



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: MAY 17, 2023 6:30PM

President's Message



As I write this, we're going to have a high in the 70's here in Longbranch. All hail the late arrival of spring. I've been taking walks down to the marina lately and seeing people sprucing up their boats, and I think there's a general consensus it's so nice to have a little bit of sun and warmth again once more.

So what's been shaking lately at the LIC? We had a phenomenal Longbranch Foundation auction under the enthusiastic leadership of TLF's president, Sheryl Low.

TLF made \$86,000, literally one of the highest grossing auctions we have ever had. More than half of the LIC clubhouse was filled with LIC members – so a massive thank you to members for supporting kids and so many scholarships we'll now be able to fund.

We also have a new Building and Grounds Chair, Chris Wright. He comes to the LIC with decades of commercial construction experience so he will be a very welcome new board member. If you see him, please thank him.

On the flip-side of things, the LIC has some serious things to consider and fund. Our cash cow, the way the LIC makes the majority of its revenue, is the marina. We have well over a million dollars in improvements that need to take place in the next nine years. And we're slowly but surely on track for that. Marina chair Rick Harrison is keeping the board well-apprised of what we need to do when.

The LIC's roof on the other hand is our bigger challenge. Trustee-At-Large Marsha Kremen has been working very hard with architect Bart Wolfe. And they've come up with a plan to replace the roof but the price tag isn't small: \$2.9 million. We were ready to buy the permit sets for that plan, which would cost the LIC more than \$35,000, when we found out last week a key state funding source we were hoping to fund us for close to a million dollars did not fund the LIC at all. As president, I've delayed buying those permits because whether we like it or not, the US is slowly sliding into recession. While the permits last for five few years, it would mean we'd have to secure at least \$2.3 million in the next four years to still

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Here's what's taking place in May

- ◆ Every Tuesday – Pickleball at the LIC from 10AM – 6PM
- ◆ May 6th – Opening Day for Boating Season and brunch/party at the marina
- ◆ May 17th – LIC membership meeting
- ◆ May 19th – TGIF at the LIC
- ◆ May 27th – Memorial Day Dance at the LIC

President's message, continued:

get construction going. We also need to fund the marina's improvements. Ultimately, I'm not confident given the current state of things we'll be able to raise that much money in that time. And if we change how we replace the roof substantially, we'll have to buy new permits. The reality is the roof is beginning to leak and it is creating damage. So we're convening a meeting with several board members that have construction experience and those with knowledge of the LIC's financial records. This group will include Chris Wright, our VP Bob Perry, our treasurer Jim Hettinger, myself and a few others to roll up our sleeves and see if there are other ways, as Bob Perry puts it, "to swallow this elephant."

Thanks so much everyone. As you can see, the LIC has a lot going on.

Warmly,
Kelly Guenther

Events

Minutes from April Events Meeting April 5, 2023

Congratulations to Rosa Velder as the new LIC Events Chair. She is assuming responsibilities from Les Foss who has done a fantastic job in the role. Members are encouraged to attend the May Events meeting May 2nd, 6PM at the LIC. Welcome Rosa!

Open Mic Night had another successful turnout last month. The April event at the LIC was well attended and a variety of talented folks performed. A hearty THANK YOU to our volunteers who help make OMN possible! **May 13th will be the next occasion from 2-5PM at The Mustard Seed.** Open Mic Night will now alternate between both locations. **June's event is back at the LIC on the 13th.**

The annual Memorial Day Dance is Saturday, May 27th and will rock the KP starting at 8pm! This year will feature the fantastic Tim Hall Band with Don Swenson and the gang. They'll get you on your feet with rock, soul, blues, funk and some outlaw country. Tickets are \$20 and sold at the door. Plan to join the fun!

****The Dance is a GREAT event for volunteers!** We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, bartending and clean-up.

Contact Rosa for information rosavelder@gmail.com. A volunteer sign up sheet will also be available at the May Member Meeting. (NOTE: bartenders must have a permit or be working alongside another bartender who does).

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
253-220-7808 kelhettinger@gmail.com



Hello from the dock!

Opening Day is Saturday, May 6th. 10:00AM - 1:00PM. The shuttle service will start at 9:45AM from the LIC Clubhouse parking lot to the marina. The tide is not in our favor on Saturday. We will have magnet fishing and a cornhole tournament from 10:00 - 11:00AM with prizes! Food service will start at 11:00AM and go until gone. The bar opens at 10:00AM. Limited sizes and colors of Opening Day gear will be for sale, and you can also get in on the pre order of marina gear including the famous "what happens in Longbranch- stays in Longbranch."

Come on down and support the marina. Have a juicy burger hot off the grill with all the fixing and a beer. Salads, fruit, chips, beer, wine, water, soda will be available, and we appreciate your donation! All donations go directly to the marina.

The sailboat regatta will start at 1:15PM. All captains must attend the pre-race meeting at 12:45PM.

Please contact Katie ASAP if you have not already pre-registered for the race.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Rick Harrison - Marina Chair

Katie Harrison - Dockmaster





From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

Since my last report, I have sent out two encouragement cards to members struggling with health issues, one sympathy card to members that lost a father/father-in-law, and one pet sympathy card.

Remember, if you are aware of a member that needs a bit of Sunshine, please let me know.

Thank you.
Cheril Allen



"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Rentals & Marketing

Since last month we've booked four more weddings for summer and fall of 2023. The clubhouse reservation previously booked for May 2024 had to be cancelled to accommodate the scheduled construction on the roof, and those renters have been offered a discount on a future booking. There are only two summer weekends still available on the calendar, so please act fast if you need a clubhouse reservation!

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LIC Member Meeting Minutes

LIC MEMBER MEETING
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Announcements

The Track It Forward transition is underway. Please verify your membership information and update it if necessary. Each member of a couples membership needs to have their individual information entered into the system. When you begin using Track It Forward, please verify that all of your 2023 volunteer hours have been recorded.

New members were welcomed.

Larry Silva, who was previously awarded a Star Award, was presented with his award.

There is a Planting with Kids at Evergreen Elementary on Friday, April 28th. Volunteers are needed for this fun and fulfilling event.

Jesse Wiegel gave a short presentation on the Salish 100. This weeklong cruising event has around 100 small sailing vessels who participate. The group normally spends their second night out at Penrose State Park, however, Penrose is closed for the 2023 season. Jesse is asking the membership to consider letting a participant pitch a tent in their yard for one night only on July 22, 2023. Not all of the participants have the ability to sleep aboard their vessel. If you live within ½ mile of the marina and are interested in helping, please contact Jesse at jesse@nwmartime.org.

Events

Rosa Velder was welcomed to the LIC Board as the new Events Chair.

A huge amount of thanks to Les Foss, outgoing Events Chair, for all her hard work.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Memorial Day Dance being held at the clubhouse on Saturday, May 27, 2023. Please reach out to Rosa if you are interested in helping.

The next Open Mic is being held at the Mustard Seed on May 13, 2023.

Board & Committee Reports

Secretary

Motion: Approve minutes from March membership meeting - MSP

Treasurer

Updated financials were presented

Buildings & Grounds

The last mowing and weeding party was very successful. There are more volunteer opportunities coming up this summer for members who are interested in working on the garden and trails.

The gas stove in the kitchen is being replaced with two electric ones. The existing gas stove is in good working order and we are looking for an opportunity to possibly donate it to another organization.

Marina

Opening Day is Saturday, May 6, 2023! The shuttle that runs between the clubhouse and the marina will be in operation beginning at 9:45AM. We are expected to have very low tides that day, please plan accordingly as the ramp down to the dock can be tricky to navigate. There will be Magnet Fishing and a Cornhole tournament. The Regatta is scheduled to begin at 1:15PM. Volunteers are still needed for Opening Day. The Salish 100 is hoping some members will be willing to accommodate a boater, with a tent, in their yard on the night of July 22nd. Please reach out to Jesse Wiegel at jesse@nwmartime.org if you live within ½ mile of the Marina and are willing

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to help out. If you know your slip will be empty during that time please reach out and let Rick know.

Thank you Andy Gano for your work on the fire main.

The electric pressure washers that were recently donated to the Marina are getting clogged with debris. Please make sure the filter is installed on the pressure washer before using one.

Trustee

The final design documents are being reviewed for the roof renovations. Permits are expected to be filed within a month.

Vice President

A brief presentation was given regarding the roof project. This project is not just about replacing the roof. This project will also see updates/upgrades to the heating, electrical, and lighting systems throughout the clubhouse as well. Construction for the project is set to begin by April, 2024. The clubhouse will be unavailable for any use, including rentals, membership meetings, events, etc, beginning April, 2024 until the renovations are complete.

Both the Building and Grounds and Events chairpersons are looking for volunteers for their committees. Please consider spearheading or volunteering for a project or event.

The Longbranch Foundation

The Spring Auction, being held Saturday, April 22, 2023 is almost sold out! The event will feature Hawaiian dancers, food, open bar, mocktails, and assorted non-alcoholic beverages. The party kicks off at 4:00PM with a lei greeting at check in. There will be two silent auction tables, a live auction, buffet dinner, and dancing.

Evergreen Elementary was recently awarded a \$3,000 grant to provide students with a field trip to Point Defiance.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

1. Pickleball every Tuesday 10:00AM - 6:00PM
2. TLF Auction - Apr. 22nd, 2023
3. Opening Day Events - Saturday May 6th, 2023
4. LIC Board meeting - May 10th, 2023
5. Next membership meeting - May 17th, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by
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