



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FEB 15, 2023 6:30PM

President's Message



I hope everyone got 2023 off to a great start. I can tell you things are certainly starting in a positive direction for the LIC.

As you might know, if you attended the January membership meeting, our finances are in good shape. In fact, 2022 was financially better than we predicted. And we now have a Vice President on the board, Bob Perry, who has been jumping in with both feet to get a number of projects related to membership, our website and the clubhouse underway.

Currently Bob is filling-in as the Building and Grounds Chair, and we are looking for someone to fill that position. We are also looking for a Garden Chair, someone who can help further develop the LIC's community garden and help coordinate volunteers as spring begins and the needs of the garden pick up.

By the way, we have discontinued having Zoom meetings accompany membership meetings since these were initiated only because we had health concerns regarding meeting in person during the pandemic – and those concerns are less of an issue now. By not having Zoom meetings, we are also getting much better membership attendance at the LIC. We have also begun, once again, the tradition of members bringing potluck-style appetizer/desserts one month and main dishes the next month. This is a reminder that when you do come to a membership meeting, there will now always be food available.

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Here is what's taking place in February:

- ◆ Every Tuesday – Pickleball at the LIC from 10AM – 6PM.
- ◆ Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day and our first Open Mic that evening: coffee, wine and beer available.
- ◆ Feb. 15 – LIC membership meeting: main dishes and sides this month.
- ◆ Feb. 17 – TGIF from 5:30 to 8:30PM.

We'll be updating the calendar above because we now have a Firestick for the TV in the foyer and will likely be offering another membership event this month. I think there's a Superbowl on the 12th... just maybe. ;)



Photo by Pat Atree-Myers

President's Message - Cont.

You will also now see a food donation bin at the LIC. After Willow Eaton, the director of Key Peninsula Community Services, presented last month, several members got together to reinstitute an old LIC tradition – collecting food to assist KPCS. So check your cupboards, the food bank could greatly use the generosity of the LIC. (Note: they cannot accept food that is beyond its expiration date.)

Lastly, Marsha Kremen presented to the Pierce County Council about the LIC's continued funding needs for a new roof, and this may qualify us for an additional \$35,000 for this effort. Thanks for all that you do. And if you can assist with serving as Building and Grounds Chair or Garden Chair, just reach out.

Warmly,
Kelly Guenther

LOST AND FOUND

Found: Red Handled Garden Nippers (look new!)

Where: At LIC

When: After "Deck the Halls"

Call: Jan Prichard, (253) 884-2030 or
Email: jan@pacinfo.com

Open Mic Café

February 14, 2023
6:00-9:00 pm
Longbranch Improvement Club Foyer
Open to the public
Coffee, beer, wine & snacks

Hello from the dock!

Things are pretty quiet at the marina during the winter months. We had several king tides, the marina faired well.

The water lines at the dock are winterized and the water will remain off until we are out of the below freezing temperatures.

We have 4 spaces available on the kayak rack. Please reach out to Katie if you're interested in a spot.

Rick Harrison—Marina Chair
Katie Harrison—Dockmaster



Events

We are starting out this New Year with a new event in conjunction with Two Waters Arts Alliance. Open Mic Night on Feb. 14th from 6-9 PM, is an all ages event so gather your sweethearts and celebrate our communities' talents whether it is a reading of a poem, a musical creation or rendition or an art piece you would like to share. We will be serving beer, wine and soft drinks along with some sweet treats. The next Open Mic will be at the Mustard Seed, that date and time is still being worked out.

We are still working on finding a date and time for Ball Room Dancing lessons with John and Jeanne Stray. Please let me know if this is something that interests you via email at snooska@msn.com, and if you have other interests that you would like to see the LIC sponsor.

A band has been secured for Memorial Day Dance, a local band, The Whirlies, and we are getting close to having a band for Labor Day. Standby for details.

Just a reminder that anyone is welcome to our events meetings which are the first Thursday of the month at the LIC foyer at 1:30PM. Attendance is counted towards volunteer hours. Please join us!!



It was lots of fun
Contra Dancing on
Jan. 21st!



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,
Since my last report, I have not sent out any cards. Please remember, if you don't tell me that a member needs Sunshine, I may not know about it. The best way to notify me is via text at (425) 877-7883. Another way would be by email at brettandcheril@gmail.com. Thank you All!
Cheril Allen, Sunshine Representative



"Positive anything is better than negative nothing."

~ Elbert Hubbard

Rental & Marketing Report

The Clubhouse has received seven rental inquiries over the last month, with three of those in process of confirming reservations for the coming months. My outreach into the wide world of wedding venue registries has produced one booking so far from Zola.com. February should be a quiet month with only one private rental and a couple of tours scheduled so far.

Thanks!
Stefanie Warren

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



OR

Come play board games
and cards



With other game heads!



Come play board games/cards at the Long-branch Improvement Club **Every Tuesday from 10 to 6**. The LIC will be open for Pickleball in the large room and games in the heated small room. Bring games, friends, meet new friends, snacks and have FUN!

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The Longbranch Foundation
Moving Forward
AUCTION FOR EDUCATION 2023
Save the Date:
April 22, 2023
4-8 pm

Help us continue the important work of making a difference in the lives of our KP youth.

Tickets will be available for purchase online for \$85.00/person, watch this space!

Auction items will be available for preview online in mid-March.

For more information email:
thelongbranchfoundation@gmail.com

The Longbranch Foundation is still seeking auction items, gift baskets, and Raise the Paddle Match Donors! The Website for the auction will be live in March, so look for the link in the LIC Newsletter and the KP News and on our website. Please email at the address above for donation/ sponsor forms.

Thanks,
Sheryl Low, President
The Longbranch Foundation

The Longbranch Foundation P. O. Box 111 Lakebay, WA 98349

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A reminder, please continue to save your Food Market receipts for when we meet again.

LIC Member Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Welcome new members and guests!

Willow Eaton with KP Community Services gave a presentation on all of the services their organization provides for Key Peninsula. These services include:

Food Bank

Bread Closet - Clients shop for bread, bakery items & produce

Baskets - These are served twice a month and contain meats, produce, eggs, dairy and canned goods. Generally, each basket contains enough food to feed a family for three days.

Commodities - A daily selection of canned goods, produce & protein.

Senior Meals

Freshly prepared meals served daily to seniors over the age of 60 for a donation of \$3.00. No one is turned away.

Senior Center

These services focus on the five dimensions of wellness: Intellectual, Emotional, Physical, Social, and Spiritual

Key Peninsula Community services is also looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to them, or learn more, they can be reached at (253) 884-4440 or visit their website at www.keypeninsulacommunityservices.org.

If you know of a community member who might benefit from their services please encourage them to reach out.

Board & Committee Reports

Secretary

Motion: Approve minutes from November membership meeting - MSP

The board of directors is reviewing Track It Forward and another hour tracking system with the goal of moving away from Neon.

The board is also going to revamp the LIC website to make it more user friendly and add options such as paying dues and moorage fees online and accessing clubhouse rental paperwork.

Treasurer

The 2023 budget and reserve additions were presented.

MOTION: Approve the 2023 Budget, as presented to the board of directors. - MSP

MOTION: Approve the 2023 Reserve Additions, as presented to the board of directors. - MSP
Moorage invoices will go out on Jan. 20th and payment is due no later than Feb. 15th.

Vice President/Buildings & Grounds

A brief presentation regarding the background of the LIC and the clubhouse was given.

A volunteer is needed to take on the role of Building & Grounds chair.

A reminder was given regarding the importance of reporting volunteer hours. Volunteer hours, and the reporting of them, are critical to the process of requesting grants to help in the maintenance and repairs of the clubhouse and marina. If you need help with entering your hours, or knowing if you have the correct amount of hours in, please reach out to Robyn Enders, Bob Perry, or any other board member.

Marina

Moorage invoices go out Friday 1/20/23.

Member dues are due yearly.

A general reminder of the marina qualifications was given. To be marina qualified you must have paid your dues, attended at least three (3) meetings, and perform at least fifteen (15) hours of volunteer service.

An updated waitlist has been posted at the marina.

LIC Member Meeting Minutes - Continued

Opening day will be May 6th, 2023. This year we will be celebrating mid-day with lunch, a Regatta, and possibly a boat cruise.

Trustee

Sheryl Low has been working with Marsha Kremen on grants. Grants have to go through our sister organization, The Longbranch Foundation, due to our different non-profit designations and the rules that govern the grant writing process.

Currently we are seeking \$1.5M from the state to help with restoring the roof and other restoration projects. Marsha has been working with Michelle Cauldier. She is also going to be sending letters to several other foundations seeking additional grants.

President

We would once again like to thank Jim Sobiek for his work and dedication to the LIC.

A reminder was given about paying dues and how they can be paid.

We are working to transition to a new membership system.

A subcommittee has been convened to create a new website for the LIC.

Pickleball is being played at the clubhouse every Tuesday from 10:00AM - 6:00PM. The foyer is also open for games, socializing and coffee. Please join us!

We now have a defibrillation unit posted inside the clubhouse and at the marina.

The Longbranch Foundation

Sheryl Low spoke about how The Longbranch Foundation supports the LIC. The foundation focuses on the LIC Building & Preservation, Education of kids on the KP via scholarships to Peninsula HS graduates who have attended Evergreen Elementary, and providing mini grants to Evergreen Elementary and Key Peninsula Middle School.

A reminder was given regarding the upcoming TLF Auction which is being held April 22, 2023 and will be an in-person only event.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

1. TGIF - Jan. 20th
2. Contra Dance - Jan. 21st
3. Pickleball every Tuesday 10AM - 6PM
4. Open Mic Night - Feb. 14th
5. Next membership meeting - Feb. 15th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Xoe Frederick
LIC Secretary

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!

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