



MEMBER NEWS

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MARCH 2020

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: MARCH 18, 2020 – 6:30PM DESSERT POTLUCK



President's Message

Beware; the ides of March was the soothsayers warning to Julius Caesar foretelling his death in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, is basically old weather lore with no real basis in fact. And then there's Punxsutawney Phil and the various copycat ground hogs around the country. Whatever

your mythical weather predictor, March is always an interesting month. The temperatures can be warm and sunny one minute and cold and windy the next. We can get a late winter snow-storm, or we can be out in our gardens planting vegetables, only to have the tender shoots nipped by frost. Since we can't control the weather let's anticipate the coming spring and enjoy whatever comes our way.

We have received the contract from the County for the next Preservation Grant. This is a matching grant, so half of the cost of this project will be funded by the Longbranch Foundation. This project will involve assessing the structure of the clubhouse to determine how much weight we can add to the roof. We definitely need a new roof and would very much like to add some insulation to save money on heat and reduce our greenhouse gasses. The board has confirmed the selection of Swenson Say Faget to perform the survey. A committee consisting of Bob Perry, Clark Van Bogart, Bart Wolfe and me, has been formed to manage the project. Bart is a retired architect with expertise in historic restoration. He has kindly offered to work with us on this project, which is very generous given that he's in charge of the Vaughn Library Hall restoration. Thank you so much Bart. Once the survey is complete and we can ascertain potential costs we will be applying for one or more grants to cover the cost of replacing the roof.

Your board has been hard at work this past month. Bob Perry has a number of projects going, including upgrading the sound system and fixing the propane line leak. The pump out station project is moving forward with shoreline permits in the offing, and design beginning very soon. Brett Allen and crew should have an update for the March member meeting. Your vice president David Zeigler and others are also working on some marketing projects to help promote our facilities and recruit new members. Nancy Carr has updated the member section of the web site with all of the by-law changes and policy updates.

President's Message (cont'd)

She and Jan Brown have been working on updating the new member packets. Robert and Katie have been working on the electrical issues at the Marina and I'm sure there will be an update in their section of the newsletter. I want to personally thank all of the board members for their efforts on behalf of this organization. We've had some fairly long board meetings lately, and I appreciate all the energy that you all expend for the club.

You are probably starting to see advertising for the Super Sale by now. Kelly Hettinger is hard at work putting this together. I am looking forward to this event. It's always a kick to see what gets donated and to watch all the folks that come for the bargains. Who knows, you might get lucky like David Shinnners did last year, and get a large Le Creuset Dutch Oven for next to nothing. David, I wanted that! Donations that you make to the Super Sale are tax deductible under The Longbranch Foundation and will benefit the roof survey project.

In March, we go on daylight savings time, once again. How do you feel about that? I know the State of Washington passed a measure to stay on daylight savings time but the Federal government needs to approve that, so it looks like we do the spring forward/fall back thing for a while yet. For me, since time is a human construct, let's just pick something and stick to it.

We have two yacht clubs coming in during the month of March. If you happen to be at the Marina during their visits, be sure to give them a big welcome. Katie is doing a great job of promoting the Marina, and we want as many repeat customers as possible to come and enjoy our little gem on the South Sound.

Be sure to save May 2 for Opening Day the Longbranch Way. We'll have our usual dock breakfast and sailing regatta, and I'm sure that Katie will make this a wonderful event. This year Opening Day is NOT on the same day as the Livable Community Fair. For those who don't know, this is a Civic Center event and is a great one to attend. The Longbranch Foundation and The Longbranch Improvement Club will both have representation at this event.

So, as we move into March, let's hope Punxsutawney Phil was right, and we have an early spring. I know we can all use some sunshine and dry weather.

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Have you ever wondered what “To Improve the Community” means?

It is an interesting question considering most everyone is at a different place on Maslov’s hierarchy. What I am thinking is that if I focus on what the LIC and TLF are trying to do, and apply my skill set as a volunteer, and offer what I can afford in donations, then I think I am doing my part. What do you think?

The Longbranch Foundation had a very successful Auction last year due to the volunteer efforts of many LIC members and generous donations from LIC members as well as from the community. The net proceeds from that Auction were put into our donor restricted education accounts. Jan Prichard, leading the Student Programs education initiative, has worked with Evergreen to understand their needs. Along with our annual gift to help send 5th grade students to Environment Camp, we have set up some interesting funds: a fund for the teachers for supplies and a fund for students for after school programs. Please read Jan’s report in this newsletter. Don Berger is working with the Higher Ed Scholarship committee and will report status in the next member meeting.

We had a very generous anonymous donation to the Marina at the end of the year. As a first step, Brett Allen and his committee are looking at the feasibility of building a washroom at the marina ... stay tuned.

Another anonymous donation was just received, designated to help Community Organizations. We responded to a grant request from Food Backpacks for Kids (FB4K) with this money. For those of you not familiar with FB4K, this community organization sends out 400 backpacks a week to feed children and their families over the weekend, and they set up food pantries in schools for children to pick their own food, and in 2019 they provided over 4,400 meals in their summer lunch program.

And, finally, your support of the Super Sale will help support the study of the historic clubhouse to see what roof weight it can carry ... another ‘stay tuned’ for results.

The Longbranch Foundation is a separate organization affiliated with the LIC with basically the same mission “To Improve the Community” ...

Improvement requires investment – of volunteer time as well as money, thank you for your part!

To describe the work your Foundation is doing, Tim Heitzman designed and built a story and David Shinnars turned it into a video with music.

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If you have any questions about, or input for The Longbranch Foundation, please do not hesitate to talk with one of our Board members: Randy Carr, Jim Hettinger, Kim Robinson, Clark Van Bogart, Don Swensen, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler or call me. Contact information can be found on our web site. longbranchfoundation.org



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

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TLF Student Program News

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) is an important part of the curriculum at Evergreen Elementary and TLF recently donated funds for them to equip a STEM recess option for all students. Snap Circuits, Lego Science Gadgets, Engineering Sets, and Robotic Kits are just some of the hands-on items helping to provide engineering challenges, coding opportunities, virtual reality experiences and fun with robotics design.

TLF has also donated funds to provide scholarships to 5th graders for their Environmental Camp at Camp Seymour this spring, and thanks to a grant from the Angel Guild, each student will have a hygiene kit to pack with their camping gear.

Additional funds have been donated to set up a Small Projects Fund for teachers and to provide scholarships for Thursday "After Ours" classes.

Stay tuned for more news! Many thanks go to Carolyn Wiley for agreed Student Program Committee. More ideas are in the works!

Jan Prichard
TLF Student Program Chair





STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) at Evergreen Elementary



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From the Sunshine Corner

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This month I sent out an encouragement card and a get-well card.

Cheril Allen,
The Sunshine Lady



"A cheerful friend is like a sunny day, which sheds its brightness all around."

-John Lubbock

Membership

First, thanks (always) to the wonderful kitchen crew headed by Mary Lemon and Ann-Marie Ugles. I don't thank them enough, but I really appreciate that the kitchen is always efficiently 'handled' at each meeting.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so. There are forms on the website, or if that is not convenient, I would be happy to send one to you. Please send payment to P.O. Box 111, Lakebay, WA 98349.

We are working on new membership packets. What we had was out of date, so many of our newer members did not get one. Most of the information is on the website, but the new packets will have some other information in them that includes the Foundation. I hope to have some available at the March meeting, but if not – April for sure.

We have some new members to welcome:

- Allan and Jeanne Vogel
- Stuart and Lynn Thornton

Please say 'hi' when you see them!

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair

Dockmaster Report

Hello from the dock. It has been quite blustery as of late, the good news is everyone's lines held!

I am chairing Opening Day this year along with Robert Theisen, and Cheryl Force. I have the clothing items designed, and I'm taking orders at the meetings. However feel free to reach out to me to place your order by emailing me. We will also have a volunteer sheet at the next meeting, and you can always contact me directly to volunteer. I am looking forward to my first Opening Day, as I'm usually halibut fishing with my husband during the event. Luckily for me halibut opens early this year, in April.



Building & Grounds

The great spring clean-up is scheduled for April 4th, 10:00am ~ 3:00pm and we need your help. Please mark your calendars, and come help us get the LIC ready for the spring! This is scheduled for 10:00am to 3:00pm, and we will be breaking into teams to tackle the trails, outdoor gardening, general landscaping, window cleaning and gutter clearing. Please bring your gloves, rakes, weed whackers, riding mowers and wheelbarrows. If we all pull together, we can get this knocked out, and make sure our LIC is set for our wonderful summer!

Contact me and let me know you plan to attend so we get the headcount right. We

In the next few months we will start the annual pressure washing and clean up at the marina, please contact Robert Theisen to volunteer.

We kick off the cruising season with our first yacht clubs coming in during the month of March!

First hosting Totem Yacht Club March 13th-15th and then the Viking Yacht Club March 20th-22nd.

I love being your Dockmaster, and enjoy being part of this amazing club.

Katie Harrison

Dockmaster

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are also planning to have our new storage container delivered in April, and start work on the new entry lighting above the doors. Also, we are looking for volunteers to agree to mow the LIC grounds for a particular month, using the LIC lawn tractor. We need a volunteer for May, June, July, August, September & October. It's about 6 hours on one day for the month, and a great way to knock out those volunteer hours. Please reach out to me and let me know if you are interested. Thanks and happy spring!

Bob Perry

Buildings & Grounds

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Events

Time does fly by, and the seasons change before we know it! Kelly Hettinger and her team are hard at work on the Super Sale coming up in April. The inside booths are all reserved, but there will be plenty of spaces available outside. Our storage spaces for donations are filling up, and it sounds like we will have lots of items available for sale. This is a great event with lots of participation from our members and the community to benefit the Longbranch Foundation and its wonderful programs.

We are ramping up for summer with Opening Day fast approaching, and our first dance of the year on Memorial Day weekend.

Katie is coordinating Opening Day and will

be looking for volunteers to assist at this fun annual event.

Get your volunteer hats on to help out, starting with the Super Sale and our May events. Our spring cleanup, with everyone's participation, will get the LIC ready for the upcoming season.

Looking forward to 2021, we are starting to gather ideas for the Centennial Celebration and in April we will have a meeting to organize and brainstorm ideas. We are looking forward to involvement from our members to assist in this process.

Until next month,
Bob & Barb
Events Co-Chairs

Food Bank

Thank you so much for the wonderful foods donated to the Food Bank at our last meeting. Again, I wish I could have you see how grateful the folks are who request a basket. No matter if it is a man, woman or both, they always tell us at least two to three times how much they appreciate all we do for them. And you all are part of that as well. Thank you again, and I'll see you at the March meeting at the LIC.

Pat Muchmore



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LIC General Meeting February 19, 2020



David Zeigler, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were no new members or guests present.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Kim Robinson asked that the minutes from the January meeting be accepted, as written and submitted. MSP

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reviewed the January 31, 2019 Financial Report. Net income for January is \$28,057, and \$20,000 of that income comes from Marina revenue. This is due to marina moorage payments being made up front for the entire year. Jim reported the cash transfer to the reserves was made in accordance with the membership's approval in January.

Membership: Nancy Carr stated that new member packets are ready for distribution, but need to be approved by the board.

The Livable Fair will not be held the same weekend as Opening Day this year.

If you have not yet paid your Membership dues, please do so.

Events: Bob Green introduced Kelly Hettinger, who is leading the Super Sale event. This is the first event of the year, which will be held on April 18th. Kelly states that all inside booths are sold out at this time, but there is a waiting list.

Outdoor booths are still available. There will also be a bake sale held at this event. Please let Kelly know if you have items to donate, and if you need items picked up and stored.

Katie Harrison, along with co-chairs Robert Theisen and Cheril Allen, will be leading the Opening Day event. Volunteers for set-up, serving and clean up are needed. There is a sign-up sheet for Opening Day volunteers and clothing. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Marina fund.

Bob stated that we are still in need of Centennial Celebration committee members, so we can start planning the Centennial events for 2021.

Building and Grounds: Bob Perry stated that the Building and Grounds committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m., and is open to all. There are many strategic projects throughout the year that will require volunteers.

There is a small leak in the propane line that will need to be repaired.

Volunteers will be needed for a Spring Clean-up, which will be scheduled in early April. Some of the work needing to be done will include cleaning up the trails, outdoor gardening, landscaping, window cleaning and gutter cleaning.

The sprinkler system is up and running.

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LIC General Meeting February 19, 2020



The LIC sound system was upgraded last year, but we still need to make some improvements. We have sound engineering companies coming to the LIC clubhouse on Friday, February 21st, to give us some bids.

Marina: Robert Theisen stated that a new electrical system was put in last year. Now that we have ground fault protection, boats with electrical problems, will continue having issues with the Marina GFCI system. A written procedure list has been put on our website for visiting boats.

Volunteers are needed to pressure wash the dock before Opening Day.

There is a kayak rental sign-up sheet.

Newsletter: Tanya Perry was not present, however, Bob Perry asked that any articles you want in the newsletter, be sent to Tanya by the 25th of the month.

Trustee at Large: Clark Van Bogart had nothing to report.

Vice President: David Zeigler had nothing to report.

President and Historian: Marsha Kremen and Lynn Larson were not present.

The Longbranch Foundation: Barb Floyd explained that the Longbranch

Foundation is a separate organization from, yet affiliated with, the LIC. Both organizations have the same basic mission, "To improve the community". Improvement requires investment of volunteer time as well as money. The Foundation had a very successful Auction last year, due to the volunteer efforts of many LIC members as well as generous donations. The net proceeds from that Auction were put into our education accounts – Higher Education and Student Programs.

Jan Prichard, Student Education Chair, shared where some of the Student Program money is being allocated. \$500 will be used towards the Evergreen Elementary STEM program. \$1,500 will be used for the 5th grade environmental camp at Camp Seymour. Hygiene kits will be given to the students, and were donated by the Angel Guild. \$500 will be allocated for specific teacher's needs, to be administered by the school. A \$300 scholarship fund will be used for after-school programs. Each 6-8-week session, taught by some of our members, cost \$20 per child. This money will go towards those students who don't have the money to pay, so no one will be turned away. Jan is working with Marcia Harris and Carolyn Wiley to determine where we can meet additional needs at Evergreen.

Don Berger, the Higher Education chair, will be giving us an update next month.

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LIC General Meeting February 19, 2020



A generous donation was made for a potential washroom at the Marina. A feasibility study is being conducted to determine whether a washroom can be added to the pump-out project, or at a later date, as permitting and financing is available.

Another anonymous donation was used to respond to a grant request for \$2,000 from the community organization, Food Backpacks 4 Kids.

Your Super Sale support is appreciated, and all proceeds will help fund the analysis for the LIC clubhouse roof.

New Business: Nancy Carr will be emailing a member survey. She will send an email out first, asking for members to be looking for the survey. Be sure to check your spam folder if you don't receive it.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Next Membership Meeting – dessert/appetizer potluck – Wednesday, March 18th.
Speaker Katy Stewart and Daniel Evans, The Race to Alaska.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
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