



MEMBER NEWS

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2018

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: DECEMBER 12TH 7PM – HOLIDAY POTLUCK
SOCIAL STARTS AT 5:30PM



President's Message

I cannot help but reflect on the many successes of this organization during the year. A more detailed summary will be provided in the next few months, but in a nutshell, here are the big highlights.

Our building hosted numerous events in 2018 consisting of our own events (e.g., Suds & Spuds, three dances, Trunk – or – Treat, monthly board and membership meetings, etc.), private weddings, and three major fundraisers for other organizations, such as The Mustard Seed Project, Evergreen PTA and The Longbranch Foundation. Not only was it busy, but all of the events contributed to building revenue exceeding budget for the year. A number of trail improvements were also made during the year, AND, the new “Longbranch” sign was placed on the property.

The marina has also turned in very good numbers for the year. While guest moorage is down slightly from last year, overall revenue is ahead of budget due to increased permanent and temporary moorage. This helps us in making a number of small, but very important upgrades during the year, such as the emergency boarding ladders at the marina.

Our membership continues to grow. Thus far in 2018 we have added 31 memberships representing 53 individuals. We are also poised to break the record of volunteer hours in 2017 (5,630 hours). This is incredible support for our community and this organization. I am in awe of the generosity of our members and commitment. Our members should also note that we have a few more events coming this year that will provide opportunities for you to put in additional volunteer hours, earn a few more “LIC Bucks” for 2018, and have fun in the process. December events include:

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| December 1 st | Chili potluck at the Marina (3:00pm) followed by the lighted boat parade |
| December 8 th | “Deck the Halls” (i.e., decorate the clubhouse – 10:00am – incl. lunch) |
| December 12 th | Holiday Dinner Potluck Membership Meeting (social begins 5:30pm) |
| December 16 th | “Kids & Christmas” (1:00pm – 4:00pm) |

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(President's Message continued)

We approved a new building rental rate schedule at our November member meeting. We are grateful to Bob Perry, Building & Grounds Chair, and Benita Parodi, Rental Agent, for the work and research they did to establish the new rates. This B & G Committee is still working on the feasibility of replacing the two leased propane tanks with one larger purchased tank and upgrading the propane piping to current code. When that is completed, implementation will allow us to shop for propane prices rather than being tied to one supplier, as well as improve safety.

On the REALLY GOOD NEWSFRONT, permits for our marina project are no longer hung-up in the bureaucracy at National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA). We got our elected officials to help us prod NOAA, with the staff from the offices of Sen. Maria Cantwell and Rep. Derek Kilmer making a few contacts and within a couple of days, the permitting process moved forward. The next steps are for the Corps. of Engineers to pass on our approved application, Pierce County to issue building permits, and the WA Department of Natural Resources to give their formal blessing to the project. Our members have formally approved going forward with the marina projects and the contractor has been notified so they can begin sourcing materials needed for the upgrades.

Once again it's a good time of the year to reflect on how fortunate we are for many blessings, including this special community. Barb and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Clark

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Food Bank Update

Once again I want to thank everyone who is contributing food for the Food Bank. It is so appreciated by those who receive the goods and they can never thank us enough.

There was a large orange cloth bag left in the Food Bank box at a meeting and no one has claimed it. It has writing in black ink, "TRI TECH HEATING 7 COOLING; 360-891-2002; "Your Comfort is Our Priority". If anyone claims it and wants it back, please contact me at 253 884-3890 and I'll make arrangements to get it back to you. If no one claims it, I'll leave it in the Food Bank box as it makes it so much easier to get the items in my car and then down to the Food Bank. Thank you so much.

Pat Muchmore



LOOK AT WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED!!

What a wonderful, busy year 2018 has been. Following is a look at some of your accomplishments through generous donations and 1,263 (thru Nov) volunteer hours.

Higher Ed Scholarships:

- **Three high school seniors:** 1. Northern Arizona U. studying Physics & Astronomy, 2. WSU studying Biology, and 3. UW studying Criminal Justice. **(A special Thank you to Brett Allen for his designated contribution which funded one of these scholarships!)**
- **Two recurring scholarships to students in school:** 1. PLU studying Chinese & Music and 2. WSU studying Business & Accounting

Student Programs:

- **Fifteen (15) 5th graders to Camp Seymour Environmental Camp** – In partnership with Community In Schools.
- Your donations of clothing and boots provided children with items they could be proud to wear.
- An anonymous donation funded **After School Programs** at Red Barn and Two Waters.

Community Organizations: Your donations bought **2000 cartons of milk** supplied by FB4K.

Community Projects: **The Longbranch Sign** was constructed, installed, and landscaped with your donations of cash and in-kind support, and with hours of volunteer support.

Historic Buildings: Your **Celebrate** donations and **Super Sale** proceeds will go towards the \$11,500 needed to match the **Pierce County Preservation Grant** for the West Windows 2019 project.

Grounds: Your **Celebrate** donations funded an expansion of the LIC trail and bridge system, as well as, provided for gravel to smooth, and help make the paths safer.

Marina: The focus and volunteer effort (163 hours – not included in the total above!) has been instrumental in getting permits to begin work on the **\$240,000 Grant from the State of WA.**

ETC: Through Nov: Key Pen Market receipts generated \$339, and Amazon Smile purchases \$96!!

THANK YOU
YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!!

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Membership Info

A few things are happening this month, with lots of opportunity for volunteering. The LIC Christmas dinner will be Wednesday, December 12th. We will start the festivities at 5:30 pm with serving at 6:00. We will have the Evergreen Elementary Chorus provide some entertainment while we dine! There may be about 15 kids in the chorus, and their parents so please consider bringing a larger pot luck dish than normal. The turkey and ham are provided and we also have some folks who volunteered to do mashed potatoes, and I could use one more person to help with gravy and dressing. Please let me know if you are interested.

Thanks for all your help this year.

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair



Dockmaster Report

There were no scheduled clubs for the marina in November, but Day Island came in and had a great time. Right after Thanksgiving, A Tacoma Power Squadron boat came in to spend a quiet after-Thanksgiving weekend.

I have been checking the electronic gate cards and quite a few folks still have them but no longer have a boat in the Marina. Can you please check to see if you have a card and can return it?

Thank you and happy holidays.

Lynn Carr
Dockmaster

Marina Report

Another month has come and gone, and soon a new year will be upon us. There are still spaces available for winter moorage, so if you need a spot for your boat for the winter, let the dockmaster or myself know.

Thanks to Rob Carlson and Larry Layton for helping park cars for Trunk or Treat. Great job, guys, and what a great event! A great big 'THANK YOU' to Kelly Hettinger for a great job on the bulletin board at the marina – the one in the pavilion. Thanks, Kelly!

I've noticed there are a few boats in the marina that are in need of their owners to check them out. Please check on your boat over the winter and make sure all is in order. Your boats are asking to be remembered in the winter weather.

I will be in and out of town for the month of December, so if you need to contact me and I don't answer my phone, please leave a message (or text).

Robert Theisen
Marina Chair





Recipe of the Month

*Submitted by our community icon –
Kelly Hettinger*

Easy African Peanut Soup

- 2 Tablespoon Vegetable Oil
- 1 large yellow or white onion finely chopped
- 3-inch piece of ginger, peeled and finely minced
- 3 to 5 Garlic Cloves, finely minced
- 1 quart chicken stock
- 1 (15 ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 3/4 cup crunchy peanut butter
- pinch of cayenne or to taste
- 2 cups diced or pulled rotisserie chicken
- salt and pepper

Heat the vegetable oil in a large soup pot set over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion in the oil for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring often and scrapping any browned bits off the bottom of the pot. Add the ginger and garlic, and sauté another 1 to 2 minutes. Add the chicken stock, crushed tomatoes, peanut butter and cayenne, and stir well to combine. Bring to a simmer and add salt and pepper to taste. Cover the pot and simmer gently for 5 to 10 minutes. Add the chicken to the soup and heat until warmed through. Add more chicken broth or water to achieve the desired consistency. Adjust black pepper and cayenne seasoning if desired.

Serves 6 to 8

DECK THE HALLS! Sat, Dec. 8th
10 a.m. to ?



Come
help make
the LIC shine
with greens, lights,
decorations, a very tall
tree
and lots of holiday cheer!

Come when you can.
Hot drinks and lunch provided!

Some things you can bring if you have them:
garden nippers, wire cutters, hammer,
nails, heavy duty staple gun, staples and,
cut greens for decorating
would be especially appreciated!
(Be sure to put your name on your tools.)

**COME JOIN
THE FUN!!**

Building and Grounds

Marsha Kremen, Jilly Eddy, Kelly Hettinger, Ann Morris, Carolyn Carr, Susan Quigley and James Sobieck are putting their green thumbs to work, and plan to mulch the shrubbery around the clubhouse as part of beautifying the facility for our members and renters alike. As we move into the winter months, a number of projects inside the clubhouse will kick off, including new light fixtures in the kitchen entry area, new lights in the existing fixtures in the main room, and improvements to the AV system. Also, new back and side stage lighting and well as both bathroom anteroom will receive lighting improvements.

We are looking for a new housekeeper to January 1st. This is a part time paid position. If you're interested, please call me as soon as possible.

Another great year of improvements. Happy Holidays!

Bob Perry
Building and Grounds

Events:

It's hard to believe that December is upon us and that it will soon be a new year!

December is a busy month at the LIC with many exciting events to enjoy, starting with the chili "Chili Feast" at 3 PM at the marina, followed by the "Lighted Boat Parade" at 5 PM. On December 8th, we will be Decking the Halls to get the clubhouse ready for our annual Holiday dinner meeting on the 12th, followed by "Kids In Christmas" on the 16th. These are all great opportunities for interaction with our community and fellow members. Nancy Carr has the sign-up sheets and if you have not already put your name down, let her know your availability. Don't be naughty, be nice!

Our next events meeting will be at 3 PM on January 16th at our home. Please join us with your ideas and energy for 2019! Email us for directions.

Bob & Barb
Events Co-Chairs

Happy Holidays



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All. This month I sent an encouragement card to someone who is not a member of the LIC, but a prominent member of our community. Phil Bauer has restarted his cancer treatments, so I thought it would be nice to send a card from all his friends at the LIC. Phil's prognosis looks good and his attitude is stellar, as always. Well wishes for him!

"How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it." George Elliston

Cheril Allen
The Sunshine Lady



LIC General Meeting November 14, 2018



Clark Van Bogart called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and greeted a new member, Leroy Sealey.

Francie Carr introduced the guest speakers: Sergeant and Deputy Stewart of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. The following are excerpts from their presentation.

Five deputies across Pierce County constitute a community liaison team speaking at gatherings about public safety, stressing basic prevention.

- Appearance is everything: If the building is presentable - no broken windows etc. - criminals tend to back away. Do not leave your house dark or newspapers gathering in your yard. If possible, have packages delivered to the local post office, not to your house.
- Be sure to lock windows and doors in houses and automobiles. Install external alarms (or have dogs).
- Get to know your neighbors. Have a call list to notify each other - as well as the police - of a suspicious person/activity.
- Do not fall for scam calls from the I.R.S or F.B.I. For internet security, change your passwords regularly and do not write them down unless you can store that information in a secure place. Shred printed information (bank statements, credit card statements, bills etc.)
- Assume that the intruder has a weapon of some sort (anything from a screwdriver to a gun), call 911 and do what you think is best to keep yourself safe.

REPORT CRIME. If you do not report it, the numbers/statistics do not reflect the situation.

OFFICER REPORTS

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

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger announced that, for the year to date, we are about \$11,000 over budget for income: Building is over budget by about \$5,000; Events are about \$6,000 over net income for the year; Marina income is very close to budget for the year and should be at budget for expense.

Vice President: Marsha Kremen noted that a committee has been formed to tend and beautify the grounds of the LIC. Ann Morris is the organizer and the other members are Marsha, Jilly Eddy, Carolyn Carr, Kim Robinson and Kelly Hettinger. Volunteers are welcome.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Nancy Carr pointed out that there are volunteer forms on each table. Volunteers are needed to provide cooked turkeys and hams for the Christmas dinner potluck, which starts at six o'clock, December 12th.

Events: Bob Green thanked everyone who helped make Trunk or Treat a great success. There are sign-up sheets for volunteers for Dec the Halls and Kids N Christmas.

LIC General Meeting November 14, 2018



Building and Grounds: Bob Perry was not present. He is working on a proposal for a new propane service. This would involve the purchase of a single propane tank, rather than the two leased tanks, which would allow us to shop for the best propane price. Bob and Benida Parodi (our Rental Agent) have come up with suggestions for revised rental rates for the building and/or the grounds, to increase revenue. Clark asked for a motion to approve the new rates. MSP.

Sunshine: Cheril Allen sent a card to a non-member, Phil Bauer.

Newsletter: Tanya Perry was not present. Clark reminded people to send in their submissions by the 25th of the month.

OLD BUSINESS

In October of 2016, Clark made a presentation to the LIC membership that we were about to embark on applying for a \$240,000 grant from the state of Washington for repairs and upgrades at the Marina. Clark has received an email from Evan Smith, a legislative aide to Representative Derek Kilmer. The email states that the biological opinion is in the final stages of review. It is moving to QA/QC (Quality Assurance/Quality Control) and Legal staff for review and after that it can be signed. Evan Smith requested expedited processing: The biologist's opinion has been signed and sent to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Clark advised that some lead time is needed for the contractor to assemble all of the required materials for the project and asked

the membership to approve moving forward with the project. MSP.

Clark also reminded the membership that the grantee is The Longbranch Foundation.

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

Kelly Hettinger reported on the Evergreen Elementary activity. The school has an outreach program in which you can participate on Thursdays, from four to five o'clock. It is an after-school crafts program at which you bring something to work on with one or more students. If you are interested in spending some time with elementary school students - who will definitely benefit from your interest in them - find a project (build a birdhouse, paint a rock etc.) and participate in this program. [Contact Kelly for details.]

Also on the table was a flyer itemizing needs for the students - rain gear, boots, shoes, socks, hygiene kits. You can help these kids feel better about themselves with donations of cash or items.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

December 1 - Chili Potluck at the Marina, 3pm, followed by lighted boat parade

December 8 - Dec the Halls (decorate the clubhouse), 10am

December 12 - Holiday Dinner Potluck, social hour begins at 5:30pm and serving at 6pm

December 16 - Kids N Christmas

January 16 - member meeting, dessert potluck

Adjourned at 8:07

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