May 2013



Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Dock Breakfast, Sat. May 4, 8:00 AM, Presentation 10:00 AM

President's Message

There will be a brief dedication ceremony at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 4th during the annual Dock Breakfast to unveil the memorial plaque that will be placed on the Geoff Baillie Wharf. We usually have a great turnout of members for the Dock Breakfast and this is one more reason to be sure to attend. Please get this event on your calendars.

Our new clubhouse heaters are great ... when they work! We've recently had some problems with them that Doug Lewis is getting ironed out with the supplier. He has also been busy spreading new gravel on our parking lot. In his spare time, he has outfitted a Bride's Room next to the Ladies Restroom, which makes the clubhouse a more desirable rental for weddings. If you run into Doug, please say a word of thanks to him for all his hard work on behalf of the LIC.

Tim Heitzman has been working on new placemats featuring stunning photos of our Marina (which has to be one of the most picturesque anywhere) on one side and a navigation chart of local waters on the reverse side. These will be available soon (possibly at the Dock Breakfast) for purchase at a reasonable price, with any profit going to the LIC.

The water supply for our Marina is a well that is part of the "Otto" Water System, named for the landowner who established the well and pipeline back in the 1940s. The LIC Marina has for years been getting a bargain rate for water even though it is by far the biggest water user on the System. Geoff Baillie had started working with fellow LIC members Mike and Denise Hays, who now own the System and have underwritten needed repairs, to adjust what the LIC pays upward to a more equitable rate and to build up over time a reserve fund to deal with maintenance. With Geoff's passing, Phil Johnson took over researching this issue and brought the Board's recommendation to the membership at the April meeting. This passed unanimously. As part of our agreement with the Hays, LIC members will help with the routine maintenance chores, mainly collecting periodic water samples for testing.

There will be a program at 7:00 PM at our next membership meeting on May 15th. The speaker will be Richard Blumenthal, the author of a new book: "Maritime Place Names of Inland Washington Waters". This is a major work (348 pages) describing the history and derivation of the names attached to Puget Sound waters, along with photos and historic charts. His presentation will focus on on our waters here in South Sound, and autographed books will be available for purchase.

Gayle Brewer Contacts: 884-0787 phone <u>gbrewer123@yahoo.com</u> email

For those of you who knew Alice Schlenker, I am sorry to tell you that she passed away Saturday Morning, 4/27/13. She will be a great loss to our community. She served as mayor of Lake Oswego, Oregon, among her public service jobs. Her husband Harold was always with her whether boating in Puget Sound or enjoying their home here in our community. She will be missed. The memorial will be either Monday or Tuesday in Oregon, but time and actual date is not known yet.

Pat Thompson (253)884-5286

LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 17, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayle Brewer, Clark Van Bogart, Francie Carr, Phil Johnson, Jan Prichard, Tim Heitzman, Doug Lewis, Harry Faas, Peg Bingham

Meeting called to order by President Gayle Brewer at 7:02 p.m.

CONTRACTORS: No reports

SECRETARY: Peg Bingham asked for approval of the March minutes. Motion made, seconded and passed.

TREASURER: Francie Carr reported that under Long Term Liabilities the Member Notes for the Wharf construction has been reduced by \$3000 due to the reconveyance of a member note. The \$3000 is shown as income but is just a reduction of liability not actual cash.

There has been a \$13,000 reduction in the Designated Building Capital Reserve for new gutters and furnace at the Clubhouse. The amount of \$15,430 is left in the reserve and there is not a budgeted cash transfer into the fund this year.

The Profit and Loss report shows \$1,200 has been received through the end of March for the Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund. The Marina Committee allowed winter moorage to be extended through the end of April and \$576 has been received for this additional month. Under expenses, building expenses are below what we expected through this point in the year and marina expenses are above expectations for this period. This is due to increased insurance costs and high electricity costs during the winter.

EVENTS: Tim Heitzman reminded the membership that on Saturday night, April 20th, "Blame Sally" will be performing at the LIC in a fantastic concert. He has tickets for sale tonight and there will be tickets at the door for \$15.00. Children are welcome and their tickets will be \$7.00. The next event at the club will be the Memorial Day Dance with the band "Fingertips". Tim urged LIC members to support this dance either by volunteering that evening or attending the dance itself. The Drum Festival is shaping up. Lynn Lloyd and Tom Morgan are working on it and we will have more news on it next month. The placemat project is rolling and will they will be ready for sale at the Dock Breakfast. Price for a set of four will be ten dollars.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Doug Lewis reported that there are two more loads of gravel to be brought in for the parking area. He also said that Tuesday someone drove onto the baseball field and tore it up. They even took out the bird nest that he had been protecting in the middle of the field. He asked if anyone notices vehicles doing damage to the field to please take down license number or description so he has something to turn over to the sheriff. He also asked if when members come up to the club they not park on the grass but stay on the graveled area. He is looking for volunteers to work on the building and grounds. Doug is looking for help in repairing the roof where it is leaking around the new exhaust pipes. He is hoping to have a building work day soon if the weather will cooperate. The new furnaces broke down this last weekend and a new valve has been ordered from the manufacturer and will be here next week.

MEMBERSHIP: Jan Prichard asked for everyone to turn in their hours and to be sure to sign in for their meetings. She is trying to keep it all up to date. She thanked the host and hostess for the evening, Dee and Dick Scharf and Barb Van Bogart and greeter Trish Goodvin. We currently have 99 memberships and that is 165 members.

MARINA: Harry Faas reported things are going well at the marina, nothing new or exciting. He visited some other marinas in the area and all are reporting guest moorage has been down some this year so far. He feels we are doing pretty well with a fair smattering of guest boats since the first of the year.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: No report SUNSHINE LADY: No report

NEWSLETTER: Nancy Carr asked Gayle to remind everyone that articles for the newsletter are due to her by the 25th.

HISTORIAN: No report

SCHOLARSHIP: Christine Anderson reminded members that money raised from turning in pop cans goes to the scholarship fund. If you are currently recycling cans bring them to the club and they can help the fund grow. Jan said that proceeds from the meeting raffles also goes to this fund.

VICE-PRESIDENT: No report

PRESIDENT: Gayle Brewer announced that Pat Muchmore will chair the nominating committee and he asked for volunteers for this committee. Judy Riggs volunteered. They would like to have three to four members for this committee and if you are interested in serving please call Pat. Positions to be filled are President, Treasurer, Marina Chair and Membership Chair. These are two year positions and the election will take place in June and terms will start in July. If you are interested in running for one of these positions please give Pat a call.

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The May dessert meeting program will be a presentation by Richard Blumenthal, author of a new 300+ page book on maritime names of inland Washington waters. He will speak on the derivation of the names and history of our local South Sound waters.

Gayle exhibited a very nice poster from the students at Evergreen Elementary who attended this spring's science camp. They also sent a packet of thank you letters. Peg will go through the letters and select some excerpts to print in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Geoff Baillie Memorial plaques are almost ready. Clark Van Bogart announced the one for the wharf is promised in time for the Dock Breakfast. He had an example of the final version of the plaque if anyone wanted to view it. It will be 12"x15" and mounted on a bracket on the top rail on the wharf and will be angled up and at a height of about one foot. It will not be mounted before the event but unveiled at the pavilion during the breakfast. The plaque for the building will be displayed next to the plaque for Vernon Merrill at the building. The Merrill plaque will be remounted to make it the same size as Geoff's plaque. Total cost of the memorial plaques is about \$1300 and we need to raise a little more money to cover these costs. Any excess funds will be donated to the memorial fund for Geoff at Evergreen Elementary.

Barbara Floyd announced that out of 64 names submitted to the Name the Cookbook contest the committee chose "Savories & Sweets – South Sound Treats, submitted by Mandy Peterson. Two runner-ups, Stephanie Mott and Delia McInnis, received beautiful aprons donated by Nancy Carr. The winner's basket contained donations of wine and wine glasses from Blend Wine Shop, herb plants from Sunnycrest Nursery and an apron from Nancy Carr. Nancy's aprons are a work of art, with the cookbook name, a recipe and various fruits and vegetables embroidered on them. Approximately 300 recipes have been submitted and there is one month left for recipe submission. If you have not done so, please submit them now. The books will be going to the publisher in August and the plan is to have them for sale at the October and November meetings. They will make wonderful Christmas gifts. At this time the price point is \$20.

Phil Johnson spoke about the Otto water system that supplied water to five houses, the Mercantile, Chowder House and the marina. Originally the costs were divided equally among them. In 2009 when the main waterline was replaced everyone paid an equal share. In the period following the installation of the new water line and meters the marina has used 56% of the water. At the April Board meeting the Board decided to recommend to the membership that the LIC pay two-thirds of the current and capital costs of the Otto water system for 2013 and on a continuing basis subject to future adjustments if user consumption changes or if users are added or deleted from the system. The amount for 2013 would change from the budgeted amount of \$920.00 to \$2,295.14, a difference of \$1,375.14. Motion to make the larger payment was made, seconded and passed.

The Board also addressed the issue of the LIC participation in the management of the system. Mike Hays has agreed to continue managing the system, but could use some help such as periodic reading of users' meters or taking monthly water samples and delivering them to the fire station. This work would be done with the understanding that the time devoted to such actions shall be credited as volunteer hours of service to the LIC. The Board will continue to study the desirability of forming a formal water association for the future governance of the Otto water system. There are many issues to be resolved in this matter and if you have any ideas or suggestions please contact Phil.

Harry Faas asked for volunteers to be "ice runners". This involves replenishing the ice at the marina freezer when contacted by the Dock Master. Arrangements have been made to pick the ice up at the service station in Home. Volunteer hours will be award for the time spent. Please contact Lynn Carr if you would like to volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS: Gayle announced the dedication of the Geoff Baillie memorial will be during the Dock Breakfast, April 4th at Pat 10:00 a.m. There will be a brief ceremony including remarks from Terry Lee who was a tremendous help in expediting the permitting for the wharf.

Regarding planning Gayle said that under Geoff's leadership the board and membership had started dealing with issues pertaining to long term, meaning one, five, ten and twenty years horizons for the stability and growth of the club. It was tabled for a while and the current board is picking this back up and starting to work on it. It is not too early to remind the membership that we have a centennial coming up in eight years. We need to do planning for that as part of the long range planning. We have no details to show at this time, but if anyone has any thoughts on that please contact any board member and give us your ideas as we begin deliberations.

Doug has, with the help of donations and elbow grease, put together a bride's room in the area next to the ladies restroom. A new paint job, mirrors and a rug have made a pleasant place for bride's to dress for their wedding at the LIC. Check it out and see the results of his hard work.

Pat Muchmore is planning the first road pick up of the year next Saturday, April 27th. It will be held even if there is a light rain. Meet at the LIC at 10.00 a.m. Hard hats, vests and everything needed for the pick up will be supplied. She is asking for volunteers to help with this project.

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Tim said the "Blame Sally" group performing here on Saturday night has just returned from a sold out tour of Europe and came back and performed at the Sierra Nevada Brewery. Friday night this week they are performing at the Triple Door in Seattle and the next night they are at the Improvement Club in Longbranch, Washington. Their next gig is in San Francisco at the Museum of Contemporary American Music.

Jan Prichard thanked Tim for donating the raffle item which she then proceeded to win.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Peg Bingham, Secretary

LIC ELECTIONS COMING SOON

The Nominating Committee will announce a slate of nominees at the May membership meeting, for election at the June meeting. Open positions on the Board are: President, Treasurer, Marina Chair, Membership Chair. If you have an interest in seeking any of these offices, or have a suggested nomination, please contact Pat Muchmore, chair of the committee, at 253-884-3890.

Thanks -- Gayle



MUSTARD SEED REGATTA

Yes, it is time again for the 'Mustard Seed Regatta'. It will be on Opening Day, May 4th at 11:00 AM after the wonderful Dock Breakfast. The skipper's meeting will be at 10:00 AM. We will have two classes again this year, one for boats with standard sails and one with flying sales.

There will be trophies given for the first three places in both classes. The entry fee is \$20.00 and the proceeds from the race will go to The Mustard Seed Project, a very important organization for the people on Key Peninsula.

Thank you Pat Thompson, 884-5286.

COOKBOOK STATUS

The name the cookbook contest was a huge success with 64 names entered. The Committee, with some trouble, was able to narrow the field to six, and then finally to three. We conbined two of the names for the 'runner-up' prize: Steffanie Mott submitted 'Skookum Cooking from the South Sound', and Delia McGinnis submitted 'Kookin' on the Key'. We combined these names into 'Skookum Kookin' on the Key'. A basket of goodies donated by the Cookbook Committee, BLEND Wine Shop and Sunnycrest together with an outstandingly beautiful apron embroidered with the name, fegetables and a recipe donated by Nancy Carr was the backup prize. Our winning entry was submitted by Mandy Peterson: 'Savories & Sweets—South Sound Treats'. Mandy also received a basket of goodies and a beautiful apron, also fully embroidered including the winning name. Thank you to all who participated!!

Your cookbook has close to 300 recipes so far! There is one month left to submit your favorite recipe, so if you want to be included, please send us your recipes soon. The Committee is targeting to have the book to the Publisher in August, and the book will be available by the October meeting to purchase. We plan to keep the price point at \$20. Many of the dishes at the dinner meeting this month were delicious. For instance, we hope whoever made the Pulled Pork will submit their recipe... and there were others! Please send recipes to: recipes4lic@yahoo.com or PO Box 345, Lakebay, 98349; or the Blend or Sunnycrest.

Barbara Floyd

LIC ROAD PICKUP

The Road Pick Up, which was scheduled for this Saturday, April 27th, has been cancelled. The County called me on Tues., April 23rd to state they had too many groups requesting equipment (hard hats, vests, etc.) and they didn't have enough to fill everyone's needs. Therefore, we have changed the date for the LIC Road Pick Up to Saturday, May 11th. I'll pick up the equipment prior to that date and we'll meet at the Clubhouse at 10:00 am, decide who will work which section of the road and other necessary arrangements. I would appreciate if you would let me know how many of you are planning on helping in order to obtain the appropriate numbers of hats, vests, and bags from the County. If you could please let me know no later than Wed., May 8th, then I will have time to obtain enough equipment for everyone. Thank you so much for offering to do this and I look forward to seeing you on Sat., the 11th of May at 10:00 AM at the Clubhouse.

Pat Muchmore

LIC Boater's Outings 2013

Yes, we will be continuing our series of boater's outings this summer. Last year we had three great outings, with 23 participants at our largest event. And truth be told, a small group of hardy mariners have continued visiting our favorite spots (Bair Drug; Topside; Boathouse 19) throughout the winter months as well.

A couple of last year's passengers now have boats of their own, so hopefully we will have room for an even larger group this year. We hope to get a few sailboats involved too. Sometime in May we will post the dates and locations for scheduled outings in July, August, and September. But in the meantime, if you would like to be on the list to be contacted for our May and June "short notice outings" (one week lead time based on weather), please let me know at the email address listed below

So start lining up your passengers, and let's get those fair-weather boats back in the water.

Kurt Anderson hound356@gmail.com 253 350-0309

To the Spreader of LIC Sunshine, Vicki Biggs and LIC Friends.

Thanks for all the flowers, cards, and calls, they were appreciated.

Your get-well wishes contribute to a speedy recovery.

Carolyn Wiley

Dockmaster's Report

April was a slow month with only nine boats, but May promises to be busier. The Windseekers will be in the first of the month with the Day Island, Des Moines and Brownsville Yacht Clubs all planning on spending Memorial Day weekend at Longbranch.

As an FYI, the Fire Department has filled the fire line at the Marina for summer.

Lynn Carr



Longbranch hit by storm. Blame Sally!

If you missed it, you really missed it. Ask any of the 127 people standing and cheering for an encore on May 20. Or just ask the band – they're ready to come back and play again.

With enormous help from Jerry & Pam Libstaff, of Words and Music fame, we were able to book a world-class act between their European tour and PBS filming. Blame Sally was worth the wait. Their enthusiasm, humor and personality were great, but their songwriting and musicianship were amazing.

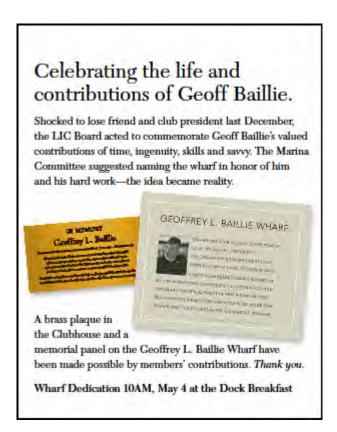
LIC members worked, as usual, to make the event such a success. The in-no-order list includes the Scharfs, Lloyds, Prichards, VanBogarts, Binghams, Brewers, Sharon Gearhart, Don Gill, Buck Buckner and Bert Sawyer. Thank you!

Bonus 1000 watts (in stereo) thanks to Mark Runions. The sound was flawless. Coming up: **Fingertips at Memorial Day Dance** Advance tickets (save \$5) Two for \$25

Croquet Team Alert: Save \$10 if you register in May. Call 884-2222 or visit www.licweb.org. Tournament is Sunday July 21 from noon to six.

Save the date: **August 10 for our first Drum Festival** all-day party and concert. Plan for fun, food and a world of drum sounds. We'll keep you posted on the details.

Tim Heitzman





Following is a sample of the thank-you letters the LIC received from the Evergreen Elementary 5th Graders after their trip to Camp Seymour.

Marianne J. G.

Evergreen Elementry
1820 Key Pen. Huy So.
Lakebay, WA 98349

Dear Longbranch Improvement Club,

Thank you so much for your amazingly agneous donation. It helped lots of Evergreen 1994 greens as to Camp Seymore. It even helped me go to camp.

If I hadrit gone to camp, I wouldn't have had as a fantastic learning experience. You provided us having more interesting classes, cabin skits, and amazing food like pizza.

I hope it was easy enough to donate to us, and you will consider donating again. Thanks so much for your donation.

Sincerely,

Marianne June G.

Kellie Evergreen Elementary

Dear Longbranch Improvement Club,

Thank you for your generous donation to Evergreen's fifth grade Camp Seymour tuition fund. Your contribution made it possible for me to go to camp.

I really had a fantastic learning experience at camp. My favorite activities were Forest Ecology and Marine Biology. I also enjoyed canoeing and my skit that my cabin performed. My high school leaders were fun and I hope to be one when I'm in high

school.

The food was great but I think I ate too much! Thanks again for the donation.

Sincerely,

Kellie

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LIC Membership Report

Mark your calendars for the May General Membership Dessert Meeting Wed., May 15th at 7 p.m.

Many thanks to Dick and Dee Scharf and Barbara Van Bogart for hosting our April meeting. Thanks, also, to Tim Heitzman for donating the raffle item and to Trish Goodvin for serving as greeter and handling the raffle for us. One more big "Thank You" to Eloise Colbert for stepping in for me when we were traveling for 6 weeks.

May is shaping up to be a busy month for the LIC so be sure to check the calendar of events. We start off with the Dock Breakfast/Regatta on Saturday, May 4th from 8 to 3. This is always a special time so I hope you all can come! Our May meeting on the 15th will be especially interesting as it features author Richard Blumenthal who will tell us about the derivation of some of the names of maritime places here in the South Sound. We can use one more host or hostess for this meeting, so if you are interested please send an email or give me a call.

A big welcome to new members Rae Brown, Dave and Barbara Henderson, Jane Eiseman, Kevin and Janet Darling, and Bill and Marcia Katica and welcome back to Doug and Judy Sylvers!

Happy, Sunny May!

Jan Prichard Membership Chair jan@pacinfo.com 884-2030

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