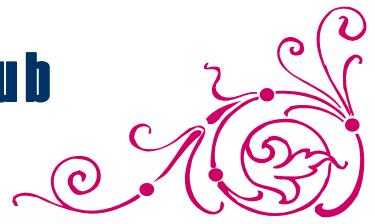


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May 2nd, 2009



President's Letter

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



June is usually thought of as the month for graduations, brides and weddings. For us at the LIC, graduations are probably more to the point mainly because of the excellent job Lynn Larson and her committee do for the Scholarship Committee. As most of you know, this year the LIC recognized and contributed to six graduating seniors from Peninsula High School. Four are College/University bound and two are bound for Community/Technical Schools.



We congratulate the new graduates and wish them the very best for their future endeavors.

Graduations always remind me of the Commencement address given by one of our professors when I was graduated from the Physical Therapy School at Northwestern University. The professor proceeded to tell us about his favorite lab mouse and challenged us to be just like him. You can imagine this brought everyone in the audience to

immediate attention! He had built a maze and placed stools in various areas that the mice could sit on; however, one of the stools only had three legs instead of the traditional four legs. He selected several mice to run the course through the maze in order to study behavior patterns. One particular mouse selected the three-legged stool and struggled until he found a perfect balance point. No matter where the professor placed the three-legged stool (he rearranged the stools each time the mice ran the maze) the same little mouse would only select the three-legged stool and it could balance faster and better each time it ran the maze. The moral of the professors story was to challenge each of us to go forward and find that three-legged stool and never be satisfied with the known and predictable course that lies ahead. I give you, all graduating seniors, the same challenge. A little chaos in one's life isn't such a bad thing! **Congratulations and the best of luck.**

And a very huge THANK YOU to the entire Longbranch Improvement Club Membership for making all of the donations in order that such well deserving young people be recognized for all their hard work and achievements.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Muchmore

Scholarship Report . . .

On May 20, 2009, the LIC presented six awards to highly deserving students from Peninsula High School. The LIC generously provided \$2400 this year for scholarships.

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Lynn Larson, Edie Morgan, and Tom Morgan, reviewed 28 scholarship portfolios from students living in the KPS area. We looked for students who **demonstrated a passion** for something that they wanted to pursue and during their high school years, had taken action to manifest that passion.

the health care field. Micaela Wakefield and Abby Lund also received \$500 awards. Micaela devoted much of her high school years to developing a teen suicide prevention program. Abby will continue in music and/or drama.

Awards of \$200.⁰⁰:

Rose Cash and John Henry each received \$200 awards, Rose to attend a culinary arts training program, while John is headed for a welding apprenticeship.

Submitted by Lynn Larson

General Meeting Minutes

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



Longbranch Improvement Club General Meeting - May 20, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

Carolyn Wiley introduced the Key Peninsula Middle School Jazz Band. We enjoyed listening to the wonderful music they provided. Thank you to the Middle School participants and their families. The meeting was called to order by our President, Pat Muchmore. Following are the BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

President's Report: The LIC gave the following scholarships this May: * Four scholarships of \$500 each to students going to college in the fall. * Two scholarships of \$200 each to students attending technical school in the fall. Pat thanked the Board for their work in the LIC. Our President also stated that our goal is to involve our community of members in all of our program. The Board always welcomes your input.

Vice President's Report: Larry Bingham announced that he will be leading a committee to review and possibly revise our By-laws. He distributed copies of our present By-laws for members to review and respond, in writing, by our June General Meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April General Meeting were MSP as distributed in our newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Our Treasurer, Tim Heitzman, shared with the members that we gave \$500 to the Key Peninsula Middle School again this year. There has been a small drop off in revenues. We are approx. \$5,000 behind projections with currently \$97,000 in the bank.

Dock Report: Harry Faas, Dock Committee Chair, announced that we anticipate 100 boats in at the Marina this Memorial Day Weekend. He received a compliment from a boater today, who shared just how great our Marina looks!

Building and Grounds Report: Lynn Carr thanked the volunteer who started the grass moving in front of the bldg. We need volunteers to mow the field. Jeff Parsons and Bruce Jeglum will install the hand washing sink in the kitchen.

50th Anniversary Trustee: Dave Wickland shared the following agenda for the 50th Anniversary on July 11th:

- 8 - 10 Breakfast at the Dock. John Biggs, Chair
- 11 - Dedication ceremony
- 11 - 4 Activities at the Dock and at the Building.
(A volunteer is needed to Chair these activities)
- 6:30 - 8:30 Dinner at the Club, followed by a dance, featuring "The Daily Flash" Band.

Tickets, including the dinner and the dance, are for sale for \$20. This includes both events. An artist, Bob Bryant, is preparing and donating a painting of our dock as it appeared in the past, we will be selling posters of this painting at the event.

Events Report: Carolyn Wiley, Chair, announced we now have 140 LIC members. Doug Sylvers reported that 33% of our members attended the annual dock breakfast on Opening Day. They served 136 breakfasts. Doug also noted that former members Dave and Donna Delk kindly made the tables special with flowers from their garden. Carolyn sent out a letter, to members, asking for volunteers. The response was great! Thank you. Judy Riggs and AJ Million planted "summer color" around our LIC Building. Dick and Marlies Van Cise volunteered to water these plants through the summer months. Following are *LIC Contractor Reports*:

Dock Master: Our Dock Master, Mark Jones, shared that we anticipate a full house this Memorial Day Weekend.

Building Rental Agent: Our Building Rental Agent, Marlies Van Cise, reported the following: * A three day Estate Sale by a private party at the LIC, resulted in their making twice as much as their rent. * May 30th there will be a Drama Presentation by the Evergreen School After Hours Program. * June 7th we welcome the Wapato Singing Group from Africa.

June Elections: Lisa Bryan, Nominations Chair, announced the following nominees:

- * President: Pat Muchmore
- * Treasurer: Tim Heitzman
- * Dock Chairman: Dave Wickland
- * Membership Chairman:

Marina Rules & Regulations: The Marina Rules & Regulations were mailed to members, stating the revisions as per member suggestions. These Rules and Regulations were MSP as distributed.

Conduct at the Dock: It is a privilege to live in our community, and enjoy the LIC Dock. With privilege comes responsibility. It was brought to the attention of the Dock Committee and the Board that inappropriate language has been heard at our dock. Please remember that our Dock is a public facility, for use by adults as well as children, and let's keep our Dock a facility that everyone would like to enjoy.

New Business/Announcements: This Saturday, at 10 a.m., road clean up party. Lisa Bryan announced volunteers are needed to paint houses on the Peninsula for "Paint Tacoma / Pierce County Beautiful". Norma Larsen shared bulbs with members. Randy Carr suggested an application for membership renewal be included with the newsletter at the beginning of the year. Tomorrow morning there will be a Mustard Seed Meeting at the Key Center Library on Transportation. If you renew your boat insurance, please provide a copy to our Dock Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Hildahl



Events - Events - Events

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

50 Years Afloat. A full day of activity! Two venues! Dave Wickland is heading up the effort. Please do not wait for him to call* you and ask for your help! *At the rate of 1 call every 3 minutes it takes 24 to 30 minutes (8-10 phone calls) to recruit one volunteer.

Planting for Summer Color @ LIC Building

When the summer impatiens are in full bloom in the North bays and front beds, thank Judy Riggs and A.J. Million. How many of us enjoyed the display of tulips & daffodils? Pat Thompson headed up that effort a year or two ago.

I apologize for creating an eyesore, I got excited because people kept snagging bumpers on the guywires in the front turn around and north of the driveway. The New Zealand flax and little cedars solved the problem, but...

It is just one of those projects that I initiated, but dropped after Mike Hays dug out the area, Dean Latshaw did sod removal and Ron Cameron roto-tilled it twice, Mike Runyons is waiting for the order for soil, etc. to be placed, Pat Thompson has a plan.

Wouldn't someone like to take on the task of organizing a work party to complete the work? (*LYNN CARR does not have time he is almost working 24-7 on other up-grades*). I love that new door, repaired windows, and can hardly wait for resolution of the sink needs.

If not, I recommend "Plant Amnesty" for all you who are dividing your summer/fall bloomers. Please no headache inducing invasive plants.

LIC Adopt-A-Road Report . . . Submitted by Bob McFarlane

We did a pickup on May 23rd so there will be no further roadwork scheduled for the next couple of months.

It was a beautiful day on the 23rd and one of the things that made it EVEN MORE worthwhile was the woman who stopped her car by me and said "I just want to thank you!". I'd like to thank the members that participated . . . another 884 story to appreciate!



The space could be filled, the prop could be camouflaged. The down side is that everything would have to be moved when the "real" landscaping and enshrinement of the propeller is done the soil prep will have to be redone.

Storeroom clean-up...want to help on Wednesday June 10 @ 10:30. This really should be done before the July 11th 50 Years Afloat Celebration. Help on this -other than Peg Bingham-- would really be appreciated! I have hesitated to tackle it alone since I fell off the ladder. No pain/No gain. but I would like to have a catcher--other than Peg Bingham. I have promised David that I would not attempt the gerry-rigged attic access - and Peg Bingham would tattle.

ALERT! LIC Needs an Events-Chair-in-Waiting

I really like the job, but my term is up in December and I will not serve in this capacity in 2010.

Events Budget is planned in September!

Now would be the time to be thinking about program decisions. Which events should be kept? Which events should be eliminated? Should new and entirely different events be planned? There are repeated calls to design events that are more profitable.

At the June meeting questionnaires will be distributed and be printed in the next newsletter. Member input is essential.

*Submitted by Carolyn Wiley,
Events Chair*



Bob McFarlane

LIC Adopt-A-Road Program

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And, MORE of the Events Report

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

The Memorial Day Dance was on May 23, and the LIC is \$2684.57 richer . . . YES, that is the net gain with all costs covered! AND the Scholarship Donations (read Bar Tips) were \$265.00. Ask Tim about the book-buying lady.

By rough estimate, each volunteer hour (115 hours) enriched the coffers by \$25.00. Unfortunately the list of volunteers is incomplete. Some of you 19 beautiful people did not sign-in and out and claim credit for your contribution.

The volunteer list does not include Lynn Carr & Mark Jones who mowed the field. Jerrod Landsberger who trimmed the ditch. The building & grounds looked great. Thanks! The success of this fundraiser was not limited to volunteer participation alone, ticket sales to LIC members exceeded those of the past 6 years.

One of these days I am going to figure out just how many years there has been an ANNUAL Memorial Day and Labor Day Dances. One time Marguerite Bussard commented that in her day they had a dance every weekend. That boggles the mind! My guess is that this was a revenue source, many of the assets we take for granted. The tradition pre-dates the 70 year old building and the 50 year old dock.

After the Texas-Wiley's depart, but before the next hair-on-fire drive to pull off the very ambitious plans for the 50 Years Afloat, I will notify the Memorial Day volunteers as to time (*week night 5-6ish*) and place (*the marina pavilion*) for a debrief and plan improvement meeting.

FYI . . .

Our main fundraisers--Memorial Day and Labor Day Dances--support the LIC Scholarship Fund and help LIC underwrite:

Free Family Friendly Events: Beyond the Borders; Trunk or Treat; Kids 'n Christmas; Egg-Stravangaza

Community/Educational Events: Helen Thayer; Dan Mazur; Feast or Famine; Fiber Arts Show

Member/Guest Events: Dock Breakfast; June Member Barbecue; December Christmas Dinner

It was a whiny e-mail with a subject line "Housekeeping & Volunteer Opportunities, etc.".

As "panicking" Events Chair and "acting" Membership Chair, I realized that LIC needed an e-mail list to improve quick-turn-around member communication. The Newsletter by e-mail list does not include all members who have e-mail and sometimes the regular Newsletter cycle does not match up with volunteer needs. Admittedly, any "fix" on up-dating e-mail is temporary-at best, but for a few months short-notice communication should be fairly effective.

There were several positive outcomes from this effort:

- 1). LIC has a no-bounce e-mail notification list for members.
 - 2). Several members renewed lapsed memberships.
- Marcy Parsons volunteered to phone others in the lapsed Membership category (*those with and without e-mail*). The data gathered should enable us to better SERVE /RETAIN members.
- 3) Most slots for the Memorial Day Dance volunteers were filled.
 - 4) The summer-color planting was completed by A.J. Million and Judy Riggs.

Thanks to all of you who responded and/or Volunteered.



Photo compliments of Ron Cameron

KPMS JAZZ BAND

The members attending the General Meeting on Wednesday, May 20 were treated to a wonderful concert by the Key Peninsula Middle School Jazz Band. How lucky children in our area are to have a teacher like Meg Mansfield. This outstanding music program is one of the beneficiaries of the Longbranch Improvement Club Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the hospitality & set-up team--Eloise Colbert, Theresa Gano, Don Gill, Trish Goodvin, and Becky Knudsen - and to those of you who contributed to the array of desserts for the students and their families.



LIC Dock News . . .



Submitted by Dave Wickland . . .

DOCK NEWS . . .

During the Memorial Day weekend we had two businesses at the dock to offer information and services to our guests. Jeff from Citizen's for a Healthy Bay was on the dock for the 3 day period handing out special bags filled with information and supplies for the boaters. He brought 130 bags for the 3 days and the boaters swarmed him on Saturday and all 130 were gone in one day.

Jeff also procured some state grant money for us to pay for a pump out boat to offer free pump outs for our guests holding tanks. Dwight Knechtel of Pumpmeout.com was here with two pump-out boats taking care of pumping their holding tanks for FREE! This went over extremely well with the boaters as we heard some very positive comments from many of those that took advantage of this free service. Dwight pumped 48 guest boats at the dock and in the bay. We are going to look to Jeff for additional grant money to offer things like this in the future.

A special "Thanks" goes to David Dahl for offering his boathouse for use to hold Jeff's boat during the 3-day period.

Also, a special Thanks to our Dockmaster, Mark Jones for his hard work in handling almost a 100 boats at the Marina. Getting this many boats in our Marina is no easy task, not to mention the

Opening Day Spring Regatta . . .

Well another great Opening Day Spring Regatta is sadly behind us. It started out looking kind of bleak. There was no wind and a lot of rain. The sailors were not real happy and not looking forward to a non-productive race; but at the skipper's meeting, with full stomachs from the wonderful dock breakfast, all nine of the real sailors present decided unanimously to go on with the race. There seemed to be some captain and crew changes when the sailors heard that there would be no flying sails, hum?

First Place

"Helicity", sailed by an all woman crew, was captained by Sandra Franco. This boat normally captained by Sandy Black, seemed to go a little faster with the female crew. *What happened Sandy?*

Second place

"Semper FI" was captained by a great two man crew of Steve Maple and Bob McFarlane was small and fast. Some sailors think that the small boats don't have a chance against the bigger boats, so I guess Steve and Bob showed them wrong.

Third place

"Gudsfred" was Captained by Virgil Iverson and his crew. They did an amazing job with a fine little boat. I don't know whether it was caused by the lecture of 'Sailing on the High Seas' at the men's breakfast or from having a special partnership with God. The boat is a Buccaneer, pretty scary

chaos of that many guests and their pets on the dock. I think we could have held an AKC event with the amount of different breeds of dogs that were at the dock over the weekend.

Dock Work Party Scheduled: Reminder, we are having another work party at the dock on the first Wednesday of June which is the 3rd. Last month we had only one person show up. We still have many things to accomplish before the 50th Anniversary which is just over a month away. Please call me at 884-3163 if you can help. In addition, Dick Van Cise is heading up installing new skirting on the boathouses and can use some extra help. Please call Dick if you can help him. His number is 884-5608.

50th Anniversary Celebration

July 11th is fast approaching and we need volunteers for this event. We also need a chair to organize activities at the dock and club for the day. We have some great things already planned but need someone to help make it happen. Please call me if you can do this or if you can help with any of the needed tasks. Set up, clean up, bar tending, etc.

Check out Connie's minutes from the last general meeting for the schedule of events for the day. This 50th year is a once in a lifetime chance for us to celebrate this milestone. Please sign up to help!

huh?

The start was very slow for the race around the green marker at Eagle Island, but after awhile we were given the pleasure of a little wind from the north, so we were on our way. The race finished with every boat finishing in under three hours.

The first three captains received trophy's and the first place boat will have a plaque on the perpetual trophy in the office.

We will be having our next race July 12th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Longbranch Improvement Club dock. Contact Pat Thompson 884-5286 if you know a good theme for the race or if you have any questions. THANKS Sue & Stu Stuhaug for the great chow and for cleaning up the messy galley!

Membership Report

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR YOUR NEXT - Annual Membership BBQ and "General" Membership Meeting Wednesday, June 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Needed for the Annual Membership BBQ: cooks; set-up; purchasing (meat & buns, etc.); host/hostess; and attendees willing to bring sides & desserts.

New Member Welcome Packets

I have neglected new members. If you have not received an informational packet you have a valid complaint, please let me know if I have slighted you.

Carolyn Wiley, Acting Membership Chair

F.Y.I. I tried, but failed, to convince Pat Muchmore that I should get two votes at Board Meetings.

LIC Membership Chair NEEDED . . . Looking for volunteer hours - LIC is Seeking to fill the Membership Chair position - If you are Interested, Dedicated and Committed to the "Betterment of the Longbranch Community", Contact Pat Muchmore at 884.3890 patroon9047@aol.com

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