MEMBER NEWSLETTER



FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

July 2024

President's Message

Happy July!

It's been great to see all the boating and outdoor activities that this time of year brings, and of course the efforts of our membership to make our community better!



As everyone knows, we have elected a new Building and Grounds Trustee (Roy Miller) and Secretary (Ashley Perry) – thanks to them for volunteering and agreeing to serve our membership and community. And you also approved bylaw changes that provide for more flexibility in allowing members to serve in Board roles, and to ensure that we can continue to properly manage the affairs of the LIC in the event of Board absences. The new board members will take their roles on July 1, and we look forward to their contributions. A huge note of thanks to Xoe Frederick who served as our Secretary, and Chris Wright, who served as Building and Grounds Trustee. We are lucky to have the benefit of their service and hard work – the LIC and community is better because of them.

On a separate note, you may have heard that the LIC has received a donation of a large generator. The generator is now on the property, and in the coming months will be connected. This will allow the LIC to operate fully in times of emergencies and serve the community. We will keep you posted as we move forward with installation. A special note of thanks to Tim and PJ Kezele for thinking of the LIC, and letting Donkey Creek Holdings know about us, and supporting us to receive their generous generator donation. And of course, thanks to all our members and our wonderful volunteers, and I hope your July is nothing short of amazing!

Sincerely,
Bob Perry
LIC President – president@lic-kpwa.com

Upcoming Events & Volunteer **Opportunities** ☆Pickleball & Ping pong Tuesdays 10 AM - 6PM ☆Thirsty Thursdays 4:30PM on the dock. ★Events Committee meeting Tuesday, July 2nd, 6:00PM at the LIC Membership Meeting July 17th 7PM Appetizers & Desserts ☆Two Waters Art Alliance Art Walk **Kev Center** Friday, Aug. 2nd

Hello from the Dock!



The Salish 100 will be visiting the marina on July 20th. There are 80 boats registered. Come down to the dock and check out all the cool little sailboats.

Rick Harrison Marina Chair marina@lic-kpwa.com Katie Harrison

Dockmaster

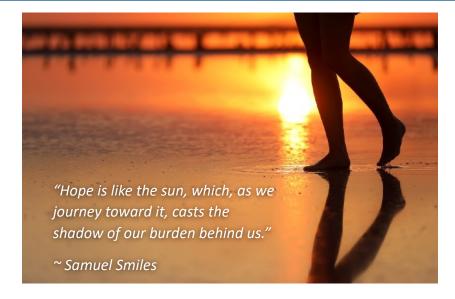
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From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month, I sent out five cards to members. One was a sympathy card, there were two cards for members that had surgeries, one encouragement card, and one pet sympathy card. Remember, if you are aware of a member that needs a bit of Sunshine, please inform me. If you don't, I may not know.

Thank you.
Cheril Allen
Sunshine Representative
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Membership News

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with the annual Member BBQ, those that brought food and all the folks that attended. It was great to see everyone and taste all the goodies. No, we cannot do that every month!

If you are having trouble with recording volunteer hours, or you don't think you are receiving all the messages and the newsletter, please let me know. You can call or email for help.

The new Foundation website, www.mytlf.org has a link to Track It Forward in the Volunteer tab. This is another way to enter volunteer LIC/TLF hours. When logging in, use the same email and password used to record hours through your pc or the phone app. Let me know if you have any questions or need help.

Nancy Carr Membership Chair 253-312-1006 membership@lic-kpwa.com

Events

A big thank you to Barb and Bob Green for volunteering to be the Events Chair(s) for the next two years. This is not their first time, so they are very experienced!

If you want to be on the Events Committee, please let Barb or Bob know.

The next Events Committee meeting is Tuesday, July 2, 6:00PM at the LIC.

Coming events:

TWAA Art Walk in Key Center, Friday, Aug. 2 LIC Labor Day Dance, Saturday, Aug. 31 Thanks for your help and volunteering for our events. More information coming.

Thank you.
Nancy Carr
No Longer Temporary Events Chair
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The Longbranch Foundation

Hi all

The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) Board has been busy the last six months. In order to reinforce our work and identity on the Key Peninsula, we have created a new logo and look to our website.

This grew out of a need to help members understand that we are a separate organization from the Longbranch Improvement Club (LIC) even though we are linked in many ways. The LIC is categorized as



a social welfare organization with members who pay to belong to the organization. Thus, by law, the LIC is categorized as a 501(c)(4) non-profit. This designation means they can lobby or work politically on behalf of their members and they can charge for the work they do on behalf of the members as a yearly fee. Donations to an organization that can lobby are NOT tax-deductible. The need to create a way to continue the good work the LIC had been doing in the community for nearly 100 years led to the formation of The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) in 2016.

The TLF was created specifically as a 501(c)(3) to be the organization to solicit donations and distribute grants/monies to local organizations in the south Key Peninsula, while allowing donors to be able to deduct their donations on their yearly Tax returns.

Our mission, vision and six charitable purposes remain the same! We want a thriving and sustainable South Key Peninsula Community and focus on six areas.

- Preserving and Maintaining LIC's Historic Clubhouse
- Maintaining and Improving LIC Grounds and Trails for Public Recreation
- Advancing Education by Supporting Scholarship Programs and Public School Activities
- Improving Environmental Protection & Public Safety at the Longbranch Marina
- Supporting Community Service Organizations and Activities
- Supporting the Community Wherever the Need is Greatest

The new logo represents our work since 2016 with our focus on preservation, education, and the local community. Also, the new website makes it easier to make donations through the website, and for local non-profits and schools to apply for grants online. The other great benefit of the website is you can now log your volunteer hours through the website with a direct link to Track-it-Forward to count your hours towards your LIC membership requirement.

We have also been busy dispersing grants and scholarships, with 6 scholarships given to Peninsula High School (PHS) Graduates this spring, a \$9,000 grant to the Band Boosters for new uniforms at PHS, and grants to KPMS and Evergreen schools for special projects and end of the year field trips to the Point Defiance Zoo.

Sheryl Low TLF President sheryl.a.low@gmail.com

Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by LIC Treasurer Jim Hettinger.

TLF:

Marsha Kremen talked about the new TLF website.

The following grants were given to Key Peninsula Middle School:

TLF helped create a cafe space at Key Peninsula Middle School. This creates a safe space for students who don't have others to sit with during lunch. A Leadership Summit field trip for the ASB officers was funded.

Six students were sent to the Washington State TSA Competition at SeaTac.

TLF funded a trip to the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium for first and second graders at Evergreen Elementary.

TLF helped The Peninsula High School Band Boosters fund new band uniforms for the Peninsula High School Band.

Marsha also reported that the TLF gave four new students scholarships and renewed two more scholarships.

Secretary:

MOTION: Accept the minutes from the May meeting - MSP.

Treasurer:

Jim Hettinger distributed a financial report. Moorage invoices for the 3rd quarter will be due July 15, 2024.

President:

Bob Perry was unable to attend, Jim Hettinger gave the President's remarks.

Jim thanked all of the volunteers who helped put the annual dinner together.

Jim welcomed and introduced new members. MOTION: Accept amended the by-laws changes as presented to membership. MSP A copy of the amended by-law changes is on file with the minutes from this meeting.

The membership log was reviewed to ensure there were enough members present, after it was confirmed that there was, voting commenced. MOTION: Approve the following board member assignments:

Ashley Perry - Secretary, Bob\Barb Green - Events and, Roy Miller -Building and Grounds. - MSP

Building & Grounds:

The LIC was given a donation of a new generator that has the ability to provide power to the entire building during power outages. Jack Dunne talked about the ivy and trails work that has been completed. The ivy has been almost completely removed. He asked for volunteers to continue the effort eradicating ivy and maintaining the trails.

Marina:

Rick Harrison talked about the boathouse that is for sale at the marina. There is also a boat inside of the boathouse that is for sale. He reminded members that the 30 day window is almost up and the sale will be made available to the general public.

Rick talked about the rules regarding marina eligibility.

Rick also talked about several other boats that are for sale.

Membership:

No report.

Events:

Nancy Carr thanked everyone for helping set up the dinner.

Kelly Hettinger reminded everyone about Trivia on June 20th.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- a) Pickleball & Ping pong every Tuesday 10am 6 pm
- b) Trivia June 20th
- c) LIC Board Meeting July 10th
- d) LIC Membership Meeting July 17th

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Xoe Frederick LIC Secretary

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