

April 2014



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Garage Sale Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

President's Message

My message this month is going to be brief as I am writing this from my hospital room at Virginia Mason in Seattle. I was admitted Friday 3/21 after 5 days of intermittent G-I bleeding, probably related to a tumor in the small intestine that was partially resected seven years ago. Undergoing tests to find the bleeding site and (hopefully) treat it. I am feeling OK now and it is safer to be in hospital until this is resolved.

Support the Garage Sale Please get involved in the big LIC Garage Sale which will be Saturday, April 12th. Our sale two years ago was a big success thanks to the large quantity of good sale items donated by the membership. Here is a great opportunity to clear out some space in your home, garage or attic. But even if you don't have items to donate, plan to attend the event. There will lots of vendors with interesting goods, as well as our donated LIC stuff. And food snacks, baked goodies and free coffee.

The Down Key Festival At the March membership meeting we had an excellent video presentation by Rich and Connie Hildahl, informing the membership about this 3-day event. The centerpiece of the Festival will be the presence at our marina of a historic but refurbished ferry which at one time served ports in the South Sound. Events will also be happening at the LIC clubhouse and grounds. There is something for every age and every budget during the weekend. Funds raised will benefit our Scholarship Fund and other LIC programs. Over forty LIC members are working on the details and it looks to be a memorable weekend. Tickets for the gala salmon dinner and auction on Saturday night aboard the ferry are going to go fast as seating capacity on the ferry is limited; so get yours early. Save the dates: May 16-17-18.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM at the LIC Lobby.

Dock master Lynn Carr: reported that the marina had a visit from the Windseekers and the Fircrest Yacht Club. An anti-skid protection was added to the card reader on the security gate at the Marina. A separate calendar has been added to the LIC Marina website.

Rental Agent Kim Chaney: The LIC Clubhouse was rented to the SCA, the Lakebay Church sponsored Uganda sister church children's choir, and the up and coming LIC garage sale.

Secretary Judy Riggs: It was MSP to accept the Feb 2014 minutes as written.

Treasurer Francie Carr: reported that the Cookbook Committee continues to sell the books and artwork. With the profits they were able to buy a new refrigerator for the kitchen. All permanent moorage tenants have paid either their quarterly moorage or paid in full. The flood insurance for the Club has been cancelled and the club received a refund for 2013. A \$500 cash donation was made to Evergreen Elementary School earmarked for the outdoor camp held at the YMCA.

Events Chair: Tim Heitzeman invites more members to join the Events Committee because they have such a good time! Fingertips will be back to play again for the Memorial Day Dance. And the LIC was very lucky to reserve Kim Archer for the Labor Day Dance this fall. The next big event for the Club is the April 12 Garage Sale.

Membership Chair: Eloise Colbert reports that we have 139 paid memberships with three new ones added this month. Thanks were given to the General Meeting hosts Anne Dearing and Connie Wick.

Grounds and building Chair: The flag pole has to be replaced. We need a 50' to 60' pole if anyone has a lead on one. The septic tank area and drain field have had 15 more tons of three man rocks placed along it for protection. Next weekend there is a Clubhouse and grounds work party scheduled. Bring your tools for inside and outside work.

Marina Chair Denny Pritchard reported That about 5 more volunteers are needed for the Dock Breakfast. Also the LIC use of bags of ice has out grown our local source and instead we will be going to Key Center this year.

Trustee at Large: Phil Johnson had nothing to report this month.

The Sunshine Report: had nothing to report this month.

Newsletter: Nancy Carr asks that submissions for the newsletter be sent to her by the 25th off the month.

Historian: Lynn Larsen has a plastic tub inside the office on top of the file cabinets for all donations for the LIC history or you can call her.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart had nothing to report this month.

President: Gayle Brewer reported that Larry Bingham has volunteered to be the LIC representative to attend the monthly meeting of the Key Peninsula Community Council.

Peg Bingham reports that the new refrigerator is working well. It is quieter than the last one, and can even be turned off for meetings. Also it can be turned off in between rentals thereby saving money on running expenses. Peg asks that members take home left over food after the meetings, as it just gets thrown out.

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Jan Pritchard reports that the spaces inside the building have all been rented for the LIC Garage Sale. There are still spaces outside available. She could use a few more volunteers to work the day of the sale where there will be two shifts 8:30 -12:00 and 12:00 to 4:00.

Donated items can be dropped off at the Clubhouse Thurs. or Fri. 12:00 to 4:00 PM before the Sat. sale. Or if you need someone to come and pick up items you can call the Pritchards.

Connie and Rich Hildahl gave an update on the LIC fundraiser plans for the May 16-18 Down Key Festival fundraiser. Rich had a slide show with historic photos of the area and the boats that use to provide work and transportation for the residents of the Key Peninsula. A full schedule of activities and events planned for the weekend was presented to the membership. It was MSP to approve funds for this festival.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Riggs
LIC Secretary



Upcoming Events

Mar. 29— LIC Cleanup Day ,LIC Clubhouse, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Tue. Apr 1-Quarterly Moorage Payments Due

Wed, Apr 2—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM

Thu. Apr 3—Events Meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse

Sat. Apr 12—LIC Garage Sale, LIC Clubhouse, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Wed. Apr 16—General 'Pot Luck' Meeting 6:30 pm LIC Clubhouse

Fri. Apr 18—Good Friday

Sun. Apr 20—Easter

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that 42 years ago this month the very first formal meeting of the Key Peninsula Historical Society (KPHS) took place in the fellowship hall of the Longbranch Community Church. That meeting took place on April 27, 1972. Eventually the KPHS meeting location began rotating between the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn and the Longbranch Committee Church. In 1995 the KPHS got a more permanent home when its associated museum opened in the former Pierce County Library room at the Civic Center. Since that time, individuals from all over the Key have put in thousands of volunteer hours to help the KPHS preserve and display the amazing history of this peninsula.

The fund raising event held at the El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant on Monday, March 10, was another community-wide effort to help the KPHS with its important mission. On that night, from 5-9 pm, Pablo and Cathy De La Cruz contributed 10% of the till from both the dining room and the bar to the Historical Society. The event was planned as a way to acquire the funds needed to match a \$250 challenge grant given by a member of the community. The hope was that the 10% contribution would raise the money needed to match that grant, which would be quite an accomplishment, since Monday is not a big dining out night. But, in the end, thanks to an amazing response from people all over the peninsula, the 10% contribution raised \$300, and an additional \$190 in donations were given by people at the restaurant or in lieu of not being able to make the event.

A great big thank you goes out to the LIC members that participated. During the 5:00 to 7:00 pm time frame, LIC faces made up the single largest contingent present. It was a fun night, with amazing community participation. And although we may have overwhelmed them a little bit, it was clearly a good night for the restaurant too.

By the way, make sure to take the time to stop by the KPHS museum in order to take a look at the newly created *Forest To Farm* exhibit.

Kurt Anderson

QUIET!!!

Oh, how quiet is the new refer in the LIC clubhouse kitchen. Courtesy of the Cookbook Committee, there now resides in the kitchen a beautiful, QUIET, new refrigerator. It is the same brand and looks the same as the old one it replaced, but in addition to less noise when operating, it is an "energy efficient" model, with wheels to facilitate moving it to clean under and around it. The old refer was on legs and it is doubtful the area it occupied had ever been cleaned. If empty for an extended period of time the new refer can be unplugged until the next time it is needed, which, along with being energy efficient will undoubtedly help the power bill. It takes only 2 – 3 hours to reach correct temperature when re-plugged. A nice addition to our kitchen that did not come from the club budget. A big thank you to the Cookbook Committee for all their hard work.

Peg Bingham

Reminder—Quarterly moorage payments are due April 1.

**GARAGE "SUPER" SALE
COMING SOON!
Sat, April 12th, 9 to 3 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 and make new ones. Have lunch and admire your "finds." Take home a dessert for dinner from the **baked food sale.**

HAVE DONATIONS? Bring them to the LIC on Thursday 4/10 or Friday 4/11 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 17 community members selling from tables indoors and at east 10 folks selling items outdoors. **(MORE SPACES ARE AVAILABLE OUTDOORS.** Call 884-2030 to register. All indoor spaces are sold out.)

See you there!
Denny and Jan Prichard,
Garage Sale Chairs
884-2030
email dp@pacinfo.com or jan@pacinfo.com.

PS—Are there maybe a couple of you stalwart committee members that could help with some "pre-pricing" help? We have moved the day to Monday, April 7 at 10:30 p.m. in the Prichard's garage.

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9 to 3 Saturday April 12

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SPEAKERS BUREAU PRESENTS

Hidden Treasures in Washington's Museums



A conversation about what and why certain pieces aren't displayed by our state's museums – from Bing Crosby's toupees to a 150-year-old pickle.

Harriet Baskas

Journalist and author of *Washington Curiosities* and *Washington Icons*

Humanities Washington sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across our state.

Harriet Baskas will be the featured speaker for the LIC May General Meeting.

Down Key Festival

May 16 – 18

The members of the Down Key Festival committee are working hard and having a wonderful time putting together our Celebration of the Youth on Key Peninsula/Fundraiser for all our LIC members and their guests.

This weekend is packed with wonderful events! Saturday during the day will be an experience you won't want to miss! At our LIC Clubhouse, music groups will perform from our Elementary Schools here on the Key Evergreen, Vaughn and Minter. Their music teachers are busy with preparations! A light lunch will be served for a minimal donation otherwise, this event is free for all of us! Following lunch, students, under the direction of their School P.E. teachers and our youth volunteers from Peninsula High School and the Key Peninsula Middle School, will entertain us as they compete in old fashioned games and races! You know the type relays, 3-legged race, and maybe even an egg toss! Mark your calendars now and invite your neighbors and friends let's pack the house and show our youth and their teachers our support!

You will be getting an invitation in the mail very soon Inviting you to purchase your tickets for the "Gala Event" to be held Saturday Evening, the 17th, down at our marina aboard the historic ferryboat, "Tourist No. II". We are gathering some great items for an auction both silent and live led by auctioneer, Joe Stortini and special entertainment. This also promises to be an event you won't want to miss not only are food committee members busy preparing and sampling delicious appetizers which will be served, but the buffet dinner following will be BBQ wild caught Alaska King Salmon which have been donated by friends of the LIC! The full schedule of the Festival follows.

This is an opportunity for all of us to come together and celebrate just how special it is to be a part of the Key Down Key!

Questions or comments please call Rich & Connie Hildahl 884-1400 or any of our special-hardworking committee members!

Thank you,
Rich & Connie Hildahl

Now for that very important part we need your help in identifying and securing the BEST Auction Items! Think about your friends and neighbors talented people you know. Would you ask them to join you perhaps in putting on a special dinner, a picnic, a clam dig and bake Or maybe you are talented and will offer several hours of yard work, cleaning, electrical work, etc. Art items? We love 'em! Please fill out the following form Fill out two!

Auction Form located on Page 8

Down Key Festival May 16 to 18, 2014

Outline of weekend activities:

Friday evening, May 16th, 5:00 p.m. on.....

Aboard the ferryboat ... Suggested Donation \$10 per person
Gathering of members, community, boaters, PHS youth, Scouts
Includes chili dogs, cornbread and salad
No host bar
Entertainment: students from KPMS and PHS

Saturday daytime, May 17th 11:00 to 2:00

LIC Clubhouse and grounds
Music and entertainment from all 3 elementary schools
Hotdogs for lunch
Outdoor games and activities led by PHS students, faculty, scouts
Competition – ribbons awarded
Set up on ferry for evening event

Saturday evening, May 17th, 4:30 on.....

Admission by ticket for LIC members and guests, \$50 per person
Roaring Twenties attire
Silent Auction – appetizers served 4:30 – 6:00
No-host bar
Strolling violin entertainment
Guest photos taken
BBQ King Salmon dinner to be served buffet style
Live Auction – to follow dinner Auctioneer – Joe Stortini
Following auction, live entertainment

Sunday morning, May 18th, 11:00 a.m. on.....

Suggested donation of \$10 includes coffee and a donut or maple bar from Sluy's Bakery
No-host bar
Gig Harbor Rowing Team performing on Filucy Bay
Kayak and dingy races

Down Key Festival

May 16 – 18, 2014

At the Longbranch Marina and the LIC Clubhouse

Auction aboard the Tourist No II Saturday evening, May 17th

AUCTION DONATION FORM

Do you have something special you would like to donate to our auction? A special dinner .. a service art.....

Name of Donor: _____

Address: _____

Telephone & E-mail: _____

Name of Donated Item: _____

Description of Item: _____

Value of Donation: _____

Other details or photo:

Please return this form no later than April 15, 2014

Auction items must be delivered by May 1, 2014

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO AUCTION CHRS:

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Thank you for your donation!



LIC Membership Report



Big welcome to new Members
Debra Appleton, Mary & Mark Lemon, Louise & Chuck
Beam

Thanks to Ann Dearing & Connie Wick for hosting at the
March meeting.

I am looking for three host/hostess for the April meeting.
Please email eacolbert@msn.com or call 253-225-5115 if
you would like to volunteer.

Eloise Colbert

See you at the April 16th
Membership meeting
At 6:30

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