



# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



2009

October

Newsletter

## Winter *at the* Dock . . .



It is time to start checking your boats to prepare for winter at the dock. With heavier winds coming, please also check your dock lines to make sure that your boat is tied up properly.

We have set Saturday, October 10th for a Dock work party day. There are still electrical outlets to fix and other issues to address in preparation for winter. Please come down and get some of those hours in before the end of the year. If you can do electrical work, we need your help at the dock. We have outlet covers and new outlets to install. If we have a nice day, there is still some painting that we didn't finish up this year and if it's raining, then we can pressure wash some of the green off of the dock.

We are now working on the Winter moorage program and if you are looking for a spot in the Winter moorage program, please contact Harry Faas, Ernie Evans or myself so we can put you on the list. As you know, our space is limited for the winter program so get your name on the list as soon as possible. In addition, if you have a permanent moorage slip and are going to pull your boat out for the winter, please let us know so we can use that slip for the winter program. We would like to get this information from you no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.

You may have noticed that we have had some water problems over the past 30 days. Mike Hays has been working to fix any of these burps as they develop with the Otto system. I believe that the water is now working fine. This is a long term issue that we are working on with the other parties involved with the system and we should have some options to decide on in the coming months.

A big thanks to Pat Thompson for organizing the race held Saturday, Sept. 19th. We had big winds and a great race.



1<sup>st</sup> Place - Mark Runions

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Gene Brown

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Dylan & Gretchen Lippert

A great time was had by all and we were treated to some wonderful crab enchiladas after the race by Cindy Black, Yum! Thanks Cindy!

Dave Wickland, Dock Chair

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### THE NEW BLUES BROTHERS entertained an enthusiastic crowd at the annual Labor Day Dance

It was great to see families enjoying the evening. Curiously, locals out-numbered visitors for the first time since I have been doing Events. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event possible with special thanks to those outstanding volunteers who make this job easy: Eloise Colbert who handles set up with such efficiency that there is never a hitch; Don Gill and Dale Case who worked tirelessly from set-up, throughout the dance, and clean-up; Peg Bingham Sharon Gearhart, & Gene Brown--our Food Booth Operators--and the helpers who ran the coffee, tea, & pop concessions. Pam & Cliff Lofgren are two of those "reliables" who always show up and pitch in where needed.

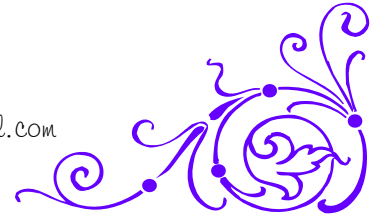
The profit-- \$1250--was about \$150 below budget projections.  
Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair





# President's Letter

Submitted by Pat Muchmore, President, 884.3890, patroom9047@aol.com



As you may remember, I mentioned in last month's Newsletter that the end of August/early September are ones of nostalgia for me. But come late September/October I feel reenergized, full of vim and ready to go. Fall has always been my favorite time of the year.



I must confess, for a long time it was because it was football season . . . yes, I am an unashamed lover of the game, but mostly college ones except the Seahawks have found their way into my list, as well.

However, for the past forever, I love the season for the briskness in the air, the beautiful color changes nature produces and, for the past 15 to 16 years, I have been going to Stehekin for the Fall Color Week at one of the resorts up valley. The first time I went, I couldn't get over the other 35 or so folks who were there. It is actually a full

week of hiking in the North Cascades from October 1st to the 7th. The first night I asked if we could get everyone's age to have an idea of what the average was; would you believe it was 74!! These wonderful people had been coming there year after year and many of them were children of homesteaders. What an amazing group and how welcome they made me feel as a "newbie." As time has passed, unfortunately some of them no longer return, but it is always like meeting family when we first get there. It is, without a doubt, one of the best weeks of the year . . . no TV, no land line phones, no cell phones. Just wonderful friends, terrific food and those beautiful trails to hike and enjoy the wonders of nature. It always makes me feel grateful for where I live.

What a treasure I found when I moved to this beautiful state 30 plus years ago and how grateful I am to be able to spend it here in Longbranch.

Pat Muchmore, President

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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPEN POSITION

The Longbranch Improvement Club has a new opening for a Contractor as Rental Agent.

Marlies Van Cise has turned in her resignation and has vacated the position as of September 15, 2009.

Because of her hard work and successful time as the Rental Agent, our Club House

has experienced increased rentals and usage. If you are interested, please contact me at 884-3890 or

write me at The LIC; P.O. Box 111; Lakebay, WA. 98349.



Pat Muchmore, LIC President



# General Meeting Minutes

Respectfully Submitted, Connie Hildahl, Secretary, 884.1400, rhildahl@centurytel.net



## Longbranch Improvement Club General Meeting September 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order by our President, Pat Muchmore, following coffee and dessert.

### DOCKMASTER'S REPORT:

Our Dockmaster, Mark Jones, reported the turnout at the Dock was low on Labor Day Weekend. We are experiencing difficulties with the water system at the Dock. Dave Wickland, Dock Chair, is looking into this.

### RENTAL AGENT:

Our rental agent, Marlies Van Cise, resigned as of September 15th. This position is now open. Please contact Pat Muchmore if you are interested. It is hoped that this position will be filled by the end of the month. A round of applause was offered for the excellent job Marlies has done.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Pat Muchmore announced:

- \* October 4th the Evergreen PTA will be gathering old electronic equipment in the LIC parking lot.
- \* A site is needed for another children's park on the south Key Peninsula. The fire station, across the street, was suggested as a location.
- \* LIC elections are coming up for: Vice-President, Secretary, Building and Grounds Chair, and Events Chair.

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Larry Bingham, Vice President, announced a committee is meeting to review suggested changes and additions to the By-Laws. He anticipates that these changes will be ready for discussion at our general meeting in October.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the August General Meeting were approved as distributed. Connie Hildahl, Secretary, offered a special thank you to Norma-Jean Gibson, our newsletter editor. She continues to do a great job! To make deadlines easier, please submit newsletter articles by the 20th of the month.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our Treasurer, Tim Heitzman, announced:

- \* Jim Wheeler has re-built our website. We need an editor to get this information to Jim. Please contact Tim or Jim if you are interested.

- \* The Board will be reviewing our insurance policies for the Marina and the Building.

- \* Tim discussed our need for long term goals at the LIC. He proposed the following four categories: marina, clubhouse, community, events and dances. Three two hour meetings will take place in January, February and March to work together and establish these goals. A report will be given to the membership in May 2010.

- \* Tim reported that the finances of the LIC are on budget.

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT:

Lynn Carr, our Building and Grounds Chair, reported that he had two propane heaters serviced today for the sum of \$453. The steamer table is now on rollers. Fences at the garbage area will be completed soon. A special thank you to Wally Johnson for fixing the dishwasher.

### DOCK REPORT:

Dave Wickland, Dock Chair, reported that applications for winter moorage are coming in. Winter moorage begins November 1st.

### EVENTS REPORT:

Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair, reported that Fiber Arts Show will be in two weeks, October 3rd. On October 6th there will be a planning meeting for Events for the rest of the year. Debbie Ehrhardt will chair the Trunk or Treat event on October 31st. There will be a sailboat regatta this Saturday, commencing at eleven. There will not be a crabfest this year.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

A thank you to our hosts this evening: Eloise Colbert, Virgil and Norma Iverson.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- \* Peg Bingham announced we need volunteers to get food handler permits.
- \* Bob McFarlane announced a road clean-up this Sunday, at 10 a.m.
- \* Randy Carr requested an LIC renewal notice be included in the January and February newsletter for those members who spend the Winter out of the area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Hildahl, Secretary



# Events Now and Then . . .

Respectfully Submitted, Connie Hildahl, Secretary, 884.1400, rhildahl@centurytel.net

## Sipple Boathouse . . . on the shores of Filucy Bay

*This event was sold at the July LIC 50 years afloat celebration.*

On Saturday, September 19th, eighteen people gathered at the historic Sipple Boathouse on the shores of Filucy Bay.

Colter and Stephanie Motts not only welcomed guests to their home, they also provided those attending with an opportunity to visit with Cliff Bartell's, the 101 year old grandson of Mr. Sipple.

The author's of the Mosquito Fleet presented a video show of historic boats on the south Puget Sound.  
\$750 were contributed to the 50 years afloat event of July.

**EVERYONE** enjoyed, and left with a glow of interest in our local history and a desire to learn more!

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Saturday, October 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LIC; Longbranch Improvement Club is a not-to-be-missed stop on the Key Peninsula HarvestFEST (*watch for the HarvestFEST map guide for this county wide event*).

*Fiber Arts: Threads through Time* will host a variety of fiber artists who will be on hand to demonstrate and talk about their work and answer questions.

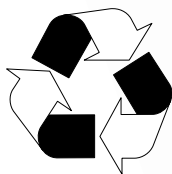
The array of skills is remarkable, while the focus is upon demonstration, the vendors may just have that perfect gift on hand for the early shopper. Learn about weaving, spinning, felting, needlepoint, quilting, kumihimo braiding, applique, basketry, knitted silver jewelry, wedding gown and tutu design, and knot tying.

Find out how local fiber artists contribute to local charities.

Virginia Gallyer and members of the Gifted Hands will be on hand to answer questions about making wraps and garments for hospitals. Bring your yarn, hooks and needles and sit to learn about the program.

The Mustard Seed Project will have the raffle quilt on display, as will quilts from the Gig Harbor Quilt Festival (*Breast Cancer-fund Raiser*). Outside will be an exhibit of antique tractors to amuse the non-fiber oriented.

Of course, there will be coffee, tea, & sweets à la Peg. At 5:00 the action moves to the Key Peninsula Civic Center for the Cornucopia Dinner / Dance & Silent Auction. This is a benefit for Mustard Seed, the KP Farm Tour and KPCC. For ticket information call 253.884,1205 or 884.3456.



## RECYCLING

Sunday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-5

Evergreen PTA and the LIC are teaming up to help you get rid of your old electronics. For Free you can recycle your old TV's (all sizes), Computers, Laptops, Monitors, Keyboards, Mice, Computer speakers, Wires, Cables, Network Switches, Cell phones, Battery UPS.

For a \$5.00 fee you can also recycle Printers, Scanners, Radios, Fax Machines, Stereo Components, Speakers, VCR's, DVD players and Game systems.

30% of all recycle fees collected will go to Evergreen Elementary PTA. Look for the truck by the Ball field of the LIC Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 10am to 5 pm.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

Once again the LIC and Evergreen PTA are teaming up to bring you Trunk or Treat.

Trunk or Treat is a safe way for kids to enjoy Halloween; you bring your car, park it in the LIC lot and hand out candy from your trunk. If that doesn't interest you then there are crafts and games inside, snacks, drinks as well as the spooky decorations of member Louise Beem.

Volunteers are always appreciated, or if you just want to sit inside and watch, all are welcome. If you haven't seen this event, you need to, it is fun for all ages.

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 6-8 Car decorating and set up 5:30.

Questions or volunteering opportunities please call Debbie 884-6382



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# Events - Events - Events

Submitted by Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair, 884.9157, c.wiley@mac.com



## DO VOLUNTEER HOURS REALLY COUNT?

That's a question asked at every volunteer-supported non-profit organization. At the LIC, the answer is unequivocally, loudly and clearly YES!

Without volunteers, the Club would not be able to operate and maintain the Marina or the Clubhouse. The grounds would be overgrown with weeds. We would be forced to cancel every event, even our own potluck meetings would be impossible without volunteers.

Following the LIC mission, our charge is community improvement. To achieve the best results, we combine the work of LIC volunteers with other organizations to create amazing results, worthy of pride and celebration:

**Fiber Arts:** Threads through Time--conjunction with HarvestFEST;

**Trunk or Treat and Egg-Stravaganza** - with Evergreen PTA;

**Kids & Christmas** - Girl Scout Service Unit 22, Toys for Tots (US Marines), Home Port Restaurant, Angel Guild, Fire District 16 (auxiliary), & donors--Costco &Albertson's

**Lecture/Performances** co sponsored with Friends of Key Center Library.

**Feast or Famine** - KP Community Services, KP Family Resource Center, Longbranch Community Church; members of Key Peninsula Business Association; LIC members; local & regional potters

**Key Peninsula Community Fair.**

**Beyond the borders** - with Two Waters Arts Alliance

Now let's roll up our/your sleeves and plan for more successful Longbranch IMPROVEMENT through events.

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**Tuesday, October 6, at 7 pm at Clubhouse Events Planning . . .**

Review and evaluate current events, catch-up planning for holiday '09 events, develop slate of events for 2010. All viewpoints are welcome. This meeting will end promptly at 9 pm! Call Carolyn at 884-9157

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## DON'T FORGET!

*Saturday, October 3* Fiber Arts: Threads through Time, free admission

*Saturday, October 31* Trunk or Treat : Call Debbie Ehrhardt at 884-6382 to volunteer, free for children

*Saturday, November 14* (2:00pm): Native Alaskan Kuteeya Dancers co-sponsored with Friends of the Key Center Library. Free for all. Can you help with poster distribution, set up or clean up?

*December*--Decoration Day, Member Christmas Dinner, Kids 'n Christmas.





# Note from the Treasurer

Submitted by Tim Heitzman, Treasurer, 884.0577, timheitzman@earthlink.net



The Balance Sheet from the LIC Treasurer shows our finances are in solid shape - well within the approved 2009 budget. Some categories of income are up, thanks to good dances and the Marina auction/dinner/dance. A few categories are down, including guest moorage which is not nearly as bad as we might expect. All our bills are paid and it appears we will end the year with a healthy contribution to our growing Building and Marina Capital Improvement funds.



Be sure to join our LIC Future planning program . . .  
Your voice really does count!

# Note from the Vice President

Submitted by Larry Bingham, Vice President, 884.1124/larrypegbingham@centurytel.net

## BY-LAWS GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM at the LIC

Over the past three months we've received comments on how to change the By-Laws to improve our organization. One of our major faults has been the lack of continuity from one year to the next. Four years ago we split the Board elections (*one half elected in June and the other elected in December*) trying, by having half the board staying during each election to keep the club moving forward. Unfortunately this has not had the desired effect. The idea was suggested to have only one election each June, all board members elected for a two year term, four Board members elected each year. This is one of a number of suggestions that we should consider. We're calling a BY-LAWS GENERAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THESE IDEAS ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00PM AT THE LIC. ALL THOSE INTERESTED PLEASE ATTEND. WE NEED YOUR INPUT AS WE TRY TO GET IT RIGHT THIS TIME.



*It would be "all the more fun"  
to have YOU come join us!*

There's a big need for members with a permit to help at some of the events . . . volunteers willing to get a food handler's permit (2 year permit) from Pierce county will need to attend a ONE HOUR CLASS at the Health Department. Classes are offered a couple times a week. Class is NOT difficult and volunteers would be greatly appreciated by the kitchen crew.

The LIC will pay the \$10 fee for the members. Possibly two, three or four people could carpool OR, Peg has said she would even drive if that will help! Call Peg Bingham at 884-1124 if you'd like to be part of the "LIC Kitchen Crew". Thanks so much!



Ask and we shall receive . . .

It was asked in the September LIC Newsletter - which talented cook had brought the corn casserole to the August general membership meeting?

Thank you Del Leaf! Yummy ...

*I hope you all got your recipe copy at the September general meeting.*

# Membership News

Submitted by Jan Prichard, Membership Chair, 884.2030, jan@pacinfo.com

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

**"Potluck" Meeting Wednesday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m.**

→ Don't  
FORGET!

E-mail  
→ Me ←

Catch me at the LIC meeting, call me or email me with YOUR CONTACT CHANGES so that I may update your information in the LIC roster. If you wish to receive the LIC newsletter early by email VS later by post office mail, please let me know and we will add you to the list!

NOTE: A host or hostess is needed for our upcoming potluck meeting so please call Jan if you can help. Thanks!

Our longtime friend, Addie McMenam, turned 90 (ninety) and is still going strong!

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, ADDIE, AND BEST WISHES FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS IN LONGBRANCH! Even the loons are singing a song for you!

Respectfully submitted -  
Dick and Marlies

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