

November 2014



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Dessert Meeting, Wed. Nov. 19, 7:00 PM

President's Message

Moorage Rate Revision. The Marina Committee has been busy with an assortment of projects, one of which was a proposal for a modest increase in moorage rates for members and guests. This proposal was presented to the membership at the October meeting and, after lengthy discussion, unanimously approved. The new rates will go into effect beginning 1/1/15. I want to repeat my thanks to the Marina Committee for their work on this and other projects.

Simplification. I want to point out an important principle that the Board has been utilizing where possible and which applies to how the new moorage rates were determined, namely simplification. Given that we are an organization run primarily by volunteer manpower, it is essential to make tasks as easy to accomplish as possible. We won't be able to attract or retain volunteers who discover that their job involves way more time and complexity than expected or necessary. Examples include time spent determining membership status, determining and counting moorage fees, time spent driving to the clubhouse to work on computer files instead of accessing them from home, etc., etc. Where possible we hope to continue streamlining our methods and save everyone's time.

IRS Audit. By the time you read this, the LIC will have undergone an IRS audit in late October. Hopefully we will have the results by the time of the November meeting and will give a report then.

Spaghetti Social. This is becoming an annual event, and a good one. The date is Friday, November 7th, starting at 5:00 PM. This year there will be a new wrinkle, which is the option of taking spaghetti home. This is a purely social event, time for good food and conversation with friends. It would be a great event to invite a non-member neighbor to attend. Mark your calendar.

"History of the LIC Clubhouse" will be the program at the November meeting. The speaker will be Dr. Caroline Swope of Kingstree Studios, Tacoma. She led the team, that recently completed the historical building assessment report for the LIC. This promises to be a very interesting evening.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2014**

LIC General Meeting 10/15/14 @ LIC lobby called to order 7:00PM

LIC Board Members in attendance: Gayle Brewer, Clark Van Bogart, Jim Hettinger, Sharon Gearhart, Phil Johnson, Delia McGinnis, and Judy Riggs

Before the meeting began, there was a presentation and flag raising by five members of the VFW Kitsap Peninsula Color and Honor Guard from Post 1854 in Gig Harbor including LIC member Sharon Gearhart.

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reports that this last weekend had both the Shelton Yacht Club and the barge that rents space visited the Marina. The South Sound Sailing Assoc. and the Tacoma Power Squadron are all scheduled for an upcoming visit.

LIC Rental Agent: Kim Chaney was absent this meeting.

Secretary: Judy Riggs had nothing to report. It was MSP to accept the Sept 2014 Board Mtg mins.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reports that September 2014 was slow for income, as the Labor Day dance was reported in August numbers, and the Fiber Arts is being reported in October. We had \$1004 in building rental income, and \$4317 in marina income including \$2274 guest moorage and \$2043 in member moorage. October expenses include the LIC property taxes for the second half of 2014.

Membership : Eloise Colbert was absent this meeting.

Events: Carolyn Wiley reported that the Fiber Arts Festival was a big success bringing in \$2,200, with vendors registering to return next year. The good weather brought in a steady flow of over 300 visitors throughout the day. 194 surveys were filled out, showing people coming from 44 zip codes. There were comments like "This is the best family event of the year". Shirley Brewer, our featured artist, had many quilts displayed that were a big hit with the visitors as well as LIC members.

Delia McGinnis reports that plans for Trunk or Treat are underway with Lynn Lloyd taking the leadership role this year. There was a call for volunteers to let Peg Bingham know if available to help in the kitchen. And anyone interested in helping with decorations can come to the Clubhouse Thurs Oct 30 at 10:00 AM.

All is going well with preparation for the Spaghetti Social under the leadership of Barb Van Bogart.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart thanked all the volunteers who made the Fall Clean Up work party successful. Also, a special thank you to Tom Osborne who came back and cleaned the gutters. An extra pair of hands are needed to help hold the ladder to clean the chimney by the stove. The trails look great, along with the new signs and doggie doo bag stations. There has already been positive feedback about the trails, especially with the boaters who come up from the Marina for a walk. Is there a volunteer to do the weather stripping along the doors in the main Hall? Other needed repairs this month include a problem with the men's urinal flushing. A plumber was called for this repair. The cabinet storage doors under the stage need to be rehung, trimmed and fasteners added, and maybe repainted as well. There is a question about adding cabinets behind the stage area to store the stuff from the outside storage shed that needs a little more protection from the weather and critters. Details are under consideration.

The new LIC Cleaning Contractor, Kamryn Minch, starts 10/09/14

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Sunshine Lady: No report this month.

Historian: No report this month.

Scholarship: Christine Anderson reminds the membership to save their Key Center Market receipts for the scholarship fund.

Trustee/At Large: Phil Johnson had nothing to report.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart had nothing to report.

President: Gayle Brewer had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Marina: Clark Van Bogart reported for Denny Prichard that the preliminary engineering report for the marina indicates there are 9 of the 27 pilings that have 50% or less of their useful life remaining, and 5 of these have effectively no remaining useful life. The majority of floats are in relatively good condition except for the dingy dock. The flotation under the dingy dock and under the west end of "A" dock supporting the ramp is exposed Styrofoam and must be replaced. Estimated cost to replace these items over the next 4 - 6 years is approximately \$127,000.

Bruce Jeglum has been asked to come up with a plan to tear down the LIC boathouses.

Sharon Gearhart wanted to thank all the members who helped out with the new flag (bought by individual donations) and flag pole. Doug Lewis, Lynn Carr, Denny Prichard, Sandy Black.
(Also, let's not forget to thank Sharon Gearhart herself, and Peninsula Light Company!)

Gayle Brewer reports the LIC Long Range Plan is nearing completion.

Jim Hettinger is putting together the budget for 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Clark Van Bogart presented for Marina Committee Chairman Denny Prichard, a proposal from the LIC Marina committee for moorage rules and rate changes effective Jan. 1, 2015. It was MSP to accept the proposal.

Kerry Jamieson is the new moorage manager for the dock.

An LIC Food Bank Donation Box will be set up at the November General Membership Meeting. Sandy Black has offered to take our donations to the Community Services Food Bank in Lakebay.

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. Judy Riggs

Dockmaster Report.....

We had a great time with the Shelton Yacht Club followed by the Tacoma Power Squadron.

I still have those oil heaters from the Marina to sell. They are only one year old, have 3 settings and work great. They are a steal at \$40 each. Let me know if you are interested.

Lynn Carr

From Sunshine Corner.....

A second card was sent to Dale Loy after his major open heart surgery. He is doing fine and has picked up walking. Good for him.

Unfortunately I heard too late about Peg Bingham's toe surgery. So I picked some dahlias and took them to her. PLEASE everybody, send me a quick note or an email, if you hear of someone needing a little cheering up. Thank you -

Marlies Van Cise

Upcoming Events

Fri. Oct. 31—Trunk-or-Treat, LIC Clubhouse and grounds, 6:00 PM

Sun. Nov. 2—Daylight Savings Time ends, set clocks BACK one hour

Tues. Nov. 4—Election Day, Please Vote

Wed. Nov. 5—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM

Thu. Nov. 6—Events Meeting, 7:00 PM

Fri. Nov. 7—Pasta Dinner, LIC Clubhouse 5:00—9:00 PM

Tues. Nov 11—Veteran's Day

Wed. Nov. 19— Dessert General Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 7:00 PM

Thu. Nov. 27—Thanksgiving Day

Sat. Dec. 6—Burley Bazaar, Burley Community Hall, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

You are invited to join the Friends of Key Center Library

The mission of the Friends of the Library is to raise funds to enhance library programming and to provide funds for materials not covered by public funding. The Friends of Key Center Library underwrite free programs for the community, purchase materials for youth programs--tots to teens, and try to cover specific requests, such as magazine subscriptions. Over the years LIC has co-sponsored several programs that drew larger crowds that could not be accommodated in the library--Taiko Drums, Kuteeya Dancers, Dan Mazur (mountaineer).

Most of the money is raised through the re-sale of donated books and membership dues. You can help the Friends in two ways: by donating books--children's books are in great demand, but storage at the Library is limited, or by joining the Friends.

At \$5.00 per year, or \$25.00 for 5 years, membership in the Friends of KCL is just about the best bargain on the Peninsula.

Look for the membership form in the Lobby or ask one of those friendly librarians.

Carolyn Wiley

Burley Bazaar – Dec 6, 9 am -4 pm

Historic Burley Community Hall (14853 Burley Ave SE) will be hosting a **community celebration of the holiday season**, offering food & gifts from many of the South Sound's finest local artisans - including Burley Swirly Fudge, created exclusively for the Burley Bazaar. Events will include visits & free take-your-own-pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, live caroling at 10 am by the Burley Glenwood Elementary School Choir, and exhibits, **events and crafts from local youth group vendors**. Parking is easy, with a free shuttle from Purdy Park and Ride. For more information, click www.burleybazaar.org

Building and Grounds Chat Room November 2014

It certainly is good to see 'Old Glory' flying next to the building once again. I would like to thank the following members who donated to the flag fund so that the LIC would not have to buy the new flag; Robin Gould, Dick and Dee Sharf, Jim and Kelly Hettinger, Ruth DeMille, Patricia Muchmore, Clark and Barb VanBogart, "Buck" Buckner and yours truly. The flag was raised by the Kitsap Peninsula Veterans Color and Honor Guard with a wonderful turnout of club members to observe the ceremony. Thanks all. In addition we had a great turn out of members for the fall clean up, and although we did not get a lot done inside, we got gobs done outside. I do not have enough room here to thank everyone who helped out but you know who you are. I do want to give special thanks to Tom Osborne who realized that the gutters did not get cleaned so came back on his own and did that dirty deed. We still have a project that needs to get done and that is to somehow winterize the area around the south doors in the main room. There is a noticeable gap between the top and bottom of the door and the frame that needs to be blocked so that the weather as well as critters do not have access. So...anyone who has an idea of how to do this and who needs some volunteer hours or just wants to take on a project, please let me know. Until next month—hope you all have a scary Halloween.

Sharon



LIC Flag—during the Flag raising, and flying in the wind.

Photos by Francie Carr and
Lynn Carr

Cookbook News

Our cookbook is in the top ten! Morris Press has announced on their Facebook Page that "Savories & Sweets ~ South Sound Treats" is one of ten finalists in their Cookbook Contest. We have sent off four cookbooks to be judged by the experts and they will tell us in November if we have made the final five. The winners of the contest are announced in January: first prize is \$2,500, second place is \$1,000 and third place is \$500. We have some stiff competition! You can view our book and our competition if you sign on to: www.facebook.com/MorrisCookbooks

In addition, Morris Cookbooks has listed, for free, our cookbook on their <http://www.cookbooks4sale.com> web site. Search for 'Savory Sweets'. Be sure to visit this site and view our write-up plus Peg's Fiber Arts Rustic Apple Crisp recipe, which we listed as one of our favorites.

Barb Floyd

SPAGHETTI SOCIAL UPDATE!!

Our annual Spaghetti Social will be Friday, November 7, from 5 pm to 9 pm at the clubhouse. We are once again serving all you can eat spaghetti, two kinds of fresh made sauces, bread sticks and house made salad with dressing. A no host bar will be dispensing both Chianti and beer. Prices for the dinner are \$10/adults and \$5/kids. We will also be offering dessert for a small additional charge.

In addition, while this is a Social and we encourage everyone to combine dinner and great conversation with old friends and new, we will be offering TAKE OUT for those of you unable to stay.

We are very pleased this year to announce the KPMS band will be performing two short jazz sets during dinner!! The kids are very excited to be able to play for us, and are practicing to get ready.

Barb Van Bogart



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Spaghetti Social

Last week, during a glorious day, my dog Tanner and I took a long, refreshing walk through the LIC woods. The air smelled like fall, the leaves were incredibly colorful, and the new trails are easy to walk and explore. The nicest surprise however was, that I did not have to maneuver around huge dog piles left by other dog owners. I was so pleased and want to thank the person, who put an ample supply of "poop bags" by each trail entrance. What a difference it makes!

Thank you also to the dog owners, who take advantage of this easy way to keep our property beautiful.

Marlies Van Cise

LIC Marina News

The LIC membership has approved new moorage rates effective January 1, 2015. The new rate for permanent, temporary and winter moorage will be \$6.50/foot/month. Qualified members (those attending at least three membership meetings and contributing at least 15 hours of volunteer service to the LIC) will be allowed a 10% discount. For permanent moorage only, payment of the annual moorage amount by Feb. 15th will be discounted an additional 5% off from the previously discounted rate. Electric, water, trash lavatory and Wi-Fi services will no longer be charged separately, but included in the moorage charge.

Guest moorage will become \$1.00/foot/day effective January 1st. Electric, water, trash lavatory and Wi-Fi services will be included in the guest moorage charge.

The new rates will help us keep the marina afloat during some very expensive future modifications requested by the DNR..

Denny Prichard

KEY PENINSULA FARM TOUR/ FIBER ARTS AT LONGBRANCH

A great big thank you to LIC all the members who helped make the Fiber Arts event go so smoothly.

At the head of the thank you list: Robin Gould, organization, including set up/clean-up crews; Kim Chaney, vendor registration; Peg Bingham and the baking, stirring, and serving kitchen crew; Barb Floyd for setting up the greeting/sales table. Alas, I neglected to get copies of the volunteer sign-up sheets—so my opportunity to list other individuals is lost, but please accept my sincere gratitude to one and all.

In the Farm Tour category-- Thanks goes to Lynn Lloyd, Lynn Carr and Robert Thiesen for getting the LIC entries all spiffed-up and delivered for the Key Peninsula Farm Tour Scarecrow Contest. Lynn C. & Robert did a lot of heavy lifting to get and return the display grids for Fiber Arts exhibitors.

No exact head count, but based upon the 192 surveys that were returned, the event drew between 525 and 600 people. Approximately half of the survey respondents/attendees were off Key residents of Pierce, Kitsap, Mason and King counties.

Some of the comments were:

•Incredible way to know your community • Brings the whole KP together • BEST COMMUNITY EVENT EVER! • This is a fantastic event for all ages • Something for everyone • great vendors-delicious food & coffee. Thank you!

And “Yes” money was made (some bills yet to be tallied), and 11 vendor/artist spots have been sold for 2015 Fiber Arts in Longbranch.

Carolyn Wiley

2014 Fiber Arts



Pictures by Denny Prichard and Hugh McMillan



LIC Membership Report



Welcome to new Members
 Thanks to Lynn & Bill Lloyd for hosting the October meeting.
 I am looking for two volunteers to host the November meeting,
 please e-mail eacolbert@msn.com if you are able to assist.

Eloise Colbert

Nancy & Eric Clement

Current
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See you at the Nov 19th
 meeting

At 7:00 PM

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