

March 2012



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Fundraiser Garage Sale, Sat. April 14 9:00 am—4:00 pm

President's Report

Spring has finally arrived and, despite an unusually cold, wet late winter, signs of new life are everywhere. Thanks to the bulb crew for all the flowers coming up around the clubhouse. Despite the construction to take care of the "sinkhole", they are springing up everywhere and look wonderful. If this reaches you in time, don't forget to volunteer for the "Ivy Clearing" crew on April 1st. If you missed that, please donate your time and valuable items to sell at the garage sale/swap meet coming up on April 14th. Opening day is soon approaching and we are all looking forward to the Dock Breakfast and Regatta on May 5th. We desperately need volunteers for the Memorial Day Dance. Make sure to volunteer as it an important social and financial event for the LIC. Lastly, please plan on participating in the LIC Long Range Planning Process. A list of ideas was generated by your LIC Board and includes ideas provided for in the past two years by others. The list was presented to the membership on March 21st. A revised list is available from Phil Johnson. This process will provide guidance to your Board for the next several years as it proceeds to plan and implement the members' vision for the LIC.

Geoff Baillie, President
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New Marina entrance
sign.

Picture courtesy of
Kurt Anderson



**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 1012**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Geoff Baillie, Kurt Anderson, Francie Carr, Jan Prichard, Phil Johnson, Randy Babich, "CC" Williams, Sharon Gearhart

CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Lynn Carr, Sharon Gearhart

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by President Geoff Baillie.

SPEAKER: Gayle Brewer introduced Jim Ullrich, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Gig Harbor. Jim handed out a number of materials including brochures about wild bird feeding, the Sandhill Crane Festival, Audubon Society activities, and his main topic for the evening Mason Bees. We got some great information about these native pollinators and learned a bit about hummingbirds, too. If you missed his talk and wish information about these topics, or anything else bird related, call or visit Wild Birds Unlimited, phone 851-2575. The website is www.wbu.com/gigharbor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Virgil Iverson announced that there would be a "Welcome Home" potluck dinner celebration for Vietnam Vets at the Senior Center at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 24th.

SECRETARY: Jan Prichard, Secretary, asked for approval of February's minutes. A motion was made seconded and approved.

TREASURER: Francie Carr, Treasurer, reported that we received another restitution payment for the vandalism damage and to date have received a total of \$1679. A little over half the permanent moorage payments have been made. Total income from Fiber Arts was \$531. Our building expenses are within budget. Winter moorage income is less than expected. \$3000 in scholarship funds have been awarded. The profit on the Pancake Breakfast is \$803 and that amount is going into the Building Reserve Fund to help pay for the kitchen.

MEMBERSHIP: "CC" Williams, Membership Chair, reported that we have 145 paid members. She thanked Norma Iverson and Ann Dearing for hostessing for the evening.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Sharon Gearhart, Building and Grounds Chair, thanked Doug Lewis and Bill Lloyd for breaking up the piano so it could be taken to the dump. Doug has also checked out all the lighting in the big room and replaced many lights. Doug and Betty Lewis donated two ceiling fans which Sandy Black installed. She also thanked Lynn Carr, Randy Babich, Buck Buckner, Doug Lewis and Steve Stemhagen for loading up the old stove and the ice machine on a truck and Larry Bingham for driving the truck to Eli Auction in Tacoma. If the stove doesn't sell at auction it will be sold for scrap. Sharon also thanked Lynn Carr for painting a portion of the back wall of the meeting room to be used as a projection screen. She asked that when we put the chairs away that we stack them no deeper than 5 to make them easier to handle and cause them less damage. She would also like them to be lined up against the back wall to make it easier for the cleaners and so that the building shows better to potential renters.

Sharon reported that we will be having a building cleanup on April 21st and 22nd and she will have "to-do" lists in the newsletter and on the blackboard. Among other items the poplars by the road were badly damaged by the snow and need attention and the pine tree between the dumpster and the road is dead and needs to be removed.

EVENTS:

Pancake Breakfast: Tim Heitzman reported that the raffle items donated by Christine Tritt and Betty Lewis for the Pancake Breakfast did well and the new stove and counter worked beautifully and were much admired. Many folks expressed the opinion that we should do it more often.

Garage Sale: Denny Prichard reported that we have sold out all our indoor spaces for the "Super Sale" and have a few outdoor spaces rented and room for more. He asked for more volunteers to help at the event, to bake goodies for the baked food sale and to donate items for the LIC to sell. Donations can be dropped off at the LIC on Thursday and Friday April 12th and 13th between 3 and 8 p.m. If you can't drop off your donations, call Denny at 884-2030 to arrange for pick up. Electric items need to be in working order. There are no real size restrictions.

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If items are worth selling we will try to sell them. Sharon asked for more volunteers with food handler's cards to help in the kitchen during the sale. If you don't have a food handler's card and would like to help in the kitchen, a card can be obtained online by reading some material, taking a simple test and paying \$10 (which the LIC will reimburse.) Phone Peg Bingham at 884-1124 for more information.

Geoff announced that Robin Gould had donated a 14' sailboat to the LIC and we will try to sell it at the Garage Sale.

Memorial Day Dance: Geoff asked for someone to step forward to organize the Memorial Day Dance and Doug Lewis bravely raised his hand. Quite a bit of the organization is already in place but Doug will be looking for volunteers to help make this important fundraiser a big success.

Carolyn Wiley announced an Events Committee meeting April 9th at 7 p.m. She encouraged members to come on the premise that "many hands make light work". Jobs such as calling for volunteers and distributing posters could be parceled out to ease the burden for whoever becomes Events Chair in June.

MARINA COMMITTEE: Randy Babich, Marina Chair, reported that they replaced 70' of conduit at the marina and he thanked Harry Faas, Lynn Carr and Steve Stenhagen for their help. We received \$363 for recycling the old copper wiring. A new sign has been made for the entrance to Filucy Bay for a cost of \$327. No yacht clubs have yet signed up for the wine tastings and they are considering lowering the price of taste per glass. Denny Prichard will be contacting the Power Squadron about working more closely with them. The marina committee is not recommending installing a reservation system for incoming boaters but is considering charging for reserving the pavilion. Pros and cons of this idea were discussed. The Marina Committee will be working closely with Geoff to determine the useful life of the marina. Any long range plan to meet upcoming DNR standards must be based on such data. Jack Kennedy is a new member of the Marina Committee.

AT-LARGE: No Report

VICE PRESIDENT: Kurt Anderson, Vice President, announced that on Thurs. March 29th from 7 to 9 p.m. everyone from the community is welcome to participate in an Emergency Preparedness seminar at the LIC. The LIC participated in the Pierce County Emergency Management Communications Test. Many entities participated to test the system. Formerly the LIC had agreed to be a Volunteer Reception Center, but the LIC has now opted out of the program because of all the governmental requirements and the large number of trained volunteers needed to staff an operational center. In the event of an emergency we will do all we can, but will not be an "official" Volunteer Reception Center.

PRESIDENT: No report

HISTORIAN: Lynn Larson announced that the scholarship committee consisting of herself, Karen Barrow and Barb Copley gave two scholarships to two people amounting to \$3000. Names will be announced in the June newsletter. She said there were many deserving candidates to choose from.

OLD BUSINESS: Geoff reported our Pumpout and Restroom application was denied and it is unlikely another 100% funding opportunity will come around any time soon. If we were to choose to go ahead with a project with 75% funding it would cost us \$40,000-\$50,000 out-of-pocket plus \$5,000 a year.

Geoff had everyone look over the Long Range Planning ideas. In the next two months members are being asked to prioritize ideas in the following areas: Role of the LIC in the Key Peninsula Community; LIC Governance, Operation and Management; Clubhouse and Grounds; Marina; and Communications and Promotion. We then went through just the ideas relating to the Clubhouse and Grounds and added a "77a" to the list for getting a new roof. (#80 on the list is for a "shake roof/underground utilities".) We were asked to come up with what we thought was the most important building and grounds item and had a lively discussion on the topic. A 5 yr. plan, fixing the roof, fixing the dry rot, cleaning the ivy out of the trees and better lighting in the building were all mentioned.

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NEW BUSINESS: Sharon showed us a great new banner Doug Lewis donated to advertise the kitchen during events.

OTHER: Anne Dearing announced that there will be an "Ivy Eradication Work Party" beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday April 1st. Come prepared with garden nippers, machetes or whatever tool you have that will do the job.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Prichard
Secretary



UPCOMING EVENTS -

Sun, April 1— Ivy Cleanup Day. LIC Clubhouse, 9:00 am

Wed, April 4—Marina Committee Meeting, LIC Clubhouse 7:00 pm

Sat, April 7—KPCCA/Boy Scouts Easter Egg Hunt, KPCC 12-1:00 pm

Sun, April 8—Easter Sunday

Tue, April 10— Events Planning, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 pm

Thu, April 12—KPHS Introduction to Penrose State Park, KPHS, 1:00—2:00 pm

Sat, April 14—LIC Fundraiser Super Garage/Garden/Bake Sale, LIC Clubhouse, 9:00 am—4:00 pm, page 6

Mon-Fri, April 16-20—Spring Break, Peninsula Schools

Wed, April 18—General 'Potluck' Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 pm

Sat, April 21—LIC Spring Cleanup, LIC Clubhouse, 9:00—4:00 pm (or until done!), page 7

Fri, April 27—Brother Sun Concert, LIC Clubhouse. Wine social 7:00, Concert 8:00 pm, page 8

Mon, April 30—Second quarter moorage payment due

Tue, May 8—Events Planning, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 pm

Sat, May 12—Livable Community Fair, KPCC

Wed, May 16—General 'Dessert' Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 7:00 pm

Sat, May 19—Filucy Bay Wine Tastings, LIC Marina, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Sat, May 26—LIC Memorial Weekend Dance, LIC Clubhouse 8:00—12:00 pm, featuring the 'Fingertips'

Member ads are now in the Classifieds section on the last

TO BENEFIT LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

9am Saturday April 14

SUPER GARAGE GARDEN BAKE SALE

CASTOFFS & COLLECTIBLES, POTS & PLANTS, COOKIES & CAKES

Longbranch Improvement Club

4312 Key Peninsula Highway S

HOT DEALS - HOT COFFEE - HOT FUN

**GARAGE "SUPER" SALE
COMING SOON!**

Sat, April 14th, 9 to 4 p.m.

SPREAD THE WORD! This is a **BIG SALE!**

Please tell your neighbors and friends and come join in the fun. Get your coffee and baked goodie and stroll the aisles. Find garage sale treasures, plants and crafts galore! Meet your friends. Enjoy the antique car display. Have a delicious burger basket for lunch. Take home a dessert for dinner from the **baked food sale.**

HAVE DONATIONS? Bring them to the LIC on Thursday 4/12 or Friday 4/13 between 3 and 8 p.m....

or call 884-2030 for pick up.

BAKED GOODS? Bring them to the LIC on Saturday before 9 a.m.

Besides the LIC booth there are 19 community members selling from tables indoors and at least 5 folks selling items outdoors. (MORE SPACES ARE AVAILABLE OUTDOORS. Call 884-2030 to register. All indoor spaces are sold out.)

Denny Prichard, Garage Sale Chair
884-2030

Pictures Wanted.....

Our Historian would like pictures of the Pancake Breakfast. If anyone has any, please sent to Lynn Larson.

If you take a picture of an upcoming LIC event, please let me know. I'll try to get more pictures in the newsletter.

Nancy Carr

Building and Grounds Chatroom March 2012:

Once again I have several people to thank for helping with projects at the Improvement club.

- Doug Lewis and Bill Lloyd for taking apart the piano and loading it in my truck
- Patricia Muchmore for helping me herk the piano out of the truck at the dump
- Doug Lewis for hauling the giant ladder all over the main room and checking and changing all the lights that needed changing (Some hanging by a filament-literally). The lighting is not great yet but it is sooo much better.
- Doug and Betty Lewis for donating two new fans to the building and Sandy Black for installing them.
- Lynn Carr, Randy Babich, Steve Stemhagen, Doug Lewis and Buck Buckner for manhandling the old stove up into the rental truck and doing the same with the freezer from the dock.
- Larry Bingham for going with me to take them to Ehli's Auction (I would have ended up down at the tide flats with the directions I got on line.)
- Patricia Muchmore for taking me to Penske to pick up the truck and coming back to give Larry and I a ride home so that we did not have to walk after returning the truck.
- Geoff Baille for coming up with the idea to paint the south wall of the meeting room to be used as a projector screen and Lynn Carr for making it happen after many coats of paint.
- All those members who volunteered to work at the pancake breakfast and all those members who attended the event and made it such a huge success. It was nice to see monies going into the coffers rather than out.

APRIL 21-22, 2012 is designated as Spring Clean-up.

Following is a PARTIAL LIST of chores that need to be worked on

- Clean out flower beds and plant if needed (Usual chores)
- Repair shingles on the south side of the storage shed (we have the supplies to do this)
- Level storage shed and repair ramp
- Dismantle the plywood cabinet in the storage room (could we use the plywood to repair the shed ramp?)
- Clean out and organize the Sound Room getting rid of broken or unusable equipment and installing shelves to hold equipment.
- Wash building windows
- Paint the cabinet beneath the kitchen sink
- Haul trash from behind the building and burn or cart to the dump
- Load trash dumped on the back of the property along Erickson Road and haul to dump
- Clean up the yard and field and chip/burn branches and other trash
- Prune branches on trees behind building that are broken and hanging and burn/chip
- Cut down two poplar trees along road that are badly damaged and dead fir tree between road and dumpster site (chip and/or burn.)
- Clean cobwebs from corners, windows and rafters in the building
- Build two horseshoe pits out near the ball field
- Check out picnic tables and burn those that are not repairable. (Some of them are dangerously rotten.)
- Clean up area behind restrooms-weed eat, get rid of junk if needed, clean up branches
- Clean off patio area south side of building and area under windows south side of building
- Clean area around well head and add more rocks to protect head
- Go over chairs in main room to see which ones need to be repaired and what needs to be done to repair them

If you have ideas for chores that need to be done please let me know. Food and drink will be provided. Come bearing gloves and whatever tools you think you will need to do the task that you choose. Thank you all for supporting the Improvement Club and me as Building and Grounds Chair. You are all the best and it does me proud to work with you.

From the Dockmaster –

We had a good time with the Shelton Yacht Club over St. Patrick's Day weekend. There were 11 boats, good food, fun and lots of green. The next weekend (March 24th), Totem Yacht Club came in with 9 boats and brought some really nice weather with them.

Kurt and I put up the new sign on the point at the entrance to the Marina, see the picture in this issue.

Lynn Carr

The Sunshine Lady sent out 5 cards of condolence or get-well-soon to members of the LIC in March. If you know of a club member who could use a small gift, card, or flowers, please let me know.

Vicki Biggs 884-4468.

or e-mail Vickibiggs@centurytel.net

Arvilla Merchant, a long time Longbranch resident and former member of LIC, passed away on Nov. 27, 2011 at the age of 103. Her son and daughter-in-law, Dick and Dee Scharf, invite you to bring your memories of Arvilla and join in a "Celebration Of Life" at the Longbranch Community Church on April 14 from 2:00 to 4:00.
Dee Scharf

WATERMARK WRITERS, WORDS AND MUSIC
AND LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB PRESENT

Beautiful harmonies in folk fusion
Joe Jenks, Greg Greenway and Pat Wictor

BROTHER SUN

Friday, April 27 Concert 8pm
No-Host Wine Social 7pm
Longbranch Improvement Club

\$15 advance/\$20 door to benefit
The Mustard Seed Project

All ages, family-friendly concert atmosphere. Advance tickets at Sunnycrest Nursery/Mustard Seed office. Call 884-9814

LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

ROCKIN' MOTOWN, BLUES, FUNKY R & B

Dance Memorial Weekend

May 26 Saturday 8-12 pm

\$15 Door/ \$12 Advance at Sunnycrest/Marina

Fingertips



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Mark Your Calendars

Save Your Pennies

Longbranch Improvement Club
2012 Fiber Events

Cheryl Samuel will be back for 2 weaving workshops in August.

Ravenstail Weaving Workshop (Beginner & Intermediate)

Aug. 13, 14, 15. from 9-4 \$300.

Chilkat Weaving Workshop

August 17, 18, 19 from 9-4 \$300

FREE Public Lecture at Key Center Library

"A Perfect Circle" by Cheryl Samuel

August 16 7pm

sponsored by *Friends of Key Center Library*

Glennis Dolce, Shibori Girl Studios

Shibori Dyeing Techniques

2-day workshop \$250

October 3 & 4 from 9-4

Glennis Dolce will be the featured artist at

the Fourth Annual Fiber Arts Show

October 6 10-4

Workshop space is limited so register early.

Class fee does not include materials.

Questions? call Carolyn Wiley (253)884-9157

Registration:

janbuday@centurytel.net

253 884 3959

Workshops will be held at

Longbranch Fire Station #49

4215 Key Peninsula Hwy S

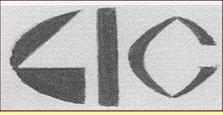
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2012 FIBER ARTS AT LIC



Cheryl Samuel
Ravenstail Weaving

Aug 13-19 Weaving workshops
Aug 16 7pm Key Center Library
"A Perfect Circle" free lecture



LIC Membership Report

REMINDER — MARINA TENANTS

The second quarterly payment for your annual moorage is due by April 30th.

Thanks!
Francie Carr

**Mark your
calendars for the April General
Membership “Pot Luck” Meeting,
Wed., April 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

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Place your ad here . . .

LIC Ads run on a "rotation basis" and are FREE for members, LOW-COST to the community. **Classified ads will run for 1 month** unless you re-submit your ad copy to ncarr44@centurytel.net , no later than the 25th day of each month.

LIC Display and Classified Ads

<p>Anyone interested in taking a trip to Iceland? The dates are Sep. 12 - 18, 2012. Icelandair flies nonstop from Seattle to Reykjavik, and wonderful sightseeing for 5 days has been arranged. The price is very reasonable, and if this interests you, give Marlies Van Cise a call at (253) 884-5608. Marlies has been a licensed Travel Consultant for 29 + years and would love to hear from you. Deposit deadline has ben extended until April 18. Marlies Van Cise, Travel House, Inc.</p>	<p>Our beautiful oceanfront condo in Puerto Vallarta just became available. The dates are May 3 -10, 2012. We are letting it go for \$200.00 for the full week, all taxes included! This is a great deal. If you are interested, please call Marlies Van Cise at (253) 884-5608</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Steves Home Repair</i></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">All Your Carpentry / Paining Needs General Contractor Licensed • Bonded • Insured Steve Stemhagen 253.884.6693 <small>Lic # STEVEHR064J2</small></p>
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