



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: APRIL 19, 2023 6:30PM

President's Message



Yes folks, it's actually spring. And we've finally been treated to a few 60+ degree days in March. Spring has slowly sprung. And April also marks Easter and Passover, a time to reflect on all things.

As someone who still splits his time between the KP and Seattle, it's nice to look on all of the things the LIC has that I really don't find in the greater Seattle area. Of course, the obvious things like less traffic, less noise and a lot more beauty. But the intangibles are the things I really reflect on. The sense of community we all have. The camaraderie and shared interests I have with so many of you when we talk at TGIF – and listen to great music also provided by volunteers. There's also a keen sense of volunteerism. When the LIC has needs, members really pitch in. And to that end, The Longbranch Foundation is just kicking some tail under Sheryl Low's leadership. It's all very exciting.

It's a special thing we have here on the KP. It's a great community we have. And it's only getting better. To that end, through the diligent leadership of our VP,

Bob Perry, we are making serious progress on a few of the LIC's key needs. Our new website is slowly taking shape. Our new membership management software (CRM) is soon to be transitioned from Neon to Track It Forward, and we also have members stepping up to fill key roles.

Roy Miller will soon be pitching in as our new garden chair, working with the Community Garden's founder, David Shinners, to help shape the garden into a more complete space that people might be able to rent for events before the summer is over. And stay tuned, we may soon have a new Building and Grounds Chair as well. I also want to give a massive thanks to Nancy Carr, who has stepped back into the LIC spotlight to help with the membership software transition.

Here is what's taking place in April:

- ◆ Every Tuesday – Pickleball at the LIC from 10AM – 6PM.
- ◆ April 5th – Mason Bees presentation in the foyer at 6pm (can't miss event for gardeners).
- ◆ April 14th – TGIF starting at 5:30PM.
- ◆ April 19th – LIC membership meeting.
- ◆ April 22nd – THE TLF AUCTION, baby! Get your tickets while you can. Our new TLF president, Sheryl Low, has worked tirelessly on The Longbranch Foundation Auction and procured some amazing items you can bid on. I'm hoping to see many of you there. Should be a great time. And with that, I'll say adieu. Thanks so much for all you do.

Warmly,
Kelly Guenther

Hello from the dock!

Somewhere over the rainbow! They say there is a pot of gold at the end of every rainbow. I believe the true treasure is under this one: our wonderful marina!

We have started the cruising season with two clubs. Totem Yacht Club, and Viking Yacht Club. It is always a pleasure to have them visit.

Please note we are still on winter hours until May. The marina gate is currently open from 10:00AM - 5:00PM. Starting May 1st the gate is open from 8:00AM - 8:00PM.

Opening Day is the first Saturday in May. The event will be May 6th, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. We will have burgers with all the fixings, fresh fruit, salads, chips, beer and wine. We will also have soda and water. Please come out and support the marina. This event is so much fun! We will have the sailboat regatta and a fun magnet fishing competition with prizes! We hope to see you there.

Rick Harrison – Marina Chair
Katie Harrison – Dockmaster



Photo by Katie Harrison

Events

The special St Patrick's Day TGIF was a lively event. John Stray provided Ballroom Dance demonstrations and kept the dance floor moving as the evening progressed into a rockin' night.

Our next Open Mic Night is coming up April 11th. Thank you again to Cathy Williams for coordinating the event. It will take place at the LIC from 6:30 - 9PM (we've pushed out the start time half an hour so people can enjoy dinner before coming!) Beer, wine and snacks will be for sale. Open Mic is an all-ages event so encourage our local talent to come out and perform. Music, spoken word, comedy, magic — the KP wants to see and hear it all!

The annual Memorial Day Dance is coming up! Don Swenson's outstanding Tim Hall Band will be playing. Tickets will be sold at the Dance so mark your calendars for Saturday, May 27th.

The Events Committee is working on upcoming Events for this Summer and Fall. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Labor Day Dance Sept. 2nd.

We are looking for leads for the Halloween "Trunk or Treat" and "Kids and Christmas" events. Please consider volunteering for these time-honored parties our community kids love!

Thanks,
Barb Riechers



Mason bee talks at the LIC April 5th at 6pm



Come listen and talk to Jim Watts from Watts Bees and learn about getting Mason Bees placed in your yard for FREE! These busy little bees will pollinate your flowers like no others, you will be rewarded with the best flowers and other plants this year. Jim will explain how you help him by allowing him to place bees at your property.



If you can't make it to the LIC on April 5th you can contact Jim Watts at
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Questions contact Kelly Hettinger 253-220-7808

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The Longbranch Foundation

Moving Forward

AUCTION FOR EDUCATION 2023

April 22, 2023

4-8 pm

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From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,
I have nothing to report this month.
Remember, if you know of a member that needs a bit of Sunshine, please let me know, so I can make sure a card gets to them.
Thank you.

Cheril Allen, Sunshine Representative



“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory”.

~ Dr. Seuss

Rentals & Marketing

Rental bookings have been keeping up a steady pace, with reservations booked as far ahead as May 2024. Weekend dates for this summer are filling up fast, so be sure to reserve early if you need the clubhouse in the upcoming months.

PICKLEBALL

AT THE LIC



Come play with us every **Tuesdays from 10-6**. Dress warm. Temperature will be about 60 degrees in the gym. We have paddles to share until you fall in love with this and purchase your own.

Any Questions call, text or email Kelly Hettinger
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Calling All Photos!

Have you captured a beautiful scene or fun moment in our community? Please consider sending a copy to licmembernews@gmail.com so it can be included in the monthly newsletter.
Thanks!

LIC Member Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Board & Committee Reports

Membership

A Star Award was presented to Gary Brownlee.

New members were welcomed.

Speaker: Amber Dalby

Amber is working on a short film and would like to use the LIC Clubhouse as the setting for a gala event scene. She would like members to participate as extras. Filming would likely be in late May and take place from 5:00PM - 10:00PM to take film in both the daylight hours and after dark.

There is a free Mason Bee class being held on April 5, 2023 from 5:00PM - 6:00PM. There are flyers available.

Pickleball continues to be held every Tuesday 10:00AM - 6:00PM and will be expanded to most Fridays beginning March 24, 2023.

Secretary

Motion: Approve minutes from February membership meeting - MSP

Treasurer

Updated financials were presented using the Cash Basis method, going forward all reporting to the membership will be presented in this format. The LIC is still required to report to the IRS using the Accrual method.

Buildings & Grounds / Vice President

The board of directors is still looking to fill the vacant Buildings and Grounds Chair. This chairperson would be a member of the board of directors and responsible for coordinating and managing the work of various building and grounds committee members.

The Website Committee is currently in the process of redesigning the existing LIC website. Currently, structure and navigation is being addressed. Enhancements to the website will include the ability to pay membership dues, moorage fees, and purchase marina gear.

The board of directors has purchased Track It Forward and is reviewing member information to begin migrating the data from NEON. At the next membership meeting in April, members will be asked to update their personal information. Families will be asked to provide information for each individual member of their family. Volunteers will be needed to follow up with members who were unable to attend the April meeting.

The Longbranch Foundation

The TLF Auction being held April 22, 2023 will be catered by Table 47 in Gig Harbor. Tickets are available on-line. Tickets include dinner, cocktails, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. Please get your tickets soon as there are only 140 spots available. Auction items are also available for viewing on the website at this time, however, there will be no opportunity to bid on-line. All bidding will be done in person the night of the event only. The website for the auction is <https://longbranchfoundation.maxgiving.bid/about-us> A quilt, crafted by Sheryl Low, will also be raffled off. There are raffle tickets available on-line and at the membership meetings leading up to the night of the auction.

The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) is the fundraising arm of the LIC. All donations made to TLF are tax deductible. Donations made to TLF are dispersed to both the LIC and to schools on the Key Peninsula in the form of scholarships and mini grants. Please visit <https://www.longbranchfoundation.org/> for more information on TLF.

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Carolyn Wiley was recently awarded the Paul Harris Award and a Star Award by the Gig Harbor North Rotary. Angela Mattinson-Lindbom was on hand to present Carolyn with her award along with a donation of \$2000 to be made in Carolyn's name to the charity of her choice. Carolyn has designated The Longbranch Foundation as that recipient. The donation will be used for the Roof Renovation Project at the LIC. The Longbranch Foundation is working to secure \$2 million dollars in grant money for the Roof Renovation Project at the LIC.

Trustee

A roof renovation update was given. Bart Wolfe, the project manager, has suggested that the work begin in Spring 2024. This timeline will ensure that the bulk of the work is done in the spring and summer allowing the project to move forward more quickly. Printed copies of the outlet and switch plans, along with draft mechanicals are available for review.

President

Thank you Nancy Carr and Bob Perry for your work making a transition to Track It Forward possible. Thank you Bob Perry for coordinating the effort to bring our website up to date.

Marina

The water system at the marina is now fully pressurized. The marina is on a group well so please be respectful of your usage. Two pressure washers were donated to the marina and can be found in Cabinet 3.

Currently there is one vacant slip at the marina. These are 15 by 18 foot slips. Please let Katie or Rick Harrison know if you are interested in one of these slips. Slips fill up very quickly, so if you are interested please reach out as soon as possible.

Events

TGIF - March 17th. This is also St. Patrick's Day. Jon Stray will be giving a ballroom dance demo and possibly short lessons.

Open Mic - April 11th

Upcoming events include the Memorial Day Dance. Brett Allen spoke about the road cleanup that happened on Saturday, March 11, 2023. There were 26 participants. The crew cleaned up a stretch of the Key Peninsula highway and some roads in the Palmer Lake area. The next community clean up is Saturday, March 18, 2023. This is an opportunity for members to clean up their own yards, streets, and community. There will be two large dumpsters available at the LIC clubhouse. Please do not put paint, electronics or appliances in the dumpsters or leave them at the LIC.

The LIC is hosting a town hall meeting with Senator Emily Randall on Saturday March 18th, 2023 from 4:30PM - 5:30PM. This is a great opportunity for the community to learn what the Senator can do to address any issues you have and voice any concerns.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

1. TGIF - March 17th
2. Community Clean-up - March 18th
3. Town Hall with Senator Emily Randall - March 18th
4. Mason Bee talk - April 5th
5. Open Mic - April 11th *This has been moved to 6:30PM
6. Membership Meeting - April 19th with pot-luck entrees

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted by
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