



Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community . . .



50 Years Afloat . . .



LONGBRANCH MARINA 50TH ANNIVERSARY JULY 11TH

If you have missed the last few meetings, we have talked a little about the Big Event of the summer here in Longbranch. In 1959, the LIC took over the operations of the Marina and we are having a big celebration to commemorate 50 YEARS AFLOAT!

We are still in the planning stages but some of the events include the following:

- Pancake Breakfast at the dock
- Dedication Ceremony at the dock
- Music at the dock by Dave Calhoun
- Assorted events at the dock and club throughout the day.
- Dinner and Dance to The Daily Flash 'til midnight.

We need lots of volunteers for this great event. If you would like to help, please contact any of the 50 Anniversary Committee members. Mike Hays, John Biggs, Mark Jones, Theresa Gano, Carolyn Wily or myself.

We want to make this an event to remember so please, sign up and get involved!

DOCK Work Parties . . .

With the 50th Anniversary around the corner, we want to put a blitz on making the dock look as good as it has ever looked this year. We need volunteers to work on getting the dock to shine for our guests this summer. As you already know, there is a big work party on April 18th to spruce up the dock and the club building and grounds. Please sign

up and show up to help. In addition, because some people just can't get away on the weekends, we are going to have work parties at the dock the first Wednesday of every month from 12-4pm. The first one will be April 1st. This will give us a chance to do some "noisy" work like pressure washing the deck without disrupting our weekend guests. If you would like to

sign up for any of these, please contact Dave at 253-884-3163 or just show up.

We have lots to do and we want the dock to look it's best for our celebration this year so please volunteer if you can make it on any of these Wednesday work parties.

Thanks, Dave Wickland



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Presidents Letter...



Pat Muchmore, President LIC, patroon9047@aol.com, 884.3890

We had a wonderful celebration at Suds and Spuds at the LIC Club House on March 14th.



It was great fun and entertainment and a huge thank you to all of the volunteers that helped put it together and make it so successful. *I love anything to do with an Irish theme*, my paternal grandfather, Patrick Rooney,

emigrated from Galway, Ireland and landed on Ellis Island in 1851. The rest, as they say, is (family) history . . .

As you may have learned at our recent General Meeting of the LIC, we now have a Vice President. Larry Bingham volunteered his

services and I readily and gladly accepted his offer. Larry brings a wealth of experience as well as enthusiasm from which we, as members, shall all benefit. Thank you again, Larry!

Thank YOU Larry

Being involved with the LIC makes me so aware of the importance of volunteers. When you think about all of the activities that take place at the Club House, Marina and the extended involvement with our community of schools, churches and other organizations it almost becomes overwhelming. You, the members, are to be proud of what you have created and continue to expand. It makes me so proud to be a part of it . . . Thank You!

LIC Adopt-A-Road March/April 2009



We won't have a road pickup in April unless we get rained out again on March 28th . . . I won't know until then and will have to set an April date after that. Cheers, Bob

LIC Adopt-A-Road
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General Meeting Minutes



Connie Hildahl, Secretary LIC, rhildahl@centurytel.net, 884.1400

Longbranch Improvement Club General Meeting March 18, 2009, 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by our President, Pat Muchmore. There were Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: 1. Dick Dixon announced the Gig Harbor Lions Club will hold a "Low Vision Conference" on April 24th. 2. Dock Report: Mark Jones, Dockmaster, reported all is well at the Dock. Ladders have been painted by Denny Prichard. Suggestions and ideas are welcome for the April 18th work party.

The Minutes of the February 18th, 2009 General Meeting were approved as published in our newsletter.

President's Report:

Pat Muchmore announced the following Board accomplishments: 1. New contracts have been prepared for the Dockmaster and the Building Scheduling Agent. These include job descriptions. 2. The Board has approved the new Dock Rules and Regulations which will be presented, for review, to the membership this evening. 3. A strong vote of thanks to Harry Faas, Dave Wickland and Tim Heitzman, who worked with diligence to accomplish these tasks. 4. Larry Bingham has volunteered to serve as Vice President of the LIC. Welcome, Larry! 5. The Board is in need of a membership chairman.

Treasurer's Report:

Tim Heitzman, Treasurer, announced that our bank account looks very good as Member Dock Moorage is in the bank.

Building Chair Report:

Lynn Carr, Building Chair, reported: 1. We have received a proposal for a new roof to be professionally installed on our Club Building for \$53,904. 2. The furnace has been repaired. 3. A new door has been ordered for the Meeting Room. 4. All broken glass will be repaired, in the Building, next week.

Dock Chair Report:

Harry Faas, Dock Chair, announced: 1. A special thank you to Lynn Carr and Dave Wiley for handling our recycling. 2. A few electrical outlets need repairing at the Dock. 3. Winter Moorage ends on April 1st, and letters will be sent to those enjoying Winter Moorage that it is time to

move their boats. 4. Denny Prichard painted five ladders... thank you! 5. On the 18th of April there will be a Club Work Party, at the Dock and at the Building. Everyone is asked to help. These activities will begin at 9:00 am.

Events Chair Report:

Pat Muchmore gave this report for Chair, Carolyn Wiley: 1. Thank you to our hostesses this evening! 2. Thank you to our sign in hostess this evening, Sharon Gearhart. 3. Feast or Famine resulted in almost a \$4,500 gift to our local Food Bank. A special thank you to all who helped out. 4. Spuds and Suds was lots of fun for all who were there! 5. Mark Runions announced that the Beyond the Borders Event coming up in August is in need of someone to organize the Food Venders. Please talk with Mark if you are interested.

Trustee's Report:

Dave Wickland, Chair of the 50th Dock Anniversary Event to take place July 11th, asked for volunteers to help with this special celebration. Rules and Regulations of the LIC Marina: Harry Faas introduced this document, as handed out to those in attendance. A discussion followed. There were comments and concerns and it was suggested that a gathering of the boaters, to go over this document together, will take place with the results of their suggestions and recommendations to be presented to the Board at their next meeting, April 8th. This document will be sent to all who have permanent moorage at our Marina, for review. Dave Wickland announced that the Board would like to suggest that a coupon be given to each member of the Club for 72 consecutive hours of moorage at our Marina.

Bob McFarlane announced there will be a "Road Pick Up" on March 28th. Please gather at 10 am at the Clubhouse to participate.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Hildahl, Secretary





Events - Events - Events



Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair LIC, c.wiley@mac.com, 884.9157

April 18th - Spring Cleaning -

REMEMBER to B.Y.O.T - BRING YOU OWN TOOLS!

At the Building:

Lynn Carr has a list of tasks and needed skills: Volunteer 884-1384

At the Dock:

Harry Faas has a list of tasks and needed skills: Volunteer 884-6299

* You can be sure that *lower-skilled labor* will also be needed for the never ending scrape & paint.

* And I have my own list of tasks that will help out the honchos of the day, improve ambience and make all of volunteers feel appreciated. Volunteer 884-9157 . . . if you would like to *head up or help* with one of the following:

Phoning for volunteers;

The care and feeding of volunteers - *pot-luck or barbecue--you get to choose*

A window washing brigade;

A to-the-walls store room cleaning and organizing;

Bays and planter box gardening.

Opening Day May 2nd is not that for away.

Planning for the member & guest Opening Day Dock Breakfast is underway. Hooray! The Masters of Logistics, Doug and Judy Sylvers, are heading up this event.



Memorial Day Dance May 23rd

If in your heart of hearts you have ever wanted to "run" the show, now is your chance! Call today to volunteer as the Memorial Day Dance Chair! Co-Chairs work, too.

This is an easy event, because there are few surprises - the kinks were worked out long before my time.

The band is in place, Mark Runions has secured Peaceable Lane - the crowd loved them last year! Think - the sounds of Chicago - big brass rock.

Spuds and Suds . . .

Mooncoyne was a *hit* with short people who danced the night away. It was great fun it to have multi generational families there to enjoy the night. Thanks to Geoff Baillie, Lynn Larson, & John Biggs for chairing the dance and managing all those complicated contests & competitions. AND thanks to all the volunteers who

contributed their time and talent to making this a fun evening for all of us!

Peg Bingham and Norma Iverson once again made their special Oatmeal Cake and Gingerbread and came back the next day to bake, chop, & serve.

FYI-Another \$130.00 was raised for the KPCS Food Bank. Yes, some soup bowls and soup mixes that were made for Feast or Famine are still available. Thanks, Lynn Larson & Tim Heitzman for managing those sales.

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FOOD BANK





Edie Morgan, KP Citizen of the Year



Record # of Citizens were Nominated . . .

The 25th annual Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year banquet was held March 21 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. State Sen. Derek Kilmer, D-Gig Harbor, was the keynote speaker, and the event was catered by Le Garmache of Port Orchard. This year, **35 people were nominated for the KP Citizen of the Year**, the most in the event's history.

Congratulations Edie Morgan

Mustard Seed Project . . .

Edie accepted the Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year award from KP Lions president George Robison at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. Morgan, whose Mustard Seed Project focuses on building an elder-friendly community, was honored Saturday night as the Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year.

Per Hugh McMillan "Special to the Gateway"

"It was a definite surprise," Morgan said Monday.

"Every one of the nominees deserved it.

I was not thinking of coming out of there as the Citizen of the Year."

Morgan, who also served the community as the director for the Children's Home Society, has helped organize several events for senior citizens. The Mustard Seed Project collaborates with Catholic Community Services for a door-to-door volunteer transportation program that's free to seniors. CCS also reimburses volunteers for their mileage.

In addition, the Mustard Seed Project has a Key Senior Information Center at the Key Center branch of the Pierce County Library System. Morgan said about 18 volunteers from Franciscan Health System staff the center and help seniors with questions on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"I think one of the things the Mustard Seed Project has done has been to help everyone in the community start to think about the culture shift and really support our elders in the ways that they need," she said. "We've been successful in helping existing programs from outside the Key Peninsula connect with the seniors in this community, and I hope we can continue in that role."

The Mustard Seed Project has hosted community forums at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Key Center Library, with topics rotating between housing, transportation and health and wellness. All of the information is senior-focused, and different speakers are brought in each month to address those topics. Morgan said about 25 to 30 people attend the forums.

The Mustard Seed Project also has hosted a job fair for home health workers, plus a workshop for how to open an adult family home.

"One of our participants is opening an adult family home in the next few weeks," Morgan said.

With the Children's Home Society, Morgan ran summer, holiday and little buddies programs.

"Now when I go to those places, I run into young adults who might be teachers or parents," she said. "They've all grown up and they've gone out in the world, and it's a joy to see what they've done."

Morgan had a background in geriatric social work before she took on her role with the Children's Home Society, and now she's cycled back to working with seniors. She hopes to work on programming that will combine the two generations someday. **And she hopes it will be on the Key Peninsula.**

"This is truly wonderful place to live," Morgan said. "I've lived here over 25 years, and I wouldn't live anywhere else. I love it here.

Submitted by Sue Stuhaug, LIC Member



Record # of Citizens Nominated



This Year's other Nominees for KP Citizen of the Year Award (KP Lions sponsored)



Debbie Ehrhardt . . . All things kids at Evergreen Elementary & LIC Programs incl. "Trunk or Treat"

Tara Froode . . . Land Use Commissioner. Community representative to Shoreline Management Update and co-president of KP co-op preschool. Inspiration for the creation of the farmers' market .

Danna Webster . . . Represents KP Community Council Board of Directors. Organized farm tours, farmers market, Poets' Beat Nights, the Cornucopia dinner. Worked on formation of the KP News publishing board. Board of the KP Business Association.

Claude Gahard . . . 2008 president of the KP Farm Board (*committee of the KP Community Council*). Aided in Board planning HarvestFEST Farm Tours. Initiated formation of "Farm Angels". VP to the KP Farmers' Market board. Represents KP on PC Agriculture Board.

Mary Cultum . . . Local 4H dog group (*working with children and the dogs they train*). Offers free sewing instruction. Volunteers at the Angel Guild Thrift Store.

Claudia Jones . . . Volunteer firefighter/EMT with the Key Peninsula Fire Department. Continued involvement with the fire and EMT force on Herron Island.

Connie Renz . . . Volunteers (*former educator*) each Wednesday at Minter Creek (*and other schools*) Reading Program. Volunteers each Thursday as a CISP math mentor for Purdy Elementary School.

Frank Garratt . . . Volunteers with Two Waters Arts Alliance, the KP News and the Tacoma Community College Foundation.

Wally Johnson . . . Supports Evergreen fifth-graders on the 1st Monday/each working towards personal or academic goals-free lunches awarded to goal reachers. Active LIC Member. Volunteer KP Community Food Bank fundraiser, "Feast or Famine."

Sharyl Taylor . . . KP Community Services volunteer . serves recognition for Citizen of the Year.

Mark Burris . . . Boy Scout Troop 220 in Vaughn incl. having served as Scoutmaster. Donated carpenter & general contractor skills during the floods of SW WA in '08' and '09' to help repair and rebuild homes and lives.

Eunice Werner . . . Registered nurse worked with students of Evergreen Elementary-CISP reading mentor.

Oliver Coldeen . . . Professional Chef cooks Sunday meals at KP Community Center 3 Sundays each month and for the annual Longbranch Community Church Salmon Bake. Worked with IMPact, Longbranch Community Church choir, leads "praise time" , Board of Deacons & Church Council.

David Jeschke . . . Developed XtraMath (*online math-fact program*) for free use by Peninsula School District students.

Ed Robison . . . Volunteer Habitat for Humanity. Licensed structural engineer designed a picnic shelter for Home/concrete block retaining wall at Volunteer Park. Family Youth Exchange
Dianna Home . . . Volunteer - Angel Guild Thrift Store in Key Center.

Hilda Ware . . . Volunteers Vaughn Elementary reading mentor.

Holly Hendrick . . . Active KP Civic Center volunteer, Receptionist/Secretary. Contributor to starting KP Farmers' Market.

Mindi LaRose . . . Volunteer KP News and promotion plus photography for the Key in the Gateway. Volunteer photo editor. Volunteer at Peninsula High School.

Rodika Tollefson . . . KP News contributor on many levels.

Richard Peterson, Ricky Peterson and Jimmy Worthington . . . Volunteers (*clear snow from neighbors' driveways, fix flat tires, cars, or hot water heaters, cutting firewood or weeds*) named the "Three Amigos," of Herron Heights.

Tom Boardman . . . Served as KP Civic Center's Friday Night Skate Program Director/volunteers. KP Civic Center's Board of Directors. VP KP Community Fair.

Robert Love . . . Reading Mentor and math mentor at KP Middle School.

Barbara Trotter . . . Instigator of the KP Community Council/Chair. Created the KP Youth Council/Mentor/Co-chair . Organized and coached the Peninsula HS debate team.

John Biggs . . . VP President of the KP Community Fair. Served as LIC President.

Rich and Patsy Tiegs . . . Served as officer W/KP Veterans Institute. Serves on KP Lutheran Church Council. Tacoma Community College Advisory Board.

Terry Lee . . . Pierce County Council members who supported KP Volunteer Park and much more!

Loyd Miller . . . Volunteer at KP Key Peninsula Civic Center. Served on the KPCC Board.

Robert Fisher . . . KP Fire Dept. Volunteer Firefighter/EMT. Volunteered carpentry skills to refurbish Fire station.

Dennis Stuhaug . . . Served as president of the LIC.

Glenda McQueen . . . Early Childhood background-Volunteer for Evergreen Elementary School/ Mentor Reading each Tuesday.

Irene Torres . . . President KP News Publishing Board/President/Writer/Adviser. Served as representative to KP Civic Center Association's Board of Directors.

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Membership Report



To Follow, Membership Chair LIC, email address, phone #

Sewing at the Dock - April 18th

During the dock work party on April 18th, I will have my portable sewing machine and a variety of fabrics and fasteners, grommets and supplies for small repairs. I offer this free service to members to remedy small problems you might have with your boat canvas. Robin Gould 884.3030

LIC is Seeking a new Membership Chair
- If you are Interested, Dedicated and Committed to the “Betterment of the Longbranch Community” . . .

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