



MEMBER NEWS

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JULY 2021

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: JULY 21, 2021 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

Hi, everyone... and thank you all so much for electing me as the new president of the LIC. I'll make this message brief since I have a lot of learning and reading ahead of me as I transition into this new role. As Marsha Kremen mentioned in her last message, we will be meeting in person at the clubhouse unless any of the pandemic rules change.

And I look forward to meeting more members in person in the future. Also, at our first in-person meeting at the clubhouse since the pandemic settled in, we had a fantastic meal together and decided one of the only contested seats this year: Marina Chair. Rick Harrison, husband to our amazing dockmaster Katie Harrison, will be the Marina Chair and took on his duties a few weeks early – right after the election. And I thank him for that.

I also want to call out all the efforts and work done by Robert Thiessen, our former Marina Chair. Many difficult projects were completed at the marina under Robert's watch, and he deserves a lot of appreciation from LIC members.

The majority of the board is renewing their terms, so a massive thank you for their volunteerism (and answering a lot of questions from me as I find my way). The current board roster is:

President: Kelly Guenther
 Vice President: David Ziegler
 Secretary: Sheryl Low
 Treasurer: Jim Hettinger
 Trustee-at-Large: Marsha Kremen

Bldg & Grounds Chair: Jim Sobieck
 Marina Chair: Rick Harrison
 Events Chair: Allen & Marcel Ballinger
 Membership Chair: Nancy Carr

From this point onward, we will be offering hybrid events unless the pandemic changes things. This means you will be able to dial in to a Zoom call and see the meeting instead of attending in person. While we know the audio quality of our last meeting wasn't perfect, we'll be working on it to make things better.



President's Message (cont'd)

Also, Wave Broadband will be installed at the marina in the next few months – and we're going to plead for a lot of patience once that work commences. Installation requires a 135' trench down the dumpster side of the parking lot, so we will need a lot of patience from our members during the construction process, especially with a limited parking situation that's become worse as the marina has become even more popular during the pandemic. (But keep in mind that popularity has been a saving grace for the LIC's revenues this last year or so.)

Keep cool, stay safe, and enjoy all the KP has to offer. I look forward to meeting you all in person, soon.

Yours,
Kelly Guenther



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Member News

What a fantastic turnout for the June LIC Meeting! Ann-Marie and her crew cooked ALL DAY and served a super dinner. We shared this event with the following guests (and their hosts):

Jan and Dennis Veith (Jilly Eddy)
Taveras Ford (Claude Lee)
Roberta (Bertie) McCoy (Jan Brown)
Joy & Dave Robinson (Rose & Jani Loper-Way)

In addition to our guests, we had about 83 members in person and 18 members on Zoom.

It was so good to see everyone – almost like we had not seen our friends in years!!

Thank you to everyone that helped, in the kitchen, setting up, helping with sign-in and voting and cleanup.

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair



Happy Summer everyone



HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

We are looking at the results of our Auction for Education and are pleased to announce that we are putting in place an increase to our sustainable five-year scholarship plan. Marcia Harris is also working closely with her scholarship committee to document the process we use to award new and recurring scholarships.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

Jan Prichard, Student Programs Chair, has coordinated meetings with Key Peninsula Middle School Counselors who have developed a questionnaire and potential list of projects to support middle school students. She is also working with Evergreen Elementary to identify class trips to broaden student experiences.

As you know, Evergreen is moving to their new building this fall. The LIC is the happy recipient of eight comfortable chairs that Evergreen has donated to us.



EVERGREEN QUILT PROJECT

There is a group of talented people who are donating time, materials and energy to create a Quilt for Evergreen Elementary to be ready when the new school opens. This group has met several times and they have a wonderful design that includes pictures of the several buildings that Evergreen has called home over time as well as the school symbols, a fir tree and an eagle, and words of encouragement embroidered on the design.

MARKET RECEIPTS/AMAZON SMILE/CAN RECYCLE

YTD Grocery receipts have totaled \$17,126.31. Rich and Connie Hildahl have spent many hours dedicated to looking through Food Market receipts to calculate what money to claim for our initiatives. Thank you for continuing to turn in your Key Pen Food Market receipts. In addition, Amazon Smile donates to the charity of your choice (it is The Longbranch Foundation, we hope!) and to date has donated \$552.37 to TLF. We also collect money from recycling cans.



THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY



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, Sheryl Low, Michele Gorman, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, Jan Prichard, David Zeigler or call me. Contact information can be found on our web site. mytlf.org

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

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Food Market

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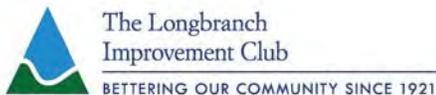
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MARINE FLOATS





June Reflections and Transitions

June is a month of transition for TLF student scholarship recipients. Graduation diplomas, Higher Education degrees, transitioning from virtual classes to classroom instruction, changing from spring to summer and moving from school to work are all steps in the evolution preparing students for their futures.

In 2020-21 TLF has supported some very capable students. Here are the two Longbranch 2020-21 scholarship university graduates:

Mikayla Hoover – Mikayla attained her double major degree (Accounting & French) in December, 2020. She began employment with Moss Adams on January 7, 2021(!) with the division that audits higher education accounts. She met her husband at KPMS; he is still in school currently studying medicine.

Natalie Pierson – Natalie was a junior this year at Northern AZ University and will complete her B.S. this year, and entering an accelerated Master's program concurrently with completion of her Bachelor's degree. NAU is providing an internship to financially assist with attaining her MS degree. Completing a bachelor's degree in 3 years is impressive.

Both graduates expressed their sincere appreciation to TLC (and LIC members) for their financial support & the wonderful memories: Trunk or Treat, the dances & concerts, & field trips.

Celia Emens – 2020-21 was her first year at Tacoma Community College after high school graduation. Thanks to the PHS Running Start opportunity while in high school, she is completing her Associate degree this summer, and plans to enroll at Western this fall, pursuing a degree in marine biology.

Matt Nesbit – Matt successfully completed his first year at Olympic College this spring. He plans to attend Olympic again in the fall to complete his AA. Matt plans to become a park ranger at a national park.

Both Celia & Matt have been volunteers at the LIC, recycling, grounds clean-up and maintenance, youth programs, etc. Both students are very appreciative of their scholarship renewal awards for 2021-22.



Included in this edition are pictures of three 2021 graduates and quotes from their recent thank you notes.



Elizabeth Pierson

WWU majoring in English literature and education. “Thank you so much for believing in me!”

Marcia Harris
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Jamie Baxter

CWU majoring in history & secondary education. “I am grateful to you for supporting my goals and future.”



Kendra Hunsaker

She recently committed to attending the University of Hawai'i, at Manoa; majoring in marine biology and education. “I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am for this scholarship.”





100 Years in Longbranch. . .

For this and subsequent articles, I am deeply indebted to Lynn Larson and the boxes of information and records, some archived, some not yet attended to. I also owe Cathy Williamson, President of the Historical Society, huge thanks for my monthly forays into their records room. I admit to falling deep into the rabbit-hole of research, especially in reading pre-60's correspondence.

Before we begin, my apologies. Between being sick, traveling to the hell that is Florida to care for a sick Mum, and the end of the quarter, my somewhat haphazard foray into our LIC hundred-year history has lagged. So, I'll offer a brief summation of the missed decades of the 40's and 50's (should be okay, not much happened in the world then, did it?) and pick up in the 60's and 70's next month. (With apologies to Tanya for the length of this article.)

A brief glimpse of the happenings in and around Washington, just to set the scene; and make no mistake, the 40's were a happening time for our state. Whidbey Island NAS, the Grand Coulee Dam, and Weyerhaeuser were established and/or completed, UW School of Medicine opened, flying saucers were spotted for the first time, Jimi Hendrix was born in Seattle, we were shaken by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake (I'm fairly certain those last two events were unrelated), Sea-Tac was dedicated, and so much more. I am, of course, skipping over the shameful expelling and disenfranchisement of Japanese Americans in response to the beginning of the US involvement in WWII, and the war itself.

Closer to home, of course, to kick off the decade, was the demise of Galloping Gertie just four months after its grand opening. It would be ten years before a new bridge would open and, once again, we were dependent upon the few ferries available in order to remain in contact with the rest of the world.

So...that's (some of) what was happening in the state as a whole. On our peninsula, however, things were hopping. In the 40's, after School #328 was closed, the LIC took over management of the school's WPA-built gymnasium, with the permission of the Peninsula School District. According to a frustratingly undated article in the archives, the Club then went through some sort of a reorganization in 1945, following the return of soldiers from WWII. In 1946 the Club attempted to purchase the gymnasium and repurchase the land originally donated for the now-closed school. A detailed response from the Peninsula School District denied that request, stating they had "no thought or desire to sell" a firm resolve that lasted a mere nine years. More on that below.



100 Years in Longbranch. . .

Then, of course, in 1948, there was Marv Rickert. Because it's July, I'd actually planned to only write of baseball in relation to the LIC, and, of course, Marv. But the aforementioned "rabbit-hole" of correspondence research happened. I'll save our baseball history for another time. Finally, in 1949 the Club turned down the option to sell some of our land for a "tuberculosis sanitorium."

The 50's, like the 40's, were a busy time for our state; Washington State Ferries began full-time operation, strikes closed the *Seattle Times* for more than three months, and the opening of the Dalles Dam destroyed not only the village of Wyam, one of the oldest continuously inhabited sites in the region, but also the salmon-rich fishing area between The Dalles and Celilo Falls; an area that the Native Americans had been using for as long as an estimated 11,000 years.

Now...the 50's. This is where I get on my soapbox. The beauty of this research is that the correspondence is *there to be read*. If someone were to trace the progress and discussions around, say, the LIC's new Community Garden, they would need to hunt down emails, ask people to print them, and then archive

them. A task made more difficult by time and busy schedules. *These* letters, dating from the 30's, 40's, and 50's, are a fabulous peek into our history. Some are typed on incredibly thin, almost see-through tissue-like paper, others clearly carbon-copies where you can see the blur from the carbon paper. All of the lovely language, the couched politeness, and formal greetings and closings are there for us to see, even in a letter from the Pierce County Prosecutor about threatening letters received by the LIC. I'll put my soapbox away now.

That said, the correspondence alone provides the story of the 50's for our club. We had a hand in *everything*, from tenaciously advocating for the rebuilding of the Taylor Bay Bridge to contacting the State Highway Department for proper signage directing drivers to the Hood Canal. "...motorists looking for Hoods [sic] Canal and Shelton find themselves at Longbranch and therefore twenty miles off their route. Almost every weekday Longbranchers direct some unhappy tourist back to Key Center, a distance of ten miles from here and on week ends [sic] many find themselves at a dead end."



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We also fought against increased taxes, protested the new Naval acoustic range in the Carr Inlet, campaigned for "widened" roads, got safety rails installed on the highway near the Vaughn school, formally requested a return to service of the one bus that provided transportation on and off the peninsula, and, in 1955 began the process of purchasing the gymnasium and the attached grounds originally donated to the school district. It looks as if the sale was finally concluded in 1957, since the next thing we did was petition for non-profit tax-exemption in January of 1958.

We finished the year with a bang. After the county's response to a proposed extension of the existing dock would not provide sufficient space for the number of

boats making use of the marina, 1959 saw the birth of the Longbranch Boat Owners Association.

Under the direction of the president and vice-president of the LIC, calls went out for cedar logs for pilings, fir for the dock planking and bracing, and other materials, including cash and volunteers. In the end, the LIC built a 168-foot extension floating dock attached to the original, featuring one side for public use and the other reserved for Association members.

And that, my friends, brings us into the 1960's. Until next time...

Polly Robinson
LIC Historian



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

Since my last report, I have mailed out a Get-well card, a Thank-you card and a Happy Retirement card.

Cheril Allen
Sunshine Representative



"If one has courage, nothing can dim the light that shines from within."

~Maya Angelou



The Longbranch Foundation

A COLLABORATIVE SUCCESS ON THE KEY, Part 2

By Clark Van Bogart

(Note: This is the second of a two-part series highlighting the success of The Longbranch Foundation since its incorporation in January 2016. Part 1 focused on formation of the organization and funds raised, and Part 2 will highlight the charitable purposes and how the funds have been utilized, plus future commitments.)

The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) working group recognized early in the planning process that we wanted as many charitable purposes as the IRS would approve because our needs were so varied, as were the interests of our members. The goal was to give donors and TLF as much flexibility as possible in an effort to make facility improvements and community investments. We were fortunate the IRS approved all of them as follows:

- Maintain and improve the LIC's historic clubhouse
- Maintain and improve the LIC's grounds and woodland trails for public use
- Environmental protection and public safety measures at the Longbranch Marina
- Support of student scholarship programs and public school activities
- Support programs & activities of the LIC and other local tax-exempt or governmental organizations
- Support such other activities permitted by 501(c)(3)

The first board of directors established a few guiding principles, including (1) a mandate that donors' wishes be strictly adhered to when contributions are designated to one of the above charitable purposes; (2) TLF will do everything possible to create long-term sustainable programs; and (3) TLF would not inundate donors with continual donation "asks", but rather create selective well timed and well thought-out fundraising activities. With regard to (3), TLF's board created the biennial Super Sale benefiting the LIC clubhouse (even numbered years), the biennial auction for education (odd numbered years), and the annual "Celebrate" campaign which allows donors the ultimate choice a say in where their contribution goes to work.

In Part 1, the contributions to TLF totaling \$564,000 over the past 5 ½ years were highlighted. The obvious next question is where did that money go? The following identifies where TLF has invested monies received and, just as importantly, reserves for future grants:



	<u>Grants Made and Expenses</u>	<u>Reserves for Future Grants</u>
The LIC's Historic Clubhouse	\$ 12,400	\$ 6,425
LIC Grounds & Trails	1,380	310
Scholarships & Other Public School Activities	51,700	132,700
Longbranch Marina	242,050	15,800
Other Community Organizations	11,000	
The Longbranch sign	6,500	400
All Other Grants Made	7,100	850
Fundraising Expenses	38,050 ^(a)	
General & Administrative Expenses	<u>24,320</u> ^(b)	
Grand Total	\$ 394,500	

- (a) Fundraising Expenses include costs associated with generating the donated funds, such as advertising & signage, printing, food & beverage, auctioneer, decorations, and other support. This is just under 7% of gross donations, which is quite an admirable level.
- (b) General & Administrative Expenses include such items as accounting & legal professional fees, general printing & advertising, insurance, postage, etc., which represents an incredibly low 4% of total receipts, and that's mostly due to the volunteer nature of TLF.

Note the "Reserves for Future Grants" reflect TLF's guiding principle to create sustainable programs. Special attention should be given to the "Scholarships..." reserve because the premise is to be able to fund commitments over a multi-year period regardless of economic fluctuations. Finally, also note future grant reserves total in excess of \$155,000. These dollars are fully backed by cash in the bank. This is a wonderful feat in just 5 ½ years.

This level of success came about through hard work by TLF's board of directors, its volunteers, all who have been and are now involved in TLF, and most of all donors who support the organization. I hope this success continues for many more years. Thanks to all of you for your generous support with time and money.

*(Writer's Note – I commented in Part 1 that "a small working group of LIC members" set the wheels in motion to create TLF. I would be remiss if I didn't give special recognition to the individuals who worked so hard on this project. They include: **Francie Carr** (past treasurer, then president of the LIC and signer of TLF's incorporation documents), **Jim Hettinger** (LIC and TLF treasurer, who is still holding those positions today), **Judy Riggs**, (who served as LIC and TLF secretary), and **Gayle Brewer**, (immediate past LIC president at that time). These individuals and I (LIC vice president at the time and also TLF's first president) created this organization with help from **Phil Johnson**. Thank you very much to the above individuals, **Barb Floyd** (who has been the president of TLF for the past four years) and other members of TLF's board of directors for caring enough to devote time and energy to this organization, and above all else, the volunteers and donors who make TLF work for the LIC and the Key Peninsula community.)*

Dockmaster Report

Hello from the dock, June was a fun month! We hosted Fircrest Yacht Club with our very own Tim Enders playing with his band Saturday night at the dock! Thank you Enders Brothers Band! The music was fantastic, and everyone had a great time! We also hosted Poverty Bay Yacht Club at the end of June with some very high temperatures at the marina.

We are still waiting on some of the Opening Day clothing orders, Harbor Graphics appreciates our patience. Covid has impacted them with getting inventory. I will reach out as soon as I have the rest of

our order, and make arrangements for pick up.

We are bringing back Thirsty Thursdays! Every Thursday starting July 8th from 5PM to ?? Bring a beverage, and a snack to share if you choose. Come join us for some much missed and needed social bonding instead of social distancing! No boat rides for now, however we may entertain that in the future.

Katie Harrison
Dockmaster



Enders Brothers Band

All marina tenants who are invoiced quarterly will receive your 3rd quarter invoice in late June. Please make sure you pay by the 15th of July to avoid a late payment fee that was approved by the Membership in the rules and regulations. Thanks!

Jim Hettinger
Treasurer

Activities

It was wonderful to see so many of you in person at the LIC General Meeting in June! We are looking forward to putting on other events at the LIC, particularly the upcoming Labor Day Dance on September 4 from 8 – 11 with Kim Archer performing. The Events Committee is once again meeting to plan and help carry out this event and others. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 10AM at the LIC. Let us know if you are interested in being part of the committee and have not already been contacted.

In addition to being part of the committee, there will be opportunities to volunteer for dance setup, clean up, bartenders, door monitors, and more so stay tuned for the sign-up sheet.

We have been rising with the sun in order to get a walk in before the weather heats up and wanted to share this photo of a spectacular sunrise from Mayo Cove. We hope you are all keeping cool while enjoying some beautiful summer days!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger
allenandmarcel@hotmail.com



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Building and Grounds

We had a successful work party with volunteers mowing and weed whacking the grounds. They also cleared and reinforced the trails. Thanks to all those who came out in the heat to make a big difference! We'll be scheduling another party in future as there is lots of work to be done on the trails.

The garden is completely fenced thanks to Kiwi Fencing Co.

Jim put a lock on the hose bib on the outside of the building to prevent people from taking water without permission. Contact Jim at jamsob1954@gmail.com if you need the combination.

We had one successful wedding event and expect another this summer.

Jim Sobieck and Ann Morris
Buildings and Grounds

LIC General Meeting June 16, 2021



This was the first in-person meeting held since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Members who were vaccinated did not need to wear masks, those who weren't were encouraged to wear masks. The meeting was also broadcast via Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

Marsha Kremen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all members after the yearly feast that is shared with the membership. She also thanks Ann-Marie Ugles and her crew for the great food.

Marsha introduced new members and Guests. She also asked those members who had not been to a meeting in the past to stand.

Members eligible to vote were also given ballots for the annual vote on new leadership.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Marsha asked that the minutes of the May 2021 Membership Meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP

Treasurer: Review of the May 2021 financials by Jim Hettinger. Total Income (revenue) year-to-date is on par with the budget. Our expenses for the year-to-date are more than \$10,500 below budget, which is good.

Membership: Nancy thanked everyone for coming and asked the new to in-person folks to please put their name tags in the basket under the sign-in table, so they are

ready for the next meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: June 26th is a day for volunteers for trail work. Work will begin at 9:30 and lunch will be provided. New front doors will be here at the end of the month and will need staining. Larry Silva said he will finish the doors at the end of the month.

Marina: No report

Trustee at Large: No report

Newsletter: Articles are due on the 25th of the month to Tanya Perry. Thanks to all who contribute.

Vice President:

- Centennial Celebrations: David Zeigler reported the celebration of the LIC Centennial (December 2021) will be postponed a year. We will continue to post LIC stories throughout the year. Next year summer of 2022, we are planning on the same events, the Marina days event will be July 16th and 17th with the Virginia V, and a picnic event the weekend of August 27, and 28, to include games and square dance.



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LIC General Meeting June 16, 2021



- **Community Garden Project:** David Shinnars reported that we have had over 25 people who have contributed to the garden project including money and/or time. Expenses so far are \$8,200 which is well within our budget. We got the fence for \$5,000, far under the cost. We are nearly done with Phase I. David will be in the garden after the meeting for tours. Please submit any volunteer hours and there is a sign-up sheet for future needs. There will be activity circles in the garden to allow members to practice Tai-Chi, play the ukulele, or other group/community activity. An herb and pepper garden will be installed within a week. This is a community garden and belongs to the community.

President:

- **Pump out Station Update:** Brett Allen shared we have been working since 2019 on the pump out station. We received a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife for \$82,500 specifically for the permitting phase. We have the preliminary shoreline permits for the pump out station. We want to add value to the Marina, so have included more phases in the permit to include additions to the project of a Marina extension to add dock space, and a floating restroom facility. All three phases are approved by the county, with reservations on phases 2 and 3,

and now proceeds up to the state level for final approval. We have the support of the State of Washington for the construction in the form of another grant, once we get final approval from the State Shoreline committee. Brett explained that if we want to go forward with the second and third phase, we will need to complete mitigation, by improving our facilities to cause less impact on the environment.

- **Preservation Grant Update:** We have received the preservation grant for the roof. We have signed the contract and sent back and should have the finalized copy within a week and then we can start work on the project.
- **Nominating Committee Report:** Kelly Hettinger and Candace Hardt reported on the proposed slate for the open LIC Board positions.

Membership Chair: Nancy Carr
Treasurer: Jim Hettinger
Marina Chair: Robert Theisen
Rick Harrison
President: Kelly Guenther

Motion: A motion was made to do a voice vote for the three unopposed positions, and those were approved by voice vote. MSP

Marina Chair vote results: Rick Harrison was elected Marina Chair. Marsha thanked Robert Theisen for his four years of service.

LIC General Meeting June 16, 2021



LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION:

Marcia Harris reported on the Scholarship Committee:

The Longbranch Foundation was able to award three new scholarships this year to high school seniors. Marcia read students' thanks and responses to receiving scholarships from the Foundation. We also awarded two recurring scholarships for the coming year. Celia Emens was introduced by Marcia as a recipient, Celia is studying Marine Biology at Tacoma Community College.

Student Programs: Evergreen Elementary will hold their drive thru graduation on the 22nd at the LIC. Teachers and staff are currently busy moving out of the old building. They are donating chairs to the LIC. Evergreen will be naming their gymnasium in honor of Hugh McMillan.

TLF has established a partnership with the Key Peninsula Middle School and has held several meetings to identify desired programs and costs.

We are progressing on the Quilt Project for Evergreen targeting to have a completed quilt in time for the new school opening in the fall.

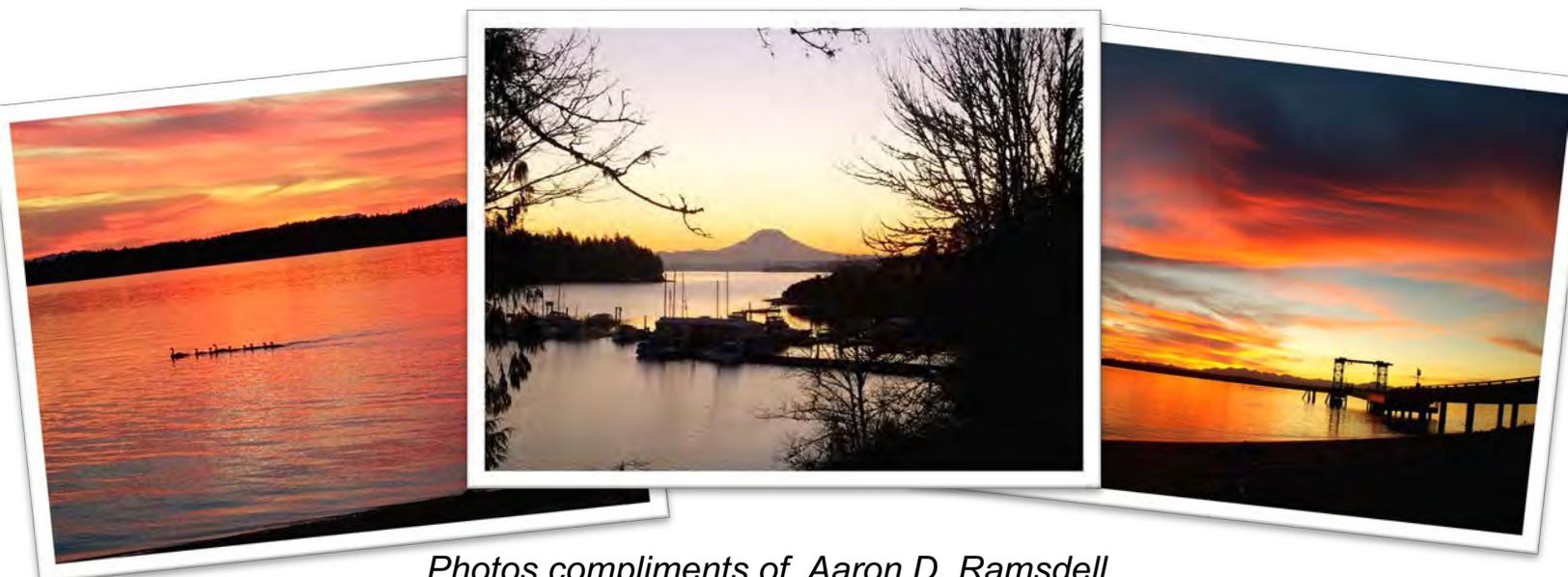
Upcoming Meetings & Events:

In-person & Zoom Membership meeting, July 21st, 2021 at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheryl Low
Secretary



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