



Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



General Business Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 19

President's Letter . . .

Kids Christmas. Thanks to all of you who gave your time and effort to make Kids Christmas a great success. This is the kind of event that defines the LIC, a giving back to the community that uplifts us all.

Christmas Pot Luck. This year's Christmas dinner was a big hit with large attendance, good entertainment, recognition of members for their volunteer contributions, and lots of help with setup and take down. Thanks to all.

Wharf Replacement Update. We are trying our best to replace the wharf before the Feb. 15 deadline to cease in-water work, but it is by no means certain yet that we will be able to accomplish the replacement by that date. Following are particulars.

Corps Permit. The Corps of Engineers is expediting the last permit we need to demolish the existing wharf and construct the new wharf. We still do not know if the permit will be received in time to complete the work by February 15th. ***If not, we will have to wait until June 15th or possibly July 15th to work in the water.***

County Support. The County has been very supportive in expediting permits and making SEPA and Shoreline Permit decisions that move the process along. They will advertise for bids to demolish their wharf on December 27th and open bids on January 5th. Where they are failing is in expediting an agreement with the LIC for us to construct, operate, and maintain our new wharf on their tidelands. My last conversation with the County resulted in their admitting that they cannot give us the land, nor can they finalize an easement with us in time. So, I asked that they at least send us a letter granting us permission to construct the wharf and agree to complete negotiations for a proper easement as soon as possible. ***This is a big problem for us and it threatens our getting the project done in an expedited manner.*** Our attorney, Mark Roberts (who has had many dealings the County), cautions us and I agree, that to construct without such an agreement is very risky to the LIC. We'll continue to work with the County on this. Dealings with the County are complicated by the fact that Terry Lee is being replaced by Stan Fleming.

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Financing. Marine Floats has asked that we make payments of \$64k on January 1 and February 1, and a final payment of \$32k upon completion. Our strategy was and is to obtain loans from members for \$100k and obtain another \$100k from a commercial lender. At this point, members have stepped forward and pledged \$83k in loans, which is very encouraging. My thanks to all who pledged. Member loans will be secured by Promissory Notes and Deeds of Trust against one of the LIC parcels, a vacant 3 acre parcel adjacent to the clubhouse. The final note and trust deed wording is ready and I will be contacting members to execute the notes and receive the loans as soon as possible. This will cover our first payment to Marine Floats. Since we still are in need, I ask that members who have not pledged, do so, as every amount helps.

The balance of the LIC assets (another vacant parcel, the one acre clubhouse and grounds, and the marina), will be available to the commercial lender as security. We are dealing with three banks and so far so good. Our goal is to secure the loan by February 1, for the second payment to the contractor.

So, unfortunately the timing of the wharf replacement is still not certain. We are doing all we can to expedite the replacement, without putting the LIC at risk. As always, you can contact me at any time at 253-219-5599 or gbailie@msn.com

Submitted by Geoff Baillie, President LIC, 884.3951, gbailie@msn.com



General Membership Meeting

LIC Meeting Minutes
from the General
Membership Meeting
12/15/2010

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DECEMBER 2010

A well attended *General Membership* meeting was held at the beautifully decorated clubhouse. Members were in a festive mood aided by the surroundings, good food and wonderful entertainment. No formal meeting was held but Membership Chair Jan Prichard announced Star of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards.

A big thank-you goes to Jan for all her planning and hard work organizing and presenting this event for all members.

Submitted by Peg Bingham, Sec.

Winter



Dock Report....

As many of you are aware, the Marina has been pretty quiet the entire month of December with no visiting moorage boaters. This is probably due to weather conditions more than anything else. However, we do anticipate having a few visiting boaters in over New Year's weekend. As you may know also, we have the water turned off in order to protect the pipes from extreme cold conditions, but the electric is still functioning.

We had hoped to have the Security System installed by now, but Dennis Carroll had been working on a contract for several months and it came through for him just prior to his being able to install our system. His business, as many others, has been quite slow and he couldn't afford to turn down a contract that was for a minimum of four months and possibly run to six months. He encouraged us to look for someone else to handle our Security needs, but I reminded him that we had already done that and there just isn't another company out there that can provide the quality of his proposal or come close to the price for doing so. I told him to contact me when he was close to returning to the area and we would proceed with his original proposal and get the Security System installed upon his return.

As far as what is going on with the County, Corp of Engineers, etc. I have to refer you to our President, Geoff Baillie, as he has been actively working with all involved and I know he will let us know as soon as we have something definite to report as far as the demolition and replacement of the present Wharf.

For those of you who attended, you know we had a very successful Kids and Christmas program on Sunday, December 19th. So many of us agreed it is our very favorite event of all. How can you not love the wonderment, joy and thrill demonstrated by those young folks!!! I wish all of us a much better New Year and look forward to seeing you at our Club House for meetings and Events and, eventually, at our Marina with our beautiful new Wharf installed.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Muchmore, Dock Chair
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Dear Friends,

I wanted to write and send a heartfelt thank you to the Longbranch Improvement Club and its members for their support and encouragement during my time at the Homeport restaurant. As you may have heard, as of the week of December 6th, my association with the business has ended. I am appreciative of the relationship that we had with the club and look forward to personal continued membership. Linda and I are satisfied with our decision and look forward to new ventures in the future. Once again, thank you to an organization that truly does reach out to serve its community. Warmest of Holiday wishes.

*Sincerely,
Wally Johnson*

SANTA'S CHAIR REVIVED!

Many thanks to Robin Gould for beautifully reupholstering Santa's chair before the jolly man arrived by fire truck for Kids and Christmas. Santa was most gratified to find the cushion so soft and Mrs. Santa declared the green fabric and red piping "perfect!" Many thanks, too, to Dolores Argabright for paying for the materials.

Upcoming Events!

Saturday, January 8, 10:00 a.m.

'DE-DECORATING DAY.

**Time to box up the
Decorations until next year.**

Wednesday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting



LIC Membership Report

Mark your calendars for the January General Membership "Dessert" Meeting, Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m.

What a fun time we had at the Christmas Potluck! The Middle School Jazz Band and Choir brought us tons of holiday music and good cheer, the food was delicious and plentiful and the hall sparkled in festive splendor. Many, many thanks to all the elves who made it all happen: the decorators; the set up crew; the roasters of turkeys and hams; our "raffle lady" and the donors of auction, raffle and food bank items; the folks who put together the goodie bags for our musical entertainers and helped their families find seats and refreshments; the clean up crew; and all you members who came with food and/or good feelings to share. Special thanks to our bartenders and host and hostesses: Larry Bingham, Rich and Connie Hildahl, Lindsey and Randy Babich, Barb Copley, and Theresa Gano.

We honored some very special folks with "Lifetime Achievement" awards that night: Vicki and John Biggs, Marlies and Dick VanCise, Carolyn and Dave Wiley, and Mark Jones. "Star" awards were given to some of our sterling member volunteers: Dave Wickland, Doug Sylvers, Sharon Gearhart, Tim Heitzman, and Norma-Jean Gibson. Congratulations!

As my second full year in Longbranch draws to a close, I once again marvel at this beautiful community, full of folks who care for each other and are working to make the Peninsula an even better place.

See you in 2011!

Jan Prichard
Membership Chair
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"Dessert"
Meeting,
Wed., Jan. 19th
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2011 LIC Membership

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NAME

SPOUSE (IF COUPLE)

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CITY STATE ZIP

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☐ Food prep/kitchen

☐ Hostess/host

☐

ACTIVITIES

☐ Programs and speakers

☐ Historian/archives

☐ Newsletter/mailing

☐ Telephone tree

☐ Publicity

☐ Sign making

☐ Road crew pickup

☐

FACILITIES

☐ Building general

☐ Grounds/garden

☐ Dock general

☐ Plumbing

☐ Electrical

☐ Painting

☐ Carpentry

☐ Heavy equipment

☐ Mowing/weeding

☐

SPECIAL SKILLS

☐ Committee

☐ Office skills

☐ Bookkeeping

☐ Musical

☐ Non-musical

☐ Untapped talent

☐ I'll help where needed

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