

MEMBER NEWS



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

AUGUST 2016

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

AUGUST 17 – POTLUCK DINNER MEETING – 6:30 PM

President's Message:

Did you know that boaters in Washington need to have their Washington State Boater Education Card with them when operating a boat with 15 horsepower or greater? (Boat operators born before January 1, 1955, are exempt but may choose to get a card if they plan to boat in Canada or Oregon since both require mandatory education.) Lance Williamson of the Tacoma Power Squadron spoke at the July General Membership Meeting stressing the importance of knowledge and safety when operating either a sail or power boat. The Tacoma Power Squadron will offer the ABC (Boating Basics) Course for four weeks in September and October if you wish to update your skills or if you wish to meet the requirements for the Washington State Boater Education card. The Squadron will have a rendezvous at the Longbranch Marina October 14-16. If you wish to have a free visual safety check of your boat by a trained Power Squadron inspector, please inform Mark Runions (renimark@centurytel.net or 884.4807) so he can let the Power Squadron know.

I was recently reading the archived LIC Newsletter President's messages which reminded me of how fortunate we were to have the former Boards' foresight in having the professional historical assessment completed on the Clubhouse. The assessment provided us with a pathway to deal with the repair and preservation of the clubhouse. In August, Sharon Gearhart will be scheduling dates when members can clean the outside of the building with brushes and water. Then the entire building will be stained in September. The Historic Landmark and Preservation Commission approved the new auditorium exterior doors design and those doors have been ordered. A contractor has been retained to install the doors after completion. **Your volunteer hours will count** against the match required by the Preservation Committee grant so please plan on spending a few hours on one of the scheduled work days.

Moving onward, Gayle Brewer wrote the Phase 2 grant application for the Pierce County Landmark and Preservation Committee. Of the 14 applications, the LIC was the only organization to receive 15 of 15 total points and the grant was approved! So next year, we will continue onward with the preservation of our beautiful clubhouse with four new projects. Our "Grand Old Lady" is slowly getting spiffed up!

During the last month of summer, enjoy the sunshine, your garden and the water surrounding us. Aren't we lucky to live in this beautiful part of the world?

Francie



LIC General Membership Meeting July 20, 2016



Francie Carr called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Babette and Skip Cook were welcomed back and Jill McJury, a new neighbor of Lynn Lloyd's, was introduced as well.

GUEST SPEAKER Lance Williamson, commander of the Tacoma Power Squadron, presented an overview of U.S. Power Squadrons (some 300 across the country). Their slogan is "Come for the boating...stay for the friends", with an emphasis on education, safety and fellowship. To that end, the squadron offers a variety of classes - from basic boating to celestial navigation, free vessel safety checks and monthly meetings (the fourth Tuesday of the month). He suggested that the TPS and the LIC work together: TPS would provide the teachers of the courses and the safety examiners and the LIC would get the word out on the Key Peninsula. (The vessel safety checks would take place in October.) Also, possibly a joint rendezvous in the future.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS:

Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reported that Steve Stemhagen put in a new log today. The filter under the sink at the clubhouse has been changed - it is recommended that the filter be replaced every three months. A water cut-off valve has been installed under the sink.

Rental Agent: Benida Parodi (not present). Francie noted that the LIC building is very well booked through September.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the Minutes of the June General Meeting be approved as written. MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger described June as rather lackluster. However, quarterly payments are due this month. Building rental income is high - 140% over budget. The July 2nd dance (unbudgeted) was a phenomenal success, with revenue of \$5671.75 and expenses of just \$1793.58, resulting in \$3878.17 net profit. As of June 30th, there was a balance of \$42,167.78 in the checking account.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart thanked Steve for replacing the post at the front of the LIC building. She also expressed appreciation to the people taking care of the grounds, which are looking great.

With regard to the grant work for 2016, Jeff Tritt has agreed to be the painting contractor. John Stanton will be installing the side doors. Real Carriage Doors decided that they could not build the doors to our original specifications but that the new design would produce sturdier doors and look very close to the original. Gayle presented the reasons for the change at the meeting of the Pierce County Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission and they agreed to the changes. The building permit application has been submitted and we are waiting for it to come back. **Volunteers** are needed for cleaning out the chimney (by August 31st). Anyone with an idea on how to do that, please contact Sharon. **Volunteers** are also needed for cleaning the building - with water and brushes only - in preparation for painting the building. The grant for 2017 is to include replacing the doors to the office and store room, removing the office window and staining the counters in the kitchen area a darker color. The LIC would match the \$4816 requested. Gayle put this grant application together in a matter of days and our application was the only one to receive a perfect score of 15!

Events: Jan Brown and Kathy Lyons asked for ideas for future events at the LIC. Robin knows of a band that she suggests for the Labor Day Dance. Other event suggestions: Talent Show for all ages and a Garden Tour. Possibly a Centennial Celebration in 2021?

Marina: Mark Runions said that there was not much to report. There is a new barbeque at the Marina. Burgees have arrived and are on sale for \$25 for LIC members, \$30 for non-members.

Membership: Nancy asked that we turn in your name tags before you leave. And thanks to the kitchen and set-up volunteers.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson (not present). A reminder that the newsletter deadline is July 25th.

Sunshine: Marlies Van Cise (not present).

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Announcements:

- ◆ Tour GPC's Filucy Bay Preserve, July 23rd, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Meet at the LIC.
- ◆ Need help to haul away the old tables (contact Sharon). Goodwill will come to pick them up if they think that they can sell them.
- ◆ Fish Weaving at the Marina with Carolyn Wiley and Lizzy Barry.
- ◆ Thirsty Thursdays, 4:30, at the Marina.
- ◆ Next meeting is a potluck dinner on August 17th.

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Jane Etseman*

LOST? & FOUND!



Someone left this bowl behind on June 20,
after the member meeting at the LIC.

If you would like it returned, call Barb Van Bogart
at 884-1186!!



It has come to our attention that some people are interested in ordering more cookbook art cards.

It is possible to order only those art pictures in which you are interested, or you can order a set of ten cards.

Please let me know what art prints you want and the number of each if you just want selected artwork.

The price is now \$10 for 10 cards instead of \$15!!

Contact: B. Floyd at [253.884.3796](tel:253.884.3796) or email bjf.4969@yahoo.com



FROM THE 'DOCK' CHAIR:

Just a few brief items this month:

We have a new barbecue grill in the pavilion - the old, tired, filthy one has been laid to rest.

I spoke with a rep from Sea Grant Washington at the Healthy Waters Fair which was held at the LIC on the 23rd. He was very well informed on a variety of subjects that pertain to boating in general, and explained to me some of the possibilities available to the Marina if we want to reconsider installing a pump-out station. It appears that by taking advantage of grants through 2 separate agencies, we may be able to accomplish this with full funding for both installation and maintenance. ***Too good to be true?*** I will definitely continue to look into this! Meanwhile, he also gave me a supply of handy oil-absorbent "pillows" that I will hand over to Lynn to be available for members and visiting boaters for no charge. There are about 40 of them, so get one if you don't already have such equipment on your boat.

The good weather is finally bringing in transient boats in increasing numbers. And the Thirsty Thursday cruises are becoming popular now, thanks to Kelly's organizing and enthusiasm. The fun starts around 4:30 every Thursday afternoon, and is not limited to cocktail cruising, but any other fun activity you want to suggest. No boat required!

Mark Runtons, Marina Committee Chairman

DOCKMASTER REPORT:

July has been a month with no scheduled yacht clubs, but we've had transient moorage each weekend. It is always nice to see some boaters come for repeat visits. There is a new BBQ now for the Marina, and it must still be used outside the pavilion. There is also a new resident fish on display in the pavilion above the window to the office. Come down and take a look!

Nancy and I were gone for a week to help our kids move to their new house in Chattaroy (near Spokane). I want to thank Kerry Jamieson and Robert Theisen for their help while we were gone.

Lynn



WHAT'S HAPPENING!



The band "The Copastetics" are a 70's and 80's Funk Rock Band...Trumpet, Trombone, Sax, Drum, Guitar and Voice. They are **GUARANTEED** to provide Great dance music. Can't wait to see them. Tell Everyone you know and come to the dance!!!

September 3rd- from 8-11

Calling all volunteers to help.



Kathy Lyons & Jan Brown



On a rainy Thirsty Thursday afternoon, we met in the Pavillion for sips and quips. We had 2 handsome musicians from a guest sailboat join us with their guitars. Fun was had by all."

Food Drive



Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



**CHAIR POSITION
OPEN!**



LIC 4th of July dance. This group was an extended family from Vaughn who saw our road signs and came to the Dance. They loved it and had a great time.

Update on The Longbranch Foundation-August 2016

Last month I reported that it may be possible to secure a grant under the WA State Community Project Program for repairs and upgrades at the marina. I'm happy to report now that we have begun drafting the grant proposal and expect to have it completed within the next few weeks. Our focus will be on complete replacement of the west end of 'A' dock (approx. 1066 sq. ft.) which contains exposed Styrofoam flotation, creosote pilings near the end of their useful life, and a deck surface that does not comply with current WA Departments of Fish and Wildlife or Natural Resources specifications. We are also requesting funds for complete replacement of the dinghy dock structure and construction of three finger piers to replace five boathouses. I am awaiting final numbers from our proposed contractor but expect the total cost of all these upgrades will be in the range of \$220,000 - \$240,000.

These items meet two of the three goals the legislature strives to achieve when providing these grants, namely environmental protection and public safety. The third goal is to reduce the State's greenhouse gas emissions and with this request, this goal likely cannot be met. This grant proposal will be filed by our legislative representative (presently Jesse Young) when the Legislature convenes its 2017 session in January. As I stated before, this is not a sure thing; however, we are encouraged by the enthusiasm expressed by Rep. Young's legislative aide when we met with her a few weeks ago to discuss these projects.

Also, by the time you read this, the Foundation's Board of Directors will have held its annual meeting on July 26th. In addition to choosing officers for the next year, the Board will likely approve the \$4,200 grant request from the LIC to help cover replacement of the north and south auditorium double doors leading to outside. This grant by the Foundation will help the LIC meet its cash commitment under the Pierce County Preservation Grant awarded to the LIC this year.

I'll keep you all posted on both of these as they progress, but meanwhile, if you have questions, comments or ideas for fundraising, please give me a call or send an e-mail note.

Clark Van Bogart, President

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August Building and Grounds Chat Room:



The LIC is indebted to Lynn Carr and Robert Theisen for changing the water filter under the kitchen sink and installing a water shut off valve that is easily accessible and reduces the amount of flow back water when changing the filter from 6 gallons to 2 gallons. Big difference between emptying the connecting pipes and emptying the system from the attic to the sink. We will be changing the filter every three months or sooner if the system receives heavy use as the iron and grit content of the water is very high. Steve Stemhagen also deserves a huge hand for installing the new post on the front porch. As soon as we can find a matching log he will replace the opposite one. I feel much better and safer now that the rotten post is gone. Additionally, continued thanks to those volunteers who have been keeping the grounds looking neat and tidy. I am in the process of trying to get rid of our old tables and am working with the Salvation Army to see if they might be interested in taking them. If they agree they will pick them up-if they cannot use them, we will need to dispose of them. If any member could use one or two or knows any person or organization who might be interested, please let me know before August. I need to 'get them gone'.

2016 LIC Grant update:

Jeff Tritt has agreed to do painting of the LIC and will do so in September. He will also rent the Boom lift needed for the job. Gayle Brewer has found an installer- (John Stanton) to hang our doors in the main room as soon as they are fabricated. A change in door style was recommended by Real Carriage Doors which will give us a more stable and longer lasting door. Since this change was not what the Landmarks & Historic Preservation Commission approved in the original grant, Gayle presented the suggested changes at their meeting on July 19 and they unanimously agreed to the change so we can proceed with fabrication. Steve Stemhagen will begin work on repairing and painting the west side windows this next week. Now here is your part of the Deal-I am planning on having a building washing and chimney clean out day August 13 from 10:00AM-3:30PM. Lunch will be provided. I need volunteers to come with elbows greased and ready to give the "Grand Old Girl" a scrub down for as far up as we can reach front and back. If we can I would like to repair some of the bird damage holes along the way. (Suggestions on what type of lumber and technique to use are welcome.) Ladders will be needed and if you have brushes that would be wonderful. I have a wet/dry shop vacuum that we can use but if anyone has something more powerful it might be helpful. We think we have figured out how to access the clean out door. Let me know if you can help so I can plan lunch. I will be taking pictures to document the work for the final report to the Preservation Commission. Boy Howdy, are we having fun now! *sharon*

2017 Grant Update:

Gayle Brewer did a stupendous job of getting the 2017 Grant proposal prepared and Francie Carr raced the clock to get 10 copies made and to the Commission before the deadline. We learned at the July 19 Preservation Commission meeting that out of 14 grant applications ours was the only one to score a perfect 15 points (the runner up being 12 points) based on material, presentation and content. Consequently, they voted unanimously to fund our grant request of \$4800+/- to do Phase 2 of the building upgrade in 2017. Kudo's to Gayle and Francie and the Grant Commission.

"Democracy is the worst form of government-except for all the others." *Winston Churchill*

EDITOR'S NOTE: "WHO AM I?" is a new 'feature' for our NL. Each month we will 'showcase' a member and everyone gets to guess who it is! Some might be easy, some harder, but hopefully, we will all get to know each other a little better! Answers will be in the next month's LIC Newsletter. Have fun! *Helen*

WHO AM I?

- ◇ My daughter at age 8, skied at Sun Valley with Jean Claude Killy, 1968 Olympic Skiing Gold Medalist. He was dating her ski instructor.
- ◇ My high school graduation gift was a bright yellow 1947 Ford convertible.
- ◇ I have traveled as far north as Point Barrow and as far south as South Africa.
- ◇ My first boat was a 16' wooden Reinell with a 25 horsepower Johnson outboard.
- ◇ I have a very large family but none live close by.
- ◇ I love to travel. My husband says I always have a bag packed and can leave at a moment's notice.
- ◇ I have many hobbies and probably am not very good at any of them but still enjoy pursuing them.



I love living in Longbranch. I have lived in many communities, but never any place as eclectic, caring and friendly as here. We moved here knowing no one but would hate to have to leave this peaceful place and all our friends.

Answer: September LIC NL



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Respectfully submitted, *Marlies Van Cise*

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LIC Membership Report

Thanks to those who helped with the July dessert meeting: Kelly Hettinger, Jim Hettinger and Lynn Carr for setup and Barb VanBogart, Pat Muchmore and Kelly Hettinger in the kitchen (and bar). Thanks, too, for everyone returning the nametags after the meeting so they are ready for next month.



Next month is pot luck on August 17th at 6:30 pm. So, let me know if you can help with setup or in the kitchen.

Thank you

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