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November 2009



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## Longbranch Improvement Club

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be minimal (2-3)  
and a chaperone  
for the history boxes  
is necessary (2)

Call Carolyn  
884.9157

For YOUR Calendar ...  
*(see flyer page 5)*

Do-It-Yourself  
Bring-Your-Own  
New Year's Eve Party  
December 31, 7:30 to  
Midnight

# President's Letter

Submitted by Pat Muchmore, President, 884.3890, pattoon9047@aol.com

**Seems incredible that we are racing to the end of October already; I know this has nothing to do with age!!**

I was out of town the first week and a half of October and some very wonderful things happened at the LIC during that time. Specifically, we had a hugely successful recycling of old computers, etc. which was organized by Debbie Ehrhardt. My understanding is that it was so successful that they had to bring in an additional truck to haul all the equipment away! What a great service to our community and who better to benefit (*other than all of you who were able to get rid of cumbersome technical equipment*) than our Evergreen Elementary School.



A big thanks to all of you and Evergreen for making this such a success.

We will be presenting a Draft of proposed By Laws at our General Membership meeting on Wednesday, October 21st. This will be the first opportunity for the members to see the proposals. They will be presented again at the November Membership Meeting and, hopefully, be ready for acceptance through voting by all of those present. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank Larry Bingham, Connie

Hildahl, Phil Johnson and Carolyn Wiley for their time and efforts in working with you, the membership, and having the By Laws ready for all of us to review and vote on in November.

**Also at our Membership Meeting on Oct. 21st, we announced our new Nominations Committee:**  
Geoffrey Baillie, Chair, Cindy Evans and Judy Riggs

They will have names to present to us for the office of Vice President, Secretary, Building & Grounds Chair and Events Chair. The election will be held at our November Membership Meeting on Nov. 18th. Anyone who wishes to place their name on the slate should contact any one of the three Committee Members or me. If you don't have their phone numbers, check the contact page in this or any Newsletter and you will find my name and number. Please feel free to call any time.

**Have a wonderful Halloween and come join the fun at the LIC for Trunk or Treat on October 31st. Let the "child" in you experience the true joy of our young people!**



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Pat Muchmore, President

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILLED POSITION

*LYNN DALSING IS OUR NEW RENTAL AGENT . . .*

The Board of Directors of the Longbranch Improvement Club is happy to announce that Lynn Dalsing is our new Rental Agent. She started her new position on October 1, 2009.

We wish her the best for the continued success of the use and rental of our Club House.

You may reach Lynn by calling the Club House at (253) 884-6022 or penstretcher@dalsing.com.

Pat Muchmore, LIC President

# General Meeting Minutes

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

## Longbranch Improvement Club General Meeting October 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Pat Muchmore, president, following a potluck dinner.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Pat announced that we have a new rental agent Lynn Dalsing, who can be reached by calling the LIC and leaving a message. Four LIC Board positions are up for election: Vice President, Secretary, Building & Grounds Chair and Events Chair. Any suggestions can be given to the nominating committee: Geoffrey Baillie, Chair; Cindy Evans & Judy Riggs.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Larry Bingham, Vice President, conducted a discussion of the proposed By-Laws changes. The most debated proposal surrounded the possible extension of membership boundaries to include all of Key Peninsula, i.e. the same boundaries as those for the Key Peninsula Middle School. By extending the boundaries, the by-laws committee is looking to draw in new members and give people who would formerly only be associate members the power to vote and, therefore, more of an incentive to become involved members. Objections to the boundaries being extended came from many members. It was suggested that we have not tapped the potential memberships in the existing area and work could be done to focus on member recruitment. Some felt that keeping the LIC for the Longbranch end of the Peninsula was important. Another issue was the possibility of a much longer waiting list for the marina. Suggestions were made that we might keep the same boundaries, or less extensively expanded boundaries, and give associate members voting rights, but not allow moorage privileges.

The only other significant proposed change to the by-laws was changing the term of office to two years and having annual elections for half the board in alternating years. The committee proposed this change as elections every 6 months have proved cumbersome and officers barely get used to their positions before another election rolls around. It was brought up that 2 years might be too long a commitment to attract nominees while some felt the change was an improvement.

Other proposed by-laws changes are clarifications more than actual changes such as the fact two adult members may vote from each family membership.

There will be another meeting scheduled to discuss everyone's by-laws concerns before the November general meeting. The date is to be determined and published in the newsletter. A hard copy of the current proposal can be sent on request and the proposed by-laws will be posted on the web. The November meeting will also discuss the by-laws and if there is consensus they will be voted on.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as published in the October newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tim Heitzman, treasurer, reported that our 2009 Profit and Loss statement shows a positive balance. We have an expense coming up to replace the outdated fire prevention system on the stove that will cost \$2000 to \$3000 dollars.

Tim encouraged everyone to take part in the three, two-hour meetings to

take place in January, February and March 2010. These will be brain-storming sessions to plan for long term goals in the following four areas: Marina, Clubhouse, Community, Events and Dances. As encouragement to attend, it was suggested that hours would be earned for time spent at these meetings. It was suggested that members who do/don't own boats should all be encouraged to participate in the planning for the marina as its future matters to all of us. Sign up sheets were passed around.

**DOCK CHAIR REPORT:** Dave Wickland, dock chair, had copies of an article from the "Nor'westing" magazine citing the Longbranch Marina as the "Marina of the Month". A seven-member work party did a lot of electrical, bird proofing and other work at the dock this month and much more work is needed. It was emphasized the dock is deteriorating faster than we can do the work and more help and eventual dollars are needed. A big expense will be fixing the water system to the dock. The well in use now is too shallow and water pressure is a concern. The dock committee is looking at many alternatives.

Winter moorage applications for Nov. 1 through March 31<sup>st</sup> are being accepted. Contact Dave, Harry Faas, or Mark Jones, dock master. Liability insurance is required and will be required from permanent moorage tenants when they renew in January. Gretchen Lippert suggested that taking the Boat U.S. free course and getting a boater education card could significantly reduce your insurance rates. A boater's card is now required for most boaters and costs \$10.00. It was asked why winter moorage needed to be paid in a lump sum, and less paperwork and oversight was the answer.

Mark Runions asked how many dock coupons were used and suggested we do that again. The status of the "Donna Lee" was brought up and Robin Gould said that a solution should be forthcoming by the end of the year.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS CHAIR REPORT:** Lynn Carr, building and grounds chair, asked for volunteers to take over the recycling of aluminum. Someone is needed to take over picking the cans up at the dock, storing them and taking the cans to Fife for recycling and payment. The money goes to the scholarship fund. The fencing of the garbage area has been done. The men's toilet is leaking and a volunteer is needed to fix it. All the fire extinguishers at the LIC and the dock have been serviced.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT:** Jan Prichard, membership chair, thanked Karen Johnson, Norma Larson, Denny Prichard and Trish Goodvin for helping out with serving, greeting and cleaning up.

**EVENTS CHAIR REPORT:** Carolyn Wiley, events chair, was absent but had sign-up sheets for helping with the Kuteeya Dancers event on November 14<sup>th</sup>, and the many activities in December: gilding the hydrangeas for the Christmas tree, getting the tree, decorating the LIC, feeding the decorating elves, gift wrapping Toys for Tots donations, helping at the Kids and Christmas event, helping with the Christmas dinner meeting, enjoying New Year's Eve, and de-decorating on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many hands are needed!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Member Michael Hays is running for Key Peninsula Metro Park District. Member Richard Hanna is running for Fire District No. 16 Fire Commissioner. There is a Senior Housing Forum at the Library Thurs. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Prichard, Membership Chair

# Events - Events - Events

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

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fiber Arts Show:

*"Threads through Time" . . . A great time was had by all!*

Three hundred guests enjoyed viewing the work local & regional fiber artists. The exhibitors, vendors, and demonstrators enjoyed hospitality provided by Two Waters Arts Alliance, while the general public was forced to dine on those "killer" sweets from the LIC kitchen.

One new feature was the video/photography assembled by Rich Hildal, Ron Cameron, Dale Goodvin, Larry Bingham, and Glen Ehrhardt depicting of "Life in Longbranch" and why we all love living here.

\* Check out the pictures taken by Ron Cameron at this year's Fiber Arts Show that are posted on the LIC website. For more pictures by Ron Cameron from the rest of the HarvestFEST Farm Tour go to [www.keypennews.com/October09](http://www.keypennews.com/October09)

### THE HOLIDAYS ARE BUSY TIMES FOR ALL OF US!

If you can spare an hour or two, your help is needed. (253) 884 9157. Below are December activities - volunteers needed!

- Recruitment phone calls (2-4)

- Wed. Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - Bring dry hydrangeas to General Meeting
- Thurs. Nov.19<sup>th</sup> - Hydrangea Painting Day @ Carolyn's (3-4) 10-1 with lunch included
- Sat. Dec . 5<sup>th</sup> - Elf-power will be needed to decorate the building (12-20)
- It is a long day, if you cannot help decorate, a contribution to elf-feeding would be appreciated.
- Wed. Dec 16<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Dinner/General Meeting 6-8)
- Sun, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>-Kids and Christmas (This is a late start) (12)
- Liaison with Girl Scout Service Unit 22 (1)
- Meeting for Toys for Tots Nov. 12, in Tacoma (1)  
Gift pick up (2) Gift wrapping (6-8)  
Gift distribution (2-3) Santa Photos (3-4)  
Set-up (4-5) Sign in (2-4) Clean-up (4-6)
- Thurs, Dec. 31-Do-It-Yourself New Year's Eve @ LIC
- Sat. Jan. 2--De-decorating Day - (10-20) Yes, I know I no longer the Events Chair, but cleaning up my mess just seems the right thing to do.

Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair

## Note from the Vice President-Larry Bingham

After several months of soliciting member input regarding By-Laws changes, the proposed revisions to the LIC By-Laws were ready for review. The draft document was presented at a meeting open to all members, on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

At the October 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting, copies of the proposed by-laws were distributed for the "first" reading of the document before the membership. The member's present voiced concerns regarding the proposed enlargement of the Regular Member boundaries.

In response to this a By-Laws General Meeting has been scheduled at the LIC on Thursday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM to resolve the issue.

The "second" reading and vote will be at the November 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Members desiring a hard copy of the document may call Larry Bingham 884-1124 or Pat Muchmore 884-3890. The draft is posted on the website [www.longbranchimprovementclub.org](http://www.longbranchimprovementclub.org)

## Note from the Dock Chair

We had a dock work party on October 10th with 7 members showing up to help spruce up the dock before winter sets in. There is still much to do so if you are in need of hours and could not make it to the work party, please call me at 884-3163 and we will find a job for you!

Winter moorage is fast approaching (November 1-March 31) so if you are looking for space, please call Harry Faas, Mark Jones or Dave Wickland to sign up. AND, letters have gone out (*just a reminder of how many hours and*

*meetings that you need*) to those members that have yet to complete their total required hours and/or meetings for moorage eligibility. With January approaching, I wanted to remind all of the moorage members (a new requirement in our dock regulations but we waived this until the new contracts for 2010 go into effect): **Proof of liability insurance will be required to renew your moorage with the LIC Marina so please take care of this before the January 31 date**

We are still working on a solution to the water system at the dock so not much new to report until some options have been researched.

Dave Wickland, Dock Chair

# More Events to Come

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

## Do-It-Yourself Bring-Your-Own New Year's Eve Party December 31, 7:30 to midnight

### **It's the BYO New Years Party at the LIC**

BYOB with 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 means bring your kin, but please take them home with you.

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

BYOM is musical instruments for jamming, but karaoke will be endured.

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

BYOS lets you 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

# LIC Membership Renewal

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

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DATE OF RENEWAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

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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
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## 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 November General  
Membership “Dessert”  
Meeting Wednesday,  
November 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.

Many thanks to Karen Johnson, Denny Prichard, Norma Larson, and Trish Goodvin for volunteering as hostesses, host and greeter at our October meeting.

Thanks also to the members who have taken time to update their contact information and volunteered to help with future needs. Your willing hands and good hearts make for a wonderful community.

Speaking of community, often there are special milestones for members, friends and neighbors that would be wonderful to hear about. Please let me know so we can share the news!

Jan Prichard, Membership Chair

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