



LIC

Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club FEBRUARY 2016



For the Betterment of the Community

FEBRUARY 17 – POTLUCK DINNER MEETING-6:30 PM



President's Message:

The January membership meeting was a packed house and all in attendance were in awe of David Montesino's photographs of the Key Peninsula area. Sunrise photos of our beloved mountain, a heron landing on a dock, eagles in his madrona tree and shots of the beaver moon transfixed us. You can see more of his photos on the Longbranch Improvement Club's website.

In addition to David's program, members dealt with a long agenda.

The new 2016 LIC balanced budget was approved.

Clark Van Bogart reviewed the benefits of establishing a 501(c)3 foundation. The membership ratified support of the recent creation of The Longbranch Foundation. The next steps for The Foundation will be to file for a tax identification number and tax exemption from the IRS. The Longbranch Foundation will sponsor the "Bodacious Garage Sale" on April 23rd so that a receipt can be issued for a donation of cash, household goods or clothing.

The 2015 LIC fiscal year was very successful. In order to capture this unbudgeted income and to use it wisely, it was recommended that the membership approve new cash allocations to the reserve funds. These funds will be transferred into the Marina and Building Reserve Funds and will establish a new Board Designated Fund for start-up funds for The Longbranch Foundation. What a great way to start the new fiscal year for the LIC.

Kurt and Christine Anderson were honored with a Lifetime Award for their outstanding volunteer contributions.

Christine served on the Scholarship Committee and as Chair for more than four years. She improved the selection process and hosted the scholarship recipients at LIC meetings. Kurt has served as LIC Vice President, been a member of the Marina Committee and is currently serving on the DNR Lease Renewal committee. He has spent countless hours reviewing and analyzing how best to meet the marina requirements for the Department of Natural Resources. Brian and Dee Born were given a Star Award for their faithful service mowing the LIC field throughout the hot dry summer. A huge thank you to both couples for their outstanding contributions to the LIC.

In January, Sharon Gearhart, Gayle Brewer and I, attended the Pierce County Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission meeting which reviewed our grant projects. In addition to repairing the chimney, repairing and staining the siding and the window frames, the side doors in the hall will be replaced and rehung with new carriage doors. We have all been in and out of those doors for years, but has anyone noticed that the north and south doors were not identical? The north side door planks are wider and have many more knots than the south doors. In addition the south side doors are hung with six newer iron hinges than the four on the north doors. The Commission requested that wide planks be used, that the old iron hinges be installed and new ones made to resemble the old be installed on the doors even if they are just for ornamentation. In addition, the new door jams should be similar in look and appearance to the present jams. Gayle and Sharon are looking at the calendar to schedule the start of the repair work in late spring and early summer. Volunteers will be needed to work on the siding and window frames so watch for their appeal.

Wow, 2016 is off to a busy year! What fun! Valentine hugs and kisses to the great Club membership!

Francie





LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The LIC General Meeting was held in the LIC Lobby on 01/20/16. After a potluck dessert buffet, the meeting began at 7:00. New members and guests were introduced, and then guest speaker David Montesino of the local blog "Longbranch Chronicles" gave a slide show presentation of photos he has taken on the Key Peninsula. He describes his work as "chasing light". He also chases the moon, the water and the mountain creating some beautiful photos of our area.

President Francie Carr announced the remaining 2015 LIC Awards.

The Star Award went to Dee and Brian Borne for outstanding volunteer service to the LIC for mowing all year.

The Lifetime Award went to Christine and Kurt Anderson for continued outstanding service to the LIC and the community. Over the years their contributions included work with the LIC Scholarships, LIC Board, and the LIC Marina.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reported that the only activity this month at the LIC Marina is a guest barge that has stayed repeatedly and generated some income for the dock.

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked and it was MSP to accept the Dec. 2015 LIC General Meeting minutes as written. Judy made an amendment to the Oct. 2015 LIC General Meeting to include Phil Johnson on the 501(c)3 Committee. It was MSP to accept the Oct. amended General Meeting minutes. A thank you letter was read from Lori Deacon for her time with the LIC as the Rental Agent contractor. She wished us all a Happy New Year.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger announced that the Marina moorage invoices have been sent out and if the LIC Marina tenants will pay for the year in full by Feb.15, a 5% discount will be applied to the total owed.

The 2015 LIC Budget Year ended with the expenses lower than expected. So there will be a Special Cash Allocations discussion and vote this meeting under NEW BUSINESS.

LIC/DNR Marina Lease: Denny Prichard reports that the 2017 LIC Marina Lease Renewal Committee is looking into piling replacement options at the dock. At least five, and possibly seven will need to be replaced this year. The LIC 2017 Lease Renewal meeting with the DNR is still unscheduled but is expected to occur soon. Denny is the official appointed LIC contact to the DNR.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reported that a new replacement furnace was installed in for the lobby by Kohler, under warranty at no cost to the LIC, and it is warm again. Thank you to Dave Hansen for fixing the electrical issue with the hall's furnace in time for the scheduled wedding event.

Bill Lloyd has offered to cut up and remove the wood after the dead tree on the corner of the property is cut down. Sharon reports that more dumping has occurred off Erickson Rd. onto the back of the LIC property. Also, the LIC shed next to the clubhouse was broken into, but nothing was taken. Tom Osborne replaced the broken hasp with a more heavy duty one.

Events: Delia McGinnis reported that the beautiful quilts that Shirley Brewer made and donated to the LIC Christmas Raffle brought in \$500.

- ◆ The 2016 LIC Events Calendar has been completed.
 - ◆ The first event of 2016 will be the LIC Garage sale on April 23. The Prichards will be chairing the event with the committee planning to meet soon to start planning. Call them if you are interested in volunteering.
 - ◆ The Dock Breakfast will be organized and run by the Dock Committee this year and is scheduled for Sat. May 7.
 - ◆ "Fingertips" has been scheduled to play at the LIC Memorial Day Dance and Kim Archer has been scheduled to play at the LIC Labor Day Dance.
 - ◆ The weekend of June 25 and 26 is reserved at the LIC for the 2016 Down Key fund-raiser with proceeds earmarked for youth activities and scholarships. It will be a dinner theatre with the play featuring the local Key Peninsula history. The LIC quilting group will be creating a raffle quilt for the Down Key fundraiser.
- (See LIC website for the full list).

Marina: Mark Runions reported that the LIC just paid the DNR for the LIC Marina lease renewal fee for 2016. Included in the moorage invoices is a request for updated information needed to maintain the records for the Marina.

Both the Dock Breakfast and Spring boat regatta will be organized and run by the Marina Committee this year.

Membership: Nancy Carr reminded members that it is time to renew their LIC Memberships. She thanked the hosting volunteers for this meeting.

Trustee at Large: Gayle Brewer has been arranging for speakers at the dessert meetings, and welcomes recommendations for future speakers.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson asks that articles and announcements be sent to her by the 25th of the month for the LIC newsletter.

Sunshine Lady: Marlies Van Cise reported that she had brought Barb Copely one of our LIC Christmas table centerpieces and had a lovely visit with her at the nursing home. Marlies expressed condolences to Nancy and Lynn Carr for the loss of Nancy's father. Nancy responded that her Dad had lived to be 95 and had a happy life.

President: Francie Carr announced that the Historic Building Grant Committee will meet in Feb. to form a plan to have all the work completed on the Clubhouse by Oct. 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

The proposed LIC Budget for 2016 had been presented to the LIC Membership for consideration at the Nov. 2015 General Membership Meeting.

It was MSP to accept the LIC Budget for 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Francie Carr, Clark Van Bogart, and Jim Hettinger proposed several items totaling \$25,500 that should be considered for funding as there is available cash from the 2015 budget for this purpose. It was proposed that \$10,000 be transferred into the Marina Reserve, \$12,500 be transferred into the Building and Grounds Reserve and \$3,000 be transferred into a new Designated Reserve Fund for set up cost for The Longbranch Foundation. This requires a separate membership approval as the amount could not be known until after the end of the year reconciling and so was not planned for in the proposed 2016 LIC Budget. Besides these items, it is proposed to pay the Promissory Noteholders who elected early repayment a total of \$12,700 to satisfy the LIC's obligation to them.

It was MSP by the LIC Membership to accept the proposed allocation of these additional cash allocations.

LONG RANGE PLAN - Goal #2

Clark Van Bogart announced that in following through with the Long Range Plan, HGoal # 2, The Longbranch Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization has been officially formed with the Articles of Incorporation filed with WA State. TLF will be considered affiliated with the LIC, and will make it easier to raise funds for specific charitable purposes because a tax deduction may be available to the donor. The Longbranch Foundation will be able to apply for grants from certain foundations and governmental organizations that do not fund 501(c)(4) organizations, such as the LIC. This in turn will generate money for special LIC projects.

Clark continued by saying that the Board of Directors of The Longbranch Improvement Club (the LIC) supports the creation of The Longbranch Foundation (the Foundation) as a nonprofit organization to be affiliated with the LIC, and recommends adoption of the following motion by the members attending the LIC general membership meeting on January 20, 2016:



"The Longbranch Improvement Club (the LIC) welcomes the recent creation of The Longbranch Foundation (the Foundation), a nonprofit charitable organization established under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the following purposes:

- To protect the environment, particularly the marine environment surrounding the Longbranch Marina in Pierce County, Washington and to ensure that the Longbranch Marina is safe for use by members of the public.*
- To preserve the historic LIC clubhouse, as well as other historical structures and sites.*
- To maintain and improve the grounds of the LIC clubhouse, which are open for public recreational use.*
- To advance education by supporting student scholarship programs and public school activities and programs.*
- To assist other public service organizations.*
- To do any lawful activities and desirable activities to further these purposes.*

"The LIC recognizes that it is intended that the LIC and the Foundation have a close working relationship, under which representatives of the LIC will be members of the board of directors of the Foundation, and that it is intended that the two organizations work closely in the raising of funds to support their common purposes.

"The LIC's Board of Directors is authorized to perform any function assigned to it under the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws."

It was MSP to ratify the creation of The Longbranch Foundation

As info, TLF initial board of directors will have an organizational meeting on January 25th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. Judy Riggs



View from the Dock Chair

A short reminder: if you are a slip renter, you have already received your invoice for 2016 moorage, which included a copy of the Marina rules and Regulations, and a form to fill out for updating necessary information for the Marina data base. Some of you also received notice that your Proof of Insurance is not up to date. Many have already responded to this notice - thank you. Please make sure that your policy carries an endorsement naming the Longbranch Improvement Club as additional payee.

Also, during the rare weather breaks this time of year, take a minute to stroll the dock, check your boat and lines, make sure your electric connection is secure, and enjoy the scenery surrounding our wonderful Marina!

Mark Runtons

Marina Committee Chair



From the Dockmaster -----

This month has been slow for boaters, but we have the tug Pastol Bay tied up for this week.

The Marina now seems to be the preferred roosting place for pigeons. Not just the boathouses, but the pavilion too, especially the book shelves. What a mess. If anyone has a suggestion for a pigeon deterrent, please let me know.

Just a reminder that the water is still turned off (so we cannot cleanup after the pigeons).

Cynn



My sunshine activities were pretty slow during the last month. Actually that's the way I like it, which means that people are doing fine.



However, our friend Nancy Carr lost her father 2 weeks ago. She shared at the last LIC meeting that he had a good, long life, and that he was ready to go.

If you did not attend the dessert meeting on Jan. 20, you not only missed a very lively meeting with great future plans for the LIC, but also an absolutely wonderful presentation of incredibly beautiful photos, taken by David Montesino. We all know that we live in a beautiful area, and his photos were exquisite. But don't get discouraged, you have another chance to view them: Google: David Montesino, Washington- then click on Longbranch Chronicles- scroll down to the place where you can sign up to receive his blogs. Put in your email address and click on FOLLOW. David sends out his Chronicles when something special moves him, and be prepared for a treat!

Peg Bingham had surgery on Jan. 27. With a new pacemaker, hopefully she will soon be able to act & feel like an energizer bunny. Best wishes from all of us at LIC!

Respectfully submitted by *Marlies Van Cise* beachwoods@centurytel.net



LOST & FOUND

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR YOUR COAT???

The LIC has 4 lost coats and many water/coffee thermoses.

A woman's black Champion hooded sweatshirt, size L.

A woman's AE77 cream colored jacket, size L

A woman's black Red House jacket with hood, size L

A man's brown suede Structure coat.

Please contact **Sharon Gearhart** (wolf9047@aol.com) if you want to claim your jacket or thermos.



FOUND:

Very fancy surf board, bright colors, appr. 8 - 12 feet long washed up at our dock on Drayton Passage about 4 - 5 weeks ago after a strong storm. If you lost one, please get in touch with **Dick or Marlies Van Cise at (253) 884-5608** and identify what you lost. We are anxious to find the owners.



Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts

to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



WHATS HAPPENING



Here is an update on the events that occurred in December.

The raffle of the beautiful 65" by 68" quilt Shirley Brewer donated to the LIC brought in \$300.00. The raffle of the wall hanging of the Nativity scene brought in \$200.00. The total of \$500.00 is greatly appreciated. I want to give a huge thanks Shirley for donating the quilts. She does beautiful work and she graciously agreed to sew a quilt for the LIC to be used to raise funds for the club. She was the featured artist at the Fiber Arts show in 2014. Thank you very, very much Shirley.

We had a very successful Kids and Christmas. Only 53 families completed the surveys yet it seemed there were far more attendees. Half of those completing the survey said they were attending for the first time. This event is always well attended. The families are so grateful and never pass up an opportunity to say thank you.

142 gifts were given out and 229 meal tickets were redeemed. There were seven scout troops that volunteered to help for a total of 48 scouts and 19 leaders. These scouts volunteer every year and are a great help to our volunteers. Thank you!

The Silent Auction at the Christmas Dinner raised around \$200. Thanks to all of you who did your Christmas shopping there. We appreciate you.

Coming events:

The LIC Garage Sale- April 23rd. Calling all volunteers. Denny and Jan Prichard are in charge again. The first planning meeting will be February 2nd at 7 pm at the Prichard's.

The Memorial Day Dance with the ever popular *Fingertips*.

Dinner Theater-the last weekend in June. This is back by popular demand. Calling all actors. Auditions will begin in April.

I want to give a thank you to the fabulous events committee volunteers, who are committed to the LIC and the people of this community. They are dedicated and hardworking, and I'm proud to be working with them:

Kathy Barrett	Carolyn Wiley	Peg Bingham	Barb Van Bogart
Nancy Carr	Jan Prichard	Meg Davis	Connie Hildahl
Kathy Lyons	Lynn Lloyd	Barb Henderson	



Delta

The **Fiber Arts Event**, held the first Saturday in October and part of the Key Peninsula Farm Tour, needs a new leader! This person should have an interest in Fiber Arts, event planning, and community service OR the desire to gain those experiences. It requires planning and chairing monthly meetings between February and October and coordinating with the LIC Events Chair person. A notebook will be provided documenting tasks and deadlines required to guarantee a successful event along with an established committee with prior experience. This could also be co-chaired.

If you are interested in this position, and want more information, please contact Robin Gould @ 253.884.3030 or robindesigns@hotmail.com. Thanks for your interest. *Robin*



I just wanted to say how impressed I am with our LIC Board and recent speaker presentation at the January Membership Meeting. Gayle Brewer has done an excellent job bringing speakers to the Meetings; they are interesting, informative and related to our community and Membership. Our recent speaker, David Montesino, did an excellent presentation with many beautiful pictures of our local area. Clark Van Bogart then presented the accomplishments of the Board Officers with the development and acceptance of the Longbranch Foundation. This involved a great deal of work from the entire Board and was very impressive to realize how much hard work has gone into all of these accomplishments. Thank you one and all. It makes me very proud to be a member of such a group and I look forward to more meetings with all of you.

Pat Muchmore



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM-

Please fill out and return to Nancy Carr-
Thank you.

ncarr44@centurytel.net

Notice for boaters: please include a valid mobile/emergency contact number.

2016 LIC Membership Renewal Thank you, due Jan 1, 2016

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

EVENTS

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

ACTIVITIES

- ☐ Road crew pickup

FACILITIES

- ☐ Building
☐ Grounds/garden
☐ Marina

SPECIAL SKILLS

- ☐ Committee
☐ Office
☐ Musical
☐ Publicity

Membership Renewal Dues

Individual..... \$25
Couple/Family..... \$40
Associate Member..... \$25

Building and Grounds Chat Room:

Well, we started off 2016 with a bang. Someone broke into the storage shed by twisting the lock and hasp off and scrounged around but apparently did not find anything to their liking although they did come back a second time to open all the bins to see if they might have missed anything. Nothing was taken and Tom Osborne was kind enough to put on a new heftier hasp. Thank you much Tom. Also we have more garbage up on the back of the property along Erickson Road. Someone must be misreading the directions to the dump. We are waiting for the fencing to be put up along the road to help alleviate this problem-we hope. On a happier note-we have a new furnace for the meeting room that low and behold works. Thanks to Kohler for replacing, at no cost to us, the miscreant furnace we had. This one works like a charm. Archon Tree Service will be removing the large fir tree at the north eastern corner of the property near the road to prevent it from coming down on the storage building or the road during a big blow. The wood will be put to good use. Now that we have the Pierce County Preservation Grant approved we will be beginning work on the projects that are covered under the grant and will be eliciting support from members for our portion that can be met with volunteer hours. Keep this in mind if you need hours and are looking for possible projects this summer. I will keep you posted on the needs. We have accumulated quite a collection of personal coffee mugs in the kitchen so if you are missing one let me know-if no one comes forth to claim them they will be placed in the garage sale or garbage which ever seems most appropriate. Last but not least I want to remind you that there are volunteer sheets on the bulletin board in the meeting room and on the outside of the building. Please, please, please be sure to fill one out if you do work. It helps you and the LIC. So that's all for this month. Thanks again to all of you who take part in keeping the "old girl" looking her best and volunteering to help when needed. *sharon*

Projects Room:

- Needed a couple of people, who might be interested in helping paint the stage doors. I promise to put the heat on so we don't get frostbite. I hope to do this sometime at the beginning of February.
- Someone to help remove the garbage dumped on Erickson Road.
- Someone, who would be willing to spread gravel at the end of the driveway entrances to fill in the pot holes if we get a truck load. I will keep you updated.

Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated-Confucius



Back by popular demand:

LIC DINNER THEATER.....COMING JUNE 24 AND 26TH

At the Longbranch Improvement Club



Save the date Mark your calendars now!

SPRING into CLEAN
with the
Longbranch "SUPER SALE"!
Sat. April 23



There are many ways to participate in this great **Spring fundraiser**:

Rent an indoor or outdoor space for a nominal fee and sell your stuff. Crafts? Plants?

Tools? Flea Market Treasures? Inside spaces are around 10'x10' with a 6' table and outside spaces are larger and you provide your own table.

Don't want a space but want to get rid of unwanted "valuables?" Consider donating them to benefit the LIC.

Spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Almost everyone has something to sell or neat stuff to get rid of.

Got a good idea? Need a space? First come, first served! Contact Denny or Jan Prichard, 884-2030 or attend the first planning meeting on Tuesday Feb 2nd at 7 p.m. at Prichard's, 7017 Cliff Avenue. Email: jan@pacinfo.com or dp@pacinfo.com.

Note: This year donations to the "Super Sale" may be tax deductible through the newly formed Longbranch Foundation, a non-profit 501c3 organization. We'll keep you posted

Denny & Jan

BLAST FROM THE PAST! (thanks Kelly H.)



The Story of the Key Peninsula



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as the

New exhibit opens February 2nd

Museum Hours: Tuesday & Saturday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

LIC Membership Report



Thanks to Meg Davis, Linda Merriam, Ann Dearing and Sharon Gearhart for volunteering for the January meeting. I need volunteers for the kitchen and setup for each monthly meeting, and appreciate all who volunteer. You don't have to wait until the meeting as I keep a log and you are more than welcome to volunteer for future month's. It is also nice when folks volunteer to help setup tables and chairs. I really appreciate everyone who helps. Thank you!!

There is a membership renewal form in the newsletter that can be mailed in or brought to the next meeting. There are also forms at the sign-in desk at the meeting. Thank you for remembering to renew your yearly membership and paying your dues!!

February 17th is pot luck, see you then. We have a donation box for the food bank at each meeting.

Nancy Carr 884-1384

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