#### **MEMBER NEWS**



# LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB



# **FEBRUARY 2018**



FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

#### FEBRUARY 21-POTLUCK- 6:30 PM

#### President's Message:

#### February 2018

We are just one month into 2018 and already it's stacking up to be a very busy year. We started off by having a "Meet & Mingle" with some of our new members at Jim and Kelly Hettinger's home on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and we now have many volunteers planning several events, including "Suds-n-Spuds" on March 17<sup>th</sup>, the "Longbranch Super Sale" on April 28<sup>th</sup>, three dances during the Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day holiday weekends this summer, and much, much more. You will see more information about these events in this issue of the Newsletter and in the months to come, including another "Meet & Mingle" for new members sometime in the spring. There are definitely opportunities galore for you to get your volunteer hours in and earn some "LIC Bucks".

Most of you know by now, we have been awarded a \$248,000 grant from the State of Washington under the Community Project Program. This grant was filed by The Longbranch Foundation and it covers crucial upgrade work that will further protect the environment of Filucy Bay and provide improved public safety. Specifically, it covers the complete replacement of approximately 1,000 square feet of the float at the west end of 'A' Dock. The replacement is required because the flotation is exposed Styrofoam, which is particularly harmful for marine life, and the deck surface that yields virtually zero light penetration to the seabed. This particular section of the float has the ramp access to the wharf, plus the electrical and water connections to shore (all of which will be upgraded).

Also included is funding for complete replacement of the dinghy dock, which for the most part is very close to sinking. It is important we have a stable float for visitors, because our State and County leases require we maintain public access via water and land. And last, but certainly not least, the grant contains funding for construction of three finger piers to replace the five non-complying boathouses removed over the past couple of years.

The next step in the process will be to go through the grant package we expect to receive shortly from the State, and then form a small working committee to manage the construction projects and related functions. In addition to the obvious construction issues, another important item to be addressed is bridge financing. This particular grant is a reimbursement type, which means all of the bills must be paid before the State provides the funding. We will keep you updated as this process progresses. We expect it will take up to a year to complete all the work because of fish windows and other similar restrictions on construction over the water.

Finally, I want to thank the folks who helped in the preparation of this grant application by providing a tremendous amount of technical, historical and editing assistance in drafting the grant application. They include: Kurt Anderson, Randy Babich, Francie Carr, Harry Faas, Phil Johnson, Denny Prichard and Barb Van Bogart. Another huge "Thank You" goes out to our 26<sup>th</sup> legislative district representatives (State Rep. Michelle Caldier, Rep. Jesse Young, and Sen. Jan Angel) for sponsoring our application and guiding it through the legislative process.

Clark

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#### **LIC General Membership Meeting**

LIC General Meeting January 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Clark Van Bogart, president, at 7 p.m.

Clark introduced Louise Beam as a guest for the evening.

Clark presented the night's speaker, Sandra Staples-Bortner, the Executive Director of the Great Peninsula Conservancy. The following are excepts from her speech on plans for their Filucy Bay property.

The Great Peninsula Conservancy is a non-profit organization based in Bremerton, Washington. It is a land trust, protecting 8,500 acres of land, some of which is open to the public and some of it reserved for wildlife. In December, 2017, the acreage was expanded, with 1,500 acres in the Port Gamble area and 30 acres in the Port Orchard area. In some cases the Conservancy is the land owner of the property. In other cases, it is a partner in the management of the property but not currently the owner. And in still other cases, it has been granted a conservation easement (a long term management agreement that carries forever and states that the property can never be developed.)

The Conservancy has 67 acres adjacent to Mahnke Road, in Longbranch, 21 acres of which was donated by Melissa Haumerson. The Filucy Bay Preserve will be a public property, with a landing area for kayakers, parking and walking access, expanded trails, informational programs etc.

There are three phases to the proposed site design:

An information kiosk, educational/interpretive signage, a porta-potty, and a kayak landing site (which will be part of the Kitsap Peninsula water trail).

Walking access, a parking lot, viewpoint bench at the shoreline.

A forest trail loop with trial signs and benches.

Sandra thanked the Land Trust Alliance, the Mountaineers Foundation, anonymous donors and Conservancy members for getting this project started.

Clark thanked Sandra and presented her with the gift of an LIC apron.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

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

<u>Treasurer:</u> Jim Hettinger announced that we are \$9,000+ over budget for our income in 2017 - a lot of it due to the success of our events

The Balance Sheet shows a summary of the reserves The cash available to the LIC amounts to \$44,842.29. Jim asked that the membership approve the use of most of this money (\$44,534.44) to add to the various reserves (Building Capitol Improvements,

Promissory Note Repayment etc., as shown on the sheet attached to these minutes) in recommended allocations. MSP. Jim presented the 2018 budget request, which would deliver \$23,403 in net profit. He asked that the 2018 budget be approved. MSP.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Membership: Nancy Carr revealed that the LIC membership numbers 201 people.

She had membership renewal forms available to be completed (renewal due date is January 1).

In 2017, volunteer hours totaled 5,517. [Nota bene: Many of the organizations to which the LIC applies for grants take careful note of the degree of support from the members and volunteers.]

LIC Bucks, based on the number of each member's volunteer hours, can be used towards moorage, membership renewal, dance ticket and hall rental.

<u>Events:</u> Kathy Lyons and Jan Brown reported on the progress of the upcoming Suds N Spuds event, to be held March 17th. There will be a D.J. for three hours, Irish dancers (performing for a half an hour at approximately 6 p.m.), food, games for kids.

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<u>Building and Grounds:</u> Sharon Gearhart announced the arrival of the reimbursement check from Pierce County. She thanked Bob Perry for installing the new smoke/carbon monoxide detectors in the clubhouse. There is a new light o the flagpole.

<u>Marina:</u> Robert Theisen reminded those members with boats at the Marina to be certain that both the LIC and The Longbranch Foundation are listed on their insurance form, which are to be turned in to him.

<u>Sunshine</u>: Cheril Allen stated that it had been a busy month: Kerry Jamieson is recovering from neck and upper back surgery; Mary Mazur is slowly getting better and is in very good spirits.

**Newsletter:** Be sure to get your articles to Helen Jamieson by the 25th of the month.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A Star Awards for 2017 was presented to Chuck and Louise Beam for the Trunk or Treat haunted house (and the biscuit and gravy Louise provided for the Opening Day Breakfast).

A Star Award for 2017 was also presented to Kim Robinson for her tremendous efforts in acquiring items for last year's Summer Fest.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**The Longbranch Super Sale will be held April 28th**. The committee for this event includes Marsha Kremen, Jilly Eddy and Bob and Barb Green. For anyone who is interested, they would like to have more committee members.

Invitations for people to purchase booths at the event will be sent.

Individuals with trucks and trailers will be needed to pick up large pieces, such as furniture.

Donations of goods are needed and within the next week or two there will be a list of "dos" and "don'ts regarding the items. The event will require many volunteers.

Clark stated that 100% of the proceeds from the sale go to The Longbranch Foundation.

Two years ago, over \$5,000 of the proceeds went to the LIC to pay for the new doors in the clubhouse main room. This year the proceeds will go toward the restoration of the west upper bank of windows in the clubhouse. (We hope to receive a \$24,000 grant from Pierce County for this work but it requires 50% matching funds.)

Peg Bingham reported on the success of the CPR classes held at the Key Center Fire Station and led by Anne Nesbit. Over thirty certificates were awarded. There will be another class this Spring - the suggested date is March 4th. She has also agreed to come to the clubhouse and demonstrate the new "Stop the Blood" procedure.

Recognizing how critical it is to have life-saving equipment and life-saving talents available, Clark announced that we are exploring the possibility of purchasing two AED's, identical to those the paramedics are using, one for the clubhouse and one for the marina. The Angel Guild has been asked for help in defraying the cost.

#### The Longbranch Foundation

Kelly Hettinger reminded the members of the Open House to be held at Blend on February 17th. This is to be an informational event to let the community know what the foundation does and the efforts and activities of the LIC. Francie Carr termed it a "Friend Raiser".

Sharon thanked David and Carolyn Wiley for the piano they donated to the clubhouse. It is locked but if someone wants to use it - for example, for an event - the key is in Sharon's box in the office.

Please call Pat Muchmore if you see trash along the road and she will pick it up. [The LIC has taken on the responsibility for road cleanup from Creviston south to 76th St.]

It is very difficult to plan an LIC Road Cleanup because of the weather. However, we have to give the county two weeks notice before the cleanup. Tentative plans call for one at the end of April.

February 21st .....Membership Meeting (dinner potluck)
March 17th......Suds N Spuds

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Eiseman

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#### FROM THE MARINA CHAIR:



Well, another month has come and gone at the marina. Lynn and I fixed the broken water line, so that task is complete.

I want to send out a SPECIAL thanks to Clark and Kurt and their helpers for all the work they did on the grant for the marina. Clark and Barb Floyd's special bulletin has been sent out to all members, is on both the LIC and Foundation web sites, and is included in this newsletter. This year will start many changes for the marina, so please bear with us and enjoy the ride.

On another note, remember to make sure the Longbranch Improvement Club and Longbranch Marina are listed on your boat insurance renewal paperwork.

If at any time you have a question, please feel free to contact me.

#### Robert Theisen

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Marina Chair/Moorage Manager

#### **DOCKMASTER REPORT:**

With all the winter weather and high wind we have been experiencing, I appreciate you checking your boats frequently to make sure the lines are OK and the bilge pump is working.

If you want to make a quarterly moorage payment by credit card, let me know and I will meet you at the marina.

Thanks to Robert for helping out in all the rain when I was not available.



## **Cynn Carr**

Another great year is planned for Events at the LIC. Coming up March 17th is <u>Suds and Spuds</u>.

What fun we had last year and plan it to be even more fun this year. Please come... Eat a delicious baked potato have a beer or Irish Whiskey, enjoy the music and our special treat this year "Irish Dancers". If you feel so inclined later in the event you will have a chance to dance a

jig and maybe even win a prize.



Not required, but "Wear a little Green", bring your family/ friends and just Have Fun!!!

Also this year we have purchased a Strong LIC Banner for Key Center to advertise our events. Supposed to hold up against tremendous wind gusts that frequent our town. Watch for it in March!

Kathy Cyons





#### **ROAD CREW CLEANUP NEWS**

Thanks to Kelly Hettinger, I was able to collect a large child's plastic toy and many pieces of paper from our designated Road Clean Up area. I usually don't drive on that because I leave the Key Pen. Highway before I get to the starting point for our area in order to get to my home. However, I am grateful to Kelly for letting me know about this, and if anyone ever sees large pieces or quantities of road trash, please contact me and I'll take care of it. I do not plan on having any Road Clean Ups for the LIC until we get into less rain and more decent weather.

Also, I want to thank those who make sure we have contributions to the Food Bank at every membership meeting. It really helps out and we will never have too many egg cartons so if you can save them until the LIC meeting and place them in the Food Bank box by the door, I will see to it that they get to the proper places. Thank you so much for your efforts. *Pat Muchmore* 





Remember the food bank donations and please collect <u>Food Market receipts</u>



to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



#### **Membership Report**

This is a repeat of what I said at the January meeting, but if you were not there – 2017 we had 120 memberships, this is 201 people

#### **Total Volunteer hours were 5577 (WOW!!!)**

Hours are broken down this way:

Foundation hours for Summerfest 1432
Foundation hours non-Summerfest 219
Grant hours for the clubhouse 86
LIC hours 3840

This is fantastic, and thanks to everyone who helped make 2017 a very, very great year.

Please remember this when we are asking for volunteers this year!!! Thanks to Dennis Totten, Char Berger, Theresa Gano, Ann Dearing, Robyn Enders, Lynn Carr, Kelly Hettinger, Sharon Gearhart, Pat Muchmore and Tim Enders for helping setup and in the kitchen for the January meeting.

Now for the monthly reminders -

Dues for 2018 are due, and should be paid by March 1 to retain member privileges. The fourth quarter LIC Bucks are available and a lot of folks got theirs at the January meeting.

Remember, these can be used for moorage payments and membership dues.

February is a <u>potluck</u> meeting, if you can help in the kitchen, please let me know. Because the clubhouse is closed for rentals in January and February, we didn't have to put the tables and chairs away, so setup is done for February. YEA!

Kelly and Jim Hettinger hosted the very first New Members Mingle. I believe I can speak for all of us that attended – it was a lot of fun and a great way to meet people.

#### Here is **from Kelly**:

We had our first LIC New Member Mingle. We had a great showing. It was so nice to talk and get to know so many of our new members of 2017.

If you need info on some really good wine, plumbing or electrical ask Bob Perry.

If you want to know how soft our guest bed is ask Candice Hardt, who has used it many a time while just waiting for the right opportunity to move here. If you need any quilting help or wood working ask Sheryl Low and Polly. If you are looking for a good laugh ask Thom Hallagin how he and Patti met. I am still giggling!! If you need some special Sunshine, our Sunshine Lady Cheryl Allen, is right there for ya. And Brett Allen can tell you all about buying a new sailboat. Dennis Totten used to live in Alaska and Des Moines, Wa. and is no stranger to boats.

Our next New Member Mingle will be in May. We already have several new members from 2017 that were not able to join us this time plus our latest new members: Eric and Allison Fleischman, Donna Terry and Catherine and Ted Williams.

Thanks, everyone!

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# **BREAKING NEWS**

In case you haven't read or heard yet, the Washington State Legislature late Thursday evening passed a \$4.0 billion Capital Budget, and Governor Inslee signed the bill Friday afternoon. The Capital Budget bill had been in flux and subject to negotiations for nearly a year because of a dispute over water rights brought about by a Washington State Supreme Court decision known as the Hirst decision.

Included in the approved Capital Budget is a grant for the Longbranch Marina in the amount of \$248,000. The grant covers three distinct projects; specifically, complete replacement of approximately 1,000 square feet of the float at the west end of Dock 'A', complete replacement of the dinghy dock, and construction of three finger piers replacing five boathouses that were recently removed. These upgrades address environmental and public safety issues the LIC and Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) agreed were a priority for replacement. The Longbranch Foundation was the grant applicant.

In the coming days and weeks, we will get more detailed information about exactly how to proceed, but we wanted to pass along this news as soon as we could. We are **extremely** pleased to be the recipient of this grant, as it will jumpstart the much needed repairs and upgrades to the marina we committed to make when the LIC signed the new Aquatic Lands Lease with the DNR in 2017.

Barb Floyd, President
The Longbranch Foundation

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Clark Van Bogart, President The Longbranch Improvement Club 

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NAME	OK to list name, address and telephone in Member Directory	Set up/decorate/host Food prep/kitchen
Any changes?		ACTIVITIES Road crew pickup
LOCAL ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP	FACILITIES  Building
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP	Grounds/garden Marina
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ANYONE..... Looking for a surprise to give to your Valentine? Our condo in Puerto Vallarta (Mexico) has become available (March 15 - 22) and we are offering it for US \$500.00 for 7 nights directly at the water's edge in a fully equipped studio with a huge balcony at the water's edge. (17% hotel tax is included in this price). Please call for details!

Marlies Van Cise, home: <u>253 884-5608</u> cell: <u>253 377-0009</u>

PS: If necessary, payments of \$100.00 per month would be considered.

#### February 2018 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

Here we are in a new year and looking forward to what we can accomplish in 2018. Since there will not be any Preservation Grant Project this year, the B/G Committee has identified some issues that we can be looking into to include; better security for the grounds, developing a possible Trails committee to work with Larry Bingham on maintaining and increasing the trail system, addressing storage issues, possible remote access for the thermostats, replacing the upholstered chairs a few at a time, and better lighting in the attic space to name a few. I am certain that there are many more issues that can be and will be addressed over the next twelve months, but this is the beginning. I want to thank the following members for agreeing to serve on the B/G committee-Larry Bingham, Francie Carr, Bob Perry, Jane Eiseman, Jim Sobieck and Susan Quigley-this is a strong group with good ideas on what the 'Grand Old Lady' needs and suggestions on how to fulfill those needs. One of the issues of particular importance involves the trails system and a request from Larry Bingham for more help. Our trails are becoming very popular both to members and others. Larry needs help in maintaining the trails on a routine basis and I would personally like to see a small Trails committee to help him decide what the trail needs are and how to get the work done. If you are interested please contact Larry Bingham or me. The B/G committee also selected a date for the Spring Clean up so put *April 14-15 Spring Clean-up* on your calendar and pray for good weather. We would like to get some significant trail work done on that weekend also. I would be remiss, if I did not thank Brian and Dee Born and Mike Isbell for continuing as adoptive parents for the front lawns and Gayle and Shirley Brewer and the other folks who worked on the flower beds. Keeping the lawns and beds mowed and weeded show the 'Old Girl' at her best. The north lawn between the building and the maple tree could use an adoptive parent to keep it mowed as this area gets quite a bit of use during rentals. A few hours a month to keep up with the work is all that is required. If you would like to help with this please let me know. It is a good way to get volunteer hours (and bucks) for those of you who enjoy gardening or outdoor work. Although we will not be working on any grant projects this year, we will be submitting a proposal for 2019, that would only involve replacing the upper west windows on the building. We are waiting to hear whether grant monies will be available or not. So, I guess this is enough pontificating for this month. Please consider helping Larry with the trails-they are becoming a source of enjoyment for many but need consistent work to keep them safe and enjoyable. Thank you. Ciao.

sharon

**Project Room:** 

- -Volunteers for trails and grounds
- -Trails Committee



'An Archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets the more interested he is in her.' Agatha Christie (her husband was an Archaeologist)

#### STILL TIME TO BE PART OF THE "IN" CROWD AT THE LIC

The fourth CPR class being offered to LIC members by the Peninsula Fire Department will be held Sunday, March 4th, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Key Center Fire Station meeting room. The entrance to the room is on the south side of the building under the red awning. The class is \$35 per person and just covers CPR. At this time thirty CPR certifications have been awarded to LIC members, family and friends, including a 10 year old boy and a 12 year old girl.

Feedback on the previous classes from both the Fire Department and the participants has been very positive. If you would like to attend the March class please contact me at 253-884-1124 or <a href="mailto:bing6178@gmail.com">bing6178@gmail.com</a> and I will add your name to my list.

There is currently much conversation regarding emergency preparedness and knowing the new CPR method is a step in the right direction. Anne Nesbit of the Fire Department presents not only an informative class but an enjoyable one.

Peg Bingham

From the Sunshine Corner......

Well, it's been a busy month for people needing sunshine, as I've sent out nine get well cards this month. Most of the recipients wanted privacy, however, I can tell you about one.

Kerry Jamieson had recent neck/upper back surgery and he will have to wear a brace for about a month. I'm told he is healing and making good progress, as well as getting the feeling back in his arms. That's great news, but with feeling comes pain – and that's no fun. His faithful nurse (Helen) said he is a great patient and in good spirits regardless. Get well soon, Kerry!

An update regarding Mary Mazur is, that she continues to get better – slowly. She still can't walk without support, and at times needs a wheelchair because she has swelling in her legs, but she is determined to drive again. I believe she will!

Let's all wish them well. *Cheril* 

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## **The Longbranch Foundation**

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### The Longbranch Foundation – February Update

I hope you all had a chance to see the wonderful article published in the Key Peninsula News in January. If you missed it, just log onto our website and look at the latest news. You are all probably aware that we will be holding an Open House at Blend on February 17 from 4-6 pm. The purpose of the Open House is to describe the purposes of the Foundation to the community, or as Francie has named the occasion, it is a "Friend Raiser". I hope all of you love our new sticker "I love My KP" and have at least one for your car bumper.

We also will be outlining our plans to support Higher Education Scholarships and Student Programs at Evergreen Elementary at the February LIC Membership Meeting.

You can always contact me with questions, concerns or ideas that you might have. I would love to have you visit our website or Facebook page and tell me what you would like to see there.

The tulips and daffodils are beginning to peak above the soil, even in this dreary weather. It is a good time to think of hearts and flowers!

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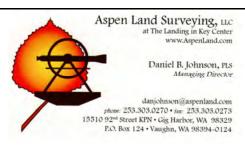
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