

MEMBER NEWS



FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 2018

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: OCTOBER 17TH 7PM – DINNER POTLUCK



President's Message

We are now in the fall season, which for many is the favorite time of year. Cool crisp mornings, the smell of leaves, and football are just a few things folks seem to enjoy about this time of year. I do enjoy the fall, as burgers on the grill give way to pot roasts in the oven, potato salad gives way to mashed potatoes and gravy (i.e., “comfort food”), and the coming holidays.

Another thing I enjoy about fall is that we tend to invite friends and relatives into our homes and not just to our yards, decks and boats, so the get-togethers seem a little more intimate. The LIC can be part of your get-together, as we have three more membership meetings this year, plus other activities ready for you to enjoy. It is a perfect time to invite friends and neighbors, who are not LIC members, to join us for one or more of these great events:

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| October 6 th | Fiber Arts and the Farm Tour (the Marina has been added this year) |
| October 17 th | Dinner Potluck Membership Meeting |
| October 26 th | “Trunk – or – Treat” |
| November 14 th | Dessert Potluck Membership Meeting (speaker TBD) |
| December 1 st | “Deck the Halls” |
| December 12 th | Holiday Dinner Potluck Membership Meeting |
| December 16 th | “Kids & Christmas” |



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(President's Message continued)

This is the time of year your board begins work on the LIC's 2019 budget. Development of the budget will take place over the next two months and members will be asked to approve it at the January 2019 membership meeting. While creating the budget is the board's responsibility, you can help in the process by weighing in on the facilities we have, and the events and functions we do, and offer suggestions if you note things we need to consider to repair, create, or modify. Also in this regard, we're coming to the 1 ½ year mark on our "LIC Bucks" program, so please give some thought to the program and offer any suggestions that come to mind.

By now, I hope you have seen the new "LONGBRANCH – EST. 1891" sign, placed at the far north end of the LIC's property. This sign and landscaping were designed by Jim Olson, and the sign was constructed and placed by Mark Ambler. Barb Floyd led a small committee that raised the necessary funds and worked for nearly two years with Pierce County to get all the necessary permits. Congratulations and special thanks to Jim, Mark, Barb, and the entire committee that worked on this project.

I'm still stuck in a rut, reporting our marina upgrade project remains in the permitting stage, and the current hang-up at National Marine Fisheries (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - NOAA) is unchanged as this Newsletter goes to press. Our contractor has another meeting scheduled with NOAA in early October. We remain hopeful the log jam will loosen up, but the calendar is closing in on when we can get the work completed before the so-called "fish window" closes early in 2019.

Clark

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Attention All Roadies

We had another successful fall road clean up this year and once again, we are grateful to the fire department for allowing us to use their hall across the street from the LIC. Four individuals were able to help: Bert and Christie Saywer, Becky Alexander and Dennis Stuhau. Thanks to them for their hard work. Unfortunately two volunteers were unable to come, so Bert and Christie made the long 1 ½ mile clean-up from south of the elementary school to the fire station. Kudos to them! Just a reminder, if you volunteer to assist with a LIC road clean-up and cannot make it, please call to let me know, so that I can find others to fill in if possible. There will not be another road clean-up until spring of 2019. Hope to see you there.



Pat Muchmore



A NEW SIGN FOR LONGBRANCH – designed by JIM OLSON

Mark Ambler and his crew collected the Cedar Log donated by Brook and Kim Stephens, had it milled, Jeff Tritt stained the cedar, we ordered the hardware and Mark built the new sign.



Barb & Clark Van Bogart, Jim & Kelly Hettinger, Sharon Gearhart, Barbara Doat, Connie & Rich Hildahl, Bob Perry, Larry Bingham



Barb Van Bogart coordinated the Landscaping to Jim Olson's plans;

Rocks, Cement Logs poured by our LIC neighbor Rick Jorgenson, and 10 yards of Topsoil plus 10 volunteers and 45 minutes of labor to set the base



Barb & Clark Van Bogart, Kelly Hettinger, Randy Carr, Jan Brown, Bob Halligan, Marcy Sparks, Robert Theisen, Larry Bingham, and Josh Johnson and his trusty Kubota.



66 Plants, 9 volunteers and one hour of labor and we are ready for the dedication!

Barb & Clark Van Bogart
Barbara Green
Barbara Doat
Kelly Hettinger



Thom Halligan
Marcy Sparks
Jan Brown
Barb Floyd

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE THE SIGN HAPPEN!!!

A last word, we will send out our once a year solicitation letter in October. Please consider donating to the one of our causes: scholarships, historic buildings, recreational trails, marina, or where the need is the greatest. Your contribution will allow us to continue our work improving the life of the children and adults of our community. Happy Fall everyone!

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Marina Report

We have had a busy month at the marina, lots of boats in for the weekends.

Thanks to Bruce Jeglum, Rob Carlson, and Burt Magnuson for helping with the Labor Day dance. Also, kudos to Larry Layton and Rob Carlson for putting in the long hours for the PTA end of summer bash.

The Farm Tour is coming up on October 6th, the marina is one of the stops, and I still need a few more people to help me at the marina, and also a few more to help with parking at the lodge. Come on people, step up to the plate and help us out. Contact me, please.

To all who have boats in the marina: Please, please do not neglect your boat. Maintain it and keep your boat and slip clean. If you have an extra dinghy or kayak in/on your slip, remove it – this is a safety hazard and does not look good. If this is a problem for you, contact me. We will have lots of visitors for the Farm Tour – let's all work to make our marina look GREAT!

Robert Theisen
Marina Chair



Membership Info

Welcome new members Robert Emens and Marian Henrich. We are happy you are with us.

It was brought to my attention that our new member packet is very outdated. If you want to help update the information and make new packets, please let me know.

As I've advised before, the new website is available. It will work much better on your phone and tablet now – give it a try, and if you find something that is not working, let me know. www.licweb.org

The end of September is not only the end of summer, it is the end of third quarter 2018, too. Please make sure all your volunteer hours are turned in to me by October 7th. The next installment of LIC Volunteer Bucks will be available at the October meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions or want to volunteer!!!

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair

The Mobile Community Services Office is Coming!

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Time: 10:30am - 2:30 pm

Place: Key Peninsula Community Services
17015 9th St. CT KPN
Lakebay

At this event, you can apply for:

- Cash Assistance
- Basic Food Assistance
- Medical Assistance
- Medicare Savings Program

You can also drop off paperwork, complete an Eligibility Review, Mid-Certification Review or make changes to an existing case.



HOUSE SITTER WANTED

We're looking for an occasional house sitter, a retired, non-smoking individual, willing to stay in our lovely home while we're away. These adventures can be as short as a single night to as long as a couple of weeks. Most are planned well in advance, allowing ample time to schedule. Duties include watching the house and feeding two dogs and the cat. Interested? You can call Thom @ 253 509 2172 or Patti @ 937 901 7987

Farm Tour and Fiber Arts

The Farm Tour and Fiber Arts are coming up very soon – October 6th, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. This year, we have the addition of our Marina on the Farm Tour and it will be part of the shuttle bus route. Robert and the Marina committee have been working on great items to show, demo and educate. If you would like to volunteer at the marina, please see him.

The LIC will be very active. All the inside booths for Fiber Arts are taken, as we have many returning vendors and some new ones. There are still outdoor spaces available, if you are interested. There is a new menu that leans heavily toward local, farm fresh items. Our featured artist this year is our own Carolyn Wiley. She will be displaying some of her unique and custom quilts and jewelry. Carolyn also designed and pieced the Farm Tour raffle quilt. Wait until you see it – stunning! The LIC will again be the parking place for the South shuttle, and there will be two busses allocated for the south route this year.

If you can help with Fiber Arts, let us know. Robin Gould will be doing the layout planning and setting up on Friday, and we need help Saturday with the LIC booth, and a couple of other spots. Please let us know if you can help.

Nancy Carr

Longbranch Improvement Club
Exhibits Demonstrations Food

fiber arts

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Saturday Oct. 6
10am to 4pm
Free Admission

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253 884-1384
PRESENTED BY LIC WITH KEY PENINSULA FARM TOUR

Visit members Josh & Erin Johnson at the Foxglove Farm behind the LIC on Erickson Road during the Farm Tour.

Building and Grounds

On Sunday, Sept 23 with great weather and team spirit - Sharon Gearhart, Larry Bingham, Randy & Caroline Carr, Francie Carr, Jim Sobieck, Bob & Barb Green, Dennis Stuhaug, and Candice Hardt cleared and widened trails, opened up a new trail and laid the foundation for two new bridges. Everyone's hard work and time is truly appreciated – to make the LIC trails a great adventure for our members and community. For perspective, Sharon provided a great quote for us - *“But I remember more dearly autumn afternoons that lay intensely silent under old great trees”* from -C.S. Lewis. On Wednesday, Sept 26, the furnaces in the LIC were serviced for the year, and everything is in working order. On Friday, Sept 27, Larry Bingham and Bob Perry installed the decking on the two new bridges, and they are almost complete. The LIC remains a labor of love for many of us, and please let us know any suggestions you have, or something that needs attention!

Bob Perry
Building and Grounds



DRIFTWOOD ANNIE
Brought to you by James
Sobieck, and Bob and
Barbara Green

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All! I sent out several cards on behalf of the LIC this month. Most everyone has heard that Peg and Larry Bingham recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. There was a successful surprise party held for them at the marina and it was quite well attended. What a great couple!

Molly Swensen fell and broke her hip and femur, requiring surgical intervention and rehab at Cottesmore for a week. Hopefully she will mend quickly! Let's all wish her well.

Lynn Carr went into the hospital for emergency gall bladder surgery and fell upon some complications in which he required ventilation. Fortunately, he is strong, and his health has improved slowly but surely. With luck, he will be out of the hospital and back home in a few days.



“If you spend your whole life waiting for the storm, you'll never enjoy the sunshine.”

Morris West

Cheril Allen
The Sunshine Lady

Events:

Summer has passed and Fall is in the air, but all of a sudden it feels like Summer again.

The events committee has been hard at work, gearing up for our October events. First of all, a big thank you to everyone who helped out with the Labor Day Dance. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the band and the ambiance. There were lots of thank you's from our guests.

The Evergreen PTA held a dance event at the club on the 15th. We helped them get organized and offered support as needed. Their event was very successful, raising money to help move their efforts forward.

As we look forward to October, we are gearing up for the Farm Tour and Fiber Arts events on October 6th. As always we will be in need of a variety of volunteers for everything from managing the parking, to set up, and clean up. There will be a lot going on that day, so please offer your assistance, even if just for a short shift. The kitchen will be in full operation from 11 to 2 on the day of the event. Our in-house chefs have created an exciting menu, so don't miss out.

On October 26th is the Trunk or Treat event in conjunction with Evergreen PTA. Again, we will need assistance with set up, and clean up. This is a fun event and gives everyone an opportunity to interact with our local community. As in past years, we will need additional candy to hand out to the trick or treaters. Please bring your donations to our next meeting on October 17th.

Enjoy this nice weather while it lasts!

Bob & Barb
Events Co-Chairs



STOP THE BLEED

On October 20th there will be a Stop the Bleed class held at the Key Center Fire Department meeting room. The FREE class will start at 12:00 p.m.

If there is enough interest, a CPR class can be added for the same day starting at 9:00 a.m.

If you are interested and have not signed up, please contact Peg Bingham @ bing6178@gmail.com or 253-884-1124. Members, family and/or friends are all welcome.

Peg Bingham

LIC General Meeting September 19, 2018



Clark Van Bogart, president, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

New members, Mark and Lori Entringer, were introduced.

Francie Carr introduced tonight's speaker, Scott Gjertsen, co-directors of Camp Seymour. The following are excerpts from his presentation.

Camp Seymour is a YMCA camp established in 1905 as a non-profit organization. It encompasses 150 acres on the Key Peninsula at Glencove Bay, with seventeen cabins and five yurts. The camp also includes a recreational room, pool, zip-line, hiking trails, touch tank, boats/water sports and orienteering classes as well as pigs, cows and chickens.

The camp offers adult and family weekends, fifth and sixth grade 3-day overnights, and week long summer camps. Groups may sign up for free tours of the facility. Their web site provides more information.

The Outdoor Education program (with thirteen educators, plus counselors) aims to provide an environment for fifth and sixth graders to explore ecosystems, understand natural resources and improve outdoor and group-building skills.

This year the camp is on the Key Peninsula Farm Tour.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman was not present. The membership was asked to approve the minutes of the August meeting as written and submitted. MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger was not present. The Profit and Loss Budget Performance, and the Summary Balance Sheet reports were distributed. Clark pointed out several highlights: Both the Building and Grounds and the Marina are exceeding their revenue budgets thus far in 2018 and net income is approximately \$5,400 over budget.

President: Clark reported for Peg Bingham, the "Stop the Bleed" class will be at the Key Center Fire Station on Saturday, September 29th. One additional class is scheduled for October 20th at noon. The class is free. Call Peg to sign up.

Pat Muchmore reported on the most recent road cleanup, which will most likely be the final one for 2018.

Clark mentioned that the board is beginning work on the 2019 budget. Members were invited to pass along any suggestions they have - if, for example, they note that a repair is needed or have suggestions for other programs/events.

LIC General Meeting September 19, 2018



Finally, Clark mentioned that we are closing in on 1½ years with the “LIC Bucks” program. Any suggestions regarding the program would be appreciated by the board, so that the program can be properly evaluated and modified if warranted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Nancy Carr informed the members that there is a new LIC web site. She asked that anyone who finds something wrong with the site to please let her know.

Events: Bob and Barb Green reported on the Labor Day Dance. There were families and non-members in attendance, and everyone seemed to have a good time. The band was well received.

Building and Grounds: Bob Perry noted that the logs on the LIC property are being moved into place. There will be two entrances to the field, one with a gate, and one with a chain, neither of which will be locked. Signs will be posted at the entrances to let people know that it is private property but that public use is allowed, with certain restrictions (such as no campfires, no camping etc.).

Marina: Robert Theisen said that Lynn Carr has been replacing boards at the Marina.

Robert is still in discussion with government agencies over lighting on the wharf.

Sunshine Lady: Cheril Allen sent an anniversary card to Peg and Larry Bingham, and flowers to Kim Robinson, whose daughter recently passed away.

OLD BUSINESS

Clark reported on the status of the Marina grant. The project has the support of the County, the State and the Army Corps of Engineers. However it is stalled at the moment and there has been no movement by the National Marine Fisheries on the permits.

THE LONGBRANCH SIGN

The dedication/celebration of the new sign will be held on September 29th at 1 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Trail cleanup September 23, 10 a.m. to noon

New member mingle, September 29, 6 p.m.

Fiber Arts and Farm (and Marina) Tour,
October 6th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Membership Meeting, October 17, 6:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat, October 26th

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Eiseman

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