

July 2014



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Potluck Meeting Wed. July 16th, 7:00 PM

President's Message

The Down Key Festival final accounting indicated a net profit of \$17,900. This was reported to the membership at the June meeting along with a proposal to use this money to fund current year youth programs (including college scholarships, camp scholarships for 5th graders, Kids-N-Christmas, donations to the music departments of the three local elementary schools that sang at the DKF, and a donation to the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Team that performed in Filucy Bay during the Saturday night event) which totals \$5600; the balance of \$12,300 to be used to fund our youth programs for the next 2-3 years. The membership approved this proposal by unanimous vote.

What this means is that now \$17,900 of current and future LIC dollars can be directed to other pressing LIC needs. This WIN-WIN effect of the DKF fundraiser was what we had in mind when considering this major project. Many of you reading this know what a big undertaking it was because you were among the dozens and dozens of LIC members who made it happen. Thanks to all and congratulations for a job extremely well done!

Elections for leadership positions were held at the June meeting. Elected to two-year terms were Clark Van Bogart (Veep); Judy Riggs (Secretary); Delia McGinnis (Events); Sharon Gearhart (Building & Grounds). Elected for a one-year term to complete the remaining year of Francie Carr's Treasurer position was Jim Hettinger, with the hope that Jim will stand for election again next year.

Going off the Board are Tim Heitzman, Doug Lewis and Francie Carr. These three individuals have given freely of their time and energy over the past few (or several) years to make the LIC a better organization. The phrase "debt of gratitude" sounds cliché, but it really applies here. Thanks to all three. Please enjoy some time to yourself with fewer meetings, emails and phone calls to worry about.

The July membership meeting program will be on "The Washington Boater Education Program". Denny Prichard is handling arrangements for this program. This should prove to be very informative. And don't worry, there will not be a test; just information.

"Cabaret" at LIC Clubhouse on Saturday, July 26, at 7:30 PM. This is a new idea by our Events crew: conversation with friends while enjoying a beverage and live music on a (hopefully) balmy summer evening. The music will be provided by Mark Runions and his group. If you were at the Friday dinner aboard the Ferry during the DKF, you know what quality music this combo generates. This event is open to all ages. For more info, contact Tim Heitzman or Delia McGinnis.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2014**

LIC General Meeting 06//18/14 @ LIC lobby called to order at 7:30 PM

Christine Anderson introduced 3 of the 6 LIC scholarship recipients and their accompanying family members. Brendan Greetham, Chris Krieger, and Justin Lauderbaugh all have attended Evergreen Elementary, Key Peninsula Middle School as well as Peninsula High School.

Dockmaster: (Lynn Carr) had nothing new to report about the Marina. However, he brought a photo of the helicopter landing in the LIC clubhouse field during a scheduled Fire Dept. emergency exercise.

Rental Agent: (Kim Chaney) was absent this meeting.

Secretary: (Judy Riggs) It was MSP to accept the LIC May General Meeting minutes.

Treasurer's: (Francie Carr) The Dock Breakfast, Down Key Festival and the Memorial Day Dance all were financial successes. The Dock Breakfast was very close to the projected budget. Memorial Day Dance was a great success both with our guests and the bottom line with 300 dance guests and 70 moorage guests. And the Down Key Festival was not only 3 days of fun but also very financially successful. All expenses look in line for the 5 month period through May. Also, the Dahl family is in the process of re-conveying Dave's \$5,000.00 promissory note back to the LIC. The LIC tax return has been filed for 2013.

Membership: (Eloise Colbert) reports two new memberships for this month. New members and guests were introduced

Events: (Tim Heitzman) The Memorial Day Dance was a big success thanks to all the volunteers and wonderful dance music provided by the band Fingertips. Tim announced that the Labor Day Dance should be as good or better with Kim Archer scheduled to play. Mark Runions and his band Bebop Co-op are scheduled to play a concert at the LIC Sat July 26 with admission set at \$10. The concert will be cabaret style with table and chairs, encouraging visiting and listening to the music. Membership, friends and community are all invited for a lovely evening.

Tim wished to thank all the members who helped make the LIC Events fun and successful during his term as Events Chair.

Marina: (Denny Prichard) The DNR has given the LIC permission to remove the two LIC owned boathouses and convert the dock space into 4' x 20' finger slips for boats. Denny reports that the governing agencies are being helpful in this ongoing process to upgrade the LIC Marina.

Building and Grounds: (Doug Lewis) was absent this meeting, but Gayle Brewer reports that the flag pole replacement project is going well with a 50' aluminum pole waiting to be set up.

Trustee/At Large: (Phil Johnson) has nothing to report this month.

Vice President: (Clark Van Bogart) has nothing to report this month.

President: (Gayle Brewer) has nothing to report this month.

Old Business

Clark reported that the LIC Board has chosen 6 areas to concentrate on for LIC Long Range Plan: the LIC role in the community; the LIC organization and governance; LIC membership; LIC Events; LIC clubhouse and grounds; and the LIC marina.

Gayle Brewer reports that the LIC Historic Structural Survey is in progress. The LIC clubhouse is 75 years old this year. With an official survey document, the LIC can start searching for grant money to help in preserving the building. Sharon Gearhart is helping with this process by gathering information about the LIC Building upgrades before and after the LIC Historical Building designation.

New Business

Gayle Brewer reports that The Down Key Festival was a great fund raising success. The money has all been earmarked for scholarships and grants for other student programs for this year and the next couple of years. This success allows the usual annual LIC fundraising efforts to go towards upgrades to LIC clubhouse and marina. The membership voted to approve these funds for Peninsula High School scholarships, Evergreen Elementary 5th grade camp, and Kids-n-Christmas. Also, there was a special grant to the school music programs at the three local Elementary Schools and the Kayak team who had preformed at the Down Key Festival.

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Barb Floyd along with Barb Van Bogart and Tim Heitzman have served on the nominating committee and have found candidates for the LIC Board election. No other nominees came from the floor, so the general membership elected to the LIC Board: Sharon Gearhart for Building and Grounds Chair; Delia McGinnis for Events Chair; Tom Hettinger for Treasurer; and Judy Riggs for Secretary. Continuing in office is: Gayle Brewer LIC President; Clark Van Bogart LIC Vice President; Eloise Colbert Membership Chair, Denny Prichard Marina Chair, and Phil Johnson LIC Trustee at Large.

Gayle Brewer thanked the outgoing LIC Board officers for their dedicated and outstanding service to the LIC: Thank you Francie Carr, Tim Heitzman, and Doug Lewis.

Thanks to the LIC Board and other volunteers for preparing and serving a BBQ dinner for the June General Membership meeting. And thanks to the membership for providing side dishes and desserts, which were all delicious!

Gayle Brewer announced the upcoming LIC general meeting speakers program:

July - "The Washington Boater Safety Education Program"

Sept. - "Geomythology" by Dr. Tepper from UPS Geology Dept.

Nov. - "St. Anthony's Hospital: Development and Services"

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. Judy Riggs



Upcoming Events

Tues. July 1—3rd Quarter LIC Moorage Payments Due

Wed. July 2—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM

Fri. July 4—Independence Day

Wed. July 16—Dessert Potluck Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 7.00 PM

Thu. July 17—Events Meeting, 7:00 PM (rescheduled this month only), Delia hosting.

Tues. July 22—Hammock Day, relax and enjoy!

Sat. July 26—Bebop Co-op at the LIC, 7:30 – 11:30 PM

Thu. July 31—Boaters Outing to Topside in Steilacoom

"THANKS SO MUCH"

On behalf of all of the family members of David Dahl we would like to thank the wonderful neighbors and friends of the Longbranch community. "Thank You" to everyone who joined us for David's Celebration of Life. A special "Thanks" to the Key Singers for performing several songs, singing with the group was very special to David. Joannie and David truly loved the Longbranch area and their involvement with the community as well as all of the wonderful people they came to know over the years.

The day after the celebration the family boarded a boat and Joannie, David and their daughter Laura's ashes were spread off of Eagle Island, a favorite spot that Joannie and David used to take their boat and sit and listen to music and the Mariner's.

Sincerely,

Terry & Cindy (Dahl) Stewart & Family

Bruce & Jen Dahl & Family

Dear LIC family ~

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers that brought sunshine into my life. It is overwhelming to feel the support and love from family and friends, and where else would you be showered with meals, funny cards, meaningful visits and phone calls other than in Longbranch. I love my community!

I am slowly improving but still have a long way to go. I am grateful for all of you - THANK YOU!

Marlies Van Cise

Road Cleanup

We had an extremely successful Road Clean Up on Saturday, June 14th. This was due to the eight wonderful volunteers that came to help. Each person was given instructions, then given their hard hat, orange vest, six large plastic bags and a "grabber" if they didn't have one. The grabber is a long handled metal stick with pinchers at the end so you can grab the trash rather than bend over to pick it up. Thanks to Gayle and Shirley Brewer, A.J. Million, Lauren Fanning, Susan Quigley, Delia McGinnis, Jan and Denny Prichard. They were able to complete the task in less time. We divided the group up into two teams of four; one group cleaned the Key Peninsula Highway from the LIC Clubhouse northward to the Evergreen Elementary School and the other group of four cleaned from the Clubhouse southward to 76th Street. A total of 20 bags of garbage, six bags of aluminum cans and several items like pieces of wire, heavy metal disc, etc. were collected. The group did a fantastic job and deserve a huge thank you from us all.

Thanks to Sharon Gearhart there was coffee, tea, water and "goodies" for everyone. She also assisted with taking water, more plastic bags or whatever the teams needed.

We will announce our next Road Clean Up later; it probably won't be for a couple of months depending on how the Highway looks and if it needs to be cleaned.

Pat Muchmore

Building and Grounds chat room:

I would like to thank you all for once again placing your trust in me to manage the LIC building and grounds. I would like to acknowledge Doug Lewis for all the hard work and extra volunteer hours he put in over the last two years. I'm sure he is ready to spend more time on his tug. Special thanks to Buck Buckner and Bill Lloyd for mowing the grounds this past week-they were in sad need of attention. I will be forming a Building and Grounds committee as one of my first tasks and if you are interested please let me know (884-3890, wolf9047@aol.com). Again, I thank everyone for allowing me to attend to the "grand old lady" fondly known as the Longbranch Improvement Club. I will do my best to fulfill the trust you have placed in me.

Sharon Gearhart

LIC BOATERS

The time of our first boaters outing for the summer is fast approaching. It is scheduled for Thursday, July 31, and will be a lunch outing at Topside in Steilacoom. In order to make a group reservation, we need to be there at 11:00am. The boats that can maintain at least 20 knots will depart the marina at 10:15, so as to be securely moored and ready to start up the hill in Steilacoom at 10:45. The slower boats will need to depart Longbranch at a time that gets them to Steilacoom by 10:45.

Please contact me via phone, email, text, or in person to let me know if you plan on participating. As in the past, we will have room for passengers, but the number of seats is limited. So, make sure to contact me to reserve a seat as soon as you are sure you plan on going. If you plan on taking your own boat, please let me know, along with the number of passenger seats, if any, that you will have available.

Kurt
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From the Dockmaster -

Last weekend was really great for the Marina. The Carver Yacht Club was here, joined by the Fircrest Yacht Club with 14 boats, then the Classic Wooden Boats came in for one night with 10 beautiful boats.

The Marina was full with lots of fun and socializing.

Reminder - If you don't have current numbers for your boat, now is a good time to renew!

Lynn Carr

KP Fire Department and Navy

The Key Peninsula Fire Department hosted a special joint drill exercise June 17 with the U.S. Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Search and Rescue helicopter team.

This took place Tuesday evening, June 17th at the LIC.

Below is the link for the story by Hugh McMillian in the Gateway.



<http://www.gateline.com/2014/06/25/3260303/kp-fire-department-teams-up-with.html?sp=/99/1490/1492/>



LIC Scholarships.....

As LIC members we must never underestimate the personal effect of our programs for students in our community. We recently received thank you notes from each of our scholarship recipients. The students extended their sincere thanks and shared how grateful and appreciative they were for the LIC's support.

A number of the students recalled memories of LIC events and shared how they appreciated the support of our community throughout their school years. Still others shared how they hoped to give back to the community in the future and help others achieve their goals just as the LIC has helped them.

Christine Anderson

Three of our scholarship recipients and their families joined us for our BBQ meeting last Wednesday. Brendan Greetham Chris Krieger, and Justin Lauderbaugh and family members are shown above.



Correction.....

In the June newsletter summary of the Down Key Festival, we incorrectly identified one of our very important sponsors, not only for this event, but many other LIC events as well. We sincerely apologize to our friends at Bruce Titus Automotive. For the Down Key Festival, they provided the shuttle and driver along with a silent auction offering. Thank You Bruce Titus for all you do for us.

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- Yes, wood is fiber, Creighton Cheney will be on site with his handmade bent-willow furniture

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or

--If you know someone who has a special talent involving fiber--yes, wood is fiber, yes, saddle-makers use fiber
Space is still available...

--if you would be willing to work with a hands-on project with children

—if you would like to volunteer to help with pre-event planning

or

---if you are curious

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LIC Membership Report



A big welcome to new members Delore & Brian Born.
I need two volunteers for Host/Hostess in July, if you are interested please contact me by return e-mail or phone 253-225-5115

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SEE YOU AT the Membership Meeting

July 16, 2014

Current membership 171

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