



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community

December 2009



Do-It-Yourself Bring-Your-Own

New Year's Eve Party *December 31st, 7:30 - Midnight*

BYOB - Soda pop, mixers, ice, coffee, tea and hot cider on the house.

BYOD - Certificates of merit for the best table decorations.

BYOT - Pot-luck, so bring snacks and treats.

BYOG - Add your games to bean bag toss, darts, dominoes and the famous Dutch.

BYOK - Bring your kin, but please take them home with you.

BYOF - Bring your friends, or find some here. It's all members and guests.

BYOM - Musical instruments for jamming, but karaoke will be endured.

BYOZ - Let's you choose your time zone for merriment. New Year's will be toasted hourly from EST to PST so go home when you're ready.

BYOS - Bring your own fuzzy slippers.

Bring lots of party spirit! Partiers will help set up and clean up.

\$10 per person at the door. RSVP Carolyn Wiley at 884.9157.

Let **YOUR** voice be heard . . . Submiktted by Tim Heitzman, LIC Treasurer

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**These 3
MEETINGS
will count
for hours!**

The future is coming, and YOU can be a big part of planning for it!
In three simple meetings, you'll help plan the future of the LIC:

Groups for Marina, Building/Grounds, Events, and Community will meet for workshop meetings - - - one a month for January, February and March. Your ideas, concerns, questions and answers will form the foundation, a set of long term plans for the club. Have an opinion? Here's how you can make it matter.

Call Membership Chair Janice Prichard and sign up now. 884-2030.
You can start off the year being heard, and counted!

President's Letter

Submitted by Pat Muchmore, President, 884.3890, patroon9047@aol.com

It has been a busy month since our last Newsletter; we had some wonderful programs presented at the LIC as well as some troublesome break ins at the Club House and thefts at the Marina. Let's start with the "good news" first; there were two events at the Club House that were truly remarkable.



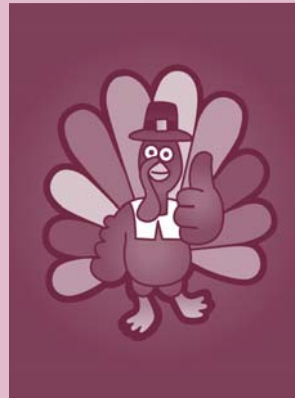
TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat was bigger than ever and what a joy to share with all of our children . . . big and small, young and older. *(I am more convinced each year that Halloween is enjoyed more by adults than anyone . . . brings out the wonderful child in us all.)* Thanks to Debbie Ehrhardt and her great committee it was a great success!

The Kuteeyaa Song and Dance Event was truly one of the most enjoyable and educational experiences I have had the pleasure of attending. The openness and sharing of all the performers, how they included the children as well as their elders, sharing their history

and true warmth of meeting new friends was exceptional.

I just returned from being with my two grand children while Mom and Dad took the opportunity to celebrate their anniversary. What a treat it is to see how much they grow; not so much physically but with all they have experienced since I last was able to spend one-on-one time with them. The last time was just this past summer, but it is amazing how much they mature with their new classes, projects, etc. These are the best times in any parents lives.



Now it is almost Thanksgiving and I wish each and every one of you the best of the Season with friends, family and all of our community.

Pat Muchmore, LIC President

The Longbranch Improvement Club is accepting proposals for three contracted services for 2010:



LIC Service Contracts

Janitorial Services, Building Rental Agent, and Marina Dockmaster.

Email liccontracts@gmail.com for contract requirements.

Proposals must be received by December 15, 2009.

Mail to LIC, PO Box 111, Lakebay, WA 98349.

Submitted by Tim Heitzman, LIC Treasurer

General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Connie Hildahl, Secretary, 884.1400, rhildahl@centurytel.net

Longbranch Improvement Club General Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 20 09

This was an unusual meeting, as the power went out just as members finished their coffee and dessert and it did not return until the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was called to order by our President, Pat Muchmore.

President's Report:

* The Building was broken into twice on the 24th of October. A new deadbolt has been installed on the front door as well as hard core doors on office, storage, and equipment rooms. We are working on a plan. Exterior lighting will be increased.

* All three contract positions are being advertised: Cleaning Service, Dock Master, Building Rental Agent.

Vice President's Report:

Larry Bingham, Vice President, suggested that discussion and review of the By-Laws be put off until our next meeting, when the lights are on.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes were approved as written and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Tim Heitzman reminded members of three planning meetings that will take place after the first of the year. Your participation is needed as we establish goals for the year as well as long term goals.

Building Report:

Lynn Carr, Building Chair, reported that Bruce Jeglum will donate a 4 foot long log to replace a rotten log in the building.

Dock Report:

Dock Chair Dave Wickland reported that stealing continues at the Dock. Steve Mapel's motor was stolen off his boat. It was suggested that we need a DSL line at the dock as well as at the building.

Dave discussed the water system at the marina and informed members that the main line needs to be replaced.

Robin Gould stated that progress on removing the Glennon boat from the dock has come to a stand still. She asked for volunteers to contact her or Dave with interest. Mary Mazur asked that the minutes state that this is not a new problem.

Event's Report:

Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair, asked for volunteers to help with Decorations the first weekend in December. Our Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting will be December 16th. Kid's and Christmas will be December 20th. Again, volunteers are needed.

Membership Report:

Jan Prichard, Membership Chair, reported that membership renewals went out with the newsletter last month. She thanked our hostess, Edie Morgan, Paula Wickland and Trish Goodvin.

Nominating Committee Report:

Judy Riggs announced the following nominations:

Vice President - Gretchen Lippert
Secretary - Geoff Baillie
Building Chair - Lynn Carr
Events Chair -

There were no nominations from the floor. It was MSP that these people be elected to office. The search will continue for an Events Chair.

Pat gave thank you gifts to retiring Board Members: Larry Bingham, Vice President, Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair, and Connie Hildahl, Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Hildahl, Secretary LIC

Events - Events - Events

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

KIDS & CHRISTMAS Count Down to December 20th

Dec. 3rd: 10 a.m. get decorations out of attic (*have 2, more would be better*)

Dec. 4th: Tree Delivery Several strong arms are needed (*have 1, need 5*)

Dec. 5th: Decoration Day-10 am to ? (*have 8, need 20*)

REMINDER

● Please deliver boughs and holly on December 5th. There is no such thing as too much greenery, or too much help.

● If you cannot help decorate, consider dropping off a finger-food item for the elves. Anyone have a good mulled wine recipe?

Dec 11th: Toys for Tots pick-up. 9:00 a.m. Tacoma. Thanks, Nancy Carr, for stepping up to the plate on this important task. There is also a nod of gratitude to Lynn Carr, Dave Wickland, and a volunteer driver to-be-named for the KPCS box truck. This is a merged effort-LIC & Children's Home Society toys will be picked up at the same time.

Dec. 14th : 10 a.m. Gift wrapping. (How great they will look nice under the tree during the Christmas dinner on the 16th). This is a surprisingly big taskLast year 10 of us put in a bit over 3.5 hours each-Yep! That's 35 hours.

Dec. 20th: 1:00 to 4:00 Elf Power makes the day go smoothly-PLEASE COME!

● Girl Scout Service Unit #622 has had 9 troops volunteer to help thekids make gifts, but they can always use extra hands and helpers to direct traffic."

● Elf greeters, need to be on hand to man the sign-in table.

● Santa and Mrs. Santa will arrive at 1:05

● Kitchen Elves can always use a hand.

● Santa photos will be taken-need camera elves, printer elves, and assembly elves.

● Elves will be needed to deliver appropriate gifts to Santa & keep the line moving.

● End-of-Day Clean-up Elves (4:00-6:00) are perhaps the most appreciated. ** there may be more pre-school children this year since LIC is listed on the Toys for Tots website as the distribution site for zip codes 98351 & 98349.

Dec. 31st : NYE. Check out the invitation-re-print from November Newsletter. Invite your friends and neighbors. Please call!

Sat, January 2nd: 10 a.m. to ? there will be a De-decoration Party. It would be a bit underhanded to leave the December mess for the new Events Chair. Call ahead-there may be snacks & spirits.

Thanks!

Thanks to each one of you who helped make the job of Events Chair a joy. Thanks for responding to my endless requests for help. Thanks for responding to my endless pitches to buy tickets. Special thanks to the nearest & dearest who were there when it looked like everything was going south, or elsewhere in a hand basket. (*You know who you are.*) Most of all, thanks to the LIC members for giving me the opportunity to serve the organization and do my part in building a better community.

I've had a chance to continue traditions, and to create some new amusements for the LIC and for the community. Some were worth a shot but do not deserve a place of permanence in the calendar, but some may have staying power and enrich the LIC tradition. It has been an honor and on the whole, it has been a lot fun.

Thanks, Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair LIC

Late Breaking Bulletin 11/22/09:

Linda LeBlanc, Tree Tracker Extraordinaire, reports that Mike and Denise Hays, Tree Donor & Delivery Services, have made another significant contribution to generating the Christmas spirit at the LIC.

Events Now & Then

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

TRUNK OR TREAT:

It was everything that was promised! Debbie Ehrhardt, Chair produced another outstanding event and a great time was had by all! Thanks to Louise Beam LIC had he best haunted house on the Peninsula!

KUTEEYAA:

Over 100 people braved the elements and enjoyed the November 14th performance by Kuteeyaa. The group wore traditional regalia and performed songs and dances of the Tlingit, Tsimshian & Haida.

An additional bonus was a group of children sponsored by Native B.R.I.D.G.E. who acted out one of the Raven stories that was told by an elder.

This free program was presented by LIC and Friends of the Key Center Library. In response to the publicity that encouraged Food Bank donations, six boxes of food were delivered to KPCS.

LIC and Two Waters Arts Alliance also cooperated in providing in school programming during the weeks preceding the performance.

LIC rented the Coast Salish & Makah history boxes from Washington State History Museum.

Through the TWAA Artists-in-the-Schools, Sheila Wray, a basket maker visited Evergreen & Minter Creek and taught weaving in the 4th grade classrooms.

Look for photos and story in the Key Peninsula News, and in the KPN website photo gallery in December.

Memorial for Laurie Jones . . .

November 28th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the LIC Clubhouse

As many of you may already know, Laurie Jones passed away on Friday, November 20, 2009.

Laurie was a long-time member of the Longbranch Improvement Club and contributed greatly to our organization over the years. Her family invites you to join them at the Longbranch Improvement Club on Saturday, November 28th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. for the service and a "pot luck", so bring you favorite dish to share in honor of one of our favorite and courageous members.



There are no plans for a road pickup in December.

If plans change, the folks who are on the "Roadie" list will receive notice.

Thanks. Bob McFarlane, LIC Adopt-A-Road

LIC Membership Renewal

- Individual Dues \$20
- Couple Dues \$30
- Associate Dues \$20

DATE OF RENEWAL _____

NAME _____

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PO Box 111, Lakebay Wa 98349

Your LIC relies on volunteer labor. Check **all** the boxes for activities that you'd like to do.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Set up/tear down
- Food prep/kitchen
- Hostess/host
-

ACTIVITIES

- Programs and speakers
- Historian/archives
- Newsletter/mailing
- Telephone tree
- Publicity
- Sign making
- Road crew pickup
-

FACILITIES

- Building general
- Grounds/garden
- Dock general
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Painting
- Carpentry
- Heavy equipment
- Mowing/weeding
-

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
- Office skills
- Bookkeeping
- Musical
- Non-musical
- Untapped talent
- I'll help where needed

Membership News

Submitted by Jan Prichard, Membership Chair, 884.2030, jan@pacinfo.com



Mark your calendar for the LIC
Christmas Potluck . . .
Wednesday, December 16th
at 6:30 p.m.

Faith Higgins, a wonderful young singer, will be our guest
and entertain us with songs of the season.

Once again the LIC is providing turkey and ham, with roasting help from member volunteers. The rest of us contribute our favorite "fixings" ... yummy salads, special veggies, or delectable desserts. So far five fantastic folks have volunteered to bake the hams and turkeys . . . one more "ham" person is needed. Please give me a call if this is a job that appeals to you.

Other opportunities: Set up is the day before on Dec. 15th at 4 p.m. We could use 3 or 4 people to put up tables and chairs and set and decorate the tables. Louise Beam made the table decorations for last year's dinner, which had to be cancelled because of the weather, so they will finally be seen and appreciated this year. **Thanks Louise!** We could also use a couple more hosts or hostesses and 3 or 4 people willing to clean up afterwards.

A table will be set up for donations to the local food bank, a very worthy cause. So many of our neighbor are in need this year and our gifts of food will be appreciated more than we can know.

Please give me a call if you wish to help out. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on December 16th!

Jan Prichard, Membership Chair LIC

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