



MEMBER NEWS

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NOVEMBER 2020

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 2020 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

Do you miss voting in person? Sometimes I remember the fun of seeing neighbors at the polls and I even volunteered to drive folks to the polls if they didn't have the ability to get there themselves. What I really miss though is the "I voted" sticker. I thought about taking the strip from my ballot and sticking it on my forehead but decided it would

not be that comfortable. Even though voting in person has its charms, I am grateful that during a pandemic we have a very efficient and secure voting system that doesn't require us to appear in person. By all accounts, turn out will be very high for this election. As of October 19, Pierce County reported slightly under 3 times the number of returned ballots as the same date for the last presidential election. So, this is the last time I will nag you but if you haven't already turned in your ballot, please do so. Thanks.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I know that many of us are wondering what it will be like this year. With Covid-19 cases surging, I'm sure that many of us will have scaled down celebrations, without our usual large family gatherings. While this will be hard, please remember, this is not forever. I plan to be thankful for everything we have both personally and in our community. We can keep the spirit of Thanksgiving in our hearts by helping others in our community, who may well be struggling more than usual this year. Giving back is one of the most rewarding things we can do in life.

Our pump out station project continues to move forward. The committee is working hard on this, and Brett Allen and Sheryl Low have completed the budget and narrative for the CVA grant, which is due October 31. I have the final narrative in my in-box for review as I write this message. This grant is to cover construction costs for the project. Thank you to Brett, Sheryl and the whole committee, for your hard work.

Bart Wolfe is moving the Preservation Grant project forward. He has engaged a timber grader to assess the strength of the lumber in the building, and is working to schedule a company to x-ray the concrete supports to determine the strength/size of the rebar. He is also communicating with the structural engineer to determine if we can put a new roof over the old one, thus eliminating the risk of damage to the original cedar shakes.

President's Message (cont'd)

Last week RBAW reported that they were unable to complete their purchase of the Lakebay Marina. The current owner declined to agree the RBAW's terms for extending their option, and requested conditions that were not reasonable for RBAW to try to meet. It is unfortunate that this group was unable to complete their vision for this project. We will be watching to see what happens next.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, however it looks this year.

Marsha Kremen
President



Because of volunteers...this happened!

A big shout out to the following members (and their families) who helped spread 3.5 yards of mulch at the Longbranch sign. These volunteers include Rob Carlson, Kip Wills and his two teenagers, Jan and Denny Prichard, Nancy Deress, Jan Brown, Rick and Francie Carr and their grandson Blake, Jeff Minch, Robert Theisen, Clark and Barb Van Bogart. Mia the black lab supervised the entire project.

This is what community looks like! Thanks to all who pitched in to make this happen. We had enough left over to mulch the planter beds at the front of the building and the newly renovated LIC sign.





Fall is definitely in the air. Whatever your plans are for Thanksgiving, I hope you will enjoy. I know we will not be sitting around a large table as usual enjoying family and friends. We continue to give thanks for this wonderful community and being surrounded by calming, beautiful scenery!

This too shall pass ... and we will get through it together.

Annual Celebrate Campaign

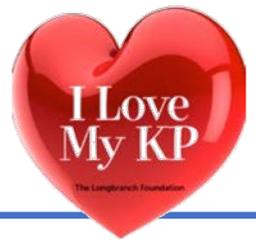
A big thank you to everyone who has donated to Celebrate to date. 2020 has been a challenging year, but due to your generous contributions we have increased our spending on Higher Education scholarships by 12.5% this year and increased Evergreen Elementary support by 45%! Some of our support programs this year included:

- Expanding our Higher Education scholarships to include vocational/trade school applicants
- Food coupons for families in need at Evergreen Elementary
- Kindergarten art supplies for 42 children
- Support for KP nonprofit organizations, especially those focused on food for kids in need

Once a year we ask you for a donation to support the work of your Foundation. We mailed our annual "Celebrate Campaign" letters on October 1. We have designated accounts so you can tell us where you want your money spent: Scholarships; Building; Grounds; Marina; Greatest Need. To date (10/25) we have achieved over 50% of our modest goal of collecting \$10,000 in this campaign. Thank you for your support!

The Longbranch Foundation Web site

We have been working to improve the look and feel of our website. Lynn Thornton volunteered and is helping with this task. Thank you, Lynn. Please spend a minute and look at the information on the site. And, please let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement.



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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Food Market

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Events

We hope you all are enjoying the beautiful fall weather. Our daily walks in the fresh clean air and ever-changing colors make us greatly appreciative of the area in which we live.

We hope you were able to participate in the COVID version of Trunk or Treat this year. We especially want to thank those who signed up for a trunk and also those who provided extra treats to the Evergreen PTA. This event would not happen without your participation. The imagination and ingenuity of everyone is truly amazing. We also hope you enjoyed the welcome addition of the KPN Fire Department Spook House this year. With the limited number of activities available, we are sure that the children of the Key Peninsula greatly appreciated the opportunity to celebrate!

We are now focusing on a similar way to celebrate Kids and Christmas while meeting the CDC guidelines for COVID-19 prevention. This is scheduled for December 13 from 1 – 3, and will likely also be a drive-through configuration; planning is still in the works. We expect to need volunteers for gift sorting and wrapping as well as set up/take down and traffic control. It seems early to plan for Christmas, but time flies!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger
Events Co-Chairs

Dockmaster Report

The month of October we hosted Shelton Yacht Club, and South Sound Sailing. These two clubs have the nicest members and they had a great time!

Thank you to Robert for replacing the office door, it is very secure now. And thank you to Larry Silva for the work you did at the marina replacing the torn plastic and broken trim with wonderful plexi glass and nice white trim it looks AMAZING!

Katie Harrison
Dockmaster



Membership

As you are aware, this has not been a 'normal' year for our members, especially for volunteering and attending meetings. Since we started Zoom meetings, it is much easier for most everyone to attend, however, there were two months when we had no meetings at all. The Board agrees this may be a hardship for some folks, so we are crediting each member with one additional meeting.

Now, for LIC Bucks. These credits will be acknowledged via e-mail in December. In lieu of mailing the actual 'bucks', you will receive an e-mail with the number of bucks you have earned in 2020. The Treasurer will have a list of every member and the number of bucks they have been awarded in 2020. If you are redeeming 'bucks' for member dues or moorage, please write on the renewal form or moorage invoice the number of bucks you are redeeming for 2020. If you are redeeming bucks awarded in 2019, include these business card sized bucks as you normally would. If you have

any questions, let us know and we will be happy to help. You may want to know how many hours and meetings you have before



"The tallest Oak in the forest was once just a little nut that held its ground."

~Unknown



December. Send me an e-mail and I'll get back with you. In order to keep the membership records as current as possible, submitting your volunteer hours as soon as you can after the activity is imperative. If you are not using Track It Forward, just e-mail me, or send a form or note to Membership, P.O. Box 111, Lakebay, WA 98349. When setting up the LIC "Bucks" program, we certainly did not anticipate cancelling most of our activities and not having face-to-face meetings! Sorry for the confusion, but we will persevere. Do not hesitate to call or e-mail me if you have questions.

Nancy Carr
Memberships

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month I sent out 3 get well cards and a sympathy card to a member who lost his sister in law.

Cheril Allen,
Sunshine Representative



Buildings & Grounds

On Saturday October 24th a band of hardy volunteers, led by the tireless Barb VanBogart totally spruced up the Longbranch Sign, the newly restored LIC sign and planter beds at the front of the clubhouse. Barb organized and put together the effort – thanks so very much! And big call outs also to Clark (who used his equipment to bring in the 3.5 yards of mulch), Rob Carlson, Kip Wills and his two teenagers, Jan and Denny Prichard, Nancy Deress, Jan Brown, Rick and Francie Carr and their grandson Blake, Jeff Minch, and Robert Theisen who knocked out this project. Mia the black lab supervised the entire project, and as you can see from the photos, the results are gorgeous. It's great when everyone pulls together! (insert photos as appropriate)

As you may notice, all the excavation adjacent to the clubhouse is complete, and

gravel has been spread improve the functionality of the space. The new LP tank has been connected to the Foyer furnace, completing the LP tank work effort. Fall maintenance of our buried water lines has been completed, lines disconnected and blown clear of water, and irrigation controller turned off. As we move further into winter, the breaker controlling the pump and hot water heater in the clubhouse will be turned off when not in use to ensure a freeze of the lines does not flood and cause damage. If you have any problems, just reach out to Bob.

As noted in the recent member meeting, if you need volunteer hours, reach out to Bob who has a number of projects you can complete on your own.

Have a great fall!
Bob Perry, Buildings & Grounds



LIC General Meeting

October 21, 2020



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

Guests & New Members Introductions – Marsha introduced new members, the Westphals.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Treasurer: Review of September 30, 2020 Financial Report. We are \$5,000 over budget for the month of September. Jim is wearing his socks and can put them on by himself.

Membership:

- LIC Bucks: In December an email will be sent to individuals with the number of bucks you have. As you use up your bucks, Jim Hettinger will keep track and let Nancy know.
- Web site updates: Nancy completed some updates on the website. Let her know if you find anything wrong, and let her know so that she can correct it. The member section is password protected so if you forget, just e-mail Nancy Carr to get the password.
- March Member meeting: Due to COVID-19 the Board is giving every member credit for the March meeting.

Events:

- Trunk or Treat is planned for October 30, 2020, 6 to 9 pm, the Friday before Halloween. We have coordinated with the Drive through Haunted House by

the Fire Department. You can still register to have a trunk. If you show up late, we will accommodate them, but due to the layout, we need everyone with a trunk in place by 5:45, to get into your assigned slot. If you are later than that, there will be no opportunity to participate. We currently have 19 signed up to do trunks, but we would have up to 50. We can anticipate that we will have a lot of people driving through, so feel free to donate candy at the Evergreen School at the Candy Monster. You may count the hours for your LIC Bucks. They will be using cardboard tubes to deliver the candy to the cars as they drive through. They should be at least four feet long for social distancing. If you don't have one, they will be provided.

- Kids n Christmas: We are planning on a Christmas event, and Allen and Marcel reported that the event is on, though it will be different.

Building and Grounds:

- Storage Container Status: Thanks you to all the volunteers to wire brush and prime the container, but we had to cancel due to rain, so Bob Perry will plan another work date.
- We need volunteers to wire brush and sand and then paint. Please send your dates of availability to Bob at his email. Nancy Carr will send out a blast.

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- LP Gas Line trenching/sleeves: LP Gas lines are properly buried. Appleby plumbing will be connecting the furnace in the foyer to the big tank.
- Barb Van Bogart is setting up for volunteers on Saturday to put mulch out by the Longbranch Sign.
- There are opportunities to volunteer on projects, just email Bob and he will find a project for you.
- COVID Testing was at the LIC last Tuesday with over 100 tested.

Marina:

- Marina Security update: We are seeking bids for increased security at the Marina. The bid for the new gate has come in and we are waiting on that.
- Permanent Moorage is full.

Trustee at Large: Nothing to report

Newsletter: Get articles to Tanya by the 25th of the month. Tanya has been doing the newsletter for 2 and a half years, and she is ready for others to have the opportunity if they desire.

Historian: No report

Vice President: Centennial Committee; we have some great volunteers and ideas, but are on hold on whether we can do the Celebration this year, or wait till next year. If we are still in the pandemic in 2021, we will push the celebration to 2022.

President:

- Pump Out Station Update - There are two grants, one from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, for \$82,500 which has covered the first portion of the work for the pumpout station. We are partially through the permit process, but still need to present at the Pierce County Planning commission. We are submitting the second 75% matching grant under the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) this month to the State of Washington. We are meeting our timelines for this three Phase project.
- Preservation Grant update- Bart Wolfe has been talking to contractors about the roof. The concern is getting a contractor who can repair the roof without damaging the sheik. He is working to schedule a concrete x-ray of the base of the buttresses.
- Star Awards: We are going to give out Star Awards. We want to acknowledge all our volunteers and their hard work. So that will happen in the near future.
- Lakebay Marina Update- The Boaters Association has not been able to come to agreement with Mark Scott to extend the contract to purchase the marina.



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THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION:

Celebrate Campaign: Barb Floyd thanked all who sent in donations for the Celebrate Campaign. You can donate through the website or write a check or use credit cards. Volunteer Lynn Thornton has done a great job assisting us in updating the TLF website. Please visit it and let us know what you think.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Virtual Meeting, November 18, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Sheryl Low
Secretary

A rustic dining table set for a meal with a centerpiece of apples and flowers. The table is set with plates, glasses, and a blue runner. The background shows a wooden building and a green lawn.

Happy Thanksgiving

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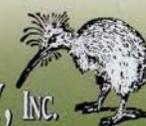
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