



Longbranch Improvement Club



JANUARY 2018



FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

JANUARY 17 – DESSERT SOCIAL – 6:30

President's Message:



January 2018

As 2017 draws to a close and a new year is on the horizon, I want to share with you some of the highlights from a year of big successes and moving the LIC forward. Here are just a few:

We completed a series of repairs and upgrades at the Clubhouse with the help of a Pierce County Preservation Grant. These upgrades included installation of new doors, as well as painting and staining of the kitchen counter and timbers in the meeting room. Also, the two lower window banks on the west side of the building were professionally refurbished.

The trail system was expanded and portions re-graveled with help from a Boy Scout Explorer troop. In addition, pedestrian bridges over the creek were built and/or rebuilt.

At the Longbranch Marina, seven creosote pilings that were at the end of their useful life were replaced with six new galvanized steel pilings.

A new 15 year Aquatic Lands lease was finalized. The LIC and Washington Department of Natural Resources came to an agreement on certain additional upgrades to be made at the Marina over the life of the lease.

In partnership with The Longbranch Foundation, "Summer Fest on the South Key" raised more than \$33,000 that will go towards building a framework for sustainable scholarships and other youth programs that the LIC and TLF support.

We increased membership by more than 36, which translates to more than 50 people. Our members contributed **over 5,200 hours of volunteer service** to the LIC, TLF and our community, which smashed the previously record of 4,064 in 2016.

We created a new category of membership called "Friends of the LIC", which allows citizens in our community to receive our newsletter and other information free of charge.

A new program was created that provides rewards ("LIC Bucks") for members that give more than the minimum number of hours of volunteer service to the LIC or TLF.

We had numerous wonderful events during the year, including "Suds – N – Spuds", "Opening Day the Longbranch Way", three very well attended dances, another well attended Fiber Arts, hosted approximately 400 kids at "Trunk – Or – Treat", gave out gifts to more than 150 children at "Kids – N – Christmas", and had our first in recent years lighted boat parade.

There are more highlights I could share but space is limited. We will give you a complete rundown in the Board's Annual Report, which is planned for the April 2018 issue of the Key Peninsula News. I want to thank Francie Carr, who has been incredibly helpful in easing my transition to this role, the entire LIC board of directors, whose members work very hard year around for the LIC, Barb Floyd for assuming the position of TLF President and moving it to the next level, and especially all of you, our members, for making this an extremely successful year for the LIC.

I'm looking forward to another great year in 2018 for the LIC and TLF, and wish you all a very safe, healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year!

Clark

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PS: The speaker at our January 17th membership meeting will be Sandra Staples-Bortner, Executive Director of the Great Peninsula Conservancy updating us on plans for their Filucy Bay property. An additional note: the LIC/TLF will have its bi-annual "Great Garage Sale" in April, so start cleaning out your closets, attics, sheds, basements and garages looking for good, clean, working and usable items we can sell – more info coming.

LIC General Membership Meeting

No minutes available at print time.

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



"DE- DECORATING DAY!"

Saturday, January 6th
10 a.m.



It's hard to believe it's that time again! De-decorating the Halls just takes an hour or two. Come help pack up the garlands, bows and baubles for another year and enjoy conversation, coffee and munchies with your neighbors and friends. Hope to see you there!



All you need is Love, and wine, and maybe some chocolate and a nap, but mostly love!

author unknown





Kids & Christmas

The annual Kids & Christmas event, in conjunction with Toys for Tots, is one of the great things we do with and for our community. It takes a lot of time, effort and volunteers to make this the success it is. I thought you might be interested in some of the statistics for the 2017 event:

128 –adult attendees from 11 different zip codes
156 – child attendees
47 – girl scouts and leaders from 7 troops
33 – volunteers at the event
306 – meals served
41 – total volunteers
179 – volunteer hours reported



The volunteers were:

Angela Goodman
Carolyn Wiley
Diane Tomaso
James Goodman
Jane Eiseman
Kathy Edwards
Lynn Carr
Mary Lemon
Pat Muchmore
Robert Theisen
Steve Tomaso
Tim Enders

Barb Van Bogart
Delia McGinnis
Don Berger
Jan Brown
Judy Riggs
Kim Robinson
Lynn Larson
Mike Fay
Peg Bingham
Robyn Enders
Sue Stuhaug

Bill Buckner
Dennis Stuhaug
Francie Carr
Jan Prichard
Julia Buckner
Larry Layton
Marina Nichipor
Nancy Carr
Rob Carlson
Shirley Brewer
Thom Halligan



Student Volunteers were:

Declan Littleton
Mackenzie Van Bogart
Yulya Nichipor

Dylan Van Bogart
Maggie Barry

Lizzie Barry
Nolan Littleton

Thanks to everyone! Many of the folks listed above worked on more than one of the many tasks required to make everything ready for Santa and all the festivities. Thanks againand if you want to help next year, it will be December 16, 2018.

Nancy & Carolyn

2018 LIC Membership Renewal Thank you, due Jan 1, 2018

NAME _____ ☐ OK to list name, address and telephone in Member Directory

Any changes?

LOCAL ADDRESS _____ CITY STATE ZIP _____

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Mail to: LIC PO Box 111, Lakebay Wa 98349

Your LIC depends on volunteers. Check 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



From the Sunshine Corner...

Hello All,

I don't have much to report this month, but it seems that almost everyone I have talked to has a bad cold recently. So here is a general good wish for all who are suffering – take care and get well soon!

I spoke to Marlies Van Cise and am happy to say she gets better day by day. She is having some trouble with carpal tunnel syndrome, which many of us know is not fun. Best wishes for speedy recovery Marlies!

I have sent out 1 sympathy card and 3 get well cards to members since my last report to you all. I'm glad that it has been somewhat quiet for the Holidays. Here's to good health and happy events in the new year!

Cheril

FROM THE MARINA CHAIR:



Well the year is almost to an end. What a year the marina has had and I want to thank all of you for your support.

I want to thank the Marina committee and the Board members for advice and approval on the updates to the dockmaster's job description. Lynn Carr has decided to stay on another year as the dockmaster. It is official now because he has signed his contract. So Thank You Lynn and for the job you do down at the marina.

I want to send a special thanks to Clark for his guidance and knowledge he has given me since I've been around the marina and as Marina Chair. Thanks, Clark. Also for all of you who didn't know, Barb V had a birthday on the 19th of Dec, She is now less than a year away from the BIG ONE. Happy Birthday, Barb!!

Looking for 2018 to be one of the best years the marina's had in a long time. So if anyone has ideas they would like to share on how to make our marina one of the best in the South Sound, please feel free to contact me.

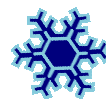
Just a reminder, there is no overnight parking at the marina. If you do, you do it at your own risk.

Also, to all boaters, don't forget that your insurance must state the Longbranch Improvement Club and the Longbranch Marina on the policy.

Have a safe and Happy Holidays and a Great New Year.

Robert

Marina Chair



Here is your chance for a great deal to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico!

Date: March 8-22, 2018

(Ocean Front Studio)

Please call soon, Marlies Van Cise, 253-884-5608

DOCKMASTER REPORT:

I was in Chattaroy, WA with my three granddaughters on vacation. Thank you, Robert, for filling in for me.

Lynn Carr



Membership Report

Thanks to everyone that helped make Kids & Christmas and the member Christmas dinner such a great success and lots of fun. I have to admit that I'm glad they are over so I could spend some time thinking about our Christmas and some time off! Now, it is time to get back to work!!

There is a membership renewal form with this newsletter. Please feel free to fill it out and mail it in or bring to the next meeting. If you are using LIC Bucks to pay dues or moorage, please attach the bucks to the form that you are paying. Thank you.

If you can, and want to, volunteer for upcoming events (including setup and kitchen for meetings), please let me know. I'll gladly put you on my 'good' list.

We just got home from Eastern Washington, so I have to get back in Western Washington mode. I'm sure I'll remember more of what I wanted to say and will have to send out a blast – so stay tuned!!!

Nancy
253-884-1384 (if you want to call and volunteer for something!)

PS – Please make sure all your volunteer hours for 2017 are turned in by next week. We need to get the 4th quarter 2017 bucks ready for distribution at the January meeting. You can mail them, e-mail them or drop them in the slot at the marina. Thanks!!

Nancy Carr
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The Event's Committee is going to be busy starting in March with our "Famous" Suds and Spuds. We again have live Irish Music scheduled for the event plus food and drink....there will be lyrics contest, Irish dancing if you want to join in. Such a Fun Event for everyone! All dances have scheduled bands confirmed. And we must not forget our Garage Sale in April and Dock breakfast in May.

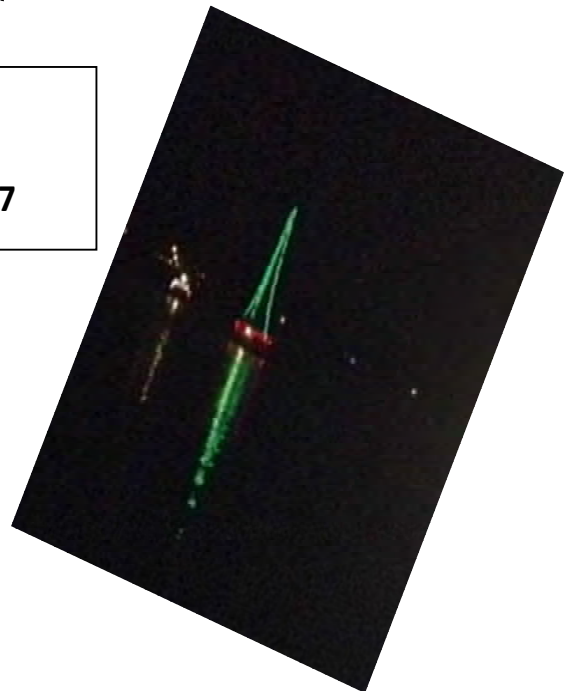
So many Fun activites going on at our LIC with a bunch of fun people!!! Come join in and bring your friends....You won't be disappointed!

Kathy & Jan





**LIGHTED BOAT
PARADE @
LONGBRANCH 2017**



The Longbranch Foundation
INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY
January Update

Celebrate The South Key 2017! Annual donor solicitation appears to be heading toward success! Your generosity fueled us to a fabulous Summerfest result in support of our Scholarship and Youth Programs. And now, as I write this update, we are over the \$5,000.00 mark for this effort with your contributions going towards your choices of Preserving our Historic Building, Maintaining and Improving our Trail System, the Marina and Supporting in General where the Need is the Greatest. I will report detailed results in the next newsletter. On behalf of the Foundation's board of directors, I thank you for your generosity.

The Foundation is engaged in several activities to increase awareness of what we do and how we relate to the LIC. As we approach our second full year of operation, we plan an article in the Key Peninsula News in January as well as an Open House at Blend in February. 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.

I hope you had a joy filled Holiday and here's wishing you the best for the New Year!

And, chin up, the days are beginning to get longer again!

Thank you for your wonderful support in 2017!

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