

MEMBER NEWS



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2016

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 21- DESSERT MEETING- 6:30 PM @ LIC

President's Message:



Please view the picture of the "volunteer" pansies that are living on the A dock under the flower pot. They delight me because no one planted them, they volunteered, no one nurtures them ,yet they continue to grow and provide a cheery bloom of yellow.

The pansies remind me of all the LIC "people" volunteers, who so faithfully turn out for work parties, road cleaning, event preparation, Committee and Board meetings. You are terrific! The LIC just keeps ticking along through the clubhouse renovations, planning for the DNR lease renewal, and executing the piling replacements. Now The Longbranch Foundation has prepared a new grant application to the State of Washington for a major renovation of the marina. Without all of the wonderful volunteers the LIC would not be the vital community organization that it is. Thank you all for your efforts.

During August, Clark Van Bogart, President of The Longbranch Foundation, presented the Washington State grant draft application to the LIC Marina Committee, Board and finally to the membership all of which approved forwarding the grant application to our local State representative. If approved the grant could pave the way for a substantial construction project at the Longbranch Marina. The grant would enable the LIC to complete a substantial portion of the 15 year Marina plan within a few months' time. Please read Clark's article in this newsletter for detailed information. I offer a big thank you to Clark for all his efforts in writing the grant application. Please keep your fingers crossed that the LIC is a successful recipient.

Also, please be vigilant as you drive by the Marina parking lot. There have been broad daylight vandalism occurrences in the Marina parking lot. Look as you drive by, to see if something is amiss or doesn't look right and if so, please report it to the Sheriff.

The end of the summer season Labor Day Dance is on September 3rd. Remember to support the Labor Day dance by buying tickets, volunteering at the dance or helping to set up or clean up. A new band, the Copastetic, will be featured and they are guaranteed to get you dancing!

At the end of the month, our grand old lady Clubhouse will be getting a new coat of paint on the front and back by our contractor Jeffrey Tritt and a new Kohler chimney insert will be installed. The Lady will be ready for the winter rain to come once again.

Here is hoping for a fabulous Indian Summer!

Francie Carr



LIC General Membership Meeting
August 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Francie Carr, president.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

Dockmaster: Lynn Carr observed that the past couple of months have been fantastic in terms of transient moorage. There is a slotted lock box at the Marina for guest moorage and payments. Two people, with their separate keys, must be present to open the box. Francie has had another set of keys made, which she and Clark will hold. The boxes will be checked twice a month in the summer and once a month in the winter.

Rental Agent: Brenda Parodi was not present

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the Minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2016 be accepted as written. MSP. She mentioned notes from The Mustard Seed Project, the American Red Cross and the Ken Pen Parks staff thanking the LIC for its support.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reported that building rentals have been exceptional. The goal was set at \$15,000 for the year and we are already at \$14,000. The building is also rented most weekends through September and October.

The final figures for the fourth of July dance show a profit of \$3,438.86.

Ice sales are doing extremely well.

\$2,651.50 in Marina revenue was mistakenly attributed to August - it should have been included in the July figures.

The Angel Guild has sent a check for \$450 for hospitality for the vendors and volunteers at the upcoming Fiber Arts Festival and a check for \$2,500 to purchase toys for Kids and Christmas.

The checking account balance is \$52,034.60.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events: Kathy Lyons announced that a band has been found for the Labor Day Dance, preparations for which are underway. Advance tickets may be purchased now, at a discount, for \$12.50. She and Jan Brown are hoping to line up shuttle service from the Marina to the Clubhouse. No more volunteers are needed for the event. However, Peg Bingham does need additional help for a couple of hours in the kitchen.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart declared the August 13 Clean Up Day a success and thanked the volunteers for their work. The chimney is completely cleaned out, with the aid of the dumb-bell solution proposed by Rose Loper. In addition, all of the back and front walls of the Clubhouse, as far as could be reached with ladders, have been cleaned, in preparation for the grant work. No parking signs will be set out at the front and at the north side (the latter a fire lane) of the building.

Marina: Mark Runions was not present.

A reminder that the Tacoma Power Squadron will be at the Marina the weekend of October 15th to conduct boat free safety checks.

The dumpsters at the Marina are now locked, and only unlocked by Lynn Carr, because non-boaters have been depositing refuse there. Signs will be ordered indicating that the dumpsters are for the use of boaters only.

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Membership: Nancy Carr thanked the kitchen crew at tonight's meeting and asked that members remember to turn in their name tags and check their volunteer hours.

Barb Floyd has done a sensational job on publicity for the Fiber Arts Festival, including an article on the festival in The Country Register.

Richard Hildahl suggested sending out a mailer to inform all LIC members about the The Longbranch Foundation and the fact that it is a 501c3 organization.

Please have all articles, pictures etc. to Helen Jamieson by the 25th of August.

Sunshine: Marlies Van Cise announced \$9,770 from receipts from the Key Center Market turned in by members. She thanked Connie Hildahl for taking over the responsibility for gathering and collating the receipts.

She visited Delores and Wayne Argabright and says that they are not doing well.

The Longbranch Foundation: Clark Van Bogart will report on the Foundation's annual meeting, held July 26th, in the Newsletter.

A grant request has been prepared which would be submitted to our elected legislator in September, who would then present the proposal to the State of Washington. It is asking for funds, from the capital budget, for the complete replacement of the west end of dock A at the Longbranch Marina and two other projects. This construction could have a substantial impact on the Marina, with, among other things, a disruption in access and electrical and water systems. We would deal with the ramifications as best we can. Also, this would be a reimbursement grant, necessitating that the LIC and/or the Foundation obtain a line-of-credit or a bridge loan, with interest payments. The Foundation Board and the Marina Committee have approved going forward with this application. The membership was asked to approve it as well. MSP.

New Business: Pat Muchmore reported that another road clean-up is needed. Since the Clubhouse is rented through October on the weekends, she proposed that the clean-up take place on a weekday, any day except Tuesday. Or, if on a weekend, it might be possible to use the Longbranch fire station as the staging area.

As an aside, Pat would like to send a thank you to Keith McCloud, who cleans up along the road, if anyone knows his address.

Kelly Hettinger reports that **Thirsty Thursdays** are a great success.

The next meeting will be held on September 21st and the speaker will be Karen Jorgesen of Backpacks For Kids.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Submitted by *Jane Etseman*





FROM THE DOCK CHAIR:

With the busy Labor Day weekend coming up, if you are planning on using your boat and going somewhere else, please advise the Dockmaster, so that he might utilize your stall temporarily.

Mark Runions

DOCKMASTER REPORT:

The Marina has been pretty busy this month. Last week was with the Wooden Boat Rendezvous and then Tyee came in with large boats and one was 66 feet. They liked our spot so well, they stayed an additional night. This has helped the Marina stay on budget for transient moorage – and ice sales have been really good. Thanks to everyone who has been helping out while I have been visiting family on both sides of the mountains.

Lynn Carr



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Our dear Harry Faas had quite a mishap and is now home from the hospital to let his broken ribs heal.

Good thoughts and prayers will be appreciated.

Nothing more from the sunshine lady, except plenty of sunshine all around us.

Marlies Van Cise



WHO AM I?

Let's see if you guessed correctly! August's 'Who am I?' is: (drum roll, please)....

Peg Bingham! Peg is also a native Seattleite, a pilot, likes to garden, bake, and loves living in Longbranch! Be sure to say Hi next time you see her!

Our September member, fished for King Crab in Alaska; had a commodities business in Honduras; and built and raced his own canoes all over the United States! Who am I ?

Editor's note: I won't tell, and you have to read the OCT. NL to find out!!



THIRSTY THURSDAY!



Food Drive



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



Update on The Longbranch Foundation

September

The annual meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors was held on July 26th. The Board elected officers for the next year (President – Clark Van Bogart, Vice President – Francie Carr, Secretary – Jane Eiseman, and Treasurer – Jim Hettinger), approved and paid the \$4,200 grant request from the LIC (covering replacement of the north and south auditorium double doors), increased the size of the Board from five to seven, and took care of a few other housekeeping matters.

In addition, the Foundation's Board approved moving forward with a grant application covering various marina construction projects under the purview of Washington State's Community Project Program **contingent** upon the LIC's Marina Committee, Board of Directors and Membership also approving the grant application going forward. All of these approvals have been achieved. The Foundation's Board determined this approach to be in the best interest of the Foundation and the LIC because of two somewhat extraordinary considerations related to this grant.

The first is that there may be a break in access to/from land at the marina for an indeterminate length of time caused by the complete removal and replacement of the west on 'A' Dock (under the ramp). Unfortunately, this could take place during the busy summer season. Every effort will be made to minimize any extended disruption, but we are to a certain degree at the mercy of the Washington State Departments of Natural Resources and Fish and Wildlife, U. S. Army Corps. of Engineers, Pierce County, material availability, contractor schedules, "fish windows", and we will want to get the work done as soon as practicable if our grant is approved. Obviously, we will be employing experienced contractors for this project whose very livelihood depends on successful completion of projects of this magnitude, so we are optimistic any break in accessibility will be minimal.

The second consideration is equally important to understand. This grant is a "reimbursement" type, which means all the approved **work must be completed and bills paid** before we will be reimbursed. What is significant here is that these projects are expected to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$250,000, and the LIC and/or the Foundation will need to borrow money to pay for them. We do not anticipate this a major problem because we won't expend a single dollar until we have the State's approval letter in hand. Depending upon the length of time between contract signing and the reimbursement, the interest cost will probably be in a range of \$5,000 to \$15,000. It is believed the LIC will have sufficient funds in its Marina Reserve to cover this expense.

Those of us who are knee deep in the trenches understand not all of our members have had an opportunity to follow the progress on this grant application. Please be assured we are proceeding carefully and diligently as we move through the process. I believe we are asking the necessary questions in order to fully and completely understand (1) the process and all its ramifications, and (2) potential roadblocks along the way. We have the best interest of the LIC and Foundation at heart in making sure we are doing the right things and involving the right people so that we can bring this project to fruition. We do, however, recognize this will not be a completely smooth process and there will be bumps along the way. Our hope is that our research and work thus far has fully vetted everything and we can minimize these issues. We are always open to questions or concerns that you, as LIC members, might have, so please contact me directly should you have any.

I am personally very excited about the possibility of getting this grant because success will place our Marina in very good physical condition for the foreseeable future. Both boards are committed to ensuring the long term viability of the Longbranch Marina and this is our best opportunity to do so.

Clark Van Bogart, President

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LABOR DAY DANCE!!



Labor Day Dance is quickly approaching. I've heard their music but can't wait to see them live!! They are coming from Seattle to our LIC. Let's make it a success by by telling your friends and neighbors about it. September 3 is the date.

"COPASTETIC is an 8 piece High Energy Charismatic band!!! They play Ol' school Funk/RB, Dance, and Party Hits with some classics. COPASTETIC is Top Notch in Entertainment, with an Amazing Horn Section . COPASTETIC promises to deliver beyond expectations, with the love they have 4 the music and stage. Get ready to Dance, DANCE, DANCE!!!!"

Kathy Lyons

Building and Grounds Committee Agenda

1. Date to have form revised and to Board for Approval-October 12, 2016?
2. Review The Chapel on Echo Bay paperwork-to include:
 - What items might we use in our paperwork
 - Events insurance
 - Pets
 - Removal of all glass by lessee
 - Decoration limits
 - Where to include them
3. Review our forms for content and clarity
 - Clean up Building and Grounds Rental area on Lease Agreement to include that deposit is not part of rental cost
 - Add section on Events insurance here?
 - Change maximum hours for all day rentals?
 - Discontinue leaving key with renters?
4. Review remainder of paperwork for next meeting
 - Increase rental fees
 - Revise LIC Rental rate forms
5. Date of next meeting in September (*Editor's note Sept.21?*)



Sharon



Notice !!!!!



Recently there have been 3 reported incidents of vandalism at the Marina parking lot, all occurring during the day. Please take *extra precautions* when leaving your vehicle at the Mariana and don't hesitate to report any suspicious activity.



At the June LIC Membership Meeting I stated that I wanted to send a thank you letter on behalf of the LIC to the gentleman who has been cleaning up trash from Key Peninsula Highway, South for quite a long time. He cleans from 76th Street to the Marina. Someone gave me his name after the meeting and said that his name was Keith McCloud, but wasn't sure of the spelling. I have not been able to find his name and or address. If anyone has this information, I would very much appreciate a call at 884-3890; I have voice mail in case I'm not home at the time of your call but please leave a message. As the person in charge of the LIC Adopt-A-Road project, I would really like to tell Keith how much we appreciate all of his continuous work.

Pat Muchmore



LIC Membership Report



Thanks to Jim & Kelly Hettinger, Barb Floyd, Shirley Brewer and Delia McGinnis for setup and kitchen help last month. We had a light turn out because of a series of accidents on the Key Pen Highway and Lackey Road which reminded us how easily it is for us Down Key folks to be temporarily cut off from the rest of the peninsula. It was a great pot luck and that left lots of food for the rest of us.

I'm seeking help for next month's meeting, so I'll try to have a prize for the first volunteer! It's getting to be that time, so I'll be creating a volunteer opportunity list next month, so have your volunteer pen ready to fill in some slots. Thank you.

Nancy Carr

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