



NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: DEC. 14, 2022 6:30PM



President's Message

Ho, ho, ho... it may be late fall but it's definitely winter out there. At least it's great news for members that love their winter sports!

Super excited to see the LIC get decorated for the holidays, have our membership meeting and party on the 14th – and best of all for the boat lover in me – do the lighted ship parade on Dec. 3rd. We'll be out in Filucy Bay lit up and looking great starting at 5pm.

This will be a brief message from me. Like many of you, the holidays are a busy time for me and for a guy that still works full time, I have a ton of end-of-year client deadlines to boot. But I promise to reflect on all we accomplished in 2022 in my January reflection. Things are looking great for the LIC.

Speaking of great, the Pickleball project spearheaded by Kelly Hettinger has really taken off. Seriously. Most of the day on Tuesday we've got members and non-members alike showing up for Pickleball with two courts set up inside the LIC clubhouse. And in the foyer there are board games and refreshments. You should definitely check it out.

Briefly, here are some can't miss LIC events for Dec.:

- Dec. 2 – Boater Jingle and Mingle w/ white elephant gifts at 6pm.
- Dec. 3 – Deck the Halls at 10 am at the LIC.
- Dec. 3 – Chili cook-off at the marina at 3pm and boat parade at 5pm.
- Dec. 14 – Membership meeting and holiday party.
- Dec. 16 – TGIF returns from 5:30 – 9:00, and there are rumors we'll have a band!

Finally, we do have the big screen TV Don Swenson generously donated now at the LIC, but we're still working on getting it installed in the foyer and wired for electric. More on that once it's up and ready for football games and other events.

Happy holidays, you all. Hope to see many of you this month.

Kelly Guenther



Hello from the dock!

Chili and lighted boat parade are back!

Come down to the marina Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 3:00PM and bring your chili for the cook off! Lighted boat parade at 5:00PM, hope to see you there.

Winter is here, chilly days at the marina and the birds love it! They leave us lots of shells on the dock.

Guest boaters are still visiting us, the winter season is so beautiful at the marina. The water is an incredible teal blue. Come on down for a visit!

Rick Harrison - Marina Chair
Katie Harrison - Dockmaster



PICKLEBALL AT THE LIC



Come play with us every **Tuesdays from 10-6**. Dress warm. Temperature will be about 60 degrees in the gym. We have paddles to share until you fall in love with this and purchase your own.

Any Questions call, text or email Kelly Hettinger
253-220-7808 kelhettinger@gmail.com



Come play board games
and cards
With other game heads!



OR

Come play board games/cards at the Longbranch Improvement Club **Every Tuesday from 10 to 6**. The LIC will be open for Pickleball in the large room and games in the heated small room. Bring games, friends, meet new friends, snacks and have FUN!

Any Questions call, text or email

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Events

It's the time of year where we warm ourselves with friends and family in celebration of the holidays. Here at the LIC, we will Deck our Halls with greens and lights on Dec. 3rd from 10AM until our hall is properly decked. Anyone is welcome to come help and your donated "greens" are most appreciated. Thank you to the Prichard's for heading this festive project.

That will be followed by Kids and Christmas, on Dec. 11th, where we help enrich the holiday for those children less fortunate through Toys for Tots and the volunteer efforts of our LIC members. Wrapping gifts will be on Dec. 8th starting at 10AM. On Dec. 11th the event starts at Noon going to 3PM with a cleanup following. If you still need hours, consider joining in the fun of this event. Thank you to Marcel and Allen Ballenger for heading this. They are looking for someone to head this event for next year. If interested, you can either let them know or you can contact me.

Looking ahead to the New Year we will continue with TGIF and adding Contra Dancing, Jan. 21st
Open mic night 2nd Tuesday of the month, February 14th
Pickleball & Games Tuesdays 10AM- 6PM
And a future Ballroom dancing lesson TBA.

As we close this year and look forward to the next, I wanted to list some ways that you can get involved. Our Events meetings are open to anyone who would like to know what is being planned and or have ideas for future events. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 1:30PM at the LIC. These meeting can also be zoomed if I know who would wish to do that. You can reach me at either snooska@msn.com or (425) 308-8921. I'm also looking for someone to do the marketing for Events. This would include posting ads in local newspaper, listing events on Facebook and other social media, placing events on the LIC calendar and this can be done from your comfy chair at home. All the above count towards your yearly volunteer hours. Contact me, Leslie Foss, at the above contact.

Our LIC community, made up of our incredible volunteers, enriches our community and I thank you!!!
Happy Holidays All.



Calling All Photos!

Have you captured a beautiful scene or fun moment in our community? Please consider sending a copy to licmembernews@gmail.com so it can be included in the monthly newsletter.

Thanks!

Longbranch Improvement Club Chili potluck and Lighted Boat Parade



SATURDAY DEC. 3rd at 3:00

Come down to the Marina at 3pm and bring a chili and or fixin's to go with chili or an appy. Then we will send the parade out into the night

*Best way to
sample all the
chili's is to use
a muffin tin!*

on Filucy Bay at 5PM.

All you boaters get
your boats decorated
and join the fun!
Once around the bay
to show off our
pretty lights.



This is a very informal potluck. Please bring your own beverage and muffin tin, we will supply utensils, napkins, paper plates, bowls and that sort of thing.

Buildings & Grounds

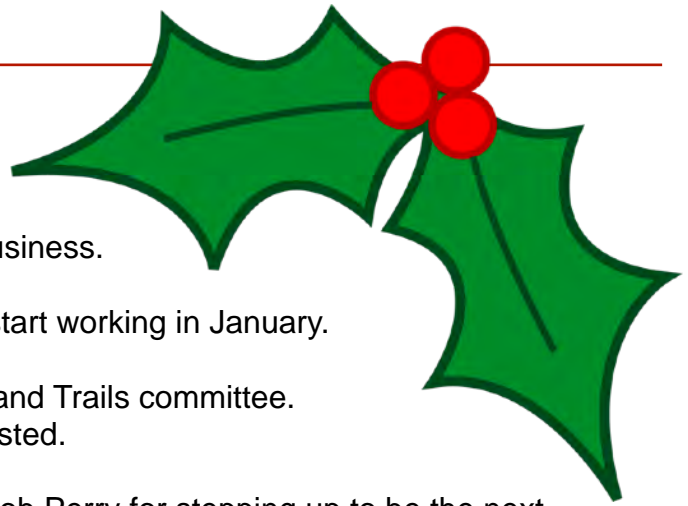
We hired a new rental agent, Stefanie Warren, who worked at the Civic Center for four years. She is training with Kitty in Dec. and will start officially in January. She is already working on marketing ideas to increase the rental business.

We also hired a new custodian, Tammy Rayworth. She will start working in January.

We're still looking for some members to be on the Grounds and Trails committee. Contact Jimmy Sobieck at jamsob1954@gmail.com if you're interested.

Dec. is Jimmy's last month as a board member. Thanks to Bob Perry for stepping up to be the next Building and Grounds Chair.

Jimmy Sobieck and Ann Morris
Buildings and Grounds



From the Sunshine Corner



Hello All,

Since my last report, I sent out two get-well cards to members that had surgeries this month. Also, despite the signage at the Marina that states No Running on the Dock, I had to give out an "Oh man, you're lucky you didn't do permanent damage to your face" card to a member who was traveling too fast for the conditions and had a little fall...

*Cheril Allen,
Sunshine Representative*

"It's not the falling down that counts, it's the getting up."

~ Mary Pickford



THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

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CELEBRATE CAMPAIGN There is still time to send in your end of year donation. We have collected \$9,390 so far and I would so love to make it to \$10,000 by the end of the year. There is still time to write a check or go to the website and click on DONATE NOW!

Ho'Olana Moving Forward with Purpose



AUCTION FOR EDUCATION Our Hawaiian themed Auction is scheduled for April 22, 2023.

We need DONATION ITEMS! Please call or email with your suggested items. We would like a mix of experiences and items. We are also looking for support/volunteers for the planning stages including getting sponsors for the event, procuring donation items for the auction and decorating and set up for the facility. Please sign up at the next LIC membership meeting or email me directly. Contact me at Sheryl.a.low@gmail.com (805) 340-7914.

Our first planning meeting is Dec. 13th, at 6PM at the LIC. See you there!

Warmly,
Sheryl Low

The Longbranch Foundation President

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Food Market

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

LIC Member Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Note - Marina Chair Rick Harrison and Membership Chair Robyn Enders were unable to attend, comments were made by President Kelly Guenther on their behalf.

Reader mentors are needed for Evergreen Elementary. Mentors work one-on-one with children on Tuesday from 4:00PM-5:00PM at Evergreen Elementary. No special skills are needed to participate and help out. A flyer was available at the meeting. If you are interesting in becoming a volunteer reader mentor please contact Megan White at whitem@pad401.net

Board & Committee Reports

Secretary

Motion: Approve minutes from October membership meeting - MSP

Treasurer

Updated Financial Reports were shared. A copy of the financials was available at the meeting. Both Fiber Arts and the Halloween Dance were successful and profitable. Originally, the Halloween Dance was not budgeted to be a profitable event, thank you to all who attended and gave so generously. Events Committee
Kelly Hettinger spoke briefly about the new Pickleball program at the LIC. We have a growing number of participants. The foyer is also available for socializing and game playing during Pickleball. A reminder that this is an adults only program at this time.

TGIF is Nov. 11, 2022

John Stray will demo ballroom dancing. There will also be another demonstration at the following TGIF on 12/16/22. John talked briefly about ballroom dancing.

A new T.V. is being installed in the foyer the week of Nov. 21, 2022

Deck the Halls is Dec. 3, 2022

If you have greenery to donate please drop it off Dec. 2, 2022 between Noon - 2:00PM. Greenery can also be dropped off starting at 10:00 am on Dec. 3, 2022. If you would like to volunteer, please show up any time after 10:00AM on Dec. 3, 2022

Kids & Christmas is Dec. 11, 2022

Volunteers will be needed for this event and the days leading up to the event. If you have childrens movies to donate for this event please reach out.

Contra Dancing begins Jan. 21, 2023

An open mic night is being considered for Feb. 14, 2023

Email blasts will be sent out asking for volunteers for all upcoming events.

The next membership meeting is Dec. 11, 2022. There are signup sheets available for this potluck.

Building & Grounds

A big thank you to Ryder LaNier who came and cleaned the gutters and to Mark & Susan Hoffman who replaced the rotten boards in the boardwalk.

Volunteers are still needed for the grounds and trails committee.

Stefanie Warren has been hired as the new rental agent. After introducing herself, Stephanie spoke about new marketing for the clubhouse. Stephanie is looking for volunteers to take photos of the clubhouse and grounds and also submit photos of past events held at the clubhouse. If you have photos please contact Stephanie at naturelover.333@hotmail.com.

Membership - None

Marina - None

Trustee at Large - None

Historian - None

Vice President - None

President - None

The Longbranch Foundation

A huge thank you to all who gave for the Celebrate Campaign. The goal set by TLF was met. If you would still like to give, a receipt for your tax deductible contribution will be sent to you.

The Spring Auction, which is scheduled for April 22, 2023, is moving forward. "Striving Forward with Purpose" is a Hawaiian themed event. Volunteers and auction items are needed for the auction. There will be an Auction Committee meeting on Dec. 13, 2022. If you are able to help in any way please attend this meeting or reach out to Sheryl Low at Sheryl.A.Low@gmail.com.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- a) TGIF - November 18th
- b) Deck the Halls - Dec. 3rd - 10:00AM
- c) Holiday Lighted Boat Tour - Dec. 3rd. This event begins at 3:00PM with a chili cook-off (bring a disposable cup or dish) followed by a cruise around the bay at 5:00PM.
- d) Next membership meeting - Dec. 14th. This meeting is our Holiday Potluck.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted by
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