May 2012



For the Betterment of the Community

Longbranch Improvement Club

Member Newsletter



Coming up—Wine Tasting and Memorial Day Dance

President's Report

Spring is showing up late this year, but it hasn't dampened the spirits of LIC members and volunteers. A big thank you to Denny and Jan Prichard and the myriad of volunteers that made the LIC Garage Sale, bake sale, and plant sale such a whopping success. Another thank you goes to the Spring Cleanup volunteers who braved some really bad weather to spruce up the building and grounds. We hope to see you all at LIC Opening Day (of boating) Breakfast on May 5th at the marina. Thanks to Doug Sylvers and his crew of breakfast cooks and helpers, as this annual event is not only well attended and well run, but enjoyed by all.

May also brings Wine Tasting at the Marina on May 19th and the big Memorial Day weekend Dance on Saturday, May 26th. Please attend or at least buy a ticket as the LIC depends on this dance in order to be able to pay bills and support the community. Please consider being on the LIC Board as the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates. Contact Vicki Biggs if you are interested in the Vice President, Secretary, Events, or Building/Grounds positions on the Board. Keep smiling, summer is just around the corner, or July 4th, whichever comes first.

Geoff Baillie, President gbaillie@msn.com

LIC Powerboat Outings

This summer we will be organizing a series of group outings for those LIC members who own powerboats. These events are NOT just for those who have a boat moored at the marina. Although the events will start at the LIC marina, if you have a boat on a trailer, or on your own private moorage buoy, you are invited to participate. We will be cruising in the 18 to 20 knot range (about 20 mph), and our first two events will be about 25 minutes each way. – So, if you're interested, check your calendar and start making your plans.

- 1. The first outing, which will be on the morning of Tuesday July 24, will be a trip to Steilacoom for breakfast and a
- 2. The second outing, which will be about mid-day on Wednesday August 29, will also be to Steilacoom for lunch and the Farmer's Market.
- 3. The third outing, which will be on the afternoon of Thursday September 20, will be a little longer trip (one hour each way) to either Gig Harbor or Olympia for a late afternoon seafood dinner.

Give it a try. Make your plans to join us. Some of your LIC members make these little boat outings a couple times per month, even in the winter, and find them a delightful way to get away from it all.

If you think you would like to be part of one of these events please let Kurt Anderson know by calling 253 350-0309. Or, if you have any questions, call and get some answers.

Kurt Anderson

LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 18, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Geoff Baillie, Kurt Anderson, Francie Carr, Jan Prichard, "CC" Williams, Phil Johnson, Sharon Gearhart, Randy Babich

CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Lynn Carr, Sharon Gearhart

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Geoff Baillie. Francie Carr introduced renewing member Carl Schmidt.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Vicki Biggs, chair of the Nominating Committee, asked for members to be thinking about serving on the Board. The terms are for two years and the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Building and Grounds and Events are up for election. Vicki, Kurt Anderson and Lynn Lloyd are on the Committee and will be phoning members. Nominations will be presented at the May meeting and voted on at the June meeting.

SECRETARY: Jan Prichard, Secretary, asked for approval of the March General Meeting Minutes. A motion was made, seconded and approved after the date was corrected.

TREASURER: Francie Carr, Treasurer, presented a Profit & Loss Budget Performance report and a Summary Balance Sheet. She reported that the guest moorage at the marina is close to the estimated income for the year to date and member moorage is ahead of the estimate for the period through March. The Building expenses include the excavation for the new pump vault and electrical wiring under the new counter. These unexpected expenses have put the expected building expenses to date way over budget. The Marina expenses also had a major unbudgeted expense for repair of the electrical wiring at the dock. Slightly over \$25,000 has been paid toward the Bank Loan for the wharf. Overall net income is a little ahead of the expected income year to date. Francie reminded us that the second quarter moorage payments are due the end of April.

MEMBERSHIP: "CC" Williams, Membership Chair, reported that the LIC has 150 members. She asked for a round of applause for our hostesses Ann Dearing and Eloise Colbert.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Sharon Gearhart, Building and Grounds Chair, thanked Mike Runyon for bringing more rocks to outline the parking lot; Kelly and Kim Oathout for clearing out brush piles, and cutting down the dead maple tree; Ann Dearing and Mike Runyon for braving the rainy weather and working on getting rid of some of the ivy strangling the trees in the woods; Peg Bingham for working for three days with Sharon on cleaning out and organizing the storage room; Bill Lloyd for mowing the field; Doug Lewis for the "Snack Shack" banner; and Denny and Jan Prichard for making the food pricing signs for over the stove. Sharon also thanked everyone for all their help with the Garage Sale and was especially grateful that the building was emptied and clean by 5:30 p.m. the day of the sale. She will be posting a map in the storage room locating where supplies are put and asks that everyone put things away in their proper places. Spring cleanup at the building will take place April 21st and 22nd. A project "wish list" was on the table and Sharon encouraged people to pick a project, bring their tools and pitch in. Sandwiches, coffee and munchies will be provided. Sharon will be gone camping April 24 to 28.

MARINA COMMITTEE: Randy Babich, Marina Committee Chair, reported that letters have been sent out to boat owners who are out of compliance due to lack hours, meetings, or membership or moorage payments. The committee has recommended to the Board that the slot on the NE end of "D" dock become permanent moorage space and that boathouses be permanently removed from the dock before the DNR Lease Renewal in 2017. The first Wine Tasting at the dock is May 19th and the cost has been lowered to \$8.00 for 4-2 oz. pours or \$4.00 for 2-2 oz. pours. The ice freezer at the dock works. Doug Sylvers will be in charge of the breakfast on opening day and Pat Thompson is in charge of the Regatta. A group of 8 to 12 tug boats, at least 3 being over 120' in length, is looking for a place to have a "send off" for Robin Patterson who has stomach cancer. We have offered them ½ price moorage rates but haven't heard back from them.

EVENTS: Denny Prichard, Garage Sale Chair, reported that the sale was a huge success and read off a list of the people on the committee who put in lots of time and energy to make it happen. Kudos went to everyone on the committee, all the folks who helped on sale day and everyone who contributed Garage Sale items and baked goods. Francie reported we netted around \$3,900.

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Jan Prichard reported that Doug Sylvers is doing the dock breakfast even though he is no longer a member and that if you would like to help to please call Carolyn Wiley. Jan also said the Wickland's are getting ready to move and are no longer members and suggested that members who know these two great couples could call them to thank them for all their service and friendship over the years. Marlies Van Cise said Doug is having a planning meeting on April 27th for folks who have previously helped on the dock breakfast.

Doug Lewis, Memorial Day Dance Chair, encouraged all members to buy tickets for the dance and come for a while to socialize, eat and play the host for all those folks who are coming to enjoy the dance we are putting on. He reminded us that this is a major fundraising event for the LIC and the effort we, as hosts, put in to make it a fun event for everyone will make a big difference in whether the dance is successful. Tickets are \$12. Contact Doug at (206) 849-2410 to buy tickets or get some to sell to friends and neighbors.

Jan Prichard announced that the Livable Community Fair is being held at the Civic Center on Saturday, May 12th and we need to contact the Civic Center to reserve a booth and get volunteers to man it. The Fuchsia Society is also having a plant sale there and the Historical Society building will be open. Peg Bingham said she has worked the booth a number of times and it's a lot of fun. Thanks to Tim Heitzman, we have a new presentation board to make our booth really stand out.

VICE PRESIDENT: Kurt Anderson, Vice President, reported on March 9 we had an Emergency Preparedness meeting led by Mary Blyth. Not many people came, but it was a good presentation and those who came were glad they did. Kurt gave out a list of emails for all the different organizations involved in planning for and helping in emergencies. PEP-C, the Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition, has food grade 55 gallon water storage tanks available for only \$35. They can store an emergency water supply for up to one year. If we get at least four people interested, they will deliver them to the Key. Contact Kurt at (253) 350-0309 if you are interested. Kurt is also organizing three power boat outings for the summer in July and August. He will put more information in the newsletter.

PRESIDENT: No report
HISTORIAN: No report

OLD BUSINESS: Geoff asked us to look at the Long Range Planning lists on the tables. We had a discussion about what items people felt were priorities for the LIC. #10, #5, #'s 1,2 &4,#26, #27, #29, #54, #53, #72, #73, #75, #77, #82, #86, #102, #107 were all called out by members as items they would like to see as high priorities. Geoff told us that this planning list is on the website and was sent out as an attachment to the last newsletter. (Please see the list for numbered descriptions.) Members can read or download the list and can contact any Board member to register their opinions. We will be discussing these ideas again at the May meeting. Joe Barrow suggested that with all our recommendations we need to consider that we remain in compliance with our 501C4 status. We have a couple of months to complete our prioritization.

NEW BUSINESS: Phil Johnson, Representative At Large, presented the Board's proposed revision to the bylaws, regarding allowing members a grace period, in extenuating circumstances, to make up deficiencies in meetings and/or hours by paying a fee to be negotiated with the Board. A lively discussion followed mostly dealing with how the dollar amount for hours would be established. The proposed bylaw change will be discussed again at our May meeting.

OTHER: Pat Muchmore announced that the wine tasting at the dock will start in May and go through September and will always be held the third Saturday of the month. It is open to all. Volunteers wishing to help please call Pat at 884-3890.

Edie Morgan announced the "Brother Sun" concert to benefit Mustard Seed on Friday, April 27^t at the LIC. She thanked the LIC for cosponsoring the concert. A social hour starts at 7 p. m. and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

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Sharon Gearhart announced she would like to have the propeller in front of the building moved and would like help with that.

"CC" Williams would like you to contact her if you would like to work at KeyFest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Prichard Secretary



Member ads are now in the Classifieds section on the last page.



To volunteer or for more information, contact Doug Lewis, 206-849-2410.

Emergency Preparedness Water Storage Barrels

If you are interested in a safe way to store a significant amount of drinking water in case of an emergency, Peninsula **Emergency Preparedness Coalition** (PEP-C) has a deal for you. They are selling food quality 55 gallon water storage barrels for \$35 each. These are used barrels that were used to ship soft drink light syrup, and have been purchased in bulk by PEP-C. They (PEP-C) provide instructions on how to clean the inside of the barrels and how to purify the water you put in it. I bought one a couple of weeks ago, and the cleanout and fill up with emergency water was quick and easy. If you are interested, take a look at the site



Kurt



Marina Wine Tasting

Welcome everyone to what we all hope is a beautiful Spring and Summer for all of us at The Longbranch Improvement Club. Many of you probably are getting ready to enjoy Opening Day of the Boating Season by joining in the wonderful festivities at the Longbranch Marina annual Dock Breakfast and Opening Day Sailing Regatta on Saturday, May 5th.

Additionally, to add to your entertainment we will have our first of five (5) Wine Tastings at the Marina starting Saturday, May 19th from 4pm to 6pm. Jeff Minch from the Blend Wine Shop in Key Center will be providing four different wines for your tasting pleasure; two whites and two reds. Additionally, we will have cheese and crackers to cleanse your pallets in order to continue your tasting pleasure. The prices for the Tastings will be \$4.00 for a half pour (1 ounce) or \$8.00 for two ounce pours. If you prefer a full glass of wine, that will be available as well. This great event is open to all LIC members as well as the community, your friends, family, etc. Bring someone down with you and enjoy a tasty, good sample of wine and the beautiful Marina setting in Fulicy Bay with Mt. Rainier in all her splender! We will have these Wine Tastings for five (5) months starting with May 19th. Additionally, they will be held on June 16th, July 21st, August 18th and September 15th. We look forward to seeing you there......no better place to sit down and spend some time socializing with everyone.

Pat Muchmore Marina Committee

Building and Grounds Chatroom March 2012:

We had a hugely successful LIC Spring Clean up thanks to the large number of members who turned out to help. I am proud to say that every task on the list was accomplished and then some. The following people deserve huge kudos and many thanks for all their hard work and for giving up a sunny day to beautify the LIC:

Clark and Barb VanBogart Dave and Connie Wick Don Gill Bob and Sheila Halligan Bob and Barb Robinson Mark Runions Peg and Larry Bingham

Kurt Anderson Bert and Christie Saywers Jan and Denny Prichard Patricia Muchmore Barb Floyd William Buckner

Special thanks go to Barb Doat who took care of my dog so I wouldn't miss the entire event. The to-do list was long and much of the work dirty but armed with cleaning rags, window cleaner, paint brushes, chain saws, weed eaters, a tractor and large chipper, two upholstery cleaners and lots of elbow grease we managed to forge through it and finish by 3:30PM. There is now a light in the mop room, the sound room is unrecognizable and we freed up extra storage at the north end of the stage. In addition all 89 blue chairs were steam and spot cleaned and look nearly new. All the windows were cleaned including the ones near the men's and women's restrooms which hadn't seen a cleaning rag in many years. Several leaning and terminal trees were removed from the front and the back and bucked up and chipped (we had quite the logging crew at work) and all the flower beds were weeded. The grounds and building look new and rejuvenated. Shingles were added to the shed roof, the gutter was cleaned which caused the eviction of a frog who had taken up residence there and a large number of trees were freed from their ivy prison. All and all it was a highly successful day and I am very proud of all of those who worked so hard to make it that way. Thank you my friends one and all. Man I am so proud of this club!!!

Sharon

Dockmaster Report

On Thursday, April 12, we had the Key Peninsula Fire Department conduct a pressure test of the fire water line on the Marina. The pressure at the fire truck pump was set to 185 psi at the gate and two 25-foot hoses were hooked up. They pumped water 120 feet to the other side of A dock. The test was a success, but there is concern about the length of time it could take for the Fire Department to get to the marina and hookup in case of a real emergency. The Fire Department recommended we install an additional fire water stand pipe on B dock.

There is now a list of Marina tasks in the Marina Office just waiting for volunteers. This is an excellent way to help the Marina and fulfill volunteer hours.

Lynn Carr

GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS

The LIC Garage Sale was hugely successful and left a very good taste in one's mouth. Shirley Brewer's Bake Sale and Peg Bingham's good hot food assured everyone was well fed. The vendors had a good time and most even sold a few items during the socializing. We had a packed house at our 9 am opening thanks to many signs put up late Friday night by Lynn and Bill Lloyd. Our resident Viking emcee, Joe Barrow, stirred up the feeding frenzy announcing great deals on sale items and food.

Many, many thanks to all who generously donated garage sale items, baked food, and time. We raised about \$3,900 for the club. At our wrap-up meeting for the garage sale it was suggested that the LIC consider future sales but offer an LIC table of goods only every other year. Next year we could sell vendor slots and offer hot food and a bake sale but not have an LIC table. Members would have two years to acquire fine items to donate to the LIC for sale.

Committee Members: Dick and Dee Scharf, Judy Riggs, Robin Gould, Pat Muchmore, Peg Bingham, Lynn and Bill Lloyd, Sharon Gearhart, Nancy and Lynn Carr, Gale and Shirley Brewer, Teresa Gano, Tim Hietzman, Pat and Ruth Thompsaon, Doug and Betty Lewis, Joe Barrow, Jan and Denny Prichard

Denny Prichard

The Sunshine Lady did not get any requests in April. I will be happy to acknowledge people who are ill or have lost loved ones, representing friendships and good wishes from the LIC.

Vicki Biggs 884-4468. or e-mail <u>Vickibiggs@centurytel.net</u>

LIC Dumpster reminder:

The LIC dumpster seems to be getting a lot of extra use lately not due to LIC events as evidenced by the several bags of used cat litter that were placed there last week and the full bag of trash left in the dumpster Monday after the garbage crew had already been there. This is a reminder that the dumpster is for LIC use only.

HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in being part of the kitchen crew for the Memorial Day Dance on May 26th please contact Peg Bingham – 884-1124 or larrypegbingham@centurytel.net We will be serving hot dogs, pulled pork sliders, hamburgers and popcorn. Work hours can be as many or as few as you want, all help is greatly appreciated, especially anyone willing to do clean-up afterward. A Food Handler card is required for serving but not for clean-up or for cashier. Looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks.

Peg Bingham

Dock Breakfast

The Dock Breakfast is Saturday, May 5, 8:00—11:00 am. Please come and bring your neighbors and friends. This is a great way to show off our marina. If you want to help, contact Doug Sylvers 884-2345.

Events Committee Meeting

Events Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 6:30

Everyone welcome!

Topics:

Memorial Day Dance

Review and prioritization of LIC Long Range Plan (relative to operation of events)

Identify division of labor, tasks to reach immediate, interim & long range goals

Carolyn Wiley





Garage Sale Pictures





Pictures by Jan and Denny Prichard







One World Taiko Japanese drum ensemble at Longbranch by Hugh McMillan

"We had a great time performing for the Longbranch audience," wrote Gary Tsujimoto of One World Taiko, a splendid Japanese drum ensemble. Tsujimoto was commenting on the group's performance at the Longbranch Improvement club the last day of March to an overflow audience.

Having lived in Japan some six years, we are acquainted with Taiko. We found it fascinating and wouldn't miss it for the world. The big One World Taiko surprise to us was that the drummers were not all male as they always were during our time in Japan.

This group was made up of one powerfully built male, Tsujimoto, and three lithe, very attractive ladies, Tsujimoto's co-director Nancy Ozaki and Kyobi Hinami and Emily Wang. Another surprise, the performers were not grim faced. They shone with beautiful smiles. But, make no mistake, those diminutive ladies hammered the drums with what appeared to be drumhead-shattering force camouflaged in smooth but lively movements and graceful leaps.

One World Taiko is a professional Japanese drum ensemble that captivates audiences with heart pounding beats, dynamic movement and rhythmic grooves. Its music is drawn from Japan's tradition of lively festival drumming along with its own creative rhythms, arrangements and choreography adding energetic spirit to the ancient art of Taiko. Its repertoire includes arrangements of traditional pieces and original compositions infused with rhythms inspired by jazz and world music.

Tsujimoto and Ozaki founded the group in 1990 in San Francisco. They have been performing Taiko for over 25 years, have been on Discovery Channel's "The World is Just Awesome," and have created Taiko sequences for the American Conservatory Theater's production of the musical "Rind Mind" performed at the Geary Theater in San Francisco among many other things.

They also have performed in Japan and Europe and all over the US at numerous concerts, festivals, celebrations, and corporate events and presented their educational programs to over 700 schools in grades K-12 and over 100 colleges and universities. They have performed at Benaroya Hall, the Jackson Hole Film Festival in Wyoming, Boston's Millenium Celebration, Zellerbach Hall at the University of Califronia, Berkeley, and at Global Village in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

For information on One World Taiko and its upcoming performances, go to <oneworldtaiko@gmail.com>. This free community event was presented by Friends of Key Center Library and The Longbranch Improvement Club and was selected as part of the county-wide Library System's annual Pierce County Reads program. It included a Sumi Painting demonstration by Reni Morarity; Origami by Jan Buday; a Kite exhibit by Key Peninsula Middle School students' after school program funded by Two Waters Arts Alliance Artists-in-the-Schools Program instructed by Beverly Pederson; a Bonsai Exhibit by the Seattle/Puget Sound Bonsai Association: Oriental themed guilts by Sharon Hill & Carolyn Wiley: and a moving maguette of existing and pro-

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posed structures at Bainbridge Island's Japanese American Exclusion Memorial.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Wiley, Program Chair for the Friends of Key Center Library, at <c.wiley@me.com>.









Brother Sun

The Brother Sun trio--Greg Greenway, Joe Jencks, and Pat Wictor--provided an evening of Intricate harmonies and intriguing lyrics for a crowd of approximately 120 at the April 27th Words and Music concert. The planned beneficiary was The Mustard Seed Project, however, all in attendance benefited from the sense of community that was generated.

The Mustard Seed Project wishes to thank Pam and Jerry Libstaff, who donated the Words and Music performance of Brother Sun, the LIC for use of the grand old hall, and Peninsula Light for additional sponsorship. In addition to fine music, guests were treated to an array of artwork by local artists Ed Johnson, Dale Goodvin, Beverly Pedersen and Tweed Meyers. TMSP also wishes to thank the many volunteers whose great combined efforts made the evening such a success.

Edie Morgan

Spiffing up the Marina.

Pictures by Larry Bingham

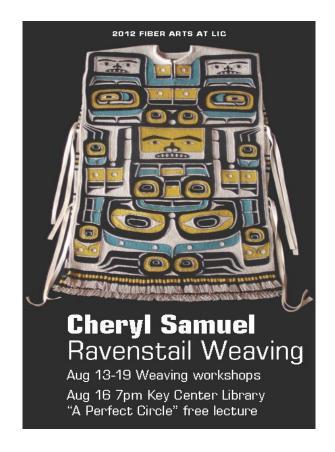


Future LIC Events

SUMMER FUN AT LONGBRANCH MARINA







Cheryl Samuel will be back for 2 weaving workshops in August.

Ravenstail Weaving Workshop (Beginner & Intermediate)

Aug. 13, 14, 15. from 9-4 \$300.

Chilkat Weaving Workshop August 17,18, 19 from 9-4 \$300

Workshop space is limited so register early. Class fee does not include materials. Questions? call Carolyn Wiley (253)884-9157 Registration:

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LIC Membership Report

Mark your calendars for the May General Membership "Dessert" Meeting, Wed., May 16 at 7:00 p.m.

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