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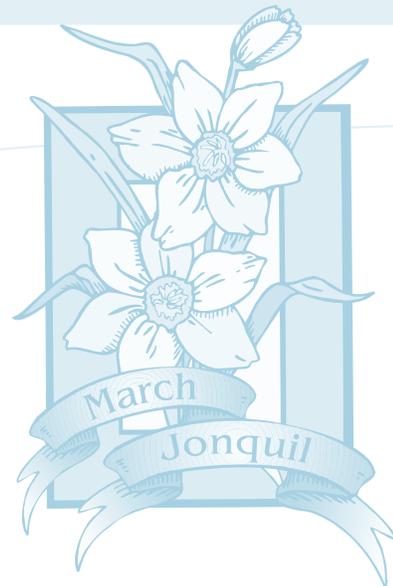
FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

Aquamarines and Bloodstones, Daffodils and Jonquils . . .

March is the third month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar, and one of the seven months which are 31 days long.

March in the Southern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of September in the Northern Hemisphere.

The name of March comes from ancient Rome, when March was the first month of the year and named *Martius* after Mars, the Roman God of war. In Rome, where the climate is Mediterranean, March is the first month of spring, a logical point for the beginning of the year. The numbered year began on March 1 in Russia until the end of the fifteenth century. Great Britain and her colonies continued to use March 25 until 1752, which was when they finally adopted the Gregorian calendar. Many other cultures and religions still celebrate the beginning of the New Year in March.



- American Red Cross Month
- Women's History Month
- National Reading Day - March 2nd
- World Math Day - 1st Wednesday in March
- International Women's Day - March 8th
- The Ides of March** - anniversary of the assassination of Julius Caesar
- Equinox** - occurs on dates varying from March 19-21
- World Water Day - March 22nd



PRESIDENTS LETTER...

I hope all of you enjoyed a "heart" felt Valentine's Day. It always reminds me when I was very new at my job in health care; our Department had several new, young members who decided that if you didn't receive a Valentine on Valentine's Day, you had to wear a black band on your left arm all day at work. Of course, what that did was make us very sure that we either made or purchased a Valentine for everyone in the Dept. It actually produced some very thoughtful acts on everyone's part and most of us even extended it to the patients with whom we were working.....no one wanted them to be left out either.

On the 24th of February we had a wonderful Feast or Famine celebration at the LIC Clubhouse. It is such a worthy and worth while project, especially since all the proceeds go to the Food Bank. As you probably are aware, all Food Banks are experiencing considerable increases in the numbers of people requesting assistance, while at the same time, fewer people are making contributions. A representation of our economic times. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend the Feast or Famine event, I know the Senior Center is more than happy to accept any and all food donations. It is a wonderful tribute to the Community and to the LIC that functions such as Feast or Famine are successful and help reach the goal of extending a helping hand to all of those in our community.

Please feel free to make and suggestions, comments etc. Let me know if there is anything more I can do.

Pat Muchmore,
President LIC

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LIC Adopt-A-Road



There will be a road pickup for our LIC road section of the Pierce Co. Adopt-a-Road program (KPS from Evergreen School to 76 St.) on Saturday, March 14. We will gather at the LIC at 10:00 am and start out from there. All members are invited. Bring appropriate gloves - cool-looking vests and hardhats provided as well as coffee and muffins! A great opportunity to find unique treasures, help out in community service and earn work hours! The fresh air and walk will help you work up an appetite for "Suds and Spuds"! See you at the clubhouse!

LIC OPENINGS:

- LIC "Story Teller" . .
*Publicizing our LIC
Events & Activities*

LIC RECENTLY FILLED POSITIONS:

- Peninsula Markets
grocery receipts
*(the proceeds go to the
Scholarship Fund)*
processing - Jan
Prichard
- LIC Hospitality - Lisa
Bryan
- Web Master - Jim
Wheeler
- Data Entry - Member-
ship Activities - Judy
Riggs



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General Meeting Minutes

Longbranch Improvement Club General Meeting - February 18, 2009

Following a potluck dinner, the meeting was called to order by our President, Pat Muchmore.

The Minutes of the January 2009 Meeting were MSP as distributed.

Board Member Reports:

Building and Grounds:

Lynn Carr, Chairman, reported that the floor in the meeting room has been repaired. He is waiting for a bid on roof repair. Lynn also requested that members save cans for the Scholarship Fund.

Dock:

Harry Faas, Chairman, reported that the dock is in good shape. He is gathering a list of projects to be completed on the April 18th work party day.

Events:

Carolyn Wiley, Chairman, gave the results of the Dave Mazur Lecture on the 12th of February. 122 attended and a total of \$557 was raised for the Mount Everest Foundation. Feast or Famine, Chaired by Vicky Biggs, will take place on the 24th. Tickets are for sale at \$25 each. This is a fundraiser for our local Food Bank. Spuds and Suds, chaired by Lynn Larsen, Geoff Bailey and John Biggs will be fun! The evening will include games as well as tournaments. April 18th has been set as the date for a "Club Wide" clean-up, including the dock as well as the building and grounds. Carolyn also reported that Membership re-newals are slow... sign up!

Dock 50th Anniversary:

Chairman Dave Wickland reported that this committee will be meeting next week.

Treasurer:

Our Treasurer, Tim Heitzman, presented the 2009 LIC Budget. Following a visual presentation, it was MSP that we accept the budget as presented.

Board Openings:

Pat Muchmore announced that we are accepting volunteers for the Board Positions of Vice President and Membership Chairman.

June Elections:

A nominations chair and committee are needed for the June LIC elections for the following positions: President, Treasurer, Membership Chair and Dock Chair.

Special thanks and acknowledgements to:

Judy Riggs, who will handle data entry of membership activities. Jan Prichard, for counting Peninsula Market Receipts for the Scholarship Fund. Jim Wheeler, who will be re-designing and updating the LIC Web Page.

Reports from our LIC Contractors:

Dock Master, Mark Jones, reported via Lisa Bryan that the Tacoma Power Squadron were at the dock last weekend. Dick Van Cise reported for our Building Rental Agent, Marlies Van Cise, that the Power Tool Group will be using our building this coming Sunday and Monday.

March 14th, starting at 10 am, there will be an LIC Road Clean Up led by Bob McFarlane.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Hildahl, Secretary*

A most sincere
"Thank You"
to Glenn Ehrhardt
& Shane Swenning
for their contribution to
the repair of the damaged
floor at the LIC clubhouse

Harry Faas

Events Events Events

FEAST OR FAMINE 2009 *Soup through Thick and Thin* held Tuesday, February 24

97 people showed up to gamble on getting the spectacular roast beef dinner served up by Wally Johnson, Norma Iverson, and Lu Smith. There were many compliments—even the broth was a tasty treat. Many others donated to the cause. All bills are not in yet, but it looks like the Food Bank benefit brought in over \$3000.

Auction Items brought in \$220.00. Thanks to members Dave & Paula Wickland and Bob & Becky Knudsen and non-member Gary Anderson of Lakebay Pottery.

Combined sales of Soup Mixes created by the Ruth Circle of Longbranch Community Church and Soup Bowls made by potters: Karen Craven & Ginger Kryger (the F.I.N.E. Mudhens); and by two local potters—Elaine Quiggley and Matt Hulse brought in another \$420.00.

The Inn at Gig Harbor donated desserts that featured Oliver Coldeen's creations. As table groups pooled their funds to buy one of the tasty treats another \$435 was added to the pot.

Vicki Biggs did a fantastic job of organizing the event, and LIC members pitching in to make the evening a success were:

- * Barb Copley greeted and handed out tickets,
- * Pat Muchmore saved the day with a run to the printer,
- * Lisa Bryan was a on hand throughout the day and ended up serving, along with Pat Latshaw & Maryann McDonald,
- * Dave Dahl, and Tim Heitzman handled A-V matters;
- * Marcia Horan lent her considerable talents to making the head table truly fit for the elite;
- * Sharon Gearhart handled sales of soup and soupbowls;
- * John Biggs was the dessert auction master ceremonies.

DAN MAZUR held Thursday, February 12, 2008

One-hundred-twenty people gathered to hear Dan Mazur on February 12. People were so inspired that they contributed over \$550 in to the Mount Everest Foundation for sustainable development in Nepal/Tibet. Audience rating was extremely high and it was interesting to note that there were over 10 zip codes represented in the returned surveys. Assistance with publicity from the Key Center Library and Friends of KCL allowed in-school distribution.

If you missed his talk at LIC you may be able to catch him at one of the Pierce County Libraries where he will be speaking in relationship to the 2nd annual Pierce County READS promotion. The book selected is Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin*, The book tells the story of one-man's mission to promote peace one school at a time in remote villages in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Multiple copies are available at the Key Center Library.

March 7th, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the KP Civic Center
Spring Fling is an opportunity for you to enjoy a showcase of KP artists, get a peek at our programs, enjoy great food and music. This year we also invite you to enjoy a showcase of local student talent. Tickets are \$15.00 to the general public \$5.00 per member.

SPUDS & SUDS on March 14th 2009

Back from last year's performance at Beyond the Borders, Mooncoyne will entertain us with great Irish music while we enjoy our suds and spuds. Brynn on fiddle, Bob on guitar, and Kent on pennywhistle and accordion, comprise the core of Mooncoyne. They will add some vocals here and there and serve up a mix of lively music that will bring out the Leprechaun in you. And if you're not careful, you may find yourself doing a Jig or a Reel, or making up limericks on the spot. It will be a fun night down at the ol' LIC.

Mooncoyne will be the band. Geoff Baillie, Lynn Larson & John Biggs have volunteered to organize this event. Call them to volunteer. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at Sunnycrest, from Geoff 8843915, or from Carolyn @ 884-9157.

Get those limericks ready!
Practice for the dart tournament!
Shine up your dancing shoes!
Families are welcome.



One PLEA . . . One volunteer activity that takes little time, but would warrant my undying gratitude would be having someone or several someone's willing to do post-event laundry. It is one of those jobs that I always end up doing, because I forget it needs to be done until I see that annoying pile of tablecloths as I am ready to close down the building.

Please call 253 884 9157,
if you would be willing to handle this task.

Submitted by Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
MARCH General "Dessert" Meeting
Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.



Thanks to all of the members who have renewed. The last of the 70 renewal reminder letters is stamped and ready to go.

Don't forget, the database list is updated at the end of March.

One more hostess will be needed for the March meeting . . .

Contact Carolyn Wiley at 884.9157 or Pat Muchmore at 884.3890



FOR SALE.....

Granted, it is not the right time to advertise a fantastic brand new GRAND GAZEBO (10 X 20).

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Dick and Marlies Van Cise (253) 884-5608

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