

LIC NEWS



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Presidents Letter . . .

Just what is this LIC? I thought about that LAST WEEK while watching a bunch of artists explore what it means and what it takes to do Sumi at a workshop taking place in the LIC. The dozen men and women concentrated on their easels, following the examples and instructions shared by artist Reni Moriarity through two days of intense study. The WEEK BEFORE THAT a group of extremely talented kids of Evergreen Elementary School took to the LIC stage with a delightful presentation of Monkey Business, sharing their excitement of "being in a real theater" with parents, friends and a scattering of LIC members.

THIS WEEKEND, we're officially calling an end to winter with a super pancake breakfast on the dock. So come on down with your family and your guests for a party that demands you get out of your winter cocoon and enjoy your friends new friends and neighbors. Mid-way through the morning you can watch as sailboats cross the line to start the 12-mile race of the Spring Regatta. On Sunday we'll help clog the south Key Peninsula roads as 500 or so skilled and highly fit bicycle racers complete for the Washington State cycling championships. I don't know who will burst out of the pack this year to win, but in past years there have been former Olympians, World and U.S. champions and retired pro racers in the various categories. It's fun to ride in, it's fun to watch. You should be able to catch amazing action as the riders charge up the hill on Whiteman Road just north of Rouse Road.

We've invited the Middle School Jazz Band to perform at our regular meeting May 21. These are talented young musicians in a fine program. Listening to them play for a half hour will be a treat for the ears, just as the array of potluck desserts will be a treat for the tummy. You'll be introduced to a slate of candidates for four club offices at that same meeting - president, treasurer, dock chair and membership chair. Earlier that day we'll help some dreams by presenting two college scholarships to Peninsula High School graduates. Come May 24 (*yeah, Memorial Day is early this year*) put on your dancing shoes and move to the music of "Peaceable Lane" at the Memorial Day Dance. LIC members will volunteer over a thousand hours to make sure the KP Fair will be a rousing success in July, and the Longbranch Community Church will set groaning tables of great salmon and sides at its Salmon Bake that same month. Two world-renowned adventurers and explorers will share their tales with you in November, which events chair Carolyn Wiley is now calling Armchair Adventure Month. We'll share music from all over the world in August. The LIC raised thousands of dollars for local food banks at its Feast or Famine Banquet back in February (*it's scheduled to repeat next year*), and we'll open our doors for Trunk or Treat at Halloween and Kids 'n Christmas in December - just like we did for our first Easter Egg hunt this year.

That's just part of what swirls around the LIC. You can learn at a workshop, travel to the darkest Amazon or the peak of Everest with an adventurer, be

entertained at a play or concert, do good works or eat good food. We'll have some weddings, probably a wake, and we'll undertake to clean up our roads. So as to what the LIC is? It's not a building, as fine as our historic building is. And its not a parking place for boats. Maybe it is the manifestation of what makes the Key Peninsula so special.

OPENING DAY BREAKFAST

May 3rd Dock Breakfast
8 AM - NOON
Bring Friends & Family

Word of caution for those with mobility problems; The ramp is going to be steep because of low tides.



REGATTA:

Captains meeting 9 AM
Race starts at 10 AM
The race is a 12 mile loop.
Picnic follows at the cabana.

General Meeting Minutes

MINUTES 4-16-2008

6:30 p.m. dessert meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Our President, Stu Stuhaug, opened the meeting with the introduction of guest speaker, Calvin Goings. He is a member of the Pierce County Council and a candidate for County Executive.

The minutes of the last meeting were corrected with the spelling of Ann Dearing's name.

Our web page will list members giving names and phone numbers. If you do not wish to have your name on this list, respond in writing via April newsletter.

Evergreen Elementary School will present the play "Monkey Business" at the LIC Saturday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m.. All are invited.

The Key Peninsula Middle School Jazz Band will perform at the May 21st LIC dessert meeting.

The Longbranch Improvement Club Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the positions of President, Treasurer, Membership Chair and Dock Chair, with the election to be held at the regular meeting June 18th.

Mark Runions stated there will be an excellent band for the Memorial Day Dance, May 24th. Volunteers are needed for the dance as well as August 2nd for this year's "Beyond Borders" event.

May 3rd will be our annual "Opening Day Breakfast" at the Dock for members and guests. This is a donation event, from 8:00 to twelve noon, with a regatta to follow.

It was MSP that the LIC make a \$200.00 donation to the Key Peninsula News to help defray costs of producing a picture book on the Peninsula.

Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair, announced the upcoming events.

Theresa Gano announced complementary vessel inspections by US Power Squadron at the LIC Marina April 26th.

Tim Heitzman, Treasurer, has applied for a property tax exemption on our building which will net a savings of \$1,200.00 per year.

Dean Latshaw, Dock Chair, requested volunteer help with dock painting projects.

*Respectfully submitted,
Connie Hildahl, Secretary*

Membership Report . . .

*Submitted by Sue Stuhaug,
Membership Chair*

We have 111 PAID and one NEW membership; The club welcomes Calvin Goings. Cal is a candidate for the office of Pierce County Executive and lives in Tacoma. He introduced himself to the April membership and fielded questions from our members.



Impressed by the ability of Events Chair, Carolyn Wiley to toss coffee in his direction, he (Calvin Goings) took out an Associate Membership.

While the club didn't have a lot of activities slated for April, members did manage to put in a total of 108 hours.

We need one host/hostess for the May 21 dessert meeting. If interested contact me at 884-3685 or by email: suestu@centurytel.net

LIC Web Roster - Do You Want Out?

In years past the Longbranch Improvement Club kept a roster of club members and their contact information in the password-protected, members-only part of the LIC's web page. Popular and useful? Sure. But for whatever reason it fell off the screen a couple of years back. A number of members have asked for its return, and so starting before the end of May it will be back up on the page (*typing skills and electronic wizardry permitting*). Some folks, for whatever reason, would rather have their contact information stripped from their name on the roster. If you don't want your contact information included please say so!

E-mail to info@longbranchimprovementclub.org
Snail-mail to the LIC, P.O. Box 111, Lakebay, WA, 98349
Phone message to the club at (253) 884-6022
E-mail or a piece of paper work best.

While we'll do our best to comply with everyone's wishes, the folks doing this are but volunteers and human. Which is another way of saying that if we make a mistake we'll correct it as soon as we can and will apologize.

The two-day Reni Moriarity Sumi Workshop declared a success by participants!



Thanks to Dick Dixon for distributing posters for the Memorial Day Dance. This seemingly small-bit of volunteer help really made a difference!

Thanks to Pat Thompson for his vision for changing the eyesore oval (around power pole), into a more attractive and welcoming area for all of us!

AND, Thanks to Mike Hays for doing the dig-up and site preparation!

REMINDER:

The Spring Poets' Beat Night is May Day, May 1 at 6 p.m. at O'Callahans' in beautiful downtown Key Center. Poets, songwriters and story tellers will present their work to the beat of Dale Loy's drummers.

Contact Danna Webster with your program submissions and mark your calendar for another great KP Beat Night. Danna Webster, 253-884-6455 / danna004@centurytel.net

More Upcoming Events . . .

Volunteer Opportunities contact Carolyn Wiley
(253) 884-9157 c.wiley@mac.com

MAY

- 3 - Dock Breakfast & Spring Regatta
- 7 - Dock Committee Mtg. 7 pm
- 10 - Livable Communities Fair at the Civic Center (LIC will have a booth highlighting the upcoming calendar of activities. Volunteers needed 10-12:30pm & 12:30-3pm)
- 14 - Board Mtg. 7 pm
- 22 - General "Dessert" Mtg. 7 pm
- 24 - Memorial Day Dance "Peaceable Lane"

NOTE: (October 4, Fiber Arts Show at the LIC)

Planning is underway and you are invited to play-Thursday, May 15, at 7:00 at Carolyn's house. Call (253) 884-9157. If you are willing to display work as fiber artist or vendor-or know a prospective participant in the October 4, Fiber Arts Show, your in-put, and expertise would be greatly appreciated. Help needed to: generate a list of fiber artists; contact; create a prospectus; plan displays; and handle all the usual tasks-publicity, security; set-up; take down.

JUNE

We'll take a collective breath to get ready for the many activities that will take place this summer. So rest up. We will have need for lots and lots of volunteers for this year's Community Fair; Some to man our booth, others the gates.

JULY

- 10-13 - Volunteer Gatekeeping-Key Pen. Fair
- 26 - Salmon Bake Longbranch Comm. Church

AUGUST

- 2 - "Beyond the Borders" Music Festival
LIC & Two Waters Arts Alliance
- 16 - Old Timers Day Key Peninsula Community Services
- 30 - Labor Day Dance "The Daily Flash"

SEPTEMBER

- 20 - Jazz Musette Concert

OCTOBER

- 4 - LIC Fiber Arts Show - KP Farm Tour

NOVEMBER

- (Armchair Adventure Month)
- 15 - Dan Mazur: Challenging Everest
- 19 - Helen Thayer LIC & KC Library Friends

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Dance "Swing Fever"

FAMILY PROGRAMS

- Oct. 31 - Trunk or Treat (LIC & Evergreen PTA)
- Dec. 14 - Kids & Christmas Toys for Tots, Girl Scout's Unit 22

EPA Permit for Recreational Boats:

As most everyone knows; unless legislation is passed, we all will need an EPA permit to operate our boats after September 2008.

But, YOU can urge your Senators to co-sponsor S. 2766 - The Clean Boating Act of 2008.
Call Senator Maria Cantwell: 202.224.3441
Call Senator Patty Murray: 202.224.2621
OR, go to www.BoatBlue.org to write a letter

NBF Legislative Director's Report at Annual Meeting - Hyannis Yacht Club 4-12-08

Since the previous bills introduced have not succeeded, a new bill has been introduced by Senate Environment and Public Works Chairwoman Barbara Boxer (D-CA). S2766, The Clean Boating Act of 2008, fully restores the longstanding exemption for recreational boats to have a permit for water discharges incidental to the normal operation of a boat. Additionally, the bill establishes a three-year framework for the EPA to determine if any Best Management Practices (BMPs) are needed for incidental discharges. If the EPA determines any "reasonable and practicable" best management practices are needed, the Coast Guard would take over as the lead agency and write the regulations. The Coast Guard would be required to determine the impact on the operational capability, and safety of the vessel and the economic cost of any BMPs that might be recommended. Even if BMPs were determined necessary, it would be difficult for the Coast Guard to administer any such regulations. The bottom line is we must all ask our Senators to serve as co-sponsors of S2766. The Senate is now in session and the activity is intense to gather as many co-sponsors as possible and get the bill passed. Presuming successful passage in the Senate the bill would then be sent to the House for a vote of Unanimous Consent. For details log on to www.boatblue.org.

The American Boating Congress (ABC) will hold its Legislative Conference April 27-29 in Washington DC at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel. There will be speakers from government and industry on issues of importance to boating and will include visits with legislators on Capitol Hill. The EPA permit legislation will be high on the agenda. A bill to prevent "hull splashing", or copying, reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act, HR 3223 definition of working waterfronts, and others will be discussed. The ABC is sponsored by the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) who has led the fight on the EPA permit bill.

New Ethanol Requirements: The recently passed Energy Bill contains new requirements for the amount of ethanol added to gasoline from 9 billion gallons in 2008 to 36 billion gallons in 2022. This will make it more difficult to locate any marine fuel which does not contain ethanol.)))))))

Many have read of (or experienced) the effects of ethanol which loosens sediment in fuel systems, the way it mixes with water, its effect on older boats and on those boats equipped with fiberglass fuel tanks. This is good news for farmers who grow corn from which ethanol is derived but bad news for the boating community. Fortunately the bill does contain provisions added by the NMMA requiring the EPA to thoroughly review new fuels for safety and potential engine damage prior to approving them for sale.

Operation of Loran-C to Continue: The Department of Homeland Security issued a press release indicating it would now continue Loran operations as a "national backup system to GPS." It further stated that the enhanced Loran, or eLoran, system will be a land based, independent system and will mitigate any safety, security, or economic effects of a GPS outage or disruption. The eLoran system will be an enhanced and modernized version of Loran-C, containing all new transmitting stations and an upgraded network. NBF has long been an advocate for Loran continuation as a backup for and complement to GPS and was one of the few groups working to bring this to fruition. NBF received a letter of appreciation from the International Loran Association for our efforts in making this happen.

Wallop/Breaux reauthorization: The process for reauthorizing the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund (Wallop/Breaux) has begun. NASBLA sponsored a Partners Dinner in which open discussion was held among interested parties; many of whom were members of the former American League of Anglers and Boaters (ALAB). Many ideas were discussed but a number of key players objected to any reduction in the allocation to the Sport Fish programs. In fact NASBLA was requesting that some administrative costs come off the top of the fund before percentages are applied to all trust fund programs. This would have resulted in a modest increase in the Boating Safety funds without lowering the percentages applied to other Trust Fund programs. NASBLA is currently meeting with the American Fisheries Wildlife Association to attempt to reach an agreement. The Coast Guard is working on legislative proposals for the reauthorization as well.

Maintenance Funding for the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway: NBF has contacted the Chairman of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA), David Roach, to offer assistance in obtaining additional funding for the critical maintenance dredging on the ICW and all our Nations waterways. The President's budget for 2009 only allowed \$2.2M for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the 1200 mile ICW from Virginia to Florida. The AIWA welcomed NBF support and indicated he would like to work with NBF on future funding for the Corps Civil Works Program. In the meantime NBF will make contact with the appropriate committees in the House and Senate to try and obtain something closer to the \$30M that is actually needed.

Submitted by Theresa Gano

MOVING THE LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB FORWARD

In February 2007, the general membership voted to implement a series of annual increases to moorage at the LIC Marina. Acting on the Board's recommendation for an increase, the membership approved a one-time 10% hike in rates for 2007, with rates for following years pegged to the cost of living in this area, known as the NW COLA¹.

Quite wisely, LIC Bylaws² specify actions and outcomes that determine the financial health of the club.

"One" Dollar at a Time"

Are moorage rate increases fair, proper or necessary? These questions are certainly asked by the members who enjoy moorage at the Marina. The general membership, perhaps more objectively interested in the full range of LIC activities, has chosen to implement a rate increase to, in part, help support the increasing operating & program expenses of a healthy club.

The Marina is far and away the strongest generator of revenue for the Club.

Income is from 4 categories:

40% member moorage
53% transient/casual moorage
7% winter moorage
and (hopefully) break-even
electrical usage fees

* The rate increases approved in February 2007 were for member and transient rates.

Long-range planning is often ignored in a volunteer-driven organization.

Maintenance is deferred, or ignored. Growth is stifled.

New programs falter without support.

Many times the annual budget is forgotten in the haste to prevent a crisis.

Usually, there is no planned saving or reserve program.

Luckily, the LIC has not suffered financially, in recent times.

The Board's intention, with the general membership's approval, has been to stabilize the Club's efforts and assets for the future.

With the general membership's approval, steps were taken in early

2007 to increase revenues from all income streams to the Club:

membership dues and building rental rates were increased substantially; moorage rates incrementally.

The objective is one that all members agree upon - the Longbranch Improvement Club must continue to grow while providing solid stewardship for its building, grounds and marina. The LIC depends upon resources and support even more valuable than dollars, and that is the admiration and cooperation of the community we endeavor to "improve" in our charter.

Revenues from all three categories of club activity: events, building rental and marina operations, combine to support a rich and rewarding complement of needs and impacts. They all generate funds for the overall operation of the LIC and its programs, they all provide the opportunity for benefits for LIC members, and they all serve a broader community.

In February 2007, the Longbranch Improvement Club mandated annual increases in permanent and transient moorage rates at its marina, based upon the NW COLA. Monies thus raised are part of the general income of the LIC, and are part of the LIC's overall program of maintenance, improvements and programs affecting all facets of club operations.

¹The NW COLA is a popular and generic term for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Consumer Price Index (US Bureau of Labor Statistics), a multi-layered financial tool and report. The Board used the CPI All Items for All Urban Consumers pane as the most representative figure. This shopping basket of consumer prices is reported six times a year, every other month commencing in February. There are also semi-annual figures for the First Half of the year, as well as for the Second Half. An Annual Average figure is compiled for the entire Calendar Year. The LIC Board used the CPI figure for October as the benchmark for figuring 2008 moorage rate increases -- as established by the membership noted above. The October number is the last such figure available during the calendar year, and the last such that could be used to develop the moorage invoices for the beginning of the calendar year. The December figure only becomes available near mid-January, with the Second Half and Annual Average figures being published sometime later. Using one of these three (December, Second Half or Annual Average) would require a shift of the financial, budgeting, accounting and tax processes from the present calendar year to a new fiscal year operation. It has been informally suggested that the LIC Board consider using the First Half figure as a broader index and one less likely to be affected by monthly spikes and dips.

²Under Article 6, Section 1 of the LIC Bylaws (Adopted November 17, 1980 and last amended May 17, 2006) "In order to go into effect, board decisions involving the following matters must be approved by the membership in attendance (at) a regularly scheduled business meeting: (1) non-recurring expenditures exceeding \$500 that are not included in the current budget; (2) significant changes in budgeted items; (3) new LIC programs; (4) substantial changes in established LIC programs. *Submitted by Stu Stuhaug*

Looking Back . . . By Jackie Furrey

Even those of us who did not have the good fortune to know Addie and John McMeniman know something about them from the way they are remembered. They seem to embody the combination of intellectual curiosity and simple dignity which we perhaps equate with another time.

Other times were of great interest to them. In his book, *Early Days of the Key Peninsula*, R. T. Arledge acknowledges their contributions as essential to the development of the book. They were enthusiastic historians who collected documents, photographs, maps, biographies, newspaper articles, hand written notes and the memories of those who founded this haven.

As Addie and John provided links for us, we can now provide links for the children, newcomers and other seekers who need, as I believe we all do, connections which help save us from anonymity in a fragmented world.

R. T. Arledge grew up in Tacoma and moved with his family to Longbranch in the late '20's or early '30's, near as I can figure it, settling on Filucy Bay near his grandmother. Most of my information about R. T. came from his brother Sherman W. Arledge, much better known as Bud. R. T. left home and became a priest in the Catholic church, a gentleman and a scholar. Bud stayed home and became a fisherman, a Mr. Fix-It and a legendary rascal.

Bud spent his declining years in my basement apartment and departed this life one June afternoon close to the Solstice. He returns every year in the longest days of summer when his old radio turns itself on or his favorite book falls out of the bookcase.

Although the book was not *Early Days of the Key Peninsula*, Bud credited his brother for pulling together the massive details in a cohesive narrative which I have found the most informative of all volumes of local lore specific to Longbranch.

Before Key Peninsula was settled, or tamed or named, men he describes as "wilderness men" used the peninsula as a jumping off place for trading with the Hudson's Bay Company established at the mouth of the Nisqually River, across the Sound from Devil's Head which is the southern tip of our peninsula.

Hudson's Bay Companies were the trading posts used to establish British strongholds across the vast areas of northland which would later be divided into the United States and Canada. English and American explorers vied for possession of south Puget Sound. The antipathy of the American William Briscoe toward the British was expressed in his journal:

A problem, a problem oh here great and small
The true owners of the country are still on the soil
While Jonathan and John Bull are growling together
For land which by rights belongs not to either.
By what right the "Big Bull" claims pasturage here
While he has plenty of pasturage scattered elsewhere.

The historical note appended tells the story of the discovery of Briscoe's ditty in a bottle buried under an observatory building in Dupont, another early settled area near Nisqually. It is this level of archeological digging into our history which makes Arledge's book a delightful adventure. Reference to land which "by rights belongs not to either" would place Mr. Briscoe's work among the earliest accounts of the neglected rights of Native Americans.

Early Days of the Key Peninsula will be available through the Key Center Library after May 16th, the day I have to take it back. The Key Peninsula Historical Society in Vaughn has had the book for sale for \$50.00. I know what I want for my next birthday.

In case I have implied by use of the past tense the passage of Addie or John McMeniman, I understand they are alive and well in California.

Any mistakes found in the column are mine and I will be happy to entertain other versions of truth.
Jackie Furrey 884.6438

1933: Congress Declares May 22 to be NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

Its observance honors the contributions of the American Merchant Marine, civilians who have defended the freedom of the United States since 1775, and who executed the largest sealift the world has ever known during World War II. Observance of National Maritime Day also honors the maritime industry and the benefits it brings Americans in terms of transportation, jobs, goods, and recreational opportunities.

And, **DID YOU KNOW . . .**

National Maritime Day has been declared a Day of Remembrance and Prayer for Mariners and People of the Sea by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

This Day of Remembrance and Prayer will be observed nationwide on May 22nd, 2008.

THE DAILY MOTIVATOR . . .

Monday, April 21, 2008

Submitted by Marlies VanCise

Choose Your Commitments

You won't be able to commit to anything if you try to commit to everything. Be willing to "say no" to the things that are not really important, and you'll be able to "say yes", in a big way, to those things that are most meaningful.

A few, carefully selected, quality commitments will bring much more value to your life than a whole calendar full of shallow, relatively meaningless ones. The depth and meaning of life's experiences matter more than the sheer volume of them.



Just because you're busy doesn't necessarily mean you're making real progress. Take some time to consider just where all that activity is taking you.

Life is filled with all sorts of wonderful opportunities for real fulfillment. There's no need to grab at everything that happens to come by.

Every single day is precious and unique. Spend each day moving life forward in a personally meaningful way.

Choose your commitments with care and grace, with love and purpose. Then you can truly know the joy of giving yourself fully to them.

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