

February 2014



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**Pancake Brunch Sat. Feb 8, 9:00 am—Noon**

## President's Message

Son of Garage Sale. Two years ago the LIC held a very successful community garage sale with vendor booths indoors and outside, and a large LIC booth of donated items in the center of the big room. There have been calls to repeat this event and it is now scheduled for April, which meshes nicely with our natural spring cleaning urges. Please start thinking about items you might care to donate to the cause. Jan and Denny Prichard are heading up this fund-raiser again.

Good to Go. Again. The recent toilet drainage problem which caused flashbacks to last summer's septic failure has been resolved. The problem turned out to be blockage by paper and feminine products and was identified and cleaned out by Josh of KatTrax (company that installed our new septic system) at no cost to us. Prevention is the best cure going forward, and reminder signs are going into the bathrooms. Let's all hope that works.

Ferry Returning to Longbranch. For the weekend of May 16-18, at least. We are planning a major fund-raiser to benefit the LIC and its Scholarship Fund. The inspiration for this event came from Connie and Rich Hildahl, who have been busy with organizational plans. The venue will be a small ferry which after retirement from service was enclosed and refurbished by a private investor (to the tune of a million bucks) and turned into a "party boat". It will be docked at the marina and organizers are planning a series of events aboard to span Friday evening through Sunday. This event is on a bigger scale than anything the LIC has yet attempted, and if successful will help us fund generous scholarships for community youth and allow us to partially restore some of our capital reserves which were drained down by last year's heater and septic replacements. Please save the date, and please offer to help (or say "yes" if you are asked). More info will be coming soon as plans shape up, so stay tuned.

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**Longbranch Improvement Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2014**

LIC General Meeting 01-15-14 @ LIC lobby started with a very interesting film about Thea Foss. Afterwards, Bryn Foss Riddel was on hand to answer questions and told some funny stories about making this film. She and her son both had parts in the movie. Both have a tug boat named after them.

This was followed with an informative presentation by Citizens Against Crime. And an invitation to attend their next meeting.

President: Gayle Brewer called the general meeting to order.

Dockmaster: Reported that it was a slow month for visiting boaters. However, there are new fire extinguishers in the LIC boathouses and the Docks have been painted with designated labels "ABC & D. The Marina parking light was upgraded to meet current code and moved to a better location. The reader card to open the gate is not working but will be up and running soon.

Rental Agent : Kim was absent for a report.

Secretary: Judy is substituting for Peg Bingham who has resigned the LIC Board position of Sec. Judy Riggs was appointed to serve out her term ending in June. It was MSP to accept the minutes from the Dec LIC General Mtg.

Treasurer's Report : Francie's summary of the 2013 LIC Budget ended with a net greater than what was expected. The 28' Newport sailboat has been sold for enough money to almost cover the past due moorage and fees. The LIC 2014 Marina moorage invoices were mailed out Dec 27, 2013. The payments on the LIC Wharf Promissory note and Bank Note were made as scheduled. Evergreen Elementary School PTA donated \$150 to LIC in appreciation for hosting the 2013 Halloween party for the kids. The LIC also received a \$100 donation from Jeff and Barb Boettcher. The net money from the LIC cookbook and the LIC cookbook artwork have been moved into a designated fund set up for the LIC Kitchen. The LIC building rentals for 2013 exceeded the expected number. Guest and member moorage was as expected by the budget. The LIC events were on target, but expenses were higher than expected due to the concerts and the Drum festival. The building expenses were less than expected. The bank charges were greater than expected due to the new credit card reader being used at the dock. Overall a profitable year at the LIC. Francie reminds us that LIC memberships are due. Also, she asks that the membership save their Peninsula Market receipts and bring them to the Club for a 1 percent refund.

Events: Tim reports that there will be a Pancake Breakfast Sat Feb 8 at 9:00 to 12:00.

Connie and Rich Hildahl and volunteers are making plans for a scholarship fund raiser to take place in May. More to come on that later.

Membership: Elsie reports that there are currently 33 paid memberships and 11 lifetime memberships. New memberships paid in Nov/Dec will be rolled over to 2014 credit. Guests were introduced and the hosts for the dessert meeting were thanked: Connie Wick, Ann Dearing and Theresa Gano.

Bldg and Grounds: Doug asks that anyone who notices needed repairs around the building or grounds to please bring it to his attention. A work party will soon be organized for spring. He also reminded us that the cleaner we leave the building after a club event, the more money we save in cleaning expenses. It also allows a quick turn around for the next building rental. We had another issue with the septic system and got it resolved. Signs will be posted in the bathrooms to help renters to use our system with care.

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## General Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2014

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Marina: Clark reported for Denny that the Marina Committee is researching the improvements and upgrades that will be needed to be made for the LIC marina and boathouses when the 2017 DNR lease comes up for renewal. Also the committee is looking into getting a grant writer that can help find funds for a future major marina upgrade on a 10 - 20 year plan.

Trustee/At Large: Phil says there is nothing to report this month.

Sunshine Lady: Dick reported for Marlies that there was nothing to report this month.

Vice President: Clark says there is nothing to report this month.

President: LIC board approved changes to the Rental Policy and updated fee schedules to reflect current and comparable rental hall and grounds in the area. Members can see the changes by going to the LIC web site, Gayle also reminds us to label with information any contributions of photos or other materials for the club history collection. There is a plastic tub in the office in which to store them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Riggs  
LIC Secretary

The Cookbook Committee would like to thank everyone who has been so supportive of our effort - we are closing in on 400 cookbooks sold! In addition to the wonderful support from friends, family and LIC members, there are five businesses on the Key Peninsula who have gone above and beyond to also support our sales goals. They are Blend Wine Shop, Cost Less Pharmacy, Goin' Postal, Ray's Meats and Sunnycrest Nursery. Without their support, we would not have been able to sell as many as we have, and we ask to the extent possible, LIC members show our appreciation by continuing to buy what we can, when we can, from these five local businesses.

A special shout out also to Lynn Carr for marketing the cookbook to boating clubs or anyone visiting the Marina!!

Barb Van Bogart

### SAVE THE DATE!!

**LIC Rummage sale  
Saturday, April 12th**

Donate your "treasurers"  
Rent a booth  
Bake for the bake sale  
Propagate for the plant sale

**PLAN ON A DAY OF FUN!**  
(Watch for more info to come.)

# Upcoming Events

Sun. Feb 2—Groundhog's Day

Sun. Feb 2—Superbowl Sunday, GO HAWKS!!!!!!!!!!

Wed, Feb 5—Marina Meeting, 9:00 am

Thu. Feb 6—Events Meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse

Sat. Feb 8—Pancake Brunch, 9:00 am—Noon, LIC Clubhouse

Sat. Feb 8—Mardi Gras Event, KPCC, 6:00 pm—Midnight

Wed. Feb 12—Lincoln's Birthday

Fri. Feb 14—Valentines Day

Sat. Feb 15—10th Annual Crab Feed, KPCC, 4:00—7:00 pm

Wed. Feb 19—General Potluck Meeting, 6:30 pm, LIC Clubhouse

Fri. Feb 22—Washington's Birthday

## Dockmaster Report.....

Not too much activity in the Marina, I think we are all waiting for warmer weather. We did have three boats in last weekend, which was nice. The light in the parking lot has been moved, so there is more visibility at night. The entry card reader is still a problem, the code works, but the access cards do not. Stay tuned for further status.

A new feather for the calendar on the LIC website is the addition of the Marina events and yacht club visits we know about. One yacht club let us know about a mistake listed for August. Great to know our web site is used!

Lynn Carr

ALL YOU CAN EAT! DONATIONS BENEFIT LIC

# LONGBRANCH PANCAKE BRUNCH FEB. 8 SAT. 9-12

NO-HOST BRUNCH BAR + ORANGE JUICE + HOT COFFEE  
FLAPJACKS + EGGS + SAUSAGE + FRIENDS & FUN

LIC CLUBHOUSE 4312 KEY PENINSULA HWY

## Flapjacks and friends

Saturday morning, Feb 8

Get up, get dressed, and get on down to the Clubhouse for our **Third Annual Pancake Brunch**. It's a chance to chat with your friends and neighbors over a cup of coffee (or Bloody Mary) and delicious breakfast. Endless pancakes, eggs and sausage with juice. All you can eat for all you are able to contribute. It's not only a great get-together, it's a benefit for the LIC. You are encouraged to linger and socialize all morning. And bring everyone, especially if they're not yet members.

Tim Heitzman  
253 539 6437



# SAVE THE DATE!!!!

When? May 16th - 18th, 2014

What? Three great days of gathering on the Kirkland Ferry at the LIC Dock .....

Why? An LIC Fundraiser .....

A Celebration of the history of the Longbranch Marina  
A Celebration of the wonderful ways the LIC supports our community  
A Celebration of the youth of our community  
Gathering together ..... enjoying being with friends and neighbors

Your part? If you would like to be a part of the design team for this event,  
If you would like to be on a committee and help with this event,  
If you would like to financially support this event,

Please contact:

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Working together, this will be a fantastic event!



Below is a Christmas letter submitted by Marlies Van Cise that she and Dick would like to share. Many of our members will remember John and Addie McMenamin who lived on Yeazell for many years, and those of us who don't know them will still enjoy their memories of Longbranch and Filucy Bay.

The photographs are described in the Christmas letter.

## Why Complicate Life?

Missing somebody?	.....	Call
Wanna meet up?	.....	Invite
Wanna be understood?	.....	Explain
Have questions?	.....	Ask
Don't like something?	.....	Say it
Like something?	.....	State it
Want something?	.....	Ask for it
Love someone?	.....	Tell it

## We just have one Life, Keep it Simple

Submitted by Marlies Van Cise



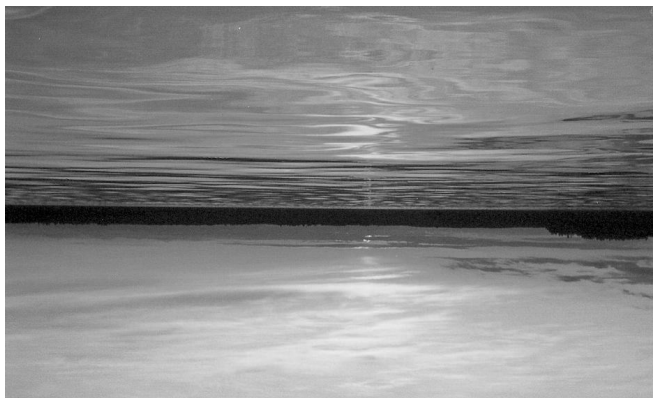
At 96 and 94 we continually adjust to the aging processes. Our naps are long, delicious, and continue to refresh. Addie cannot take care of herself and so is now confined to bed much of the time. She now sleeps in the dining room in a hospital bed under 24 hour supervision of caregivers. For a time she was under care of Hospice, but improved enough for them to stop seeing her. Remarkably, she never complains about her blindness, although she is impatient at not seeing food on her plate or at not recognizing the faces of friends.

There is no good time to give up a driver's license, but in a rush of patriotism at the behest of the family I gave up mine with two years to go on the license and sold the car as a safeguard. I felt I couldn't complain about bad older drivers, while slowly becoming one myself. I hate putting an extra load on the family. Fortunately, they provide help in many ways with grace and good humor.

The scene on the front of this card is very special to me. For nearly twenty years it was a common everyday view that could draw forth deep emotions. Our retirement home was around the corner. and down the bay. We're now in post-retirement in benign Oceanside where we spend a lot of time reminiscing about our good old days, and what lovely days they were.

The scene is looking east from the Longbranch Marina across Filucy Bay to Mt. Rainier. We early on learned that Filucy bay in a small boat at sunset could bring magic into our lives. The breezes of the afternoon and early evening tend to calm by sunset. The surface becomes glossy smooth and highly reflective, of the blue sky, pink, or golden clouds, black forest, on a background of gray, green water. We were part of a huge ever changing art piece.

Then as the sun dips below the distant Olympics to the west, Mt. Rainier blushes a rosy pink, and as the last rays of the sun leave "The Mountain", it stands, cold, foreboding a deadly gray-white and I am swept with a feeling of sweet sadness that another day has died. At these times, our granddaughters as little girls talked in hushed tones suggesting that they were experiencing kindred emotions. And best of all, Addie too still remembers.



# 2014 LIC Membership

Mail this form with payment:  
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DATE OF RENEWAL/APPLICATION

NAME

SPOUSE

PLEASE MARK IF NEW OR CHANGED

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CITY STATE ZIP

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

LOCAL TELEPHONE

MOBILE/OTHER TELEPHONE

EMAIL

Please deliver my newsletter by: ☐ E-mail ☐ Postal mail

Your LIC depends on volunteer labor. Check **all** the boxes for activities that you'd like to do.

## EVENTS

- ☐ Set up/decorate/host  
☐ Food prep/kitchen

## ACTIVITIES

- ☐ Telephone tree  
☐ Road crew pickup

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

## FACILITIES

- ☐ Building  
☐ Grounds/garden  
☐ Dock

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIAL SKILLS

- ☐ Committee  
☐ Office  
☐ Musical  
☐ Publicity

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Extra donation enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ CHECK ENCLOSED ☐ CHARGE TO ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY DATE

CID NUMBER (back of card)

- ☐ Renewal ☐ New  
☐ Individual Dues .....\$25  
☐ Couple Dues .....\$40  
☐ Associate Dues .....\$25

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# LIC Membership Report



Big welcome to new Members  
Davis, Linda Merriam & Daniel Merriam.

Meg

Thanks to Ann Dearing & Connie Wick for hosting and Theresa Gano for bartending at the January meeting.

I am looking for two host/hostess for the Feb meeting. Please email [eacolbert@msn.com](mailto:eacolbert@msn.com) or call 253-225-5115 if you would like to volunteer.

See you at the Pancake Breakfast on Feb 8th (9:00-12:00).

Eloise Colbert

**See you at the Feb 19<sup>th</sup>  
meeting  
At 6:30**

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