

February 2013



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Membership 'Potluck' Meeting, Wed. April 17, 6:30 PM

President's Message

The heater replacement project is completed. Doug Lewis and I met with a heating engineer to evaluate the clubhouse. His calculations indicated a need to increase the gas line diameter from 1/2" to 1" to properly fuel the heaters and to upgrade the heater units from 200,000 BTU to 250,000 BTU. The work was done promptly and completed just in time for a private rental function. Thanks to Doug's leadership we now have a more toasty clubhouse!

The Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund has launched and is collecting funds for the memorials to Geoff to be placed at the marina and clubhouse. If you have not yet made a donation, please consider doing so. Call Francie Carr at 253-564-4065 to arrange a donation by check or credit card.

We are reviewing the LIC's responsibilities with regard to the Otto Water System which supplies the water to our marina. This is a project that Geoff had started with Mike Hays, who has been maintaining the system and charging the LIC only a nominal fee for water even though the marina is the biggest user of water. Phil Johnson, Denny Prichard and I met with Mike Hays to review the matter. Phil is reviewing the legal aspects and the Board will prepare a proposal to bring to the membership for discussion and action.

The LIC is blessed with active Marina and Events Committees. We hope to follow their examples by forming a Building & Grounds Committee to grapple with the many aspects of maintaining or improving our clubhouse and grounds. We need to move from the crisis/react mode to a more forward looking strategy to prevent further deterioration to our historic clubhouse. If you have interest in this area, please contact Doug Lewis or me.

Finally, at the March meeting we were treated to a very interesting presentation about some of the infamous characters who have resided in McNeil Prison, given by historian Joan Curtis of Steilacoom. Our next scheduled program will be in May when the author of "Maritime Place Names of Inland Washington Waters" will discuss the history and derivation of place names in the South Sound.

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2013**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayle Brewer, Tim Heitzman, Francie Carr, Doug Lewis, Harry Faas, Eloise Colbert for Jan Prichard and Peg Bingham

CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Lynn Carr

GUESTS: Sally Browner, Jane Rumsey, Sam Tritt and friend Shelby

NEW MEMBER: Anne Nesbit and her son Matt

Meeting was called to order by President Gayle Brewer at 7:05 p.m.

Gayle introduced Joan Curtis from the Steilacoom Historical Society who presented an informative and fascinating slide show and talk on the "The Bad Boys of McNeill".

REPORTS:

DOCK MASTER: Lynn Carr cautioned anyone walking down the marina ramp at low tide to be cautious when reaching the bottom. It is very slick. At the present time he is treating it with baking soda. This last weekend was a good one with 17 boats from the Fircrest Yacht Club in and next weekend there will be 10 - 12 boats from the Totem Yacht Club. The Carling Yacht Club is also scheduled for a visit.

RENTAL AGENT: Lynn Chaney was not present. Gayle reported the building had been rented last weekend and the report on the new heaters was they work well. No complaints about the interior temperature of the building.

SECRETARY: Peg Bingham asked for approval of last month's minutes. Motion made, seconded and approved. She read a thank you letter from the two 5th grade teachers at Evergreen Elementary for the club's donation of \$500 for the fifth graders trip to Camp Seymour.

TREASURER: Francie Carr had placed the Profit & Loss statements on the tables. The Pancake Breakfast had gross proceeds of \$1,098.00 and the expenses were \$412.32 resulting in a profit of over \$600.00. We had expenses for six liquor permits and 5 health permits for events. The \$500 donation to Evergreen Elementary was paid. We paid a \$200 attorney fee. We had one wonderful member who reconverted her promissory note back to the LIC so that note will not have to be paid back. The \$200 was for the paperwork involved in completing this action. The year end tax information has been sent to the CPA. Our return is due May 15th. An \$11,000 CD matured in March. That money will be used to pay for the new furnaces. The checking account balance at the end of February was \$60,961.40. The second quarter moorage payment is due April 1st.

EVENTS: Tim Heitzman reported the LIC has partnered with Jerry Lebstaff producer of Watermark Writers events. They were instrumental in bringing the Brother Sun group here last year. On April 20th another concert is planned, this time with four women who form the Blame Sally group. They will have just returned from a European tour. Tickets will be \$15 for adults \$7 for children under eighteen. Wine bar will open at 7:00 p.m. and concert starts at 8:00. The music they play is singer-songwriter. It is American music. It is a little country-western, a little rock and roll. August 10th, the LIC will be presenting a Drum Festival. Information on this event will be on the website. The week before the event the Park Department is providing a drum camp for kids throughout the peninsula. The kids will be building drums and learning how to use them. Then on Saturday morning the kids will be playing drums, inside and outside the LIC, showcasing what they have learned. They will also have booths sharing the knowledge they just gained. If anyone has wanted to learn from a child how to build and play a drum, just come. We expect four or five hundred people from the community to be here. There will also be drum performers of all kinds and cultures. We will schedule as many performers as we can afford. This will be a full day. There will be food, drinks, booths and other organizations present. We want to make it a festival of drum music. Tim then made a pitch for any non-members present to take an application and join the club

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Doug Lewis reported the furnace installation was completed with Wi-Fi thermostats installed today. When everything is figured out Doug will be able to turn them on from home. The new furnaces have already been tested with an event a couple weeks ago and they were very pleased with the heat. The former units were 200,000 BTU's each and the new units are 250,000 each. The size of the pipe supplying gas to the units was replaced with larger pipe as the former piping was inadequate not only for the new units but also for the former ones. Doug requested that he be notified of the need for heat for LIC sponsored events so he can turn it on ahead of time. He also asked to have the person in charge of LIC events remember to secure the building including turning off the heat in the rooms, turning off the lights, turning on the mouse machines and locking the doors, interior and exterior. The bathroom and office heaters were left on after an event and ran for a couple days. If you need volunteer hours we have a stack of chairs that need repairing. A new platform needs to be put under the seats. The LIC will pay for the materials used, we just need donated labor. He is trying to clean out the back room by the ladies restroom to create a nice Bride's Room. A couple weddings are scheduled in April and they would like to use that room for the bride.

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He also if anyone had extra mirrors they would like to donate and/or ideas to inexpensively fix the area up to look nice, he would appreciate hearing about them. He is planning a spring cleanup and the date will be in the newsletter.

Membership: No report.

Marina: Harry Faas reported the Marina Committee continues to improve the operation and condition of the marina. Other projects are in progress.

Member-at-Large: No report.

Newsletter: Nancy Carr reported the deadline for news for the next newsletter is March 25th.

Scholarship: We have a new scholarship chairman, Christine Anderson. Christine and her committee of Barb Van Bogart and Connie Hildahl had the privilege of going through 49 portfolios submitted by seniors at Peninsula High School. They chose three recipients to each receive a \$1000 scholarship. Their names will be revealed May 22nd at the Scholarship Awards Banquet. They will be invited to join us at our June meeting. When the first scholarships were awarded they were for \$300 each and now it is up to \$1000 each. While she cannot reveal names she did say all three students had attended Evergreen Elementary School.

Vice President: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Gayle presented and passed around mock-ups of the proposed Geoff Baillie Memorial plaques for both the marina wharf and the clubhouse. Tim explained that a mock-up was taken to the wharf and put in the site to get a sense of how it would work down there, size, scale and position. He also passed around a photo of the mock-up in place. In the photo the mock-up is in the wrong spot but is close. The actual placement will be across the walkway from this spot. It will be on the north side of the walkway. The material to be used is what is used in parks for signs that are going to last a long time in a hostile environment. It is enameled heavy steel which does not peel. It will have a narrative and a picture on it. Tim is looking at getting a better picture to be used with the story. The building memorial will be a bronze plaque, laser engraved. The cost is about \$1000 for both pieces. He offered the chance to those who loved Geoff and what he did for the club and the community, to help make a lasting memorial to someone who made such a difference, to put pen to paper tonight and make a contribution for this purpose. A suggestion was made that all the club's plaques be put in the same area, creating a Wall of Fame, so to speak. The board will follow up on that idea. The target date for the dedication of the memorials is the Dock Breakfast. Francie said contributions could be given to her tonight in check or cash. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 111, Lakebay, 98349. If you would like to use a credit card call her and she can handle that for you.

Barbara Floyd, who is chairing the Cookbook Committee, reported that there is a "Name the Cookbook" contest in progress. They are looking for about five words or so in the name. The winner will receive a fabulous gift basket so get your entries in for consideration. She showed a mock-up of the cover of the cookbook sent by the publisher and the winning name will go across the top. Across the bottom will be "Recipes from the Longbranch Improvement Club". The deadline for the contest is April 1st and they can be sent to P.O. Box 345, Lakebay 98349 or they can be sent to the web address recpes4lic@yahoo.com. The divider pages in the cookbook will have watercolor artwork by local artist Melissa Haumerson and the back of the divider will have a historical write up created by Connie Hildahl. At this time over 200 recipes have been submitted and a good 100 more are needed. Recipe deadline is May 31st. We have 60 plus contributors and only 20 are club members. This is your cookbook so please submit your recipes. The question was asked if any one category was lacking and Barbara said there was good distribution with main dishes leading the way. Most of us have recipes we have copied out of books and magazines. The ingredients are public domain but directions may be copyrighted. If you have adapted a recipe and the directions you use are exactly as written, change a few words and put under Source of Recipe, that it is adapted from "Martha Stewart" or "Better Homes and Garden" or wherever. Two things, please submit a name and recipes. Any questions call Barbara Floyd, submit it to the web address or send it to the P.O. Box 345, Lakebay.

Gayle said that Geoff had been working with Mike Hays regarding the Otto Water System that serves the marina. That task has been picked up by Phil Johnson, Denny Prichard and Gayle. They met with Mike to go over all the information and come up with an equitable solution to pay our share of the ongoing costs. They do not have numbers available to share with the membership at this time but they are working toward that and when they have that there will be an action for the membership to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

Clark Van Bogart has been looking at ways we could get our marina property tax assessment lowered by collecting information about comparable marinas that have far more amenities than we do that are valued at approximately the same level as our marina. There will be more information about that as it comes along.

Carolyn Wiley explained about the possibility of obtaining a grant from Pierce County which is available to historical buildings for either development or support. We think we may have a chance to get a grant to put toward the new furnaces. Carolyn has taken on that project. She does not think that because we have already done the heaters that we would qualify for this grant. But we do have a year to spend it if we do get a grant. The application is due April 15th and she needs to talk with Doug Lewis and others about what would fit.

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She also announced that tomorrow night at the wine shop LIC member Dale Goodvin is the featured poet.

Tim reported that Larry Colbert noticed that we were running out of our famous placemats. We are going to make new ones and hope to have them done by Opening Day. Larry's company, Color Graphics, will do this for free. Larry was given a round of applause. These front of the placemats will be different, with one of four views of Filucy Bay, with the marina predominate. The back side will have the same chart on it with a small picture of the clubhouse and an updated write-up of the history of the club. Before they go on general sale they will be offered to members in sets of four for \$10. David Montesino has donated some incredible photos. The placemats and photos will be on the website for you to review.

Gayle reported the Marina Committee is reviewing the policy to deal with people who have moorage, but don't pay for it. Harry said sometimes people don't get their bill paid or they don't meet the qualifications of meetings and hours. In the past we had no real way to enforce our rules and policies. Clark Van Bogart got copies of the laws that apply in the State of Washington and he reviewed them and pulled out what he felt could be used in our organization. Meshing the state laws and our policies is a long procedure, but the committee is pursuing it.

A Building and Grounds Committee is being formed. If you have an interest in being on this committee let Doug know by e-mail. They are looking for interested persons to broaden the input of ideas of what could be done and to help organize the dissemination of the work to be done. He is looking for idea generators and who have enthusiasm about this grand old building and the grounds. He would also like people who would take on some of the work projects. This committee is not going to be formed to be the muscle and do it all. There is a multitude of things that need to be gone over from paint to landscaping ideas. Be sure to contact Doug if you are interested.

Tim appealed for anyone who has experience in building a simple relational data base please make your self known. The software currently in use is decrepit. At this time it will not even print out a roster of our names. We need to start over. If anyone has that kind of experience please get in touch with Tim or membership chair Jan Prichard. It is a project that you can take on and do all on your own.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Bingham, Secretary.



UPCOMING Events -

- Mon. Apr 1—Second Quarterly Marina Lease payment due
- Mon. Apr 1—Name the Cookbook submission deadline
- Wed. Apr 3—Marina Committee Meeting, 9:00 am, LIC Clubhouse
- Thu. Apr 4 —Events Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse
- Wed Apr 17 —General Membership 'pot luck' meeting, 6:30 pm, LIC Clubhouse
- Thu, Apr 18—PC Library Hemingway Series: The Sun also Rises, 7:00 pm, Key Center
- Sat. Apr 20—Blame Sally concert, LIC Clubhouse
- Thu. Apr 25—PC Library Hemingway Series: Paris, City of Light with Sabine Manning, 7:00 pm, Key Center Library
- Wed. May 1—Marina Committee Meeting, 9:00 am, LIC Clubhouse
- Thu. May 2—Events Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm. LIC Clubhouse
- Thu. May 2—PC Library Hemingway Series: Farewell to Arms, 7:00 pm Key Center Library
- Sat. May 4—Dock Breakfast, Marina
- Thu. May 9—PC Library Hemingway Series: For Whom the Bell Tolls, 7:00 pm Key Center

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

We hope to have a brief interesting program at the start of the general membership meetings in the odd-numbered months, which are the dessert meetings. Here are upcoming programs. Please contact Gayle Brewer if you have ideas for future programs

May: "Maritime Place Names of Inland Washington Waters", presented by historian and author Richard W. Blumenthal. Special emphasis on the history and derivation of maritime names in the South Sound. How did all these places get their names?

July: Open

September: "Harbor WildWatch", presented by representatives of this active organization based in Gig Harbor. Check them out in advance at www.HarborWildWatch.org. Thanks to Marlies VanCise for arranging this program.

November: "Finding Thea". A DVD by local historians about Tacoma's Thea Foss, the real-life Tugboat Annie.

Gayle

ATTENTION MARINA TENANTS

Your second quarterly marina lease installment is due April 1. Please mail your payment to:

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PO Box 111
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Thanks!

Francie Carr

PARK SYSTEMS PLANNING SURVEY

We need your input!

The Key Pen Parks survey is **ONLINE** through the month of April. Just head to

www.keypenparks.com

And look for the survey button, click, and expect to spend about 10-15 minutes completing. If you need a non-digital version of the survey, call our office: 844-9240.

Jesica Smeall

Kidney Donation for Rebecca Wolf

Rebecca (Becca) Wolf (daughter of Linda Leblanc and Wally Johnson) is currently in kidney failure and preparing for dialysis. She is going through the evaluation process to be put on the waiting list for a donor. The UW Doctors have advised if it is possible to find a living donor the wait time and recovery time are shortened. If this is something you want more information about, or know someone who may be interested, go to the University of Washington transplant website <http://www.uwmedicine.org/Patient-Care/Our-Services/Medical-Services/Kidney-Care-Transplantation-Services/Pages/default.aspx> or call UW Living Donor Program at 206-598-2201. You can also call Linda Leblanc at 425-280-4189 or 360-868-2274. There is insurance coverage for the donor's medical expenses and follow-up care.

Becca is currently in her second year at Central Washington University, an honors graduate of Peninsula High School and a recipient of one of the LIC Scholarships.

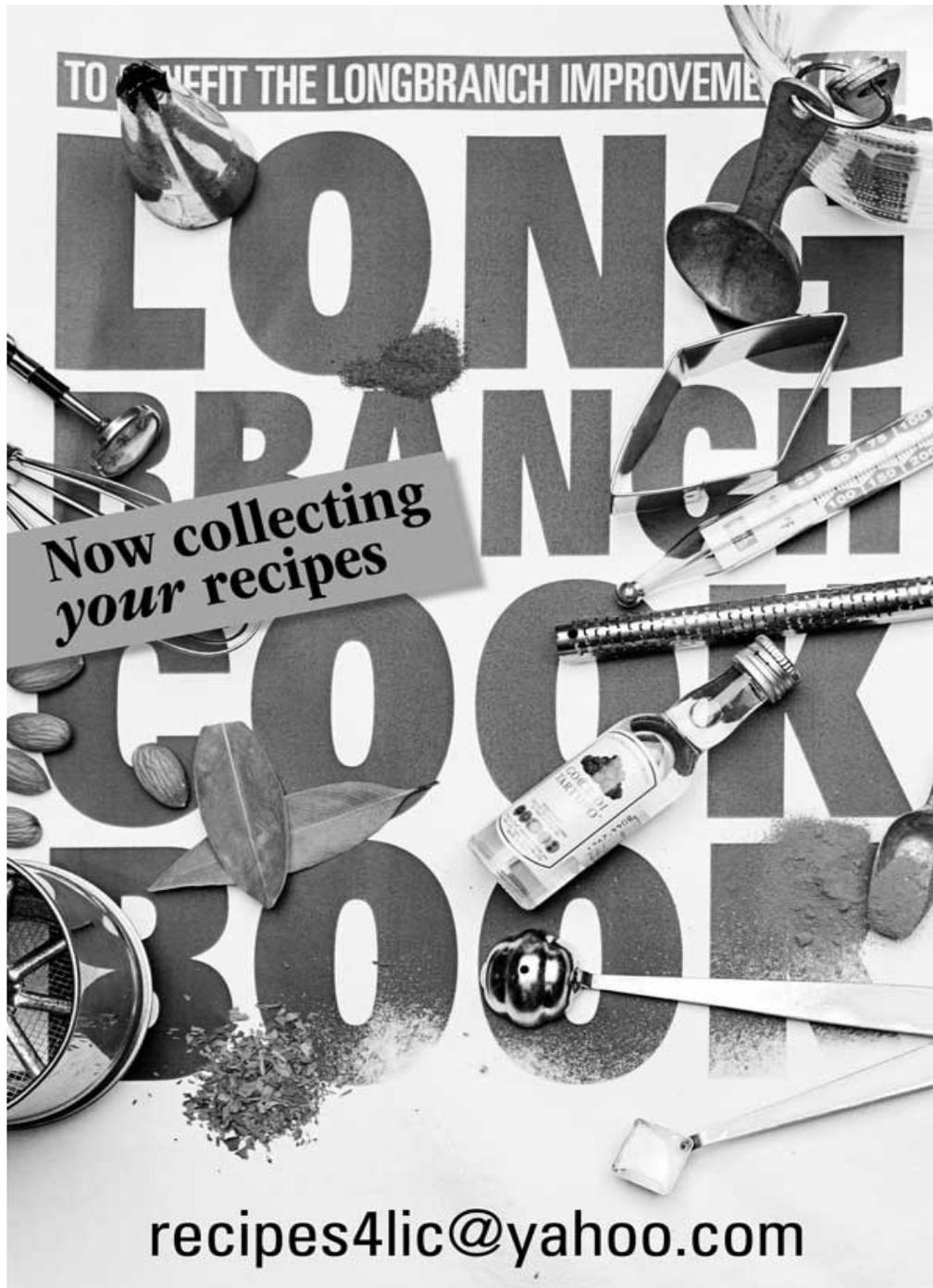
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*Joel Selvin,
Rock critic and
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The Name the Cookbook contest deadline is **April 1** with the winner to be announced at the April LIC General Meeting. There is a huge basket of quality items as the prize. We currently have about two dozen entrees. It will be difficult to chose from the excellent names submitted. If you have a name, please send it to us!

The Cookbook Committee is working on the Design of the book, which will include watercolor paintings of local items of interest, and write-ups of the history of each item. We are in the process of producing a mock-up of the book, illustrated by the Main Dishes divider page which was shown at the meeting with the watercolor painting and the write-up of the Lighthouse at McDermott Point.

We currently have over two hundred recipes and are looking for 100 more. There have been 60+ people contribute recipes, however only 20 club members have contributed. The end date for recipe submission is **May 31**. Please send in your favorite recipe to: recipes4lic@yahoo.com or PO Box 345, Lakebay, 98349 or drop the recipes off at Sunnycrest Nursery or The Blend.

We are working to put a special book together to raise money for the Club, we encourage your participation. Thank you to the people who have already contributed and to the Cookbook Committee for their hard work! What fun!

Barb Floyd

Dockmaster Report

The Marina has boats about every weekend, and the last two weekends in March were no exception with Fircrest and Totem Yacht Clubs enjoying the cold weather!

Carling Yacht Club will be here the first weekend in April.

Thanks to whoever mowed the grass in the Marina parking area. It looks good.

As announced at the March General Meeting, the Marina Committee advised propane heaters or BBQ's are no longer allowed inside the pavilion. This is an inconvenience to all boaters, visitors, and members, and we appreciate your patience while we explore alternate solutions.

Thank you
Lynn Carr

LINKS TO CHECK OUT

The weather station at the Marina to to get recorded Day/Week/Month historical data :

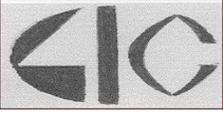
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Longbranch Chronicles by David Montesino: <http://dmontesino.wordpress.com/>

Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund

A new Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund account has been set up to receive donations. If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to the Longbranch Improvement Club (LIC) and on the memo line write Geoff Baillie. The check should be sent to the LIC at PO Box 111 Lakebay, WA 98349. If you would like to make a contribution using your credit card, please call me at 253.564.4065 and I will take your information. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Francie Carr



LIC Membership Report

Mark your calendars

The April General 'Pot Luck ' Meeting on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m.

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