



MEMBER NEWSLETTER

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

January 2025

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

- * Pickleball & Ping pong
Tuesdays 9AM – 5PM
- * Events Committee Meeting
Everyone is welcome!
Jan. 6th – 4PM
- * Member Meeting
Jan. 15th
Appetizers & Desserts
Social time 6:30PM
Meeting 7PM
- * Suds & Spuds
March 15th

Way back in the day (2006), when I was LIC president, Longbranch was hit by an unexpected snowstorm and freeze slamming in the day of the holiday dinner.

With turkeys in the oven etc. I canceled the dinner. 6 inches of snow on the ground at midday and heavy snow falling. No snowplows were on the way. Turkeys, veggies etc. went to the community center food bank — Mike Hayes (I think) was the delivery driver with chains on all four wheels of his truck.

Dennis Stuhaug

President's Message

Christmas is here and the LIC is nothing short of spectacular, thanks to the hard work of our volunteers. The tree, lights and all the decorations really spruced up the building, just in time for our amazing Kids & Christmas event, which was an incredible event this year, with over 150



children coming to see Santa and ensure they had something under the tree to make their holiday special. The Scouts did an incredible job with activities for the kids, ensuring they all were engaged and having fun. Kids and Christmas is a real demonstration of the LIC's service to the community, particularly to those in need.

The holiday dinner member meeting was really hit it out of the park as well, despite a two-day reschedule due to the loss of power in our area. Dinner was amazing, and the highlight of the evening was our annual recognition of our truly dedicated volunteers with the Star awards, as well as the volunteer of the quarter awardee.

At dinner, I could not help but keep thinking about all the wonderful contributions of the LIC to our community over more than a century. We all have so much to be proud of as we continue this legacy. In closing, I hope you have a wonderful holiday, and kick off a great new year in the coming days!

Sincerely,
Bob Perry
President
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*Happy
New Year*

Hello from the Dock!

We had our annual chili feed and lighted boat display at the marina Dec. 7th. This year we had a contest for best dressed vessel and the winners were Jim and Dianna Craig. The prize included 2 marina hoodies donated by the board, and your marina chair Rick Harrison donated an oil change and tire rotation to be performed by the Bruce Titus Port Orchard Ford Mobile Service Team! Congratulations to the Craig's!

The water is currently still on at the marina and moorage tenants will be notified if and when conditions warrant system winterization.

Please make sure to have any volunteers hours you performed for the marina in 2024 reported no later than Jan. 10th 2025.

Clubs start returning in March and the calendar is packed with multiple clubs enjoying the marina the entire month.

Thank you to all of our members for your hard work at the marina in 2024, here's to an incredible 2025!

Rick Harrison
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Katie Harrison
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Photo by Katie Harrison

Building & Grounds

It is the end of 2024, and the six month point of my efforts in this position. My initial response as I look back is a unequivocal...YIKES!

As a contractor, I expected it was going to be a pretty steep learning curve..., it was, and it still is! The layers and processes and back stories and dots that need connected before anything happens..., are necessary. And, damned annoying!

My hat is off to those that came before me. Chris Wright. Jim Sobieck. Bob Perry, and, all those I do not know...

My categories are prioritized in this order: Repairs, Maintenance, Improvements. The Repairs that pop up are usually not very cooperative as to when they appear, and tend to screw up most everything already on my plate. The Maintenance items are the opposite...continuous, lurking, and always present. The Improvements are harder to get to but they are happening. The plans for 2025 are ambitious; many areas need serious attention. I hope you can help when the time comes...

Finally, to those members that have said, "Yes", when I needed help. You know who you are... A very sincere, "Thank you."

Roy Miller
Building & Grounds Chair
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Events

It is hard to believe that another year has slipped by us. December was a busy month and everyone who contributed to Decorating the Halls, Kids & Christmas, the Membership Dinner and De-deck on Saturday are to be thanked. Your hard work and efficiency are much appreciated.

Our annual Kids & Christmas event this year was an overwhelming success, with over 150 kids from 1½ weeks to 18 years old sitting on Santa's lap and going home with a gift. The 9 Girl Scout troops delighted everyone with crafts, books and gift wrapping of their projects. This event warms everyone's hearts and is a tradition we hope to continue.

Looking ahead to 2025, planning is underway for our Suds & Spuds event in March. Food, entertainment and lots of fun are on the agenda. Please take a moment to look over the proposed 2025 Calendar of events and consider joining us in the planning of these various events.

Our next regular Events meeting is on Jan. 6th at 4pm at the clubhouse.

2025 Events Calendar

Suds & Spuds	March 15th.	Cathy Curtis, Andy Rebsman
Memorial Day Dance	May 24th.	Needs a planning committee.
Labor Day Dance	Aug.30th.	Kelly Guenther
Apple Cup Tailgate Event	Sept. 20th.	Mary Clift
Fiber Arts	Sept. 27th.	Needs a planning committee
The Longbranch Foundation Auction	Oct. 11th.	Sheryl Low
Trunk or Treat	Oct. 24th.	Evergreen PTA
Halloween Dance	Oct. 31st.	Tanya Perry, Ashley Perry
Kids & Christmas	Dec. 14th.	Needs a planning Committee.

We hope you all have a safe New Year!
Bob & Barb Green
Events Chairs events@lic-kpwa.com



*Kids & Christmas photos
by Bob Green*



Membership News

A new year is starting and that means we have to remember to write 2025 instead of 2024 (that is more of a reminder to myself).

This also means that 2025 dues for the LIC are due. It is easier to pay this year as you can do so through the LIC website, under the Membership tab. You can also mail a check to P.O. Box 111, Lakebay or pay at Jan. 15th member meeting.

The Christmas dinner was a lot of fun and it was good to see all the members that were able to come to the re-scheduled event. The food (as always) was good and lots of socializing and happy friends.

Congratulations to the Star award recipients for 2024 and thanks for their many, many hours of volunteering. The recognized Stars are:

Paula and Charles Dougherty
Laur and Klaus Topbjerg
Lisa Geller and Jack Dunne
Stefanie Warren

Ginger and Rick Gallagher
Lisa and Daniel Wolcott
Pat Altree-Myers
Tom & Kathryn Nosenzo

The first 2025 volunteer of the quarter is Lisa and Robb Carter.

Please have your volunteering hours in Track It Forward by Jan.10th so we have everyone's 2024 hours for tax reporting and marina invoicing.

Thanks to everyone for all your help and friendship in 2024. We are looking forward to more in 2025!

Nancy Carr
LIC Membership Chair
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From the Sunshine Corner



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt

Hello All,

This month, we didn't send out any cards, which is a great sign that our community is doing well during this holiday season. Wishing you all continued good health and happiness in the new year!

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. You can email me at sunshinereplic@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Alex Oh
Sunshine Representative
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Annual Report 2023-2024

Hi all,

It has been a quiet but still productive year for The Longbranch Foundation. We continued to bring in donations for all the grants and scholarships we give to the south Key Peninsula.

Accomplishments

- Raised \$17,600
- Managed over \$211,353 in assets
- Gave 4 new scholarships totaling \$8,000
- Gave 3 recurring scholarships totaling \$4,500.
- Gave Grants to KPMS
 - Field trip to Miracle Ranch
 - Uniform tops for the Choir
- Gave Grants to Evergreen Elementary
 - Field trips to the zoo, museums
 - Chromebox and sound equipment for projection and assemblies
- Grants to the community totaling \$7,000
- Developed new logo and rebranded the organization
- Developed and transitioned to new website

I would especially like to thank all of the current board members and volunteers for their continued work and service.

Bob Perry, LIC President, Jim Hettinger, LIC/TLF Treasurer, Ashley Perry, LIC/TLF Secretary, Nancy Carr, LIC Liason, Beth Porter, Higher Education, Bette McCord, Student Programs, Roy Miller, LIC Vice President, Marsha Kremen, Director, and our two great volunteers, Holly Galbreath, and Marita Taribochia.

We are planning our Biennial Auction for Oct.11th, 2025 and are looking for volunteers to help us make this event a success. I am looking for a volunteer to serve as Vice-President.

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Sheryl Low
The Longbranch Foundation President

Annual Award Ceremony:

Star Awards for 2024:

Charles & Paul Dougherty
Ginger and Rick Gallagher
Laur and Klaus Topbjerg
Lisa and Daniel Wolcott
Lisa Geller and Jack Dunne
Pat Altree-Myers
Stefanie Warren
Tom & Kathryn Nosenzo

Volunteer of the Quarter (Q-1 2025):

Lisa and Robb Carter

Marina:

Chili cookoff and lighted boat contest —
Congratulations to our winner: Jim and Dianna
Craig!

Building and Grounds:

Looking for help to hire for cleaning
support. Support needed for post-event
cleanup, if anyone is interested (within or
outside of the LIC club membership) please
reach out to building and grounds.

Membership:

If you have not turned in volunteer hours for
the year, please do so by Jan. 10th.

Treasurer:

The LIC had a profitable year, and net
revenue will go into projects in 2025 and 2026
that will be presented for review in the upcoming
2025 January meeting, along with the proposed
2025 budget and reserve additions for the
Membership to vote to approve.

Events:

Kids & Christmas: Huge success, thank you
to all who donated, volunteered, and attended!
151 children received gifts this year from this
event. Looking for volunteers who will take this
project next year!

Check out the 2025 events list on the LIC
website calendar or on the table of your next
LIC meeting.

Thank you to Chuck West for donating the
LIC Christmas tree this year.

TGIF pushed from 12/20 to 12/27 - come
see live music, doors open at 5:30pm.

Secretary:

Asked for motion to pass November
meeting minutes as presented in the newsletter,
motion passed and carried.

President:

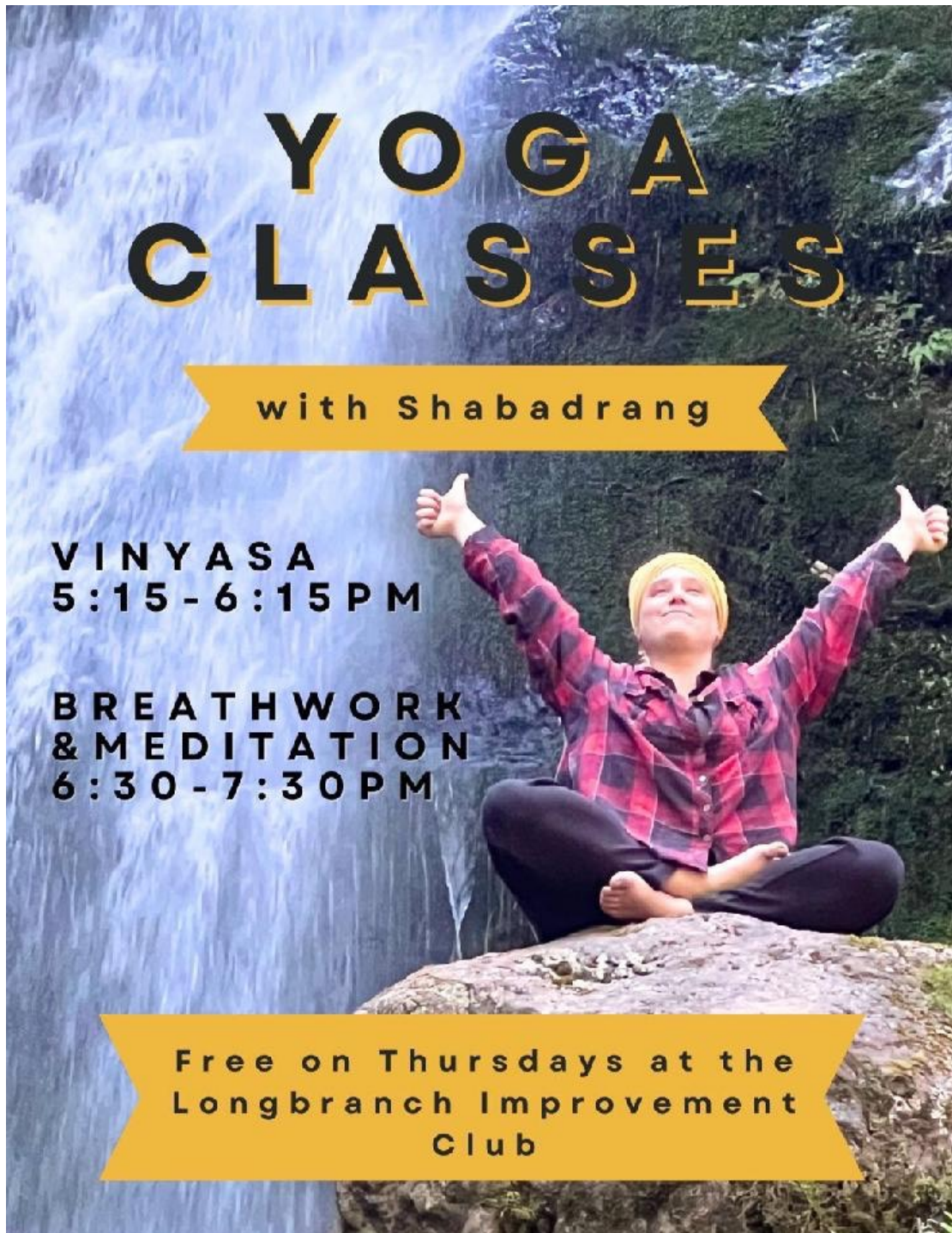
Thank you to all those who volunteered to
prepare the food for this LIC December
Meeting!

We look forward to seeing you all in 2025,
have a wonderful holiday with your families,
thank you for being a part of the LIC and making
it a wonderful place to be for 103 years!

Thank you,
Ashley Perry
LIC Secretary
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Membership Christmas Dinner – Photo by Pat Altree-Myers





YOGA CLASSES

with Shabdrang

VINYASA
5:15 - 6:15 PM

**BREATHWORK
& MEDITATION**
6:30 - 7:30 PM

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