



# MEMBER NEWS

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NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: JANUARY 19, 2022 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



## President's Message

Welcome to 2022! My hope is it's brighter and better than 2021 and we finally begin to emerge from this pandemic as we go into our third year. The new variant is extremely contagious. I know this personally. As I write this, I'm quarantining here on the KP after catching it and I'm not entirely sure how after being safe for the last two years.

What does the Omicron variant mean for you and the LIC? For one thing, hybrid meetings will be here to stay. The LIC will continue membership meetings both in person and remotely, unless the health department tells us otherwise. We want our members to have a place they can come and see others in a social setting if they feel safe doing so – and also join us by Zoom if they choose.

This also means that if you've been vaccinated, I highly recommend getting boosted as well. I was able to pop into the drugstore in Lake Katherine for some stocking stuffers – and what to my wondering eyes should appear – a couple of women giving out Moderna and Pfizer boosters. I promptly gave myself that present, and I'm sure it lessened the effects of the virus for me.

In another bit of good news, the LIC now owns the streaming gear I've been bringing each month from my office to be able to conduct hybrid meetings. During some holiday sales I was able to pick up everything we need for hybrid meetings at bargain prices. And I will help train up some people on how to use this gear for the best results at member and other LIC meetings.

I hope your holidays were excellent! As I write this the temperatures outside are dipping into the teens and snow is on the ground – but it's also simply beautiful out there. Remember during adverse weather events, don't hesitate to reach out to other members for help if you need it. The entire membership list is available on our website at [www.licweb.org](http://www.licweb.org).



*With the new horizon, brings a new year of opportunity.*

## President's Message (cont'd)

We have De-Deck the Halls on January 8th this month at 10 AM. I was on the crew as we decked the halls last month. So if you missed that, please think about helping out to put these decorations away. Also, if you haven't been to the LIC during December, you really should come out before we put them all away. The clubhouse is just beautiful right now.

The membership meeting is on the 19th this month, and we are also starting a new monthly tradition: Thank God It's Friday, or TGIF on the Friday after the membership meeting. Our first one will be kicking off on Friday the 21st. For now, we'll be holding this in the foyer at the LIC where the kitchen area is, and if we fill up this space, we'll consider opening up the entire clubhouse in the future.

TGIF is a BYOB event, and if you feel like bringing snacks along, those will also be welcome. We'll also be asking for a donation at the door to help pay for the rental each month as well. The event will run from 5 – 8 PM.

Finally, the LIC and TLF boards are planning to get together this month on either Saturday morning the 15th or 22nd to better learn about what the other organization does. And that too will be taking place at the LIC.

I'm also happy to announce, we have found a person willing to take on the role of Membership Chair for the LIC as Nancy Carr begins to hand off her duties and retire from this position she has held for years. The LIC is so appreciative of Nancy's work – and would have had a very hard time running without her help. I'll bring you more information on who the new Membership Chair is next month, but want her to begin training and getting used to the new role first.

Thanks for all you do – and Happy New Year!

Warmly,  
Kelly Guenther



## From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month, I've mailed out 2 get-well cards to members who had surgeries and a sympathy card to Marine Floats for the passing of Wendell Stroud. As you may remember Wendell was the owner of Marine Floats as well as a good friend and business associate of the LIC Marina for many years. He will be missed.

Cheril Allen  
Sunshine Representative





And so, another new year begins...the frantic pace of the holiday season is behind us and January 1st always arrives with a sense of needing this one day of quiet. A long, solitary walk seems like a good idea or perhaps a book by the fire. However you spend this day, I hope it is peaceful.

The Longbranch Foundation's 2021 Celebrate Campaign raised \$13,000 because of the generosity of this community. Thank you! With your support, the foundation can continue to support its charitable purposes:

- \* To advance education by supporting scholarships and public-school activities.
- \* To preserve the historic clubhouse owned by the LIC.
- \* To maintain and improve the grounds of the LIC for public recreational use.
- \* To protect the environment, particularly the marine environment around the Marina and ensure that the Marina is safe for public use.
- \* Support of other Community Service Organizations and Activities.
- \* Support the Community where the Need is the Greatest.

A special thank you to Jack Kennedy for once again graciously supporting the Evergreen Elementary students who need extra warmth this winter. Jack donated winter jackets again this year and given the temperature these days, those gifts were greatly appreciated.

And thank you to Sheryl Low for using her quilting talents for Evergreen Elementary school community. The quilt design captures the beauty and history of Longbranch and Evergreen Elementary School. It will surely be enjoyed for years to come!

In January, the foundation will begin the 2022 scholarship process, with a budget of \$14,000, for current award recipients and Peninsula HS seniors. Those students who have received awards from the foundation will be contacted and encouraged to apply for a 2022 award. We require that they meet certain criteria, including good standing in school and continuing to work towards their future goals. The high school seniors will begin the work of creating portfolios, based on the guidelines of the Peninsula Hawks, and those will be reviewed and considered by our committee in March. The awards ceremony is in May.

The foundation has a dedicated scholarship committee, but we need more help. We are looking for one or two people to coordinate the scholarship process, including communicating with the Peninsula Hawks and the foundation's own committee to ensure that tasks and timelines are met. This work is quite fulfilling, and I hope you'll join us!

Please contact me for more information. Wishing you all peace and joy in the new year!

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## Member News

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Christmas. For the last year or so I have said the new year has to be better – I sure hope that for 2022.

To close out 2021, we have 176 memberships, with 307 individual members. Wow! This is fantastic!

So far, volunteers have submitted 3748 volunteer hours. This is as of December 15th. However, I believe there are a few folks that have not turned in their time. It is not too late to submit volunteer hours and these hours are needed for reporting to the IRS, applying for grants and other contracts. The volunteer hours submitted so far break out as this:

First Quarter	1310 hours
Second Quarter	1101 hours
Third Quarter	741 hours
Fourth Quarter	596 hours

If you have not yet submitted your membership renewal form, it is available on the LIC website [www.licweb.org](http://www.licweb.org). Or you can e-mail me and I'll send it to you.

Thank you,  
Nancy Carr  
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## Marina News

Hello from the dock.

We are looking forward to another fun and busy year at the marina. Our marina calendar is already filling up with visiting yacht clubs!

We are very hopeful that Opening Day at the marina will happen this year! It has been very much missed the last 2 years due to Covid protocol. I will be seeking volunteers for an Opening Day gear design committee, as well as many other areas please watch for an e mail on how you can help and join the fun!



The pavilion area will be getting a new countertop, a recycling center, and new chairs. We will also be replacing dock boards, life rings, and shore power outlets where needed. Rick, our marina chair will be looking for volunteers for these items as the weather permits.

Happy New Year, and may 2022 bless you with health and happiness.

Katie Harrison  
Dockmaster  
Rick Harrison  
Marina Chair

## Activities

We had a lot of activities in December and want to thank all of you that helped with Deck the Halls, Kids & Christmas, and the LIC Centennial Tree Planting Ceremony and Membership Dinner! As we are writing this article, we are preparing for Christmas with family and a possible white Christmas. We hope you had a delightful holiday season and are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

We have a full calendar of events for 2022 posted on the LIC website and will need a lot of volunteer help to make these happen.

If you are not already part of the Events Committee, consider coming to a meeting the first Wednesday of the month at 3PM at the LIC. This will be January 5, February 2, and March 2 in the next few months. We will be Dedecking the Hall before the January 5th meeting starting at 1PM. Hope to see you there!

Thanks!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger  
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Pictures contributed by David Ziegler



*Happy New Year!*

# A Year to Remember



## LIC General Meeting December 15, 2021



The meeting was called to order by Kelly Guenther at 7:00 PM. The meeting was in person and on Zoom.

### Membership:

Please make sure to update your volunteer hours on the website or get to Nancy Carr. Nancy Carr welcomed new members Mike Baker and Roy Miller and guests James and Wendy Moore and Chuck West. The Board has decided we will phase out LIC Bucks as of December 31, 2021. The LIC Bucks were intended to increase volunteer participation for the general membership, but generally were only redeemed by a few people. Since the goals of the project were not being met, and the amount of work required to track and generate was extensive, the Board felt they were not meeting the mission of the organization. While we will stop issuing them on December 31, people can still use the LIC Bucks through the first quarter of 2022.

### Secretary's Report:

Sheryl Low requested that the minutes of last month's membership meeting be approved as written and submitted in the newsletter. MSP

### Treasurer's Report:

Jim Hettinger reported that we our net loss was almost \$4,000 less than the budgeted loss. We are still \$47,900 over our YTD budgeted net income, which is projected to come in at \$40-\$50 K over budgeted income for the year. The checking account balance for 11/30/21 was \$32,730.37. The 2022 proposed budget will be reviewed at the January Membership Meeting for approval.

### Events:

Allen Ballinger reported on the upcoming events in the calendar for the year. The calendar is also on the website. Chuck West was kind enough to donate the Christmas Tree for the Clubhouse event of Kids N Christmas

### Buildings and Grounds:

Jim Sobieck reported on donations from Don Swenson from Blend of a beautiful wood table and chairs.

### Centennial Garden:

A beautiful Red Cedar was planted today in honor of the 100-year Centennial Anniversary of the LIC.

*In 2022  
Dream!*

# LIC General Meeting December 15, 2021 Continued



## Marina Chair:

Rick Harrison reported on the proposed marina rate increase from \$8 to \$8.50 per foot for permanent moorage and an increase from \$1.10 per foot per night to \$1.25 per foot per night for guest moorage. There were also some minor changes to the regulations.

MOTION: To approve the new Marina moorage rates and regulations as presented. No nays on zoom or in person.  
MSP

## Vice-President:

We continue to plan Centennial events for the coming year and especially the summer, stay tuned to newsletters for future announcements.

## President:

Kelly Guenther shared about the values and goals of the organization of providing for the recreation of the local community. Now that Blend has closed, there is a gap in places to socialize for the community so the LIC will host TGIF every third Friday of the month in the foyer of the LIC Clubhouse. The first gathering will be January 21st 5-8 PM. Bring snacks and appetizers.

## TLF report:

January 15 or 22nd David Shinnars will facilitate a retreat between the TLF and the LIC. This is important to clarify the differences in the missions of

the two organizations and train new board members for their roles in the organizations. Randy Carr reported that we have expanded our interest in education to the Key Peninsula Middle School with mini-grants to teachers for various projects. We gave an \$850 donation to the FoodBACKPACKS4KIDS organization. The Fall Celebrate campaign has raised just under \$13,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Member Meeting January 19, 2022 at the LIC at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Low  
LIC Secretary



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



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