



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

JULY 2017

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

JULY 19: DESSERT SOCIAL -6:30 PM

President's Message:



After the new Board election at the June General Membership Meeting, I have been reflecting on my seven years of Board involvement. The LIC has really grown up, attacked problems, made future plans and has become financially stable. Without **you the wonderful membership** we would be talking about the LIC in a past tense.

Remember when the Clubhouse was vandalized causing \$14,000 worth of damage? The membership stepped forward, signed up for shifts throughout the nights to guard the clubhouse. The boys were caught, arrested, charged and had to pay the LIC its' insurance deductible. **Thank you nighttime volunteers!**

I remember my first effort to present a balanced budget to the membership for approval. However, without increasing moorage rates expenses exceeded income. Then President Geoff Baillie patiently waited at a general meeting for a suggested idea to increase the income for the coming year. Finally Denny Prichard suggested a garage sale. The budget was then approved and that spring the first garage sale was held. It has become an increasingly popular LIC bi annual fund raiser with many members volunteering to price items, work shifts, set up, clean up and donate items. **Thank you Garage Sale volunteers!**

Remember when the wharf was closed by Pierce County and there was no access to the marina? Members loaned the LIC money, received a Promissory Notes for more than half of the needed construction amount. Those notes plus a hefty bank loan allowed the reconstruction of the wharf to begin. **Thank you trusting LIC members** for your faith in the LIC leadership that your Promissory note would be repaid. As of June 2017, the Bank note and more than half of the Promissory notes have been repaid in full!

There were many discussions at membership meetings on what to focus on in the future. With Gayle Brewer's leadership the Board finally put together a five year long range plan and glory be the Board has consistently worked on the goals of the plan. The new LIC Volunteer Voucher presented at the June meeting is a new way to encourage LIC members to volunteer more than 15 hours a year and receive benefit for those hours. I hope that you like the idea! **Thank you LIC members who consistently volunteer more than 15 hours a year.**

One of the Long Range Plan's goals was to increase support of youth activities and scholarships. In order to do that The Down Key Event was developed. Connie Hildahl and her committee devoted many hours to planning and implementing a very financially successful evening with a dinner and auction. This summer the Summer Fest will be the LIC's second fundraising event. **Thank you to all the volunteers who worked or are working on the fundraising event with the proceeds supporting youth activities and LIC scholarships!**

Remember when we first understood the impact of the DNR lease expiration? **We owe a huge thank you to the men** who worked out a sustainable and financially secure plan which enabled a new 17 year lease to be completed this spring. There are a lot of marina upgrades which will need to be accomplished and they are scheduled out for the next 17 years.

And remember when the "grand old lady" clubhouse was looking old? With the help of LIC volunteers she got a bath, new stain on the outside, beautiful new doors in the auditorium and windows in the back were repaired and re glazed. **Many members were instrumental in making the clubhouse look grand again!**

In 2021, The Longbranch Improvement Club will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. **Thank you to all of you fabulous volunteers who have given of your time, money, ideas, intellect and elbow grease, moving us to the time to celebrate!**

Francie



LIC General Meeting June 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Francie Carr, president.

Francie welcomed a guest, Dianne Tomaso.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the minutes of the May general meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP.

She also read four thank you letters written to the LIC members, from Mark Runions and from the scholarship recipients. These letters have been given to the LIC historian, Lynn Larsen.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger distributed copies of the Balance and the Profit and Loss statements.

The two LIC events in May - the Dock Breakfast and the Memorial Day Dance - were both very successful. The revenue from the former was up significantly, although the expenses were as well. When the sale of the t-shirts etc. (Kelly Hettinger in charge) is finished, we should be \$100 over the net profit that was budgeted for the year.

The total revenue from the dance was \$6,314, or \$1,314 over the budget, and expenses were lower by \$500 than budgeted. In addition, the dance drew visitors from the Marina, which took in \$6,000 to \$7,000 that weekend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reported that work is continuing on the Preservation Grant. The clubhouse will not be rented in August, in order that the well can be flushed (the task requires a three week lull in case there are problems.)

Sharon called for an interested party to be her backup on plumbing and electrical issues.

Events: Jan Brown asked for a volunteer with carpentry skills to build new shelves for the storeroom so that the sign inventory can be better organized.

Kathy Lyons spoke of the continuing problem of the banners in Key Center ripping in the wind. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to take on the problem, please let her know.

Kathy Barrett reported on the progress of the Summer Fest committee. Helpers will be needed for the event; beforehand to decorate, afterwards to clean up, and during. Next month, there will be a signup sheet.

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Kim Robinson and Kelly Hettinger called for more people to donate to the experiential auction. They are working on finalizing a list of the auction items within the next couple of weeks - although donations after that time will be gladly accepted. Also, please send names of people to add to the invitation mailing list.

Christine Tritt announced that the Chris Friel band will be performing at the July 1st dance. There will be a taco truck at the event. Please check the volunteer signup list to make sure that the information on it is correct. The Mustard Seed has donated their shuttle to carry people to and from the Marina for the event.

Marina: Mark Runions let the members know that there are two slips available, one at twenty two feet and one at twenty six feet.

In the interests of clarity, the wording of section (B-4) of the Rules and Regulations of the LIC Marina has been revised to include any requests for changes - for dock boxes etc. be requested in writing and approved in writing by the Marina Committee. He asked for member approval. MSP.

Membership: Nancy Carr spoke about the new LIV Volunteer Voucher. This program to reward members for their volunteer hours (over and above the required fifteen hours per year) will begin July 1st. The vouchers will be awarded quarterly. One hour equals a credit equals one dollar, which can be used to purchase tickets for admittance and refreshments at LIC events, for membership dues and for moorage fees.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson reminded everyone to send her their articles by the twenty fifth of the month and pictures in jpeg format only.

Francie thanked the board members who have helped and supported her, as president, the past two years; Judy Riggs, Delia McGinnis, Jane Eiseman, Jim Hettinger, Mark Runions, Sharon Gearhart, Nancy Carr, Kathy Lyons, Jan Brown, Gayle Brewer, Clark Van Bogart and Phil Johnson. And a special thank you to Peg Bingham - the queen of the kitchen - for the myriad tasks that she has taken on over the years.

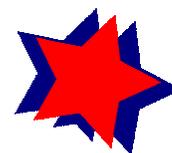
Nominating: Delia McGinnis announced the 2017-2018 slate for the board and for committees. There was a motion to accept the slate. MSP. Clark will be president, Marsh Kremen vice-president, Robert Theisen Marina Committee Chair. Jim Hettinger, Treasurer, and Nancy Carr, Membership Committee Chair, have agreed to another term. Francie will become Member at Large.

Clark expressed everyone's appreciation to Francie for her stewardship as president.

Announcements: The speaker for the July 19th meeting is Fire Chief Guy Allen of the Key Peninsula Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by *Jane Eiseman*



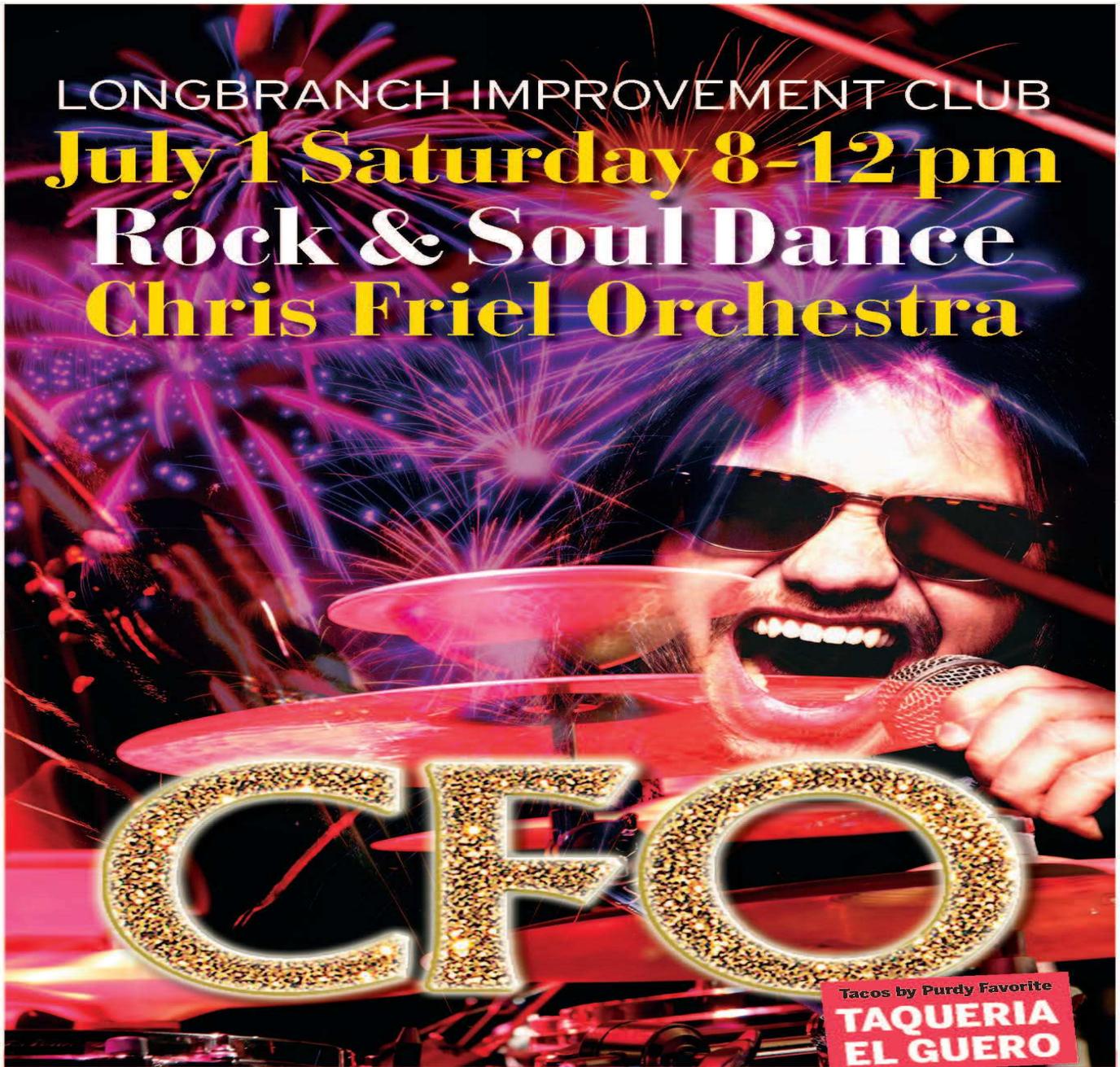
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LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

July 1 Saturday 8-12 pm

Rock & Soul Dance

Chris Friel Orchestra



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HELP NEEDED:

Happy July 4th

The event committee is looking for someone with some woodworking skills who could add some cubbies to our storage shelves so that we can better organize our little signs.

From the Moorage Manager –

There is a new condition from the Marina insurance company that affects all members who have boats in the Marina. Each boater's insurance policy must list both the **Longbranch Improvement Club** AND **The Longbranch Foundation** as additional insured. This requirement becomes effective with each new renewal.

Thank you,
Robert



DOCKMASTER REPORT:

Fircrest Yacht Club visited in the middle of June and had the Marina rocking with their band. They had so much fun; they are planning to come back the same weekend next year.

We have one open slip for available, it is a 26 foot slip on 'A' dock. Let me know if you or anyone you know is interested.

This month is coming to an end, so make you have your 2018 sticker and it is on your boat!

Thank you,

Cynn



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Membership BBQ Pot Luck. There is always a good turnout with good food, and this year was no exception.

At this meeting we talked about a new Volunteer Voucher program being implemented to allow volunteers to earn credits for each volunteer hour worked after 15 hours (which are required to earn existing member benefits). These hours will be recorded and awarded quarterly. This is still a work in process program, so I'm sure changes will be made as we go along to accommodate situations we have not yet covered. Please bear with us and we will keep you as up-to-date as we can during the initial phase of this program. There are still quite a few events happening in 2017 so plenty of time to earn voucher credits! Stay tuned as more information becomes available. This program starts July 1, 2017.

Volunteers are needed for the dessert pot luck meeting July 19. Please let me know if you can help with setup or in the kitchen. This is a fantastic way to earn volunteer credits!

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks, *Nancy*



Remember the food bank donations and

Food Drive



please collect Food Market Receipts

to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



THANK YOU

The LIC heartily thanks Peg Bingham for her years and years as our Kitchen Services Queen. She kept our tummies full, she worked with the Pierce County Health Department in obtaining food permits, she trained the Kitchen volunteers so that all surprise County inspections were passed, she became an excellent grocery shopper for hundreds and she treated us to her wonderful Apple Crisp.

July 2017 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

This report will be short and hopefully sweet. We are moving at a snail's pace on the grant work projects but moving none the less. The well casing will be scrubbed in August so the building will be unavailable for rental use until the job is complete-hopefully in a couple of days. This should help mightily with our water problem-keep your fingers crossed. The light in the store room is out but hopefully will be fixed in the near future. I purchased a new LED light for it and it should be brighter and last longer. I am once again on mouse patrol, they seem to like the storeroom in the women's bathroom and I am catching enough to make a stew. That seems to be the only place they are really active at this time but, mice-0, Sharon-3. I believe they view DeCon as a dessert. Once again thanks to everyone who helps with the 'Grand Old Lady'-I cannot express my appreciation enough. Until next month have a very happy and safe 4th of July. *Sharon*



Projects Board:

- Someone to scrape and paint the flag pole base
- Someone to install 3 new smoke detectors throughout the building (-I have them.)
- A paint party to apply stain to the headers, old window framing and north porch-contact me if interested.



"Be decisive. Right or wrong make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision." Unknown

COMING IN SEPTEMBER!



FOOD BY
GNOSH

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND
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Our Sunshine Lady, Marlies, is having a bit of a 'rainy day' (or two) at the hospital for some tests. She told me she was there for a 'rest' when I spoke with her on the phone. Sending prayers & hugs her way!

She did want me to say that she had 'no report' for July. ;o)

Helen Jamieson, Editor LIC NL



The Longbranch Foundation

INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY

July Update

Another month has rolled by and the second special session of the Washington Legislature is coming to a close without the State's budget issues resolved, so once again I am reporting our marina grant request remains in limbo. I really, really hope we can give you good news about our request very soon.

By now you are likely aware that I have been elected President of the LIC. With those new duties, something needed to give, so I will be passing the Foundation President's gavel off. I'm very happy to report that Barb Floyd has accepted nomination to take over the leadership role of the Foundation, and her appointment should become effective when the Foundation's Board of Directors meets in mid-July. Barb will bring a new, fresh perspective to the Foundation and undoubtedly create better and easier ways for you to support your community.

Thank you again for your continued support, which has been nothing short of phenomenal during the first year and one-half of the Foundation's existence. Until Barb actually takes the reigns in mid-July, please feel to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas you might have.

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ROAD CREW REPORT

I want to thank all those who helped with the Road Clean Up (they are all called "Roadies") on June 3rd of this month. We had another very successful event and all went well. First of all, I would like to thank Sharon Gearhart for coming in early and making the coffee. She has been doing this for us since I took over the Adopt-A-Road program. Then there were the regulars, Christy and Bert Sawyers, Jan and Denny Prichard, Jane Eiseman and Jan Brown. Actually, Kelly and Jim Hettinger had signed up also, but they both came down with terrible colds and had to cancel their involvement.

This led to an interesting development; we didn't have any more than six people contact me prior to the event. Jane let me know she would be glad to help, so that left us with five. I was going to drive up and down the road to pick up full bags, resupply whatever they needed, etc. so Sharon was going to work with Jane. At the last minute, Jan Brown walked into the Club House and asked if we needed any help. Sharon immediately handed her a helmet, vest, plastic bags and a "picker". You can just imagine the look on Jan's face when all of this happened!! She told us that she had seen the cars parked out front of the LIC and had forgotten that we were doing the Road Clean Up that day. When her breathing and heart returned to an acceptable rate, we explained to her what the situation was and she would work with Jane to clean from the Marina to the Club House. She agreed and everyone did an excellent job. Again, I thank you all.

Pat Muchmore





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