



NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: JUNE 19, 2019 – 6:30PM DINNER POTLUCK



President's Message

May is now in the rear view mirror, and what a month it was!

We began with the 2019 version of 'Opening Day the Longbranch Way' on May 4th. It was a great event and we were fortunate to have WA State Rep. Michelle Caldier and Marine Floats' owners, Pauline and Wendell Stroud, join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Kelly Hettinger topped herself as chair of this annual celebration, and once again, Louise Beam came through with outstanding food for about 140 people. Additional "Thank You's" go to Tim and Robyn Enders, for again 'hosting' the special beverage tent, and Mark Lemon for organizing the regatta! That same day, the LIC and The Longbranch Foundation shared a booth at the "Livable Community Fair" held at the Vaughn Civic Center. Our host volunteers, Lauren Fanning, Jane Eiseman, Peg Bingham, and Diane Tomaso, provided information about LIC memberships and events, and TLF's charitable purposes.

The following day we had our annual spring clean up at the clubhouse and grounds. The work party consisted of more than 30 volunteers who went through the entire 'to-do' list by noon and then enjoyed burgers, dogs and beverages, courtesy of Bob Perry. By the time you read this, our Memorial Day Weekend Dance will be in the books and I fully expect another successful event under the guidance of Bob and Barb Green.

None of these events would happen, much less be successful, without the many volunteers giving scores of hours to help out. "Thank you very, very much" to the many volunteers who assisted with all of these activities and events. You logged over 200 volunteer hours just during the weekend of May 4th - 5th. The generosity of our members giving time never ceases to amaze me, and I believe it truly reflects the spirit of this organization formed nearly 100 years ago!

At our May membership dessert potluck meeting, we heard from Aaron Barnett, who is with the Washington Sea Grant Program, affiliated with the School of the Environment, University of Washington and NOAA. The timing of his talk was opportune because we are already thinking about the next steps for making upgrades at the marina, and I believe he will be an excellent source of guidance as we move forward.

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Also at that meeting, our Nominating Committee announced the slate of candidates for the four open Board positions that you will vote on at the June annual member meeting, namely:

Marsha Kremen, President
Nancy Carr, Membership Chair

Jim Hettinger, Treasurer
Robert Theisen, Marina Chair

In addition, Dave Ziegler has agreed to complete Marsha's term as Vice President, and Kim Robinson will be completing Jane Eiseman's term as Secretary. Congratulations and thanks to all of you for taking on these important responsibilities on behalf of the membership.

With regard to our next membership meeting on Wednesday, June 19th (6:00pm), it will feature a new menu with Thom Halligan roasting an entire pig (vegetarian options will be available). Please bring side dishes, the kind you really love to find at barbeques. I'd love to see all our members join us for this annual meeting, because in addition to this meeting being a great social event, you'll be electing the future leaders of the LIC and they need your support. Hope to see you then!

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Kayak Racks and Launch

The new racks (unfortunately, there are only 10 spaces at this time) are available for rent on a first come – first paid basis. The rental rate is \$25.00 per month, minimum five (5) months, so a check in the amount of \$125.00 will get you one of these super convenient racks at the Longbranch Marina to store your kayak. Steel loops have been welded onto the rack so you can secure your kayak with a cable or chain and lock. If you are interested in renting one of these racks, please contact Katie Harrison at (253) 202-2056, or Robert Thiessen at (253) 682-7993.

Please note the Marina is open to the public daily from 8am – 6pm; however, if you rent one of these racks, you can have access by getting the gate code from Katie or Robert. Also, you do not need to rent a rack to enjoy the new launch. Simply bring your kayak or canoe to the marina and use the launch at your convenience.





We have a major fundraiser coming up – our biennial auction – **“Key Best – Building Key Peninsula’s Future”**. We are raising money to help the less fortunate children who live in our backyard. We focus on Evergreen Elementary with our Student Programs and then again with Scholarships for them to pursue Higher Education.

In the State of Washington, about 1/3 of the public schools fall into a category named Title 1. This category is defined by poverty levels, and if 40% of the students in a school fall below these defined levels, the school is classified as a Title 1 school. At Evergreen Elementary more than 60% of the students qualify. That equals more than 120 students!

In 2017 we had our last auction and with its success we were able to put in place a three-year plan allocating \$10,000 per year to our students. In 2018, we supported Higher Education scholarships with \$8,000 and Student Programs at Evergreen, which includes 5th Grade Environmental Camp, Hygiene Kits, and School supplies with close to \$2,000.

Don Berger, with his Scholarship committee, can spend every dollar we raise to support more students. Kim Robinson and Jan Prichard have just completed an analysis of needs at Evergreen which totals more than \$8,500 per year – a major expansion of our support. In partnership with CIS and the PTA, this includes shoes and coats for 30 kids, hygiene kits and school supplies for 50 kids, self-care kits for 20 kids, and after school programs, in partnership with Two Waters.

Note that these numbers do not reach 120 students!

Obviously, we can spend every dollar we raise. So, what does this mean? It means, we need your support to make the Key Best Auction a success. How do we define success? ... for us it means that people show up, have fun and spend money.

Your donation of dollars and time is critical to us! We look forward to your involvement.

Please save the date!

KEY BEST – SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 2019

Thank you for working with us to make a difference in our community.

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Events

Wow! What a great event our Memorial Day Dance was! We had a great crowd (265 was the head count) and the event went very smoothly thanks to our team of volunteers. Chris Friel and his group were impressed with the size of the crowd and the enthusiasm in the room! Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with set up, clean up and execution.

These events give the LIC an opportunity to show our local community and the Yacht Clubs visiting the marina a great experience that they will talk about and remember.

Going forward, we are always looking for new talent and energy for the Events Committee. Please join us, so that we can continue to showcase our facility and our wonderful members! We cannot execute these events without your assistance and commitment.

Bob & Barb
Events Co-Chairs



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All! Since my last report I've sent out several cards. One card of encouragement, 3 get-well cards, an anniversary card and a thinking of you/get-well card to Karen Johnson who had a mild stroke. Karen tells me she spent 10 days in rehab but is now home, unpacking boxes and "resting".

She will be going to outpatient rehab a few times a week for a while and is very glad (as we all are) that the stroke wasn't worse. All our best, Karen!

Another card was for Jim Hettinger who recently had a successful cataract surgery and is very happy with his results. He plans to have his other eye done in a few weeks. Here's looking at you, Jim!

Cheril Allen
The Sunshine Lady



Thirsty Thursday

June
6th!



Thirsty Thursday starts Thursday June 6th!

For those of you who have never attended a Thirsty Thursday come down to the marina at 4:30, bring a beverage and a nibble to share. TT will continue until Labor Day.

Depending on the crowd, weather and boats available we will head out for a cocktail cruise or just cocktail at the dock. We have been known to tie 3 boats together and cruise the bay with are nibbles and cocktails. We have only hit a few things in the past few years.

Building and Grounds

As I mentioned at the last member meeting, we had an amazing turn-out for the May 5th building and grounds clean-up. The turn-out was much larger than anticipated, so by about noon, most of the work was completed. Everyone celebrated a job well done with burgers and hot dogs, as well as libations. I learned, that I am not a charcoal griller, but fortunately others stepped in to save the day. My personal thanks!

As we move into summer, we have a lot of wedding & event rentals, in addition to LIC internal events, so it will be a busy time.

We have some additional inside work (new toilet in the ladies room), replacement of the worn-out outlets along the windows, and preparation for the new LP gas tank to be installed. My personal thanks to Jim Sobieck who worked with me on the new PA system and 180" projection screen and projector. Together we put in about 35 hours each, and he was instrumental in getting the work done quickly. The Building and Grounds team thanks everyone for their support!

Bob Perry
Building and Grounds



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Membership Report

The June membership potluck meeting is the annual BBQ and this year we have a special treat. Thom Halligan is preparing a roasted pig for our enjoyment. There will also be a grilled vegetable main dish for those who prefer. Please bring a side dish or dessert to round out our menu. Because this is also annual election of officers, we are hoping to see lots of friends – and have good weather! Thanks, everyone, and hope to see you at the June meeting.

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair



Marina Report

The marina is finally/almost at the tail end of all the projects. We are waiting on a final electrical inspection, and then the WIFI will be available again. Opening Day, with the ribbon cutting ceremony, was a great recognition of all the hard work of many of our members to make our marina an even more perfect destination. The weather is perfect, too.

ALL our slips are full for the summer! Once again, it is great to have a full marina. I want to say 'Hi' to all the new boaters, who have permanent and summer moorage. If you have not turned in your paperwork, please turn it in to me now.

If you are doing volunteer work at the marina, it would be appreciated if you would turn in your volunteer sheets to either the dockmaster or myself. If you are looking to put in some volunteer time, please see us and we can gladly help.

As you can see, the bull rails are being painted. If you are asked to move your ropes, please do so. We are trying to get all the rails painted at one time. And, if you see Marian painting the rails, give her a shout out.

Reminder – your 2020 boat stickers need to be on your boats by June 1.

Robert Theisen
Marina Chair



I would very much like to thank each and every one of you who made a contribution of food goods at the last meeting on May 15th. Again, I can't tell you how much both the Food Bank and the people who received them are always so very, very grateful.

We still don't need any egg cartons, but I'll let you know when we do.

Also, I would like to let our "Roadies" (the volunteers that assist with the Road Clean Up) know, that I will probably be scheduling a Clean Up on either the second or third weekend in June. I'll have a special notice sent out prior to whichever date works best for all of us. I will need six volunteers and, if the LIC is rented for the weekend, I'll make arrangements to meet at the Fire Department's office building across the street. All of this info will be according to the LIC's rental schedule, so please keep an eye open for further announcements.

Thank you again for all your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Pat Muchmore



LIC General Meeting May 15, 2019

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

There were no new members or guests present.

Clark introduced the speaker, Aaron Barnett, Boating Industry Specialist, Washington Sea Grant program, which is affiliated with the College of the Environment, University of Washington.

The following is an excerpt from his talk: The Sea Grant program is also affiliated with NOAA. He works with the boating industry and the ports as part of the self-auditing Clean Marina Program. This is a partnership among marinas, agencies, and non-profits to prevent pollution. It is a non-regulatory agency that provides confidential educational assistance.

An example of the projects with which they provide assistance includes, bilge water collection facility, vessel inspections, and waterway cleanup.

In response to a question from the audience, Clark mentioned that the city of Tacoma has a disposal site on Mullen St. in Tacoma (adjacent to the Home Depot store) that will accept nearly everything from Styrofoam to electronics, to hazardous waste.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the members accept the minutes of the last meeting as written and submitted.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger noted that net income for April was under budget but that shortfall has already been made up in May. The final tax return for last year will be filed on time.

Vice-President: Marsha Kremen reported on the Nominating Committee. She presented the slate of officers and directors. The nominees, whose two-year terms are to commence as of July 1st, are Marsha for president, Jim Hettinger for treasurer, Robert Theisen for marina chair, and Nancy Carr for membership chair. The nominees to complete a one-year term are Kim Robinson for secretary, and David Zeigler for vice-president.

President: Clark said that an application for a Pierce County Preservation Grant was submitted last week, seeking \$6,250. This is one-half of the cost for a structural engineer to do an evaluation, to determine how much weight the building can support, preparatory to possibly adding insulation, and putting on a new roof.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Nancy Carr was not present. Clark announced that Thom Halligan has volunteered to roast a pig for the June membership meeting, beginning at 6 p.m. Please bring side dishes.

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LIC General Meeting May 15, 2019



Events: Bob Green pointed out that Gnosh food truck will be at the Memorial Day Weekend Dance, Saturday, May 25th, from 8 until 11 p.m. There are still a couple of slots available for volunteers.

Building and Grounds: Bob Perry thanked the volunteers for making the Spring Clean Up so successful. He and Jimmy Sobieck have completed the A/V upgrades to the LIC building. The work on the propane system is out for bids. He asked for volunteers to be on the Building and Grounds Committee.

Marina: Clark, speaking for Robert Theisen, said that 99.9% of the electrical work (begun this past January 7th) has been completed. Thank you to Robert, especially, as well as to others.

Sunshine: Cheril Allen sent out four cards to LIC members, including Jim Hettinger who had cataract surgery.

Newsletter: Tanya Perry was not present. Please be sure to get your articles to her by the 25th.

Historian: Lynn Larson reminded us that the 2021 centennial is coming up and we need to think about how to celebrate it.

The Longbranch Foundation

Barb Floyd talked about Key Best, to be held August 3rd. Its success will mean that people show up for the event, have fun and spend money. The goal of the auction is to provide funds for student programs on the Key Peninsula, with a focus on the Evergreen Elementary student body.

In 2017, the auction results enabled us to put in place a three year plan allocating \$10,000 per year to our students. In 2018, TLF supported higher education scholarships with \$8,000, fifth grade environmental camp, and student supplies with \$2,000. The need is greater still. Your donation of dollars and time will help to make Key Best a success.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- Town Hall meeting - Clean Water Partners of Pierce County - May 30th, 6-8 p.m.
- Memorial Day Weekend Dance - May 25th, 8-11 p.m.
- Membership Meeting - annual dinner potluck - June 19th

Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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