



# MEMBER NEWSLETTER

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

February 2024

## President's Message



### March 19th. Spring! Can't wait!

If you're like me, while I love the changing of the seasons, our recent spate of freezing weather was way less than fun, along with the power outages on the Peninsula. Now I'm counting the days until Spring. I'm imagining sunny warm days – perhaps I'm a bit optimistic and overeager, but it's coming! Also coming with Spring is a really packed calendar with lots of fun for all of us, and more chances to spend time with each other. Please visit our website calendar, and don't miss the return of Suds & Spuds on March 16th, the Super Sale on April 6th and Opening Day at the Marina on May 4th. In addition to these events, of course we have Pickleball, TGIF, the Marina Boater's Meeting, and our Member Meetings. And in the coming months we will also will launch our new website, have our Bylaws revisions ready for review & approval (to meet the requirements of the new Washington Non-Profit Act, etc), and prepare for our Board elections. We have a lot happening, and a lot of great volunteers working very hard to help the club and better our community! I hope you have a smile on your face, and you're also thinking Spring thoughts!

Sincerely,  
 Bob Perry  
 LIC President – [president@lic-kpwa.com](mailto:president@lic-kpwa.com)

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Next members meeting  
 Feb. 21st 6:30PM  
 Potluck Dinner
- ◆ Pickleball every Tuesday  
 9AM to 5PM
- ◆ Open Mic Feb. 20th  
 6:30PM
- ◆ TGIF Feb. 23rd 5:30PM
- ◆ Suds & Spuds  
 Sat. Mar. 16th
- ◆ Super Sale Apr. 6th  
 9AM to 3PM



It is membership dues time again. We had hoped to have a method available to easily handle credit card payments but we are not ready yet. Thanks for your patience, we are working on enhancements for the future. For now, payment is by mailing a check to P.O. Box 111, Lakebay, WA 98349. Credit cards and cash will be accepted during the member meetings. Thanks again for your patience.

If you think you are missing some LIC emails like reminders of meetings, information about events, and monthly newsletters, it might be that you checked the 'unsubscribe' option on a previous email. If so, please email or call and I can help, if you want back on the mailing list.

See you at the next member meeting, Feb. 21st.

Nancy Carr  
Membership Chair  
[membership@lic-kpwa.com](mailto:membership@lic-kpwa.com)



Photo by Pat

Our first event this year (after pickleball, TGIF and Open Mic) is Suds & Spuds! We are in the final organization stages now and if you want to volunteer, please sign up in Track It Forward. If you want to help with planning and organizing LIC 2024 events, please join our great committee.

After Suds & Spuds we will start on the Super Sale happening Apr. 6th. And – we are trying to slip some concerts in between some of our posted events. We normally meet the first Tuesday of each month, except for this February which will be Thursday, Feb. 8th. Meetings are at the LIC and start at 6:00PM. Hope to have you join us and help with the fun.

Nancy Carr  
(Very Temporary Events Chair)

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## Hello from the Dock!

It's February already! Next month Totem, Day Island, Shelton, and Viking yacht clubs are scheduled to be back at Longbranch. We expect 2024 to be a busy boating year! We appreciate and love seeing our guest boaters!

January brought some very cold temperatures, even the bay started to freeze!

We had already drained and cleared the water lines ahead of time and the water remains off at the marina.

Opening Day is right around the corner. We are looking for volunteers, and 1 or 2 donated items to raffle off for the marina. If you can help please reach out to Katie. Opening Day gear is in the works and will be on sale to order by our next member meeting. Katie also met with Harbor Graphics on marina gear to have on hand year round so stay tuned for that.

Rick Harrison  
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Katie Harrison  
*Dockmaster* – [marina.dockmaster@lic-kpwa.com](mailto:marina.dockmaster@lic-kpwa.com)



*Photos by Katie Harrison*

## Building & Grounds

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There are several projects that could use a volunteer effort. They are as follows:

- Install a new trash gate
- Fell leaner trees threatening neighbors property
- Install backsplash on new stoves
- Move wood pile
- Install new NO Parking signs
- Kitchen Deep Clean
- Organize and install new shelving in Foyer Store room.
- Repair barbed wire fence on Erickson Rd.
- Clear brush from Erickson Rd. fence line.

### Spring Work

- Seal north doors
- Paint propane tank
- Centennial Garden cleanup
- Reseal gutters

If you need hours for marina obligations or you just like to volunteer work for the pure pleasure of it, please send me a text or phone call (txts. are better) and I'll start putting together crews

### Roof Update:

I've been in consistent contact with an engineer and contractor moving forward with a plan to cut costs and verify structural additions to the building. The efforts have paid off and there is now a more efficient less costly alternative for the structural modifications needed to support additional roof loading. I'm working on a final budget "estimate" so we can start the Grant search process. My budget still has us under a million dollars.

There will be a Roof Committee organized, consisting of three board members and one or two general members to plan and discuss the construction process and impacts on the building, events and membership. If you would like to participate in the planning process please send me a txt. You will have volunteer hours recorded to the meetings and there will be tasks for you to complete between meeting times. I would prefer zoom type meetings.

Thank you  
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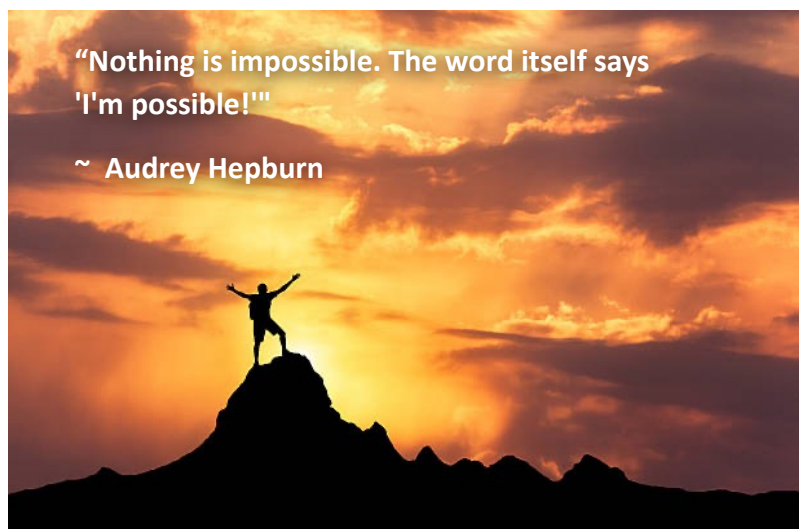
## From the Sunshine Corner

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Hello All,

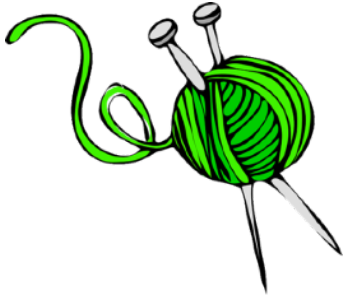
Since my last report, I've sent out two cards, both to members that had surgery. Remember, if you are aware of a member that needs a bit of Sunshine, please let me know.

Thank you.  
Cheril Allen  
*Sunshine Representative –*  
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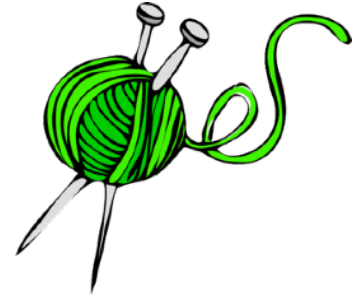


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# Membership Meeting Minutes

## LIC MEMBER MEETING Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Bob Perry.

### President

Bob Perry made an announcement about a freezing problem during the week. He asked that the doors to the bathroom remain closed as they have separate heat and that will keep the pipes from freezing. He also let everyone know the heat will remain on in the foyer to ensure there is not another issue.

### Secretary

**MOTION:** Approve the December membership meeting minutes. **MSP**

### Treasurer

Jim Hettinger presented the end of year financials. The LIC ended 2023 very strongly. He also presented the proposed 2024 budget.

**MOTION:** Approve the 2024 Budget as presented. **MSP**

**MOTION:** Accept the reserve additions for 2024 as presented. **MSP**

Marina invoices were not sent out by the 15th of January due some technical issues. Jim asked everyone to make sure that your email is correct. Invoices will be sent out directly from QuickBooks. He reminded everyone that paying up front for the whole year, as opposed to quarterly, results in a discount on moorage fees. Moorage is due Feb. 15th, 2024. Payment can be made directly through QuickBooks or a check can be mailed in.

Membership dues payments were accepted at the meeting.

### Trustee

Kelly Guenther announced that the LIC will be receiving an \$11K reimbursement from the county for work done on the roof.

### Marina

Rick Harrison said the water is still off at the marina due to the freezing temperatures.

Opening Day is coming up. If you are interested in volunteering to help on Opening Day please reach out to Katie Harrison or Nancy Carr. Opening Day will be a breakfast event. The LIC is looking for donations for this event.

Annual Boaters Meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 4:00PM.

### Membership

Nancy Carr reminded everyone that membership dues are due. Next year membership dues will be payable electronically. For this year, please mail a check or have cash, check, or a credit card at the membership meetings.

### Events

Bob Perry talked about the need for people to be involved and volunteer. He also stressed the importance of people being willing to “take ownership” of different events. Taking ownership of an event means coordinating, managing, and organizing the event. The board will help find volunteers and make sure the event is staffed. If events do not have anyone willing to take ownership, then they end up being canceled. A list of events running through August 2024 was displayed that included two events that need a volunteer to take ownership of. All events can be entered into Track It Forward which keeps track of the date, time, number of volunteers needed and tasks the volunteers will be performing. After the event, Track It Forward sends out reminders to volunteers to log their hours.

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## *Membership Meeting Minutes cont:*

Nancy Carr talked about adding Suds & Spuds to Track It Forward so people can start signing up to volunteer for that event. Suds & Spuds will be on Saturday, Mar. 16th, 2024.

Kelly Hettinger talked about the Super Sale which is being held Apr. 6th, 2024. Gnosh food truck will be at the event. There are three ways to be involved: buy booth space to sell items, donate items for the LIC to sell, or volunteer on the day of the event. The Super Sale will be entered in Track It Forward.

### **The Longbranch Foundation**

Sheryl Low let everyone know that mailers went out for 2024 donations. There will not be an auction in 2024 so the mail campaign is very important. She talked about the need for donations to fund educational field trips for the schools on the Key Peninsula. You can specify what your donations will be used for.

An outreach committee has been formed to increase our visibility with other non-profit organizations on the Key Peninsula. This will help The Longbranch Foundation grow and help the other non-profit organizations on the KP.

### **Closing Comments**

There are several open positions on the board. If you are interested in serving on the board, please reach out. There is an election cycle coming up in June as well.

An outside attorney has reviewed the by-laws for the LIC as the non-profit laws changed in the last couple of years. A committee has been working on updating the by-laws to ensure we are in compliance. Any changes that the committee suggests will be presented to membership at two separate meetings prior to any vote being held.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- a. TGIF - Jan. 19th, 2024 - 5:30PM
- b. Pickleball every Tues. 9:00AM - 5:00PM
- c. Next board meeting - Feb. 14th, 2024 - 6:30PM
- d. Open Mic - Feb. 20th, 2024
- e. Next membership meeting  
Feb. 21st, 2024 - 6:30PM
- f. TGIF- Feb. 23rd, 2024 - 5:30PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
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