



# MEMBER NEWS

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## President's Message

As we wind down this very strange year, I want to convey my heartfelt thanks to all of our members, and especially our board for their valuable help in guiding the organization through this unprecedented time. While we don't always agree, I think we made good decisions that will enable the LIC to continue its good works in the community.

Thanks also go to the board of The Longbranch Foundation who are diligently working to realize their mission. This year the foundation supplied art supplies to Evergreen kindergartners in the fall, food market cards for needy Evergreen families, fleece winter jackets for Evergreen students and much needed hygiene supplies. In addition, planning continues for the biennial auction, which will be virtual this year. As it has in the past, proceeds will benefit their scholarship initiatives. Save the date: April 10, 2021.

Many thanks also go to our amazing volunteers who pulled together to accomplish much during this pandemic year. Allen and Marcel Ballinger and crew pulled off Trunk or Treat in October and Kids and Christmas in December, all while maintaining health protocols. I know the community really appreciates your efforts.

I am grateful to Katie Harrison and Kitty Voyce for their continued good works for the club during this strange time. Kitty has worked hard to keep the building clean, even though it has not been used much and Katie has worked with Robert to keep the marina open and functional, despite many challenges.

Last, but definitely not least, thanks to all of the members who have volunteered, adapted to Zoom meetings, taken care of each other, saved their Food Market Receipts and done so many things that make us grateful to live here. We are truly fortunate.

There is much to look forward to in 2021. Progress continues on the pump out station project. When Phase 1 is complete we will have another great reason for the boating community to come to the south sound. The roof project is underway with an application for more grant funding from the county to cover the costs of architect and engineering services.

*Happy New Year*

## President's Message (cont'd)

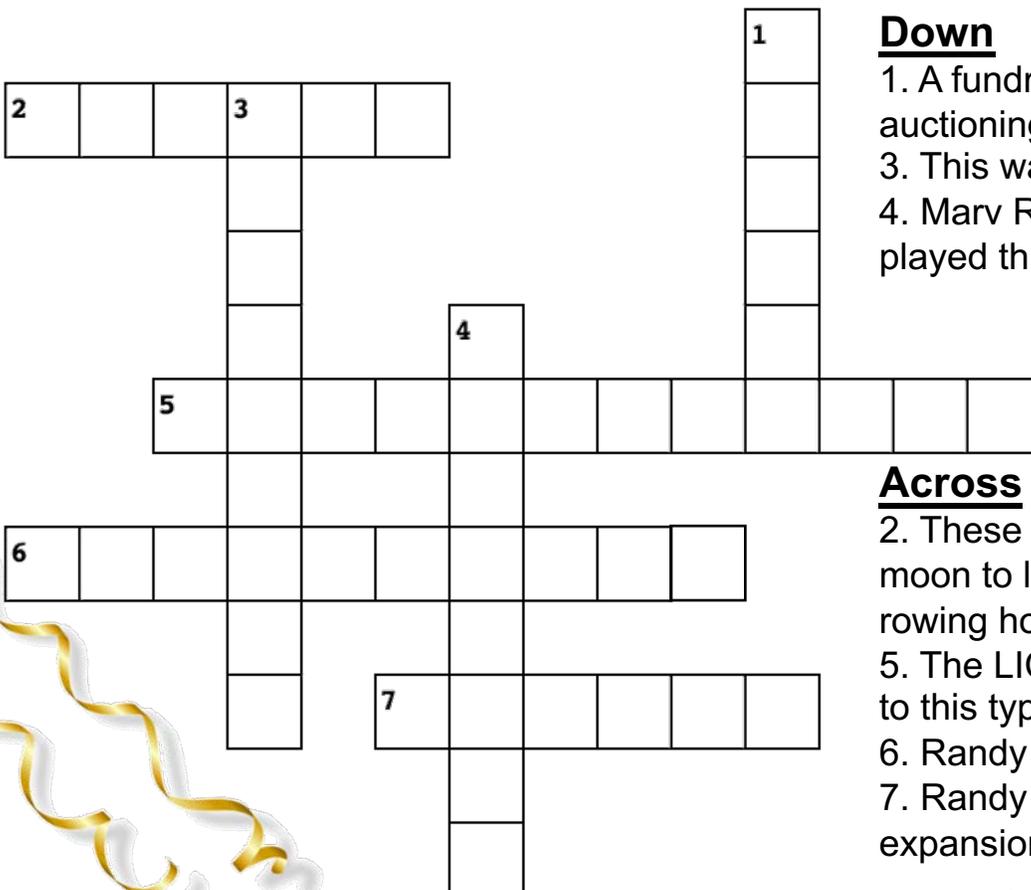
David Zeigler and his Centennial committee are working on a number of fun events that will involve the community and celebrate our 100 years of service. We hope that the pandemic will not derail their plans, but if that happens, we will move the celebrations to 2022.

Despite the strange times, our community, as a whole, managed to pull off some great activities, take care of each other and keep at least some semblance of normalcy. We held a lighted boat parade, the community of Home managed to pull off a Covid safe 4th of July parade and a lighted car parade. Our schools have engaged their bus drivers to deliver lunches to kids that are learning at home, Two Waters has created art kits to include in the weekly Food Backpacks for Kids distribution and our food banks have been working extra hard to meet the needs of the many folks being impacted by the pandemic. This is just a short list of the many things that our community, as a whole, has done to take care of each other. Keep up the good work!

As we look forward to 2021, not really knowing what it will bring, I have hope. Vaccines are on the way. We just need to stay the course and will all get through this together. Happy New Year to all!

Marsha Kremen  
President

## Centennial Crossword – January 2021



### Down

1. A fundraising strategy was auctioning off these kinds of baskets
3. This was built by the WPA in 1939
4. Marv Rickert from Longbranch played this professionally

### Across

2. These were held during a full moon to light the way for those rowing home
5. The LIC shifted from a social club to this type of club in 1921
6. Randy Carr had lots of this in 1973
7. Randy Carr spearheaded the expansion of this in 1973

Answers will be published in next month's newsletter.



## **The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) - January 2021 Update**

We are all rejoicing that we are starting a new year with the hope of a brighter future!

Your gifts of time and money have once again helped us fulfill our goal of improving the KP Community.

To give you an idea of how your foundation supported our community, we expanded our scholarship program to include students pursuing vocational higher education. Five scholarships in total were awarded. Your donations helped us support Food Backpacks 4 Kids and Two Waters in the good work they do. In addition, over \$7000 was distributed to KP non-profits through our Covid-19 web page. Most recently we sent \$1,100 to the KP Community Center. This year, before the virus shut the schools, we were able to support sending Evergreen 5th graders to the Camp Seymour Environmental Camp. Once the school shut down, we supplied Food Market cards for Evergreen families. We also provided Art supplies for all Evergreen Kindergarteners, as well as winter fleece jackets and Hygiene supplies to be distributed.

Thank you for all your support! The time you spent making the Super Sale a success, and the donations to the Celebrate Campaign, all make a difference in our ability to meet our mission. The amount of work and money you contributed to making the 2019 Auction success played a significant role in allowing us to expand our Higher Education scholarship program.

Thank you for your time and donations of money to meet the needs of the community!

## **Building Brighter Futures for Our Students**

Mark your calendars now to reserve April 10, 2021 for our next gala auction to benefit our students.

Registration will begin March 18 as well as On-line bidding for exciting Auction Items.

The Higher Education Scholarship committee, so well led by Don Berger for many years, will now be chaired by Marcia Harris. Thank you, Don, for a job very well done. We look forward to continued success with Marcia.





**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, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler, Sheryl Low, Michele Gorman or call me. Contact information can be found on our web site. [longbranchfoundation.org](http://longbranchfoundation.org)

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

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**Food  Market**

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

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# *100 Years in Longbranch*

The 20's 100 years ago...

Arguably, our state, itself, saw many beginnings in the 20's: Washington State adopted the "Cougars" nickname; the first UW Husky, Frosty I, joined the team. (Ironically, all of the "huskies" that lead the team are, in fact, Alaskan Malamutes); Virginia Mason Med Center was founded; Seattle elected Bertha K. Landes, the first woman mayor of a major American city on March 9, 1926., etc. The 20's were huge for Washington, so let's just focus on our small corner of it.

The Key Peninsula as we know it today was originally called "Longbranch Peninsula" in the 1841 Wilkes Expedition land survey, a name it retained for nearly 100 years. Longbranch, as many of us know, was named for Long Branch, New Jersey, a resort town back east. The Post Office later joined the two names into one, to avoid confusion and incorrect delivery with Long Beach, WA.

There is some debate surrounding the name "Filucy." One source claims it is probably derived from a misspelling of felucca, an Old World sailing vessel. Others claim it may also refer to the Spanish word filudo (sharp or sharp-edged) when referring to the shape of the bay, and yet another states that the name originates from "Titusi," a Haida name for the place, noted on the original Wilkes Expedition survey of 1841. The most romantic origin story comes from the Key Peninsula Museum's site, which notes that Filucy was the name of the Haida wife of Pierre Legard, a French Canadian who built the first hut on the Key. In 1889 Edward Yeazell developed a plan to turn our Filucy Bay into a resort that would rival those of the east coast, a popular holiday destination in the roaring 20's. An economy and population still reeling from a global pandemic—this has a familiar ring—seized any opportunity to drop cares and worries and simply relax (if one were privileged enough to afford the means). Yeazell's idea was to expand on the old 1885 wharf and capitalize on the incoming traffic sure to come with the increase in the newer, more efficient, steam-driven boats. Unfortunately for him, but, I think, not for us, his resort ambitions were never realized. However, his ambition kept the dock area a busy place until the late 1920's.

By the late 1920's, the original dock area supported a thriving co-op fed by incoming ferry passengers (until its collapse into the bay in 1928), a community church, and a hotel. Luckily for residents of our side of the sound, the "Great Blowdown" of 1921 did not hit our peninsula as hard as it hit the Olympic Peninsula, where an estimated three- to seven-billion board feet of old-grown timber was downed.

The stock market crash of 1929 was slow to impact our part of the country; its impact will be felt more in the 1930's, which we'll look at next month.

Contributed by Polly Robinson  
LIC Member

## Activities

Thanks to Denny and Jan Prichard in leading the effort to add outdoor lighting on the Longbranch Improvement Club Building. Peninsula Light was instrumental in providing a lift truck to install the high point. The external decorations were in lieu of the normal Deck the Halls and provided a festive atmosphere for the community in this unusual year.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make Kids and Christmas (K&C) happen this year. Volunteers shopped for presents, sorted and wrapped them, arranged for eventual bundling and distribution to the families as they drove through. Many others loaned rain canopies, helped set up and operate the event. Santa and his vintage 1947 red Cadillac convertible were covered as he waved to the young occupants in the cars as they drove through. Thanks to Fred

Leenstra for the use of his classic Cadillac and Mike Fay for being Santa. The transfer of the gifts was done outdoors and included those from Toys for Tots plus additional gifts provided by the LIC.

Based on the attendance at the Trunk or Treat and prior year's attendance at K&C, a large turnout was anticipated even for a drive thru event. We expected a lot of cars and had our experienced volunteer traffic team at hand. In the end the attendance was much less than planned for. Regardless, the Christmas spirit was in full abundance as the volunteers were able to stay warm, dry and overall had a good time.

Here's to a Happy "New" Year in which we can eventually gather in person to celebrate the LIC centennial!

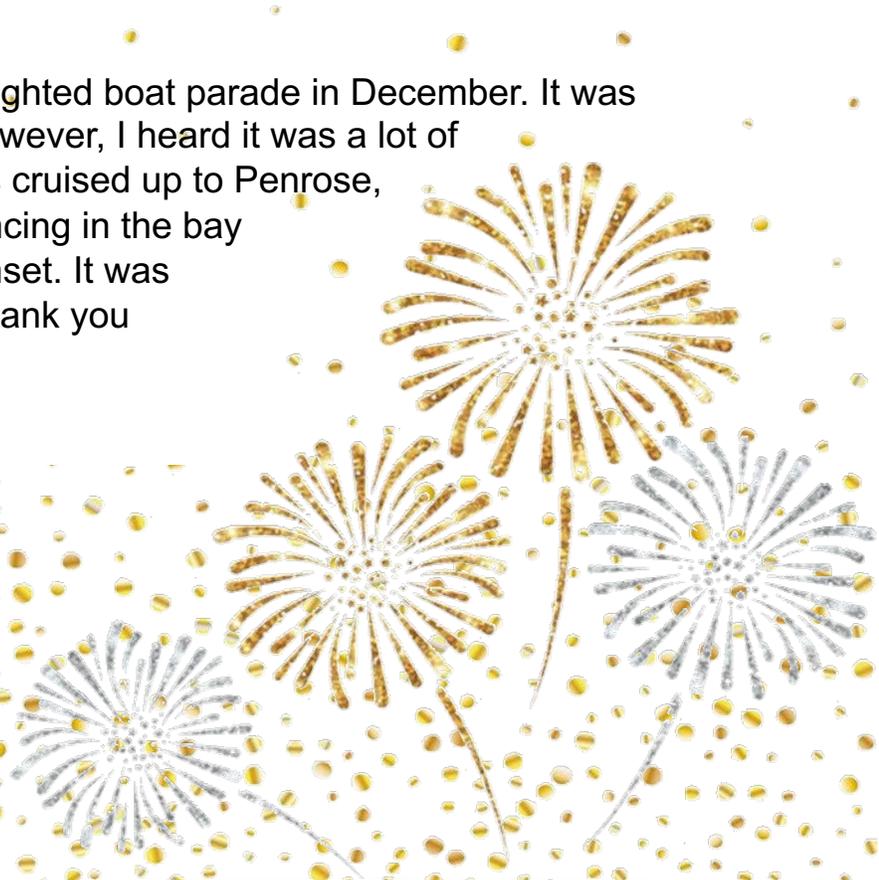
Allen & Marcel Ballinger, Events Co-Chairs

## Dockmaster Report

Hello from the dock. We had our annual lighted boat parade in December. It was a little different this year due to Covid. However, I heard it was a lot of fun. Nine (9) boats all decked out in lights cruised up to Penrose, anchored out, enjoyed some social distancing in the bay and cruised back to Longbranch after sunset. It was one of the largest boat parades so far! Thank you to all that could make it.

Winter is in full swing and the marina is pretty quiet. I am looking forward to spring already and welcoming back our wonderful guests; I hope without masks!

Katie Harrison  
Dockmaster



# *Kids and Christmas*

Going Strong Even in 2020

Pictures by David Zeigler





## The LIC Trails – through the eyes of a first-timer



What a hidden gem and so close. Even in the mist and dark skies, they were beautiful. I'm just delighted.

The signs are so good and well placed. Parking, of course, is great. It is a miniature wilderness area, requiring a bit of imagination to block out the car sounds!

I love that the trails are beautifully maintained (much better than some of the larger parks) and yet don't feel manicured at all. Really, perfectly done.

My only complaint is that I wish it was about ten times as large. But...given that it is not, the artful creation of all those trails really gives a sense of a larger forest. And all the little bridges are perfect. It is so beautiful. I loved it and I bet I make it one of my regular spots for a quick forest fix.

Many thanks to all who made and make it happen,

Deborah Jordan  
LIC Member



*"When the sun goes down, the stars come out."*

*~Unknown*

## From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

Since my last report I have sent out one get well card, one encouragement card, and one sympathy card.

Here's to a Happy New Year!

Cheril Allen,  
Sunshine Representative



## Membership

What a year 2020 was and will be forgotten by no one!!

On a brighter note, we ended the year with 141 memberships and 3510 volunteer hours so far. If you have not turned in your hours yet, please, please do so. Of the hours turned in, here is a breakdown:

293 – Community Service, Helping Others  
1413 – LIC  
743 – Marina  
1061 – TLF

These are hours are from January 1, 2020 thru December 26, 2020 that have been turned in. Again, please submit your hours. This year, we had many members helping other and doing wonderful things for our community. Thank you!

Each year, we give LIC Star awards for members who have made outstanding contributions to the Club during the current year. The 2020 recipients are:

- Mike Fay for helping out as Santa for Kids & Christmas, driving the van when needed and stepping up to mow grass
- Celia Emens for diligently collecting aluminum and taking it in for recycle
- Brett Allen for hours and hours of work on the pumpout station project
- Cheril Allen for quietly and efficiently taking care of the Sunshine duties
- Tanya Perry for unflinchingly putting together an impressive LIC newsletter each month
- Larry Silva for sign painting and installing plexiglass at the Marina
- Kelly Hettinger for a successful Super Sale under very unusual circumstances, to say the least.

- Jan Prichard for keeping in touch with Bette at Evergreen Elementary and responding to needs, like money for food cards and kindergarten art supplies. She is currently coordinating the team to produce a quilt for the new elementary school
- Don Berger for quietly and competently leading the Higher Ed Scholarship awards team, expanding the recipients to include those interested in a vocational education. Don continues to keep in touch with the students and Hawks staff throughout the year
- Bart Wolfe for managing the LIC Clubhouse roof project, prior to becoming a paid contractor

We found two awards from 2019 that had not been presented due to our lack of 'in person' meetings.

- Tim Heitzman for creative design of The Longbranch Foundation's print advertising and for the creation of beautiful, heartfelt slides for The Longbranch Foundation's video.
- Klaus & Laur Topbjerg for continued maintenance and upgrades on the LIC trail system and planting trees on the north side.

It is a new year, so it is time to renew or join the LIC. If you don't have a form yet, you can e-mail me or download from the LIC website the 2021 renewal of new member form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Nancy Carr  
Memberships

## LIC General Meeting December 16, 2020

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

The meeting commenced with a reading of an excerpt from Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" by Jane Jones and Ben McCormack.

Guests & New Members Introductions – All Members were welcomed by President Marsha Kremen. New Member Megan Schowalter was introduced by Marsha Kremen.

Larry Bingham was wished a Happy Birthday with a quick serenade as he will be 90.

### BOARD REPORTS

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

**Treasurer:** Review of the November Financials. We are doing really well to date, and will have end of year numbers next meeting. We will have the budget for 2021 for approval at our next meeting.

**Membership:** Reminder, please turn in your volunteer hours. We are accepting the yearly membership renewals. We need those hours for various grants that we apply for.

### New Business

THANK YOU to all of our Volunteers! Marsha thanked everyone for all their participation and volunteer work this year.



Marsha will be at the LIC building at 11 am on Friday to hand out awards to these individuals.

This year's star awards were presented to;

### 2019 AWARDS

Klaus and Laur Topbjerg

Tim Heitzman

### 2020 AWARDS

Bart Wolfe

Brett Allen

Celis Emens

Cheril Allen

Don Berger

Jan Prichard

Kelly Hettinger

Larry Silva

Mike Fay

Tanya Perry

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- Virtual Membership meeting January 15, 6:30, 2020.
- Guest speaker Kira Rubel of The Harbor Law Group will do a presentation on Estate Planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheryl Low

Secretary



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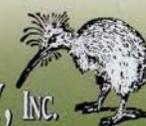
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