

November 2013



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



General 'Dessert' Meeting, Wed. Nov. 20, 7:00 PM

President's Message

Wonder what the Board of Directors is up to? Lately it has been busy wrestling with putting together a budget for 2014, and gearing up for the Long Range Planning project. The operating budget (which will be tight but sound) is coming together and with some final tweaking should be ready to present to the membership at the November meeting for discussion and approval. The good news is that the current year, 2013, should turn out to be a good year financially for the LIC, at least so far as the operating budget is concerned. We currently project a budget surplus and will present some ideas to the membership at the November meeting about how we might allocate those funds. This will include starting to replenish our capital budget reserves, which took two big torpedoes this year in the form of heater replacement and septic system replacement, together totaling about \$45,000.

The Long Range Planning process is in the early, organizational stage of development. As I write this on 10/21, we have an interview scheduled with one highly recommended (and economical) planning facilitator, who may be available to give us professional guidance for our project. We will know more by the time of the November meeting and will brief the membership on where we stand. As I wrote in last month's newsletter, the planning project, as it goes forward, is going to need the thoughtful input of our membership. Please be ready to give your time and your thoughts to this project in 2014.

The Brother/Sun Concert on 10/20 was an excellent event. Great live folk music right here in Longbranch, in our clubhouse! And not just a cover band; this trio writes their own music and delivers it with professional polish. I thought the event was especially well organized, and was pulled off with great volunteer support, but we could have done a better job of getting the word out to the community. Thanks to all who were involved in the event. If you missed it, you not only missed the music, you missed out on some incredible COOKIES that Peg and her crew cranked out, and the fortified HOT CIDER that Tim and his bar crew served.

The November meeting Program will be presented by Edie Morgan, the topic is "The Mustard Seed" project. Thanks to Judy Riggs who suggested this program. Please talk to me if you have an idea for a future program.

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LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2013

Board members present: Clark Van Bogart, Francie Carr, Tim Heitzman, Denny Prichard, Eloise Colbert, Peg Bingham

Contractors present: Lynn Carr

Meeting called to order by Vice President Clark Van Bogart at 7:03 p.m.

Clark thanked the kitchen crew for tonight, Lynn Lloyd and Judy Riggs, and all the members who contributed the good food we all enjoyed.

The agenda was presented and there were no changes or additions.

Clark introduced two new members, Kelly and Jim Hettinger. Francie introduced Tom Osborne a new member attending his second meeting.

Contractor Reports:

Dock Master Lynn Carr reported the Tacoma Power Squadron was in the marina for a joint work party last weekend and much was accomplished. Things are looking good as there are yacht clubs scheduled to visit the marina into December.

Rental Agent Kim Chaney not present tonight but Clark read the current schedule for the building for the rest of the year. The Brother Sun concert is October 19th, Trunk or Treat is October 31st, a wedding is scheduled for November 8th and 9th, December 7th is a banquet and there is a possible rental on December 14th. Kid N Christmas is scheduled for December 22nd.

Board Reports:

Secretary Peg Bingham asked for approval of the minutes from the September 2013 General Membership meeting. Motion made, seconded and passed.

Treasurer Francie Carr had placed copies of the P & L and the Balance Sheet on the tables. Money was transferred from savings to checking to cover most of the capital expenses for the building to date. The first installment to Morris Press for the cookbooks has been paid. There is nearly enough money from sales to pay the final installment due December 20th. Kat Trax has been paid in full for the septic system installation, Clark reported he has asked system designer Larry Purdum for "as built" construction plans and he is working on them. Clark will follow up with Larry to make sure we have them in our files so we know exactly what is out there.

Membership Chair Eloise Colbert reported four new members since last month bringing total membership to 192.

Events Chair Tim Heitzman reminded members that the Brother Sun concert is this coming Saturday, October 19th and he has tickets for you. He also said that Trunk or Treat was coming up this month and Doug Lewis would love help in setting up his wonderful haunted house. Contact Doug if you are available to help. Saturday November 30th will be the club decoration day when we transform this wonderful old building into a fairyland for the holidays. The decorating will start at 10:00 and you are welcome to bring food for a potluck to add to the spaghetti and sauce that will be served by the kitchen crew. It takes many hands to decorate the building and if you are interested in taking part in this fun day, contact Jan Prichard. Kids N Christmas will be December 22nd and once again the Angel Guild has supported this event with \$1000 donation, Nancy Carr, Doug Lewis and Peg Bingham will all welcome volunteers to make this day a success. There will be gifts to wrap, chairs and tables to set up, food to be prepared and served and help to keep the day running smoothly. Tim received a round of applause for the terrific job he is doing with events.

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Building Chair Doug Lewis not present and there is no report. Clark reported the septic system is in and approved.

Marina Chair Denny Prichard reported the work party held in conjunction with the Tacoma Power Squadron was most successful and when the work was done Dock Master Lynn Carr cooked and served up a big batch of delicious ribs for the group. He announced the auction of a sailboat will be held on November 11th. It is hoped it will produce enough revenue to pay the past due moorage bill and have something left for the owner. Denny received information this evening that member Dave Dahl will transfer ownership of his boathouse to the LIC. Kelly Oathout is also working with the marina committee on possibly transferring his boathouse. While this has not happened at this time there is talk that it will. This will ease working with the DNR on the eventual removal of boathouses from the marina. Denny also reported that the marina had three of the security cameras stolen about three in the morning of October 2nd. New cameras have been installed with better lighting in hopes of preventing this from happening again. Don Gill has offered to be the new moorage manager. Determining whether a member has the correct number of hours and meetings in a year to be eligible for moorage is a difficult task. To be discussed later in the meeting is a change to the bylaws to facilitate easier tracking of moorage eligibility for members.

Trustee at Large Phil Johnson not present and there is no report. Clark said Phil did write the bylaw change mentioned by Denny.

Sunshine Lady Marlies Van Cise reported that she sent cards to George Bryan who had shoulder surgery and to Roger Robertson, a former longtime member who had fallen from a tree while trimming it.

Nancy Carr asked to please have information for the newsletter to her by the 25th. She also needs articles of interest to the membership to put in the newsletter.

Historian Lynn Larson not present.

Scholarship Chair Christine Anderson not present.

Vice President Clark Van Bogart had no report.

President Gayle Brewer not present. Clark reported in Gayle's absence that the Board approved the transferring of Kelly Oathout's boathouse to the LIC. The papers have been signed by the LIC and sent to Kelly for his signature. They have not been returned at this time. While the LIC will have to carry insurance on the boathouse it will be available to be rented, which hopefully, will enable us to cover the expenses incurred with the ownership. The Board also took up the subject of a Long Range Plan for the LIC. While this planning has been ongoing for some time, the LIC centennial is coming up in eight years and the Board feels strongly this is something that needs to be pursued. This process will be ongoing at least over the next six months if not a year. The work will involve not only the Board but the General Membership. The Board also discussed hiring a paid consultant to help guide us as we are an all volunteer organization without a paid staff. We are talking with a couple choices and hoping to find a very cost effective way to proceed.

Old Business:

The LIC has filed a property tax appeal for the marina as the property tax went up significantly after the new wharf was completed. An appeal to Pierce County was submitted and a hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 24th and Denny, Clark and Gayle will attend the hearing.

Clark also asked that the auction of the sailboat be mentioned in the newsletter in case any member was interested in bidding on it. It is a 28' Newport sailboat that needs a bit of work, but it is still floating.

Barb Van Bogart gave a report on the cookbook project. Cookbook sales are going very well with about 255 sold as of tonight and another 30 reserved but not picked up yet. As a side project of the cookbook, the artist, Melissa Haumerson, has agreed to let the LIC sell prints of the watercolor paintings in the book with the proceeds going to the cookbook account. There will also be note cards bearing the same paintings available. Barb has no prints or note cards for sale tonight but will take orders for them. The prints will be available on two different grades of paper and sell for \$20 or \$40 depending on grade of paper desired. Melissa will also do originals as a special order with size

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and price to be worked out with her individually. Note cards will sell for \$20 for a set of 10 cards and envelopes. Clark reminded everyone that the money earned from all the sales will go to a dedicated account for kitchen improvements. All the items, cookbook, prints and cards would make wonderful Christmas presents for family and friends.

Larry Bingham reported on the improvements to the trail system. More work has been done on the decking to make it nonskid and some fencing has been installed along Erickson road to hopefully keep horses off the trails. He is looking for donations of more fencing, about four feet in height to finish the fencing in that area. The improvement to the trail system is to give not only our members and neighbors somewhere pleasant to walk but to benefit guest boaters at the marina. It will be a nice change of pace from walking along the roads. It is hoped the fencing will keep horses from being ridden on the trails so the trails will stay in walkable condition, especially in some of the softer areas.

New Business:

Second reading of the proposed bylaw changes. Copies of the bylaw changes were passed out. Clark explained these changes were designed to bring the bylaws into conformity with what has been past practice. The current bylaw stated the hours and meetings were to be tracked monthly for eligibility for moorage privileges. Some members put in all their hours and meetings in certain months of the year and would drop in and out of eligibility during the year. This change basically says if you put in your three meeting and fifteen hours of service in a calendar year you would be in good standing for reduced rates at the marina the following year. If you joined the LIC during the year and got the required meetings and hours in by the end of the year you would also be eligible for the following year. Clark read the bylaw changes and asked for discussion on the changes. As there was no discussion or questions he called for the vote.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the bylaw changes.

Clark reminded the members Trunk or Treat is coming on the 31st and urged them to volunteer to help Doug Lewis with setting up the haunted house and Peg Bingham with the serving of hot beverages. He also announced that next month's program will be a presentation by Edie Morgan on the Mustard Seed Project. Denny Prichard reported a garage sale is planned for next spring. They will be looking for lots of help and he urged members to hold onto items that could be sold.

Lynn Carr said he was starting a list for boaters wanting to change slips. He will post the form on the bulletin board at the clubhouse and the marina. There will also be a form for those wanting a slip.

Meeting adjourned 7:44 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Peg Bingham, Secretary

In Memory.

Our longtime Longbranch friend and LIC member, Roger Robertson, passed away peacefully on Monday afternoon after a tragic accident. He was 85. A memorial is planned for family and close friends only.

Roger will be missed.

Marlies Van Cise

Roger initiated and managed the aluminum recycling program for the LIC Scholarship Fund for many years.



Upcoming Events

Thu. Oct. 31—Trunk-or-Treat, LIC Clubhouse

Sun. Nov 3—Daylight Saving Time ends, move clocks back one hour

Tue. Nov 4—Election Day

Wed. Nov 6 —Marina Committee Meeting, 9:00 am, LIC Clubhouse

Thu. Nov 7 —Events Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm , LIC Clubhouse

Sat. Nov 9—Open House and Christmas in Logging Camps, 10 AM—4 PM Historical Society

Sun. Nov 10—Honor Flight: One Last Mission Showing at Key Center Library, 2:30 pm, free event

Mon. Nov 11—Veteran's Day

Thurs. Nov 14—Tears of Joy Theater's production of Jules Verne's '20,000 Leagues

Under the Sea', Key Peninsula Civic Center, 7:30 PM. This event is free.

Wed. Nov. 20—General 'Dessert' Meeting, 7:00 pm , LIC Clubhouse

Thu. Nov 28—Thanksgiving Day

Fri. Nov 29—Black Friday

Sat. Nov 30—LIC Decoration Day, 10:00—done, lunch provided.

DECKING THE HALLS -- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 10 A.M. UNTIL??

Come "Deck the Halls" of the LIC on Saturday, November 30th. Put on your elf shoes and join in the fun with your friends and neighbors, new and old. No experience is necessary and latecomers are always welcome!

If you have special tools you like to use such as garden nippers, wire cutters, staple guns , hammers, etc. be sure to put your name on them. (All such items do come in very handy.) If you have holly or evergreen boughs to share that would be wonderful.

The lights, tree, ornaments, music, fellowship and good eats make this a truly jolly occasion.

Hope to see you there!

Jan Prichard

LIC Received Mail -

The Key Peninsula Historical Society sent the LIC the following postcard.

" In appreciation of your support, you are cordially invited to our Open House and Christmas in the Logging camps on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 10 a.m.- 4p.m. In the Key Peninsula Historical Museum.

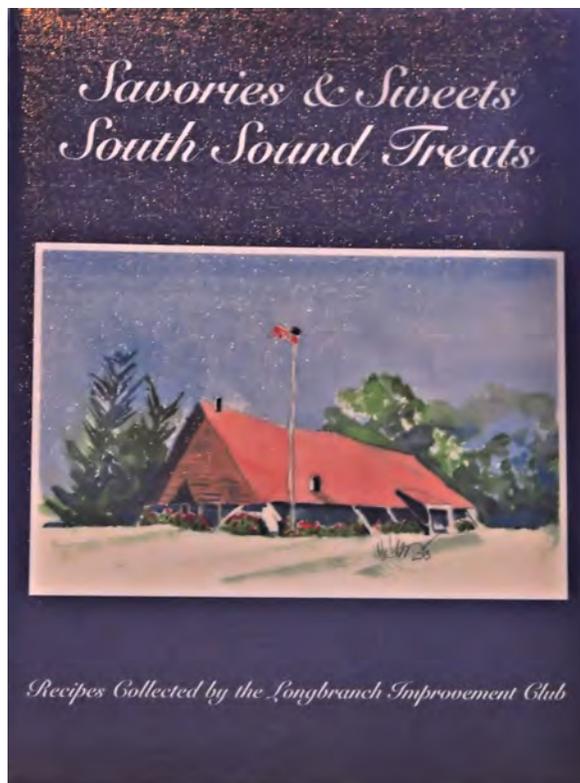
Sincerely,

Key Peninsula Historical Society
Board"

Our little cookbook is selling fast! 260 have been sold thus far, with another 30 that have been reserved but not yet picked up. Cookbooks will continue to be sold at the monthly LIC meetings, in addition to other special events. We are working with local retailers to carry them as well. Don't delay, order yours today by clicking on (recipes4lic@yahoo.com) and letting us know how many you want! They are \$20 each, and if we need to ship, it is an additional \$5 per book, so it makes sense to pick them up at a meeting if you can.

In addition to our soon to be famous cookbook, Melissa Haumerson has graciously agreed to provide prints and notecards from the wonderful watercolors she created especially for us which are found throughout the cookbook. Prints are 11 x 17, on white stock, and are \$20 each. If you would like to upgrade the stock, each print will also be available on a heavier stock that is off white in color. Finally, we are pleased to be able to offer a set of all ten prints which have been made into notecards, also for \$20. The prints and notecards are beautiful, and will make wonderful holiday gifts, so please don't delay - place your order by emailing recipes4lic@yahoo.com. We will contact you when your order is in and make arrangements for you to pick them up (LIC meetings, etc). Melissa has also agreed to recreate originals, if anyone is interested. Please contact recipes4lic@yahoo.com and we will put you in touch with Melissa.

Barb Van Bogart



Oops.....

A key ingredient was omitted from MOM'S TASTY SALAD on page 44. When you add 1/2 cup of Best Food Mayonnaise it makes all the difference in the world!

Sailboat Auction

Stokes Auction will be accepting sealed bids for a Newport 28 foot sail boat at the Longbranch Marina by the time you read this. Anyone interested in obtaining a very nice, popular, sailboat should consider bidding. The boat needs a new fuel tank but otherwise appears to be in good condition. These boats sell used on the market for 7 to 12 thousand dollars. Depending on the bidding it may go for considerably less. To place a bid contact Stokes Auction, Port Orchard, phone 360-876-0236. Presently they plan to open sealed bids November 11, 2013. The boat may be viewed at the Longbranch Marina. If you'd like to check it out call Lynn or Denny, (253) 307- 1873 or (253) 884-2030.

Denny Prichard

Brother Sun concert

Joe, Pat and Greg returned to the LIC stage on October 19 and restored our faith in old-fashioned harmony, poetic lyrics and effortless musicianship. The concert, produced in conjunction with Words & Music, filled the hall with great sound and good community spirit. Peg and her kitchen crew produced a diet-defying collection of shortbread, macaroon, brownies and poppyseed lemon treats. Special coffees and hot spiced cider were favorites at the bar, hosted by Paul Fisher. Another great night at the LIC.

This event was made possible by volunteers including: Peg Bingham, Shirley & Gayle Brewer, Kim & Paul Fisher, Barb Floyd, Sharon Gearhart, Dorothy Gerghan, Pam & Jerry Libstaff, Lynn & Bill Lloyd, A.J. Million, Pat Muchmore, Tom Osborne, Jan & Denny Prichard, Judy Riggs, Mark Runions, Christine & Jeff Tritt and Barbara Van Bogart. Thanks to you and thanks to those who supported the concert by attending (and enjoying) the evening.

Next up, Evergreen Elementary PTA's Trunk or Treat, hosted by LIC, with Doug Lewis, Sr. Ghoulin-in-Charge. He's planning another amazing House of Tiny Horrors – if you love kids and want to add to the fun, contact him at dougclewis@earthlink.net or (206) 849-2410. If you want even more fun, plan on decorating your trunk and participating in the party on Thursday, Halloween night from 5-7 pm. Don't be afraid!

Save the date: Decoration Day is early this year, Saturday November 30, 10:00 AM until done. Food, fun, friends – a great time decorating the building for the holidays. Contact Jan Prichard for details at jan@pacinfo.com or 884-2030

Tim Heitzman

Honor Flight: One Last Mission

This film was recently shown at the Gig Harbor Film Festival. It was proposed as a pre-Veterans' Day event, and will be presented by Friends of Key Center Library on November 10 at 2:30.

This is a free to the community event funded by Friends of Key Center Library. Because of the short timeline, we are relying upon groups and individuals to help spread the word. We do hope many of the members of Longbranch Improvement Club will join us for the viewing. Check out the website:

<http://www.honorflightthemovie.com/about/>

Thank you
Carolyn Wiley

**Honor Flight:
One Last Mission**

FREE event

View a heartwarming documentary film that follows a devoted team of Midwest volunteers as they race against the clock to send every local World War II veteran to visit the Washington, D.C. memorial built in their honor.

Members of the volunteer organization, Honor Flight Puget Sound, will screen the film, "Honor Flight: One Last Mission," and answer questions after the screening.

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2:30 p.m.

Key Center Pierce County Library
8905 KPN, Lakebay 98349 • 253-548-3309

"We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by." – Will Rogers

Photo by Rick Latoff / American Battle Monuments Commission

Friends of the Key Center Library sponsor this free event.

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The Marina—foggy and (temporarily) decorated for Halloween



October was a great month for the Marina. We started off with the Tacoma Power Squadron and their annual Longbranch Marina work party. The Marina looked fantastic and we had a BBQ potluck with good friends, great food (including ribs) and lots of fun to celebrate completing the list.

In case you haven't noticed, it has been foggy lately which is not the best for boating, but great for pictures.

The fog did not stop some boaters from visiting the Marina. Shelton Yacht Club came in last weekend completely decorating the Marina and Pavilion for Halloween. They had all kinds of activities and a really good time. When they left, they cleaned up so well there was not even a pumpkin seed left from the carving competition!

South Sound Sailing Association was with us the last weekend of the month.

Lynn Carr
Dockmaster





LIC Membership Report

A big welcome to new members Susan Quigley & Delia McGinnis.

Thanks to Judy Riggs and Lynn & Bill Lloyd for hosting the October meeting.

Eloise Colbert

SEE YOU AT THE Desert Membership Meeting
November 20th @ 6:30 PM

Current membership 192

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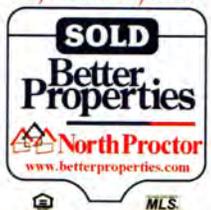
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