual membership meeting.
- Don’t forget the Memorial Day Weekend Dance on **Saturday, May 25th**, 8pm – 11pm.
- Finally, our “Thirsty Thursdays” again commence right after Memorial Day at the marina.

The contractor began work on the large bank of five windows on the west side of our building. The windows have been removed, and the openings boarded up, while the windows undergo a complete renovation. Much of the wood frame will need to be replaced, and the old paint, some of which is lead-based, is removed and safely disposed. One-half of the \$22,815 project cost will be paid through a Preservation Grant from Pierce County, and about one-quarter will be covered by a grant from TLF.

We’re also working on another Preservation Grant application to cover half of the cost for a structural engineer, to determine how much additional weight the building’s roof and foundation can support. One estimate is that adding about 8” of foam insulation laminated to plywood could

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add as much as 30,000 lbs., or about 15 tons, to the roof. Needless to say, it's critical to determine the extent of the load capacity of the building's foundation, trusses and purlins. After it is determined how best to insulate and re-roof the building, we will search for a qualified contractor before we have TLF apply to the State of Washington in 2021 for a capital grant.

One of my duties as your president is to occasionally report unhappy news. Early this month, Karen and Phil Johnson will be moving from our area to a new home in Colorado. They have been great friends of the LIC for many years. Karen was an integral member of the team that assembled and published the LIC Cookbook in 2013, and Phil has served as Advisor to the Board for the past four years, and as a board member prior to that. In his role as Advisor, Phil went beyond just helping us find solutions to problems that arose from time to time, and his legal background has been invaluable to this organization. I will miss both of them, but they are Lifetime Members, so I suspect they'll remain in touch with the LIC, and I hope Phil will allow us to seek his guidance from time to time. While we are sad to see them go, we are also happy for them as they will be closer to family. Please send Karen and Phil your best wishes in the next few days as they're scheduled to leave for Colorado on or about May 9th.

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Dockmaster Report

The marina is looking good (the pressure washer folks did a great job). The improvements are super, and we can now start the boating season! The Tacoma Power Squadron starts us off the last weekend of April. The May calendar has clubs coming on every weekend!

We have a pair of golden eagles visiting the marina – and what a sight they are. Even though we cannot hunt for crab, they can! Hope you have a chance to see them. Rich Hildahl has some fantastic pictures.



Crab for breakfast anyone. A day in the life of an eagle. A sight to see.

Lynn Carr,
Dockmaster

Contributed by Rich Hildahl



The Longbranch Foundation

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You sent \$8,000 in Scholarship money to the Peninsula Hawks Scholarship Fund to help one graduating senior go to college, and five students, who you previously supported, who are in college, and continue to do well. As you know, every student attended Evergreen Elementary. You are supporting some amazing students, studying a variety of subjects, including Chinese, Music, Criminal law, Business, Accounting, Physics, Astronomy, Biology and Education!



There is a team in place working to make this year's auction - "KEY BEST – BUILDING KEY PENINSULA'S FUTURE" - a success, so we can put a sustainable plan in place to continue supporting Key Peninsula students.

Key Best will be held on Saturday, August 3 ... You bring the funds; we'll bring the fun!



You continue to support us with receipts from the Food Mart grocery store group: Connie Hildahl tells us, that she submitted receipts for \$12,827.43 in the first quarter. Jim Hettinger reported, that we have deposited \$155.22!

In addition, Jim reported, that the first quarter Amazon Smile donation has totaled \$117.19! For all years to date the total is \$221.79!

Every bit helps to make a difference in our support to the community! Thank you.



Having just paid Uncle Sam once again, I am very aware that every dollar saved is a boost. When giving to our community through the Foundation, think about ways to cut taxes, by using a distribution from your IRA or, now, that the stock market is near an all time high, use appreciated stock as a gift. The Foundation is not qualified to give you tax advice, but for an introduction into how you can save, go to our web site under *Ways to Give* for more information.

Thank you for working with us to make a difference in our community.

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Events

Summer is fast approaching, and we are gearing up for busy times at the LIC. Opening day will be a great event, and we have already spoken with the weather man, so it should be beautiful!

May 25th is our first dance of the season, and we are excited to have the Chris Friel Orchestra entertain us. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their last performance.

We do need volunteers to help make this event a success. Barbara and I will have a sign-up sheet at our next membership meeting. Thanks for all of your help in this regard!

Bob & Barb
Events Co-Chairs



Marina Report

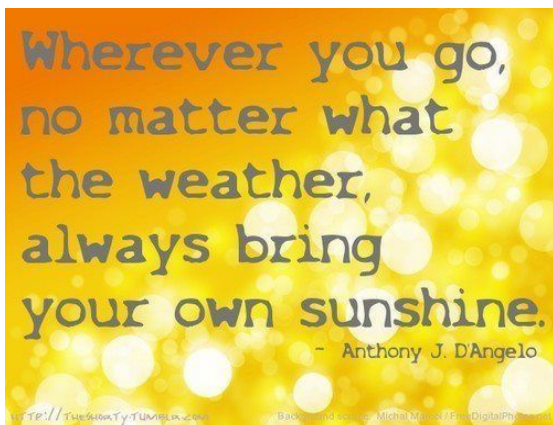
Well, as I said last month, a lot has happened at the marina, and we are progressing. The electrical is three-quarters done, and the fire system has been inspected, tested and passed.

Thanks to everyone who came out to help with pressure washing the marina, good job. Thanks Jan and Denny Prichard, and Jan Brown for their 'green thumbs' in potting flowers and hanging baskets. The marina is looking good.

A reminder to marina folks to please take care of your boat and the area around your boat. A lot of time has gone into pressure washing the dock and slips, so please take time to keep your area clean.

See all of you at the dock breakfast May 4th.

Robert Theisen
Marina Chair



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All! Since my last report I have mailed out 3 get well cards. One was to Meg Davis who, after getting a bad cold, had to go to the hospital and was found to have other complications that required her to stay for a bit. She is now home and on the mend. From what I hear, she is also in very good spirits. Get well soon, Meg! Another card went to Jane Eiseman, who had a successful hip replacement. Jane told

me that she plans to have the other hip surgery soon and promises she will be dancing in no time! Congrats on that good news, Jane! It's good to hear.

Cheril Allen
The Sunshine Lady

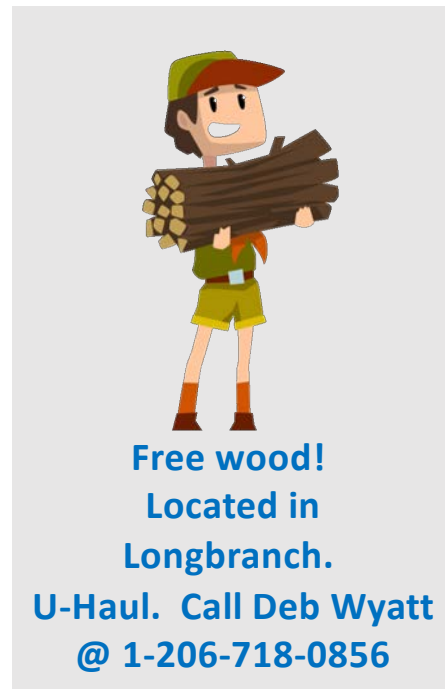


Membership Report

The first quarter LIC Volunteer Bucks were available at the April membership meeting. If you missed that meeting, you can retrieve them from your nametag at the next meeting. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and got their hours in on time. That is really appreciated. The next few months are really busy, so lots of volunteer opportunities. Thanks, Jan Brown, for volunteering to help with this program.

As of the end of the first quarter, we had 107 memberships and 22 Friends. We also had a total of 1320 volunteer hours reported. Thanks to all – you make a big difference!

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair



Building and Grounds

Happy Spring from the Building and Grounds Team! First and foremost, thanks to Jim Sobieck for dedicating so much time over the past two weeks, working with me on the LIC systems. He put in over 40 hours, and was instrumental in the improvements made. The lighting in the main room has been enhanced, and the new PA system is up and running. The new front projector has been installed, and next week the massive 180" diagonal screen will be installed. Also, the new security system has been installed, which covers the building

and grounds. Coming soon – spring cleanup on May 5th, from 9:00~2:00pm. We will have a barbeque set-up for lunch, as well as beverages & libations. Please come and help us get the LIC squared away for the summer! Bring your rakes, weed whackers, and push mowers.

Bob Perry
Building and Grounds



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OPENING DAY THE LONGBRANCH WAY MAY 4TH!

Come to the Longbranch Marina for Opening Day the Longbranch Way!

The dock breakfast menu this year is biscuits and gravy, along with eggs, sausage, fruit, and muffins.

So much fun is planned for this year's Opening Day the Longbranch Way!

- New 2019 nautical flag sweatshirts and T-shirts for sale
- Raffle drawing for our 2019 nautical flag quilt and a set of customer painted corn hole boards
- Ribbon cutting ceremony for the beautiful NEW dock.
- Libation station
- Informal sailboat regatta



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LIC General Meeting

April 17, 2019



LIC General Membership Meeting
April 17, 2019

Clark Van Bogart, President, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. He asked that new members and guests be introduced; Dave Deress, Henry Rydell, and Andrew and Jennifer Guyler.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the minutes of the March meeting be accepted as written and submitted, with thanks to Marsha Kremen. MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reported that our first quarter numbers showed a net income better than the budget of \$26,500. Building, Events, and Marina operations are all over budget for revenue. Expenses for Events are under budget. Marina is about even, and Buildings is slightly over for the first quarter. If you have not already done so, please pay pay for your Marina quarterly moorage.

Vice-President: Marsha Kremen noted that we are still looking someone to fill a one year term as vice-president and as secretary. The Nominating Committee's formal report will be delivered in May.

President: Clark reported on the progress with our preservation grants. The bank of five windows on the west side of the building have been removed and the area boarded

up. The refurbished windows will be reinstalled in four to five weeks.

We are applying for another grant to hire a structural engineer, to determine the load-bearing capacity of the LIC building, with a view to installing insulation, and a new roof.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Nancy Carr asked that if you have not paid your membership dues, please do so.

Events: Bob Green called for volunteers for the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend Dance - and for events in general!

Building and Grounds: Bob Perry reported on a number of changes and upgrades to the LIC building. A new AV and PA system is in the process of being installed, including a 180 inch screen, 2.5k projector and new lighting. A new propane service is in the investigative phase.

Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th, beginning at 9 a.m. All volunteers are welcome and please bring hand mowers, rakes, and pruners. Bob will provide a lunch of margaritas, beer and barbecue!

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LIC General Meeting April 17, 2019



Marina: Robert Theisen disclosed that the electrical system upgrade is a bigger job than anticipated but that it is coming along, and he is hoping that it will be completed by Opening Day, May 4th.

Robert noted that the general rule for moorage is that, the greater of the vessel length, or slip length, is the required moorage fee. However, the new slips (A13 through A20) are somewhat narrow, considering their length. Therefore, he requested the membership to allow for flexible pricing for temporary moorage, only for these slips. MSP.

Sunshine Lady: Cheril Allen said that, if you ordered an Opening Day shirt, please pick it up.

A card was sent to Meg Davis, who had been in the hospital.

Newsletter: A reminder that, if you have an article to submit, get it to Tanya Perry by the 25th of the month.

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

Barb Floyd spoke of the upcoming Community Livable Fair at the Vaughn Civic Center, May 4th, beginning at 10 a.m. and featuring many community groups. If you are able to volunteer (representing the LIC and TLF) please contact her or Lauren Fanning.

We received a note from Peninsula Hawks Scholarship Fund, thanking the members of the LIC for the donation of \$8,000 in scholarships. Don Berger, Chair of the Higher Education Scholarship Committee, thanked the members of the committee - Brett Allen, Carolyn Carr, and Robyn Enders - for their hard work. This year's recipients will be announced at the Hawks May meeting. Don spoke with the recipients of the Recurring Scholarships - where they are going to school and what their areas of interest are.

Robert Theisen mentioned the Fire Department's spaghetti fund-raising dinner, May 18th, and asked that we support it.

Clark, on behalf of the membership, said a fond good-bye to two dear friends - and long time LIC members and contributors - Karen and Phil Johnson, who are moving to Colorado in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Eiseman

garden time



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