



## President's Message



Bob Perry

Are We Having Fun Yet? It's one of my pet sayings, and I think it really applies to the LIC. With over 100 years of history, our club is based on improving lives, and fun is a big part of it. Think about it – we hold our meetings in our beautiful clubhouse, which originally was a covered play area! Constructed to provide a covered space for recreation and fun.

Today, most of us are winding down or have wound down our careers, and we are enjoying our lives with each other, treasuring our friends, neighbors and the social bonds between us. And as we all work together to better our community, we really should be having fun. I am, and I hope you are as well. And we have a great fall planned, with the Doug MacLeod Blues event, Fiber Arts, Trunk or Treat, Kids and Christmas and our holiday dinner just to highlight a few activities. All in the spirit of community – and fun. So, while each of you are contributing and helping our community, I hope you can reflect on what we mean to each other and be more than just a bit merry!

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

## Upcoming Events

- \* Doug MacLeod Concert  
Oct. 4th 7 - 9PM  
<https://lic.ticketspice.com/doug-macleod-blues>
- \* Fiber Arts Show  
Oct. 7th 10AM - 4PM
- \* Pickleball every Tuesday 10:00AM - 6:00PM Beginners welcome.
- \* Next membership meeting - Oct. 18  
Pot Luck Dinner
- \* Trunk or Treat - Oct. 27  
Volunteers still needed!

Longbranch Improvement Club  
Exhibits and Demonstrations  
Guest Artist: Margo Macdonald

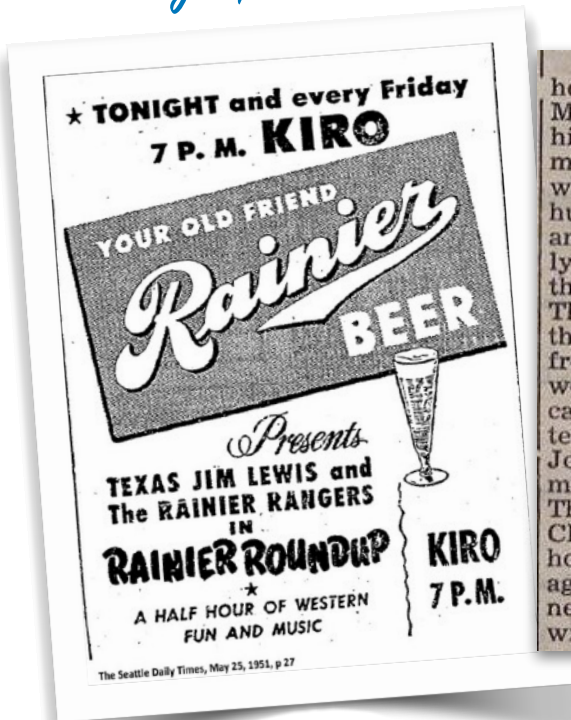
# fiber arts

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ARTISTIC TO UTILITARIAN  
TRADITIONAL TO MODERN

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10am to 4pm  
Free Admission

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30 minutes from Gig Harbor

## History Speaks



A very successful dance was held at the Longbranch Hall on May 26th. Texas Jim Lewis and his Radio Rangers furnished the music and the entertainment which drew a crowd of over five hundred people from Longbranch and surrounding territory. A lovely spring evening contributed to the enjoyment of those attending. The entertainment furnished by the Radio Rangers was taken from their television show of the week before and this, with the catchy music, kept the crowd entertained until two a. m. Mrs. John Nixon handled the refreshment counter most efficiently. The Longbranch Improvement Club sponsored the affair and hope to have the Radio Rangers again in the near future. The next dance at Longbranch Hall will be held June 23rd.

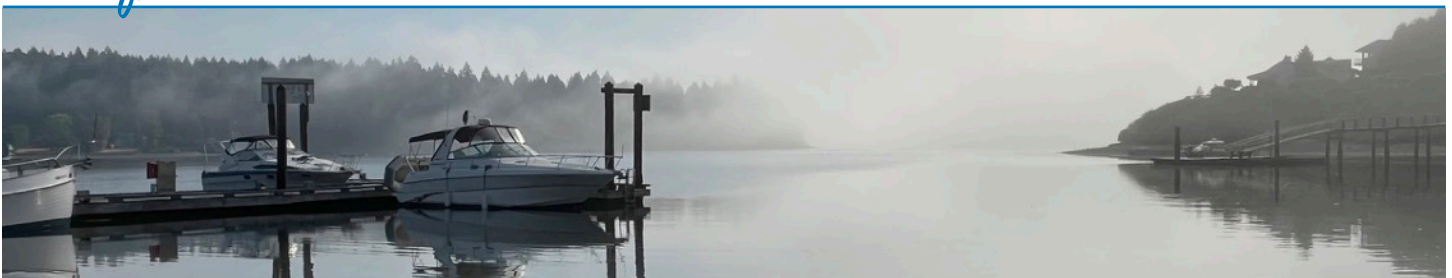


It looks like in 1951 the LIC was having monthly dances. Pretty amazing that in 1951 that (according to the story) 500 guests were in attendance. And they danced until 2:00 am. The 500 guests must of come from far and wide.

On October 14, 1950, the second Tacoma Narrows Bridge opened to traffic. So guests from the Tacoma side of the narrows were possibly in attendance too. Who ever wrote the story might have inflated the number of guests.

Timothy Kezele  
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## Hello from the dock!



As we head into fall, we have a few more clubs cruising out to stay with us. Fircrest Yacht Club, always a great time with fabulous people! And South South Sailing Association for their annual Halloween cruise to Longbranch. Another wonderful group of people.

The rain and cold weather keeps it pretty quiet on the dock and the birds love it!

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## Membership News

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We have two new members to welcome –

Maria Ancich

Maren Frost

Thanks for becoming a member and we hope to see you often.

If you were at the September 20th member meeting, you heard the request for folks to enter your volunteer hours. It is especially important to verify your hours and meetings if you have a slip at the marina, or plan to rent the Clubhouse in 2024 at a discounted rate. There are still opportunities for volunteering and if you are not sure what is available, you can check with the Events Chairman (Kelly Guenther) and the Volunteer Coordinator (Kelly Hettinger) for information on which area(s) in the LIC can use help. Please enter your volunteer hours in Track It Forward when completing your task. If you are having trouble with Track It Forward or have questions about entering your hours, do not hesitate to call or email me, I will be very happy to help.

We have discovered a 'feature' in our Track It Forward software. As you are probably aware, when you receive an email from the system with a notification of something coming up or a copy of the monthly newsletter, you have the option of 'unsubscribing'. This is very easy to do by clicking on the unsubscribe option. HOWEVER, this unsubscribes you from all future notifications, announcements, and newsletters. To undo the 'unsubscribe', the member must log into the system and check the notification button to reactivate. This is something only you can do – the system admins cannot. If you are thinking of unsubscribing instead of just deleting unwanted information, let me know and maybe we can find another option for you.

Again, if anyone has any questions or needs help, please let me know.

Thank you,

Nancy Carr

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



## From the Sunshine Corner

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Hello All,

Since my last report, I have mailed out two get well cards. One for a broken bone and the other to someone that was hospitalized for an infection. Remember, if you are aware of a member that needs a bit of Sunshine, please let me know.

Thank you.

Cheril Allen

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# Membership Meeting Minutes

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## LIC MEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Acting Vice President Chris Wright, who conducted this meeting in Bob Perry's absence.

### President's Welcome & Remarks

Chris Wright introduced Kellie Bennet, Executive Director of the Red Barn Youth Center. The Red Barn Youth center is for students aged 11-18 (grades 6 - 12) with an after-school program and summer program. Please visit [www.redbarnkp.org](http://www.redbarnkp.org) to learn more about their programs and how you can be involved as a volunteer or supporter.

### Secretary

MOTION: Approve the August membership meeting minutes. MSP

### Treasurer

Chris Wright delivered the Treasurer's report. August had a net income versus a budgeted net loss. The building rentals continue to exceed the budgeted income expectations.

### Building & Grounds

Chris Wright spoke about some of the work that has been completed. He has sign up sheets for volunteers for the Centennial Garden, Landscape Management, painting the propane tank, and taking care of the recycling. If you are in need of volunteer hours please contact Chris at [bldg-grounds@lic-kpwa.com](mailto:bldg-grounds@lic-kpwa.com).

### Events

Kelly Guenther talked about upcoming events including TGIF, Doug MacLeod, Fiber Arts, and Trunk or Treat.

Renee Harding, President of the Evergreen PTA spoke about Trunk or Treat. This year, the PTA is hoping this year's Trunk or Treat can include a haunted house and games inside the

clubhouse. There is a wedding the next day, so snacks will not be provided and clean up will have to be done directly after the event. Members were asked to sign up at the meeting. A sign up sheet for trunks will be sent out.

Barb Green spoke about Fiber Arts and asked for volunteers. The featured artist will be Margo MacDonald. There will be antique cars, the Centennial Garden will be open, and there will be a food truck. Volunteers are needed the morning of the event for parking and assisting vendors. Volunteers are also needed throughout the day to be greeters.

Kelly also spoke about the possibility of watching sporting events at the clubhouse. If you are interested in this, please contact Kelly at [events@lic-kpwa.com](mailto:events@lic-kpwa.com). Volunteers will be needed to coordinate these events. These events would also be subject to cancellation in the event of rentals.

### Marina

Rick Harrison reminded everyone of the requirements for maintaining moorage eligibility. There are many members with boats at the marina who are not up to date with their requirements. Please make sure that your hours are entered in Track It Forward and that you have attended the required number of meetings.

There are currently 19 boats on the waiting list. If you do not have your requirements in, you will be in danger of losing your slip to someone who does.

If you need help with Track It Forward, please contact Nancy Carr at [membership@lic-kpwa.com](mailto:membership@lic-kpwa.com).

### Sunshine Report

No report given.

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**Trustee**

Kelly Guenther announced that a \$10,000 reimbursement is coming from the county towards work we have already completed on the roof.

**The Longbranch Foundation**

Sheryl Low talked about a Thank You banner received from KP Middle School. She also talked about some field trips the foundation was able to fund field trips to the Glass Museum, the Tacoma Zoo, and to see the movie Elemental.

Sheryl also reminded everyone that the Celebrate fundraising campaign is coming up.

**Other Business**

New Members were introduced.

Two members offered donations towards a ping pong table. Chris Wright will address this with the board.

**Upcoming Meetings and Events**

1. Pickleball every Tuesday 10:00AM - 6:00PM
2. Next board meeting - Oct. 11, 2023
3. Next membership meeting - Oct. 18, 2023
4. Trunk or Treat - Oct. 27, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Xoe Frederick

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*Photo by Pat Atree-Myers*

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