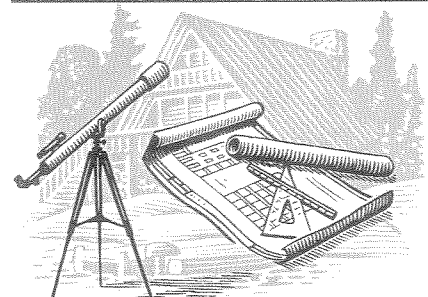


LIC NEWS

MAY 2007



www.longbranchimprovementclub.org

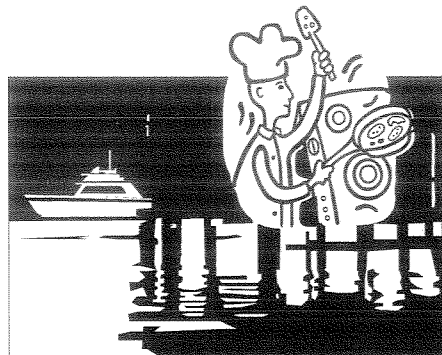
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hola to all,
 Just returned from a vacation in Mexico to the reality that indeed there is no place like home. I was sad to hear that two of our board members had resigned, Kelly Oathout and Marcy Parsons. It is unfortunate for our board and they will be greatly missed but we hope all goes well for them. We are very happy however that Mike Hays and Patricia Latshaw have found time in their busy schedules to fill the positions, welcome aboard! We should have a slate ready at the next meeting to fill up coming positions, so be sure to be at the next meeting. The Building is looking great...thank you to all those who made it to the work party. Finally thank you to John Biggs for over seeing the board during my absence . May you always hook the big one on opening day. Remember, Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer it gets to the end the faster it goes.

Linda L. LeBlanc

President LIC

BREAKFAST "ON THE DOCK AT THE BAY" MAY 5, 2007:



Invite family and friends to join us and celebrate the Opening Day of Boating Season! The kick-off begins with a hearty pancake breakfast on the dock. If you are new to the LIC, this is one event that is not to be missed. Doug Sylvers and his many minions are hard at work to be sure that this is the best ever. Donations are accepted.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our wonderful members put in 136 hours during the work party at the building on the 21st and the 23rd. While much was accomplished, and as is always the case, there is more to do.

At this time we have 105 paid members (186 members). These numbers include new members Dr. Gayle and Shirley Brewer, former members rejoining our LIC family.

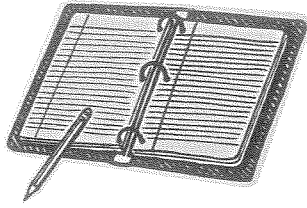
I am still looking for someone to schedule Hostesses/Hosts for the general meetings. If you are interested in taking on this task please give me a call at 884-1124.

Peg Bingham

Membership Chair



MEMORIAL DAY DANCE.
 SATURDAY, MAY 26.
 JO MILLER AND HER BURLY ROUGH-NECKS:



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 4/18/07

Meeting called to order by Vice President
John Biggs at 7:10 p.m.

Present:

Vice President - *John Biggs*
Past President - *Joe Barrow*
Events Chair - *Carolyn Wiley*
Dock Chair - *Dean Latshaw*
Membership Chair - *Peg Bingham*

Absent:

President - *Linda LaBlanc*
Treasurer - *Tim Heitzman*
Building Chair - *Kelly Oathout*
Secretary - *Marci Parsons*

John introduced the hostesses for the evenings potluck dinner - *Eloise Colbert, Pam Lofgren, Connie Hildahl and Paula Wickland*. Thank you ladies.

John announced that President *Linda LaBlanc* was ill and did not attend the last Board Meeting and he presented a recap of the meeting. The New Member Packet that is sent to all new members stated that Associate Members received a reduced rate on club building rental. The bylaws do not support this position. The membership letter has been changed as has the information on the website. The building rental rates on the website were incorrect but have been corrected.

The Bayshore Garden Club had sent the board a letter stating they wished to rent the club meeting room for nine meetings beginning in the fall.

They offered \$100 to cover the nine rentals. The board felt this was an insufficient amount and John will write a letter to the garden club outlining a rate of \$100 per meeting with a possible donation from the LIC to the garden club.

John announced *Marci Parsons* and *Kelly Oathout* have resigned their board positions. Resignations have been accepted. Both of their terms run through the end of the year. The Board will be appointing replacements. At this time *Mike Hayes* has offered to fill the Building Chair position and *Pat Latshaw* has volunteered to fill the Secretarial position. The Board is meeting in special session on Wed., April 25th to interview the four applicants for the building cleaner position. John asked that anyone else interested in the Building and Secretary positions to please attend. While *Mike Hayes* cannot be present, *Pat Latshaw* will attend. The first business of the evening will be to vote on these two positions and then to continue with the interviews for the cleaning position.

Mike Hayes is chairing the nominating committee for the June election. *Pat Latshaw* and *Don Davies* are committee Members. They have met and have parties interested in the positions. Things are moving along normally.

It came up at the last Board meeting that although the current budget has no money for advertising, the club had advertisements in two directories around the Sound. One directory is from the *Carling Yacht Club* and the other is the *Waggoner*. The Board voted to pay for these ads since they were already printed but that in the future these items will be brought to the Board for approval before they are renewed.

John announced that on the tables around the room were sign-up sheets for the Saturday, April 21st work parties at the dock and the building. In *Tim's* absence John said it looked like we were O.K. financially. Three or four copies of the financial information were available around the room.

Another item brought to the Board at the April meeting concerned the new rates for transient moorage at the marina. The general membership had voted to increase the rate 10%. Dean brought a comparison with other marina and we are higher than any of the marinas on the list. He expressed concern we would price ourselves out of the market and lose transient moorage. Boating season about the begin and new signs covering moorage rates will be going up at the marina. He will cover this in his report.

Guy Allen from the Fire Department was introduced, but did not speak.

Dock Report: Dean wants members to know that visiting boaters have x amount of dollars and with the cost of fuel, if we push up our rates we will lose boaters. He feels we should stay with the status quo at this time. When the store is opened it will help and then maybe we can raise prices. Joe Barrow asked for a projections of reservations. Most boaters are unaware of the new rates. One club called, was given new rates and will call back. Mark Jones reiterated Dean's concerns, saying booking for next month are down a little, but that is pretty well happening all over the area. Don Davies asked about rumblings among boaters and Dean said the \$0.55 per foot is not the problem but the increase in the electricity rate is a problem. Pat Latshaw made a motion to rescind the \$0.50 per day increase and stay with the current \$4.50 per day rate for electricity. Bob Halligan seconded it. Discussion followed. Mike Hayes asked if anyone else was below \$5. Dean said some were the same. Sandy Black asked what marinas were on the comparison list. Harry Faas said we are the highest of the places polled near us and that we are generally known as the most expensive in the South Sound. We were high at \$4.50. Randy Carr said boaters as a whole are nice, but if they think they are being burned at this marina they will leave us. Dean said we are making profit on the electricity - Transients are carrying the load and some members are overusing electricity. Stu Stuhaug asked if we could put up a small store on the dock. Too much weight.

The vote was called for on the motion. Motion passed. The rate will be \$4.50 per day for electricity for transient moorage.

Dean continued his report. Things are going well, transient moorage is starting. There has been one barge that has come in for a week or so at a time, which has helped the bottom line at the marina.

Dock Master Report:

Mark Jones announced the spring cleanup on Sat. 4/21, 9:00 - 4:30. Weather permitting, there will be electrical work and painting jobs. Everything is doing well. The Tacoma Yacht Club is coming in next weekend with 25- 30 boats. Sandy asked if they had obtained the light for the dock and Dean said he would talk to him after the meeting. The dock breakfast is on the 5th with a regatta to follow. The Wooden Boat Yacht Club will be in the following weekend.

Membership report:

Peg reported that at this time we have 105 paid memberships (186 members). These numbers include Dr. Gayle and Shirley Brewer, former members rejoining the LIC. Peg is still looking for someone to handle the scheduling of hostesses/hosts for the general meeting nights. Please call her if you are interested in taking on this task. Associate member Len Tussler said he is thinking of not renewing his membership. He feels he gets little benefit from membership. He feels Associate Members should have benefits. He suggested we expand the membership area. Something for us to consider.

Building report.

Carolyn Wiley filling in for Kelly, asked that members please sign up to help at the building and dock on the 21st. Kelly will be at the building and Mark will head up the work at the dock.. Let her know if you are coming so we can get a count for food. Muffins in the morning, potluck at noon. She said she had pledged not to make the club pay for flowers for the building and solicited money donations for flowers.

Events report:

Memorial Day dance tickets will be \$12. Jo Miller and Her Burly Roughnecks will perform. They are a five piece rockabilly group. Mark Runions said they are great, good clean fun. Mark is responsible for getting money from Two Waters Art Alliance for a concert here August 4th. He said thank you to the Angel Guild for donating money to Two Waters for this event. He is negotiating for bands for this event. Music from Beyond the Borders. Different types of music, singing and instrumental. It will be a daytime event with international flavored foods and art. Sue Stuhaug thinks we need some sort of board to show what we are doing in the LIC. We have one, it just is not up at this time. The Contra Dance was handled by Tussler and Ashley Baillie and cleared \$103. The boat cruise to McMicken Island consisted on two boats. Bob Halligan and Mark Runions.

The exercise classes could use more bodies meeting Tuesday mornings. There are also Tuesday and Thursday morning and evening yoga classes. Expenses are being covered but could use more people. There is walking in the large room for just a donation, but we have no walkers at this time. They would be welcome.

May 5th is the dock breakfast. Doug Sylvers is chairing this event and he and his committee are hard at work. This is members and guests at no charge but a donation would be appreciated.

A regatta will follow but is not an LIC sponsored event. Contact Pat Thompson if interested.

Kelly Oathout, John Biggs and Carolyn checked out the building in regards to the list from the Fire Marshall. These jobs need to be done before we can obtain a liquor permit for the Memorial Day Dance.

Building Scheduler - Marlies Van Cise is accessing the phone messages. There will be lots of weddings. A chair inventory will be done on Saturday.

Fair Board Rep. Vickie Biggs said things are going well and the board is working really well together. Lots of good things happening with this year's fair, an expanded youth night, good entertainment, good bands, mechanical bull, tractor pull, just a fun time. The Children's Home Society has a 15 person van and will ferry people from the marina. Joe Barrow announced the LIC will be doing ticket sales again this year, people will be called. Joe Barrow announced the LIC will be doing ticket sales again this year, people will be called. If you are interested in doing this and have not done it before, give Joe a call. There will a pre-ticket party at Joe's. Vickie Biggs, Mike Hayes, Lisa and George Bryan and Joe Barrow are LIC members actively involved with the fair.

Marlies announced there is a master building calendar posted outside the office door if you want to check out up coming events.

Mark Jones asked that sailboat owners at the marina please check to make sure your halyards are tied up and not rattling. Very annoying for visiting boaters when they are noisy.

Scholarship raffle was held by Marilyn Hazelquist.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

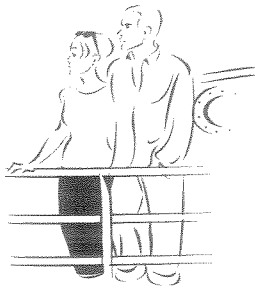
Peg Bingham Acting Secretary



MEMORIAL DAY
DANCE. SATURDAY,
MAY 26. JO MILLER
AND HER BURLY
ROUGHNECKS:

Memorial Day Dance con't...

Tickets are available from Carolyn Wiley, Mark Jones, at the Dock, The Home Store, Sunny Crest Nursery, and LakeBay Nautical in Gig Harbor. This is a favorite Northwest band, rockabilly at it's toe-tapping, fancy stepping best. The posters are fantastic, Thanks to TIM Hietzman!.



The Odyssey Cruises Saturday June 9 and Sunday June 10:

Saturday - June 9th, departs 1:00 p.m. and returns 5:00 p.m. \$40.00 per person.

Sunday - June 10th, departs 10:00 a.m. and returns 1:00 p.m. \$35.00 per person.

The maximum number of guests per cruise is 35. Ticket reservations: Carolyn Wiley at 884-9157 or Mark Jones at 884-5137.

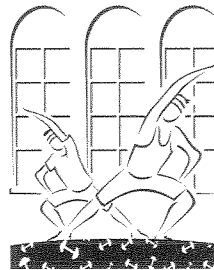
The Odyssey is a 90-foot yawl designed by Olin Stephens for a member of the Vanderbilt family in 1938. The Odyssey was a frequent winner in fleet races in Long Island Sound and the family enjoyed Caribbean cruises and sailed her to the Galapagos Islands. In World War II the boat was commandeered by the U.S. Navy and served as a research vessel. She continued in her role as a research vessel until 1978 when she was acquired by the Pacific Harbors Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Today the Odyssey serves as a sail training vessel with the Sea Scouts of Tacoma. The Scouts program is partially supported by the charter cruise program.



"BEYOND THE BORDERS" SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2007:

Beyond The Borders con't...

Longbranch Improvement Club and Two Waters Arts Alliance are co sponsoring "Beyond The Borders", an international arts, food and music festival to be held Sat., Aug.4 in the field at the LIC starting at noon and running until early evening. We are looking for artists who are interested in having a booth to sell work. There is no fee and it's a first come first served set up but you will need to register with Margo MacDonald if you're interested. Shared booths are okay. We are providing the space and everything else is up to you. There will be several musical groups playing with at least one "name" band that should draw a good crowd. Please let me know if you want to be on the e-mail list to receive further information about having a booth. Margo MacDonald mwmacdonald@amerion.com. Mark Runions is organizing the music/food part of this event. He probably would not refuse help. If you are interested in any other aspect of this event, from setting-up to cleaning-up please contact Carolyn Wiley 884-9157.

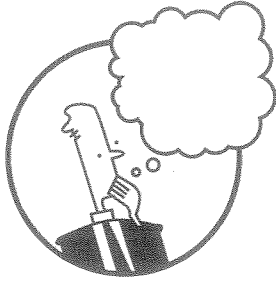


Aerobics & Yoga with Kristine Butorec

Yes, The exercise classes will continue to run through the summer providing enrollment covers costs. NOTE: There are no morning Aerobics or Yoga classes on 5/15/07.

Summer Schedule: Tuesday/Thursday. Aerobics classes meet from 9-10: Morning Yoga classes are held from 10:10 to 11:10; Evening Yoga classes from 7-8. Have you thought about it, but would like to do a trial run before making a full commitment? Drop-ins welcome \$10.00 per class.

For the time being, when you sign-up for a minimum of four classes the fee is \$20.00. You may opt for one day a week, or two days per week. The fee structure may have to be adjusted beginning in June, but we will try to keep the cost reasonable.



Naming Rights for Thursday Nights

No! I haven't forgotten. I just am a little bit behind in getting this hair-brained scheme up and running. I hear lots of ideas, but ...

Spring Work Party on April 21, 2007:

What can be said, but "WOW! Kelly's list of jobs was significantly shorter by the end of the day! Some of the jobs that require more time, thought and/or material were "adopted" by individuals and groups. The turn-out was fantastic, as was the food that sustained the 32 hard working volunteers. While the weather was not ideal for the work that had been planned at the dock, there was plenty for all to do for several hours at the LIC bldg.

Not just time was given, it is not possible to account for all the materials that were also contributed, from paint to electrical plugs, and all those specialized talents that come into play when specific skills and knowledge are needed:

Peg Bingham, Sandy Black, Gene & Louise Brown, Lynn Carr, Dale Case, Lindy Cubberley, David Dahl, Richard Dixon, Debbie Ehrhardt, Marilyn Hazelquist, Phillip Ingram, Bruce Jeglum, Bob Knudsen, Norma & Jim Larsen, Pam & Cliff Lofgren, Steve Mapel, Bob McFarlane, Kelly Oathout, Mark Runions, Teresa & Rance Smith, Stu & Sue Stuhaug, Christine and Matt Tritt & Sam and Max, Marlies & Dick VanCise, David Wiley...

Thanks to Bruce Jeglum, both toilets in the Men's room function. And thanks to Dick VanCise and Norma Larsen all the toilets have been cleaned. During the under-stage clean-out Dick found a sink cabinet and took it home to make a portable hand-washing stand for club use.

One of the most amazing and least visible volunteers was Phillip Ingram, who put in about 9 hours. He started by cutting ivy and trimming trails before tackling the area behind the bldg. There he sorted out the usable materials and hauled the trash off to the dump. He was assisted by David Wiley and those wonderful Tritt boys, Sam and Max. Another person who was out of sight most of the day was Dale Case who sealed the heat ducts in the attic, hauled, sorted, and left with a list of chosen tasks. He has a plan for resolving the safety issues associated with attic access and will be welding frames for two more under-stage storage carts for chairs.

Teresa and Rance Smith emptied, cleaned and organized the broom closet, then went outside and cleaned gutters.



Thanks to the "fire guys" who removed the small trees from the planters on the dock and replanted them in the turn around by the lamp post at the club. Guy Allen, Division Chief, headed up the 4-man crew and brought his son, Brett Allen, a brawny high school sophomore, for muscle. Mike Riegle, Captain, and Sean Whittemore, Volunteer, arrived

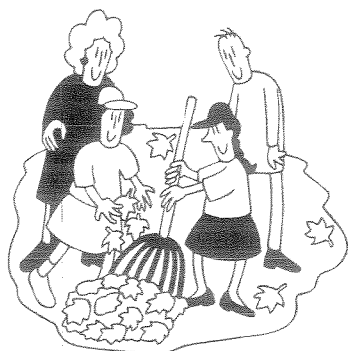
after completing an emergency run, for hole digging. It was good to see Mike up and about. He was one of the firemen injured when the aide car was hit on Key Peninsula Highway last month.

Thanks also to the members who donated enough to cover the cost of summer color plantings. The front beds still need some attention, but the north bays are edged with impatiens and the 3 planter barrels at the club have been planted with petunias, alyssum, and lobelia.

Lynn Carr worked anywhere there was a need (imagine all the plugs in the kitchen work!) and then took the portable stage steps home and will be designing and welding detachable hand rails. He also has plans for improving several other things around the building.

Kelly Oathout and his crew Stu Stuhaug, Sandy Black, Gene Brown, Richard Dixon, & Bruce Jeglum went through the Fire Marshal's list to resolve those issues-only a few remain and Kelly will follow up. Locking covers were installed on the thermostats.

The gardening crew Sue Stuhaug, Lindy Cubberley, Steve Mapel and Bob Knudsen, cleaned up the flower beds and bays. And Mark Runions



leveled the graded drainage area by the driveway to get ready for "mowing season, then cleaned up the fence line. Norma Larsen will be delivering bedding plants for next week-end. If you missed out this week

join me on the 28th. I'll be there with Guy Allen and the "fire guys" who will be finding the right spot for the "Plant Amnesty" donations. It should make the area around the light pole/guy wire look more welcoming and keep people from running into the guy-wire.

The painters, (using the paint donated by Jeff Tritt) Debbie Ehrhardt, David Dahl, and Louise & Gene Brown, went back on Monday to apply another coat to the trim around the stage doors.

When Traci and Mark Michel showed up they ended up painting the trim and walls flanking the stage. The table and chair inventory was handled by Marlies Vancise, Norma Larsen, Bob McFarlane. Bob Knudsen and Bob McFarlane also did a complete bar inventory.



Peg Bingham, the first to arrive and the last to leave, had coffee ready, organized food service throughout the day, baked potatoes, sorted out several kitchen storage cabinets, and cleaned-up. Christine Tritt, Pam Lofgren, and Marilyn Hazelquist made sandwiches; Marlies VanCise provided rolls and a beef stew; Debbie Ehrhardt brought fresh baked cookies and deviled eggs.

Thanks

Carolyn Wiley

Events Chair

Daily Motivation . . . Stand out

Rather than growing hoarse from shouting, grow wise from listening. When those around you are tripping all over their own arrogance and self-importance, have the confidence to live with genuine humility.

If you assume that people are stupid, and look upon them with disrespect, they will look at you in exactly the same way. When you seek to take advantage of others, you become ridiculously easy prey for those who will certainly take advantage of you.

The way to stand out is not by pushing others back. The way to stand out is by generously and sincerely leading others forward.

Expect the best of others, and respectfully give the best that you have. Choose to stand out, away from the pettiness and shortsighted greed, and you'll find a truly magnificent life.

Ralph Marston . . . submitted by *Marlies Van Cise*

To place your ad here
 Longbranch Classifieds are free for members, low-cost for the community. Send your ad copy to normajiangibson@romax.net and you'll be in the next newsletter

Longbranch Classifieds

Beautiful building for rent



A unique experience is waiting for you at the historic Longbranch Improvement Club. A great place for reunions, weddings, parties, etc. Reasonable rates. For more information call Rental Manager, Marlies, at 884-6022

Best of Edmonds Meats and Seafood Co.

Wally Johnson 360-649-8877
 Snake River Farms American
 Kurobuta Pork & Kobe Beef
 Free Range Draper Valley Chicken
 Fresh and Frozen Seafood
 Midwestern Corn Fed Beef

CUSTOM PACKS AVAILABLE
 DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR FRESH TWICE A WEEK



LakeBay Nautical
 Nautical • Tropical • Beach Décor
 Home • Beach • Gifts • Nautical Instruments
 Olympic Village Shopping Center
 5500 Olympic Drive NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335
 253 851-3366 www.lakebayproducts.com



HONEY-DO HANDYMAN
 Call Jeff at 884-1685 for projects inside and out.



At Home, 98349



Sound Neighborhoods TEAM
"Putting OUR Neighbors to Work for YOU!"
 REMAX Town and Country
 Norm-Jean Gibson / Lynn Shepard
 253-238-1538
www.SoundNeighborhoods.com

FISH FLASH® No Drag Flasher®

Fight the fish, not the tackle!
 Big Al's Tackle Company, Inc.
 Al Hazelquist, owner (800)535-3350
www.fishflash.com

Marlies VanCise TRAVEL HOUSE

(253) 884-5608
 LICENSED FOR 24 YEARS SPECIALIZING IN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, CRUISES AND GROUPS