



MEMBER NEWS

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 2020

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

During stressful times many folks turn to meditation, yoga, counseling or artistic pursuits to help relieve the stress. But what about play? Play as been shown to help you cope with difficult times and boost your spirits. Last weekend we had a birthday party for our neighbor (socially distanced, of course) and his request was to play some outdoor games.

We ended up playing croquet and corn hole. For your information, I was terrible at croquet but did a lot better at corn hole than I expected. We all agreed afterwards that we really had fun and agreed that we need to do it more often.

Does it seem to you that fall is coming a little early this year? The mornings have been cooler of late and we never really had our superhot days of summer, except for maybe a week. Fall is one of my favorite seasons of the year. I love the cooler days and the quality of the light as the sun works its way south. This fall will be pretty different I'm sure. We probably won't be watching football at Blend or going to any actual games. I know we will all miss these times, but I just tell myself that when we finally get to do these things again, we'll appreciate them even more.

I want to give a big shout out to Robert Theisen and Katie Harrison for keeping things going at the marina through all of the turmoil around the pandemic. The revenues from the marina are up and are really helping keep the organization on an even financial keel. Thank you both for all of your hard work.

The pump out station project continues to move forward. We are getting good feedback from the county. There are a few issues that need to be resolved but Bret is comfortable that we are making good progress.

At the August board meeting the board agreed to engage a paid project manager for the roof replacement project. This is a very large and long-term project that will cross several terms of office and the board felt that it would be very important to have a consistent manager over the term of the project. Bart Wolfe who is a retired architect and who has extensive experience with historic restoration has agreed to take on this project and we are in the process of finalizing his contract. If you see Bart around the building please welcome him, we are grateful for his assistance.

Marsha Kremen



W hat a strange, stressful time this is...

so much out of one's control – the virus, forest fires. The best we can do is to take care of each other and enjoy the beautiful area where we live.

Our annual “Celebrate Campaign” will begin next month. Once a year we ask you for a donation to support the work of your Foundation. We have designated accounts so you can tell us where you want your money spent: Scholarships; Building; Grounds; Marina; Greatest Need.

The Mission of the Foundation is “To promote and enable educational opportunities for our youth, to maintain the area's history, to improve the Filucy Bay environment and to generally improve the quality of life for adults and children of the community.” To this end, we engage in projects with volunteers from the LIC membership.

With the exception of the large Marina grant received in 2019, our primary focus has been education. This is an uncertain time for our students, families, and teachers who are all new to virtual learning. We are working closely with Evergreen and the Middle School leaders

to determine where we can have the most impact. We have heard from our scholarship recipients who have concern that they may not be able to attend school this fall, and hence use their scholarship. We learned from the Peninsula Hawks that students have 18 months to redeem their scholarships, and they can apply for a one-year extension if they are unable to attend school.

In addition to our Scholarship work, the Foundation will support some major projects undertaken by the LIC in the next few years by applying for Grants and with fundraising efforts. One of these projects, as you know, is installing a new roof on our historic building. The other major project will be building a Restroom/Shower Facility at the Marina. The Foundation has received a substantial donation as a base for the funds necessary for this effort.

Recently, in our effort to support the LIC Grounds, Bob Perry installed a sprinkler system at the Longbranch Sign. The plants are doing well with regular watering, as are the weeds and grass! Thank you to Susan Quigley for weed whacking the grass and to Barb Van Bogart for keeping ahead of the weeds! In addition, the plants along the north (ugly) fence are doing better with a watering system installed by Larry Bingham and Denny Prichard – thank you!



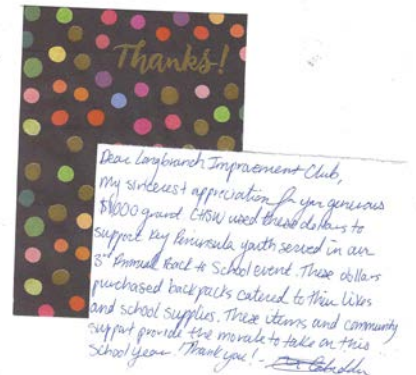
KP COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Donations through the foundation's Covid-19 web page, from individuals and a major donation from the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, have supported giving to over ten Key Peninsula non-profit organizations. Please consider a donation of whatever amount; our community continues to care for those in need.

The Children's Home Society (CHS) recently held a Back-to-School drive where they put together 500 backpacks of school supplies and gave them out in a drive-by session. The Longbranch Foundation, with a generous donation from the *Emily Hall Tremaine*



Foundation as requested by Janet Tremaine Stanley, Board Member, contributed to CHS to support their efforts to support families and kids on the Key. We received a great thank you note and certificate to recognize this donation.



PLEASE STAY SAFE – STAY HEALTHY

The virus continues to haunt us, and Pierce County continues to see too many infections.

Please follow the recommended guidelines: wear a mask - indoors and out, wash your hands frequently and maintain at least a six-foot distance.

This is a simple way to show respect and kindness to others.

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, Don Swensen, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler, Sheryl Low, Michele Gorman 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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The restoration of the 'Longbranch Improvement Club' sign has been completed. An interesting narrative to describe the sign's existence is in order to preserve this bit of visual history, history so important on the eve of the club centennial.

With so many new members, it is a pleasure to recount the passion that past members have bestowed on the Club to help direct it to where it is today. Of the many members at the time, a small group were responsible for the sign. The team was headed up by **Glen Ehrhardt**, a lumber broker (and the person responsible for the replacement of the hardwood floor in the LIC building). He was assisted by **Dick Van Cise, Dave Dahl, Dave Copely and Al Hazelquist**, all these gentlemen are past members.

The sign itself, is constructed using 2" thick, old growth, vertical grain Redwood. The etching of the pattern and lettering were sandblasted in with the aid of a template. Glen painted the sign to prepare for the installation which was started in 2000 and completed in 2001.

So, here we are in 2020 and the sign was needing a good cleaning and prepping for fresh coats of paint. Some minor repairs were also required. It took a little detective work, but Mr. Ehrhardt was contacted and, as it turned out, provided the box with the cans of paint that had been properly stored in a heated garage. So, all of these years later we had the leftover paint from the

original process. All of the paint was of high quality and most could be used again.

The meticulous and painstaking task for the cleaning of the sign and the detailed effort to paint the sign in place is a credit to the skill and patience of **Larry Silva**.

The cleaning of the roof shingles was done to exacting standards by **Randy Babich**. The repair of the broken fascia board, the final cleaning of the roof and the application of a preserving oil to the weather surfaces of the shingle roof and roof fascia was completed by **Tom Tallman**.

All three that tackled this project are currently members with the Longbranch Improvement Club.

Story Contributed by Tom Tallman



Picture contributed by Bob Perry

Events

We hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather we are having at the end of the summer and getting outdoors as much as possible!

Just a reminder of activities that are canceled due to Corona Virus:

- Labor Day Weekend Dance
- The Farm Tour and Fiber Arts Show
- The LIC Supersale

Trunk or treat is still on the calendar but pending.

Kids and Christmas is also still on the calendar and planned to take place in some form.

We are delighted to share that David Ziegler is willing to take on the chairmanship of the LIC Centennial Celebration in 2021!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger
Events Co-Chairs

Dockmaster Report

Hello from the dock. August was a very busy month at the marina! We hosted Edmonds Yacht Club, and West Seattle Yacht Club. They had a wonderful time at the marina and I look forward to their return next cruising season.

Thank you to Robert for covering the marina for me as I had to travel out of town. I really appreciated it!

Things are humming along and everyone visiting the marina enjoyed the wonderful August sunny weather.

ANNUAL SCARECROW CONTEST KEY CENTER



Sign up @ Community Office in Key Center or www.kpfarmtour.com or call Kathy with questions (253)709-0400

Put up your Scarecrow beginning Sept 19th through Oct 2nd.

Voting starts October 3rd and end October 13th

Winners will be announced on FB & in the KP Newspaper

1ST PLACE WINNER \$175 CASH	2ND PLACE WINNER \$75 CASH	3RD PLACE WINNER \$50 CASH
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Creative!



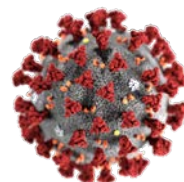
Have Fun!



Sponsored by KPBA,
Pierce County, KP
Farm Council, KP
Community Council

We have clubs scheduled into the end of October before the cruising season slows down for winter.

Katie Harrison
Dockmaster



COVID Testing at the
Key Peninsula Civic Center
Thursday Sep 3rd
from 10am to 2pm

Buildings & Grounds

It feels like summer is trying to escape us, and the mornings are growing colder, and the overcast is taking longer to burn off. Coupled with the pandemic, it has been a strange year, and we yearn to get back to normal, and be able to see everyone and spend more time together. Despite our restrictions, we have made progress on our projects, with more to come. Still on our project plate is parking lot lighting, renovation and repositioning of our storage container, and replacement of the gas lines to the LP tank. And of course, there is normal maintenance that takes place every day. A big thanks to Brett Allen and his firm, along with Harry Rydell, for working the survey of the LIC plot, so we can ensure there is room to reposition the storage container behind the building.

Also during the month, when our lawn tractor decided it would start eating drive belts, and we had to urgently mow before a wedding rental, a big thanks to Mike Fay for dropping everything and coming out to mow. And thanks to Jan Brown who coaxed our lawn tractor to cut for an hour or so until it gave out. And last but not least, Marsha felt the LIC plants could use some care prior to another wedding rental, and with Nancy's call out, was able to get Barb Green and David Shinnars to come out at the last minute on August 28th to help Jilly get everything in order.

Bob Perry
Buildings & Grounds

Food Market

A reminder, please continue to save your Food Market receipts for when we meet again.

Support Longbranch Foundation.

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"Love comforteth like sunshine after rain."

~William Shakespeare

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month I sent out a get-well card, an encouragement card, and a sympathy card with flowers to a member that lost their spouse.

Cheril Allen,
Sunshine Representative



LIC General Meeting August 20, 2020



Marsha Kremen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guests & New Members Introductions – no new guests or new members present for the meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Sheryl Low asked that the minutes of the July Meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP

Treasurer: Review of July 30, 2020 Financial Report. Marsha reported for Jim. Building rental resulted in a negative \$1900 due to an event cancellation in building revenue. We decided if an event had to be cancelled due to the pandemic we would not penalize them. Year to date Net Income is over Budget.

Membership: Nancy reported that LIC bucks are being documented on an Excel spreadsheet, so the Board will address and let the membership know how they will be handled. Make sure to continue to turn in your volunteer hours to Nancy or the volunteer hours collection app.

Events: Allen and Marcel reported that Super Sale has been cancelled. Remaining work is to dispose of remaining goods. Two events for kids, Trunk or Treat and Kids & Christmas are both pending support to move forward. The events will probably look and feel different due to COVID. They will meet with Nancy Carr, Carolyn Wiley, the PTA and the Christmas planning committee.

Building and Grounds: Marsha reported for Bob Perry, the LP Gas line will be

fixed in September. Bob drafted an addendum to the building rental agreement outlining the responsibilities of renter to adhere to whatever COVID restrictions are in place whenever they rent. We will add to the Rental Agreement. The Longbranch sign was painted, and looks fabulous. A big thank you to all who helped paint and restore it. The storage container will be moved to the back of the building.

- COVID Testing Report: Was held at the LIC last Wednesday, and they tested 167 people. Next testing will be at the Civic Center September 3, 2020.
- Noxious Weed, - The county is threatening to cite us for Tansy Ragwort that is present on our property, which is back along Erickson road. We tagged the plants. We will get a crew out there and get the plants dug up and thrown away.

Marina: Robert thanked the Foundation for funding the final five boarding ladders and we now have 10 new boarding ladders installed at the Marina. We have Marine Floats coming out to do a bid for the three slips behind the pavilion for the finger pier upgrades. This will complete all DNR required work up to 2030 when we move forward with this upgrade. The pilings are good right now.

Trustee at Large: Nothing to report

Newsletter: Get info to Tanya by the 25th of the month.

Historian: Lynn is thinking about our Centennial and working with David.

LIC General Meeting August 20, 2020



Vice President: David Zeigler reported that we got good feedback from the member survey, and we now have a committee working on actionable items. We are working on:

- 1) Member outreach to members who are out of touch, welcoming phone-calls meeting reminders, calls to health challenged members, and others who may need a ride to meetings. Caroline Wiley put forward idea of a member phone tree that divides us into smaller groups with contact coordinator for smaller groups
- 2) New member welcoming needs improvement including embracing new members, more personal contact with new members, assigning a welcome contact person and mentor
- 3) Communication and advertising, we want to communicate better to the community, who we are today, what we are doing, including the Foundation. Telling our story of the LIC. We would also like to tie this to the Centennial for the 100-year celebration of the LIC.

President: Marsha Kremen reported that the Pump out station has gotten positive feedback from the community council and now at the County. There are a few issues and Brett is working on getting those resolved. The project is progressing.

- Preservation Grant – the Board decided to retain a Project Manager

for the roof project. This project will carry over several terms of service so for continuity, we would like to hire Bart Wolfe, who is well qualified. A contract has been drafted and will be reviewed and then given to the Board for approval.

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

Barb Floyd reported that Bob Perry installed a watering system at the Longbranch Sign, which is wonderful for the plants, but it is also encouraging the grass and weeds to grow. Many thanks to Susan Quigley for weed whacking the grass and to Barb VanBogart for weeding. Additional thanks to Larry Bingham and Denny Pritchard for installing a watering system for the trees and scrubs planted along the north fence line.

The Foundation needs help enhancing their web site and engaging more people on social media. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Barb Floyd.

Member question: Clarification of the face covering sign at the Marina, that we get a more permanent sign. Marsha and Robert will respond to the member's question. Robert suggested we put signs in the building as well.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Virtual Meeting September 16, 6:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheryl Low

Secretary

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