

March 2015



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**General 'Dessert' Meeting, Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 PM**

## President's Message

IRS Audit. We responded to the latest round of requests and questions from the IRS by submitting various documents and arguments early in February. The ball is now in their court again; and we wait to see what comes next.

Leaky Roof. The rainy weather exposed a problem with some leakage around the flue pipes of our space heaters in the auditorium. Sharon Gearhart had it checked out by Gig Harbor Roofing, who applied mastic at the base of the flues to seal them. A truly proper repair would involve removing the metal roofing to place the sealant underneath, but that would be quite expensive and risk doing more harm than good. The current fix should last 2-3 years and can be redone as needed.

Clubhouse Chimney and Buttresses. The building assessment we had performed last year pointed out the severely deteriorated condition of the chimney and identified it as the item most in need of repair and stabilization. A mason who has experience with historic buildings has done a preliminary evaluation. We asked him to also look at the areas where there has been spalling of the parch coat on the buttresses on the north and south sides of the building. While this is more of a cosmetic concern than a structural one, it will also require the skills of a mason and it makes sense (and saves money) to have it done at the same time the chimney is repaired. At this writing, we have not yet received a cost estimate for these repairs.

Long Range Plan. The elements of the "Centennial Plan" were presented to the membership at the February meeting. This has been in the works for a very long time and has had input from many members. It represents a roadmap to move the LIC successfully from the present to our 100-year anniversary date in 2021. Some details appear in a separate article in this newsletter. I want to thank all those members who shared their time and ideas to create this Plan.

March Program. The program for the March membership meeting will be "Falls - Impact and Prevention", presented by Karmela Little of the St. Anthony Hospital. Don't miss the discussion of this important health issue to learn things you might do in your home environment to prevent a serious fall from occurring -- much better than coping with the aftermath of a bad fall.

Gayle Brewer

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**There will be a continuing food bank donation box at the General Meetings. Please feel free to contribute.**

**Longbranch Improvement Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2015**

LIC General Membership Meeting 02/18/15 @ LIC lobby was called to order at 7:00  
Guests were introduced.

**CONTRACTOR REPORTS**

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reports that there were only 8 visiting boaters last month. The water is turned on at the dock right now, and Lynn says this offers a good opportunity for volunteer hours to pressure washing the dock, which is greatly needed.

LIC Rental Agent Lori Deacon has developed a rental schedule and it is filling up with reservations for 2015 with nine made so far. She has offered an up to date version of the schedule for email viewing if interested.

**BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked and it was MSP to accept the Jan. 2015 LIC General Membership meeting minutes.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger passed around copies of his financial report. Annual moorage payments are continuing to come in. The Pancake Breakfast netted \$638.00.

Events: Delia McGinnis reported that approximately 70 people attended the pancake breakfast which provided a great meeting place for friends and neighbors.

Membership: Larry Colbert reporting for Eloise Colbert : There are currently 68 LIC memberships paid up for 2015. Larry thanked the hosts for this LIC potluck dinner meeting: Dick and Dee Scharf, Ann Dearing and Robin Gould.

Building and Grounds: Gayle Brewer reported for Sharon Gearhart: There was a roof leak around the new propane heater flues that required caulking. Due to the way the LIC roof was constructed, it will need to be caulked again every 3 or 4 years as part of an ongoing maintenance program. The Chimney and cement buttresses are being inspected for a repair cost estimation.

Marina: Denny Prichard reported that the LIC has sent away one of the LIC boat houses for demolition. The LIC Marina Committee is getting started on dock upgrade negotiations with the DNR in preparation for the 2017 DNR lease renewal.

Trustee at Large: Phil Johnson has nothing to report.

Sunshine Lady: Marlies Van Cise reported that long time Longbranch resident and club member Marge Radnich passed away earlier this month. And past resident David Cubberley has passed away.

Newsletter: Nancy Carr reminds us to get our articles to her by the 25th of the month for the LIC newsletter.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart had nothing to report.

President: Gayle Brewer had nothing to report.

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**February 18, 2015**

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### OLD BUSINESS

Gayle Brewer reported that the IRS audit is still in progress and it is uncertain as to when it will be over. The most recent request for LIC information was sent back to the IRS earlier this month.

### NEW BUSINESS

Carolyn Wiley and Robin Gould have formed a committee to start planning early for The Fiber Arts Festival/Farm tour scheduled for this fall. They welcome any members interested in joining them.

Plans for the LIC Spring Regatta are underway. Any ideas ideas for the festivities are welcome. Contact Gene Brown (253-683-0009). This first Sunday of May brings out all the LIC boaters and boater want-to-bes. All are welcome to come down to the dock, catch a ride and/or try their hand at crewing.

Jim and Kelly Hettinger are bringing a diver to the LIC Marina to work on their boat. If anyone else is planning to do this, they suggest coordinating for a group rate.

Kerry and Helen Jamieson brought flyers for Sat March 14 "Puget Sounds Like Fun Day" to be hosted by Key Peninsula Civic Center from 10 AM - 2 PM. It offers "family fun to celebrate clean boating and a healthy Puget Sound".

A speaker from St. Anthony's Hospital will present a program at the LIC March Membership Meeting entitled "Falls: Impact and Prevention"

A Special Presentation of the LIC Long Range Plan was presented to the Membership with a plan summary handout and a slideshow presentation by Gayle Brewer and Clark Van Bogart. It identifies and prioritizes a plan of action for the Club with guidelines to take the organization from now to the LIC Centennial in 2021. The plan will soon be on the LIC website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. Judy Riggs

## Upcoming Events

Wed. Mar 4—Marina Meeting, 3:00 PM

Thu. Mar 5 —Events Meeting, 7:00 PM, LIC Clubhouse

Sun. Mar 8—Daylight Savings Time Begins—Spring Forward

Sat. Mar 14 – Puget Sounds Like Fun Day, Civic Center, 10 AM—2 PM

Tue. Mar 17—St. Patrick's Day

Wed. Mar 18—Fiber Arts Planning Meeting, LIC Clubhouse 2:30 PM

Wed. Mar 18—General 'Dessert' Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

Fri. Mar 20—Spring Equinox

## February 2015 Building and Grounds Chat room:

Well fortunately or unfortunately, I have been gone a good share of February but gosh the LIC clubhouse went on just fine without me. In fact, Gig Harbor roofing came out while I was gone and fixed the leaks around the furnace chimneys so that is one less problem to worry about. Gayle and Clark had a specialist come out to look at the old chimney and he will be sending a repair cost estimate and also an estimate for the cost to fix the spalling on the buttresses. Once we have this we will put forth a proposal for a grant consideration to help with the cost plus a few other repairs, if there is enough. Keep your fingers crossed. The Building and Grounds committee has selected the dates for both the spring and fall clean ups at the clubhouse. Spring will be April 11-12, 2015 and fall clean-up will be October 10-11, 2015. With the great job that Lori Deacon is doing getting rentals for the club we decided we had better get some dates firmed or we would not have anything left to work with. We will keep you informed on what tasks will be on the list for April. I also will be ordering a new dishwasher this week so hope to have that in a few weeks. As a side note, I have been on mouse patrol and the score is Sharon 5-mice 0. They have also gone through 3 boxes of De-Con so.....here's hoping. Please make sure the mouse repellents are on when you leave—they do help, believe it or not. I think that is all for this month. Thanks to all who help with the building upkeep. Keep smiling it strengthens your face.

Sharon

## Greetings from the LIC sunshine corner:

Sad news this month :

Our longtime friend and member of the LIC and the Key Peninsula Community , Marge Radonich, passed away peacefully on Feb. 8, 2015, in Yuma, Arizona, after a massive stroke. She will be cremated in Yuma, and once Becky Olsen (daughter) has picked up the ashes, plans for a loving memorial for Marge will be planned. MARGE WILL BE MISSED!!!

Another longtime member of the LIC, David Cubberley, passed away after many years of illness and complications. They had moved from a gorgeous home in Longbranch to a beautiful condo in Gig Harbor, to be closer to doctors and conveniences. There will be no memorial at this time, but the family plans a traditional "celebration of life" in the High Sierra Mountains in the future.

Marlies Van Cise

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlies Van Cise

## Dockmaster Report

February was pretty slow with only about 12 boats and one barge, but March is looking to be better. In case you didn't know, the water is now on. Winter moorage ends this month, so all winter boats need to be out by the 31st.

If you need volunteer hours, please call me, 253-307-1873. I have a list of jobs you can pick from!.

Thank you,  
Lynn

## What's Happening

It's been a quiet month for the Events Committee. We had a great volunteer response for the Pancake Brunch. Although we had low attendance we netted \$778 thanks to the generous donations by the attendees. We are also always heartened by the dedication and hard work of the LIC volunteers. We couldn't do any of these events without you and appreciate all you do. We are making plans for our upcoming spring events. We will begin advertising them soon. Check out the website and newsletter for updates.

We have had a number of events in the past five months. We've had official and not so official photographers. Please share those pictures with the membership by submitting them to Nancy Carr so we can get them up on the website.  
Delia

## Publicity Chairperson Needed

The LIC needs to have a Publicity Chair to head up a working committee to evaluate, organize and carry out the numerous publicity related tasks within the Club. Our recently completed Long Range Plan highlights the numerous and sometimes overlapping areas where publicity is vitally important, e.g. events, newsletter, website, membership, community outreach, etc. The position is not to DO all the publicity chores, it is to get the area organized and oversee it. (We already have members willing to serve on the committee and help.) If you might be interested in taking this position, or have someone in mind, please contact Delia McGinnis 253-884-1163 or Gayle Brewer 253-884-0787.

## LIC Long Range Plan Presented to Membership

The Long Range Plan (also called the “Centennial Plan”) for the LIC was unveiled in a slide presentation at the member meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Centennial Plan had been in development for more than two years and was approved by the Board of Directors in January. It sets out 10 separate goals for the LIC through year 2021 (2021 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formal existence of the LIC) in six areas, including:

- Role of the LIC in the Community
- Governance
- Membership
- Events
- Building and Grounds
- Marina

A Member Summary was distributed at the meeting and additional copies of are available at the clubhouse. We will eventually post it on the LIC’s website; however, until that happens, any member wishing to see the entire Centennial Plan document should e-mail Clark ([cvb@vanbogart.com](mailto:cvb@vanbogart.com)).



Sunset on Filucy Bay. Picture by Kurt Anderson

# **PUGET SOUNDS LIKE FUN DAY**

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 2 pm**

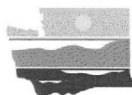
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### ACTIVITIES

- ☐ Telephone tree  
☐ Road crew pickup  
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- ☐ Building  
☐ Grounds/garden  
☐ Dock  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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# LIC Membership Report

Thanks to Dick and Dee Scharf, Ann Dearing and Robin Gould for volunteering for the February Meeting.

If you can volunteer for the March meeting, please call or e-mail Eloise, 253-225-5115, eacolbert@msn.com

**March Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 28**

**7:00 PM**

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