

March 2014



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



General 'Dessert' Meeting, Wed. March 19th, 6:30 pm

President's Message

Wharf Bank Loan. The loan taken out by the LIC and generously guaranteed by Geoff Bailie and Lynn Larson has been repaid in full, about a year ahead of schedule. Doing so saved us about \$5500 (\$4000 for flood insurance required by the bank, and \$1500 in interest). This leaves us with less cash reserves than we would like, and rebuilding those reserves is our next job. If all goes well we will be on schedule to begin repaying our membership wharf loans in 2015; until then we will continue paying the interest on those loans as usual.

Clubhouse Refrigerator. It has begun to fail and unpredictably shut off. It can't be properly fixed and must therefore be replaced. Talk about timing: the current profit from our award-winning cookbook and art is almost exactly the cost of a new commercial fridge. The cookbook crew is gathering bids and will soon select a replacement.

Save your Spring-Cleaning Items. The LIC Garage Sale is scheduled for April 12th, and we will be looking for donated items to sell at the event. It's a win-win deal: you get rid of stuff taking up room at home and the LIC makes a few bucks. Jan and Denny Prichard are again organizing the event; you will be seeing publicity about it soon.

The Down Key Festival. our fund raiser the weekend of May 16-18 for the LIC and its scholarship fund is shaping up! Events will be held aboard a historic ferry boat tied up at the marina, and at the clubhouse. This will be a true community celebration of our Longbranch heritage and our peninsula youth. Elementary, middle and high school students will be participating all three days. A large number of our members are busily planning the details, under the leadership of Connie and Rich Hildahl. Our March membership meeting on the 19th will feature a status report and discussion of the event. Please save the May date and plan to be involved.

Volunteer Hours. Please find and read the article by Kurt Anderson elsewhere in this newsletter about the importance of reporting your volunteer hours, whether you "need" them or not. Every recorded hour has an indirect value to the LIC.

Gayle Brewer

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

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM at the LIC

Dock master Lynn Carr: reported that the marina had a visit from the Shelton Yacht Club. The card reader on the gate lock is working again. The Tacoma Power Squadron is planning it's annual LIC work party for fall instead of springtime this year.

Rental Agent Kim Chaney: absent - no report Secretary Judy Riggs: It was MSP to accept the Jan 2014 minutes as written.

Events Chair Tim Heitzeman: reports that the Pancake Breakfast was a big success bringing in many community members as well as our LIC members. Tim is looking for someone to help with publicity for the LIC.

Membership Chair Eloise Colbert no report. Thanks to the General Meeting hosts Dee and Dick Scharfe, and Anne Dearing Treasurer Francie Carr was absent. Clark Van Bogart reported in her place that the money from permanent moorage, memberships and rentals minus the expenses came in above the expected income budgeted for this month.

Grounds and building Chair: the flag pole is beyond repair and must be replaced. Right after the snow storm, the LIC field was vandalized and torn up by vehicles. The septic drain field was spared by the big rocks placed along it for protection.

Marina Chair Denny Pritchard reported that the meetings with the DNR concerning the upgrades to the marina for the upcoming 2017 lease are going well. The marina committee is looking for a volunteer mapmaker to take on the task of designing a flyer showing points of interest within walking distance for marina visitors.

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

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

President: Gayle Brewer reported that the Bank Loan for the wharf was paid off in total this month. By doing this instead of continuing the scheduled payments, the LIC saved a 25% increase in insurance for required flood insurance. The LIC will continue to pay off member loans as planned. Also, the LIC needs a volunteer to attend the monthly meeting of the Key Peninsula Community Council which meets the same night as the LIC Board meeting (2nd Wed of the month) to represent the club.

Peg Bingham reports that the kitchen crew reported that the LIC kitchen refrigerator has stopped working off and on. She reports that the sale of the LIC cookbook and art have generated enough money to purchase a new one and the kitchen committee are currently researching options. Also, the LIC cookbook won a publication award from The Heritage League for the whole package including recipes, art and historic content. Thanks to Carolyn Wiley for the information to apply for the award, and Gayle Brewer for writing the letter of recommendation.

Connie Hildahl gave an update on the plans for the May 16, 17, and 18 fund raiser. A full weekend is planned with activities for all, and anyone wishing to help with the event is welcome to give her a call at 884-1400.

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Christine Anderson reported that since 1985 the LIC gives out a scholarship to a Peninsula High School student. The students submit portfolios for consideration and an LIC representative chooses from the candidates. This year \$3000 will be awarded. Christine also wanted to let the membership know that El Sombrero restaurant in Key Center is giving 10% of the evenings earnings to the Key Peninsula Historical Society fundraiser on Mon night from 5-9 PM March 10.

Jan Pritchard reports that the garage sale preparation is going well and the Pritchards are now accepting money for table reservations at 884-2030.

Sunshine Report: Peg Bingham reported for Marlis Van Cise the sad news of the passing of four community members: John McMenamin, Betty Power, Dave Dahl, and Bret Nebille.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Riggs
LIC Secretary

Dave Dahl

David Warren Dahl passed away peacefully in his home with family at his side at the age of 82 in Longbranch, WA.

David graduated from West Seattle High School in 1950. From High School he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served in Neabay during the Korean conflict. While serving his country, he also married his High School sweetheart, Joanie. David made his career at the Boeing Company where he worked for over 30 years. He spent his retirement years enjoying life with his beautiful wife in Longbranch. David loved boating and volunteering his services wherever needed. This included serving as President of the Longbranch Improvement Club, as well as Dockmaster. David also had a passion for music and was a longtime member of the Key Singers. Most of all he loved spending time with his beloved family and friends.

David was preceded in death by the love of his life Joanie and daughter Laura. He is survived by his daughters Cindy and Susan and son Bruce as well as six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the incredible folks at Franciscan Hospice Care, caregivers Wally and Judy as well as all of his great neighbors and friends who David cared so much for.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Longbranch Improvement Club on May 31st.

His family requests any donations go to Leukemia Association of Washington.

Cindy (Dahl) and Terry Stewart



Upcoming Events

- Wed, Mar 5—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM
- Thu. Mar 6—Events Meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse
- Sun. Mar 9—Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM
- Mon. Mar 10—KPHS Fundraiser, El Sombrero, 5:30 9:00 PM
- Mon. Mar 17—St. Patrick’s Day
- Wed. Mar 19—General 'Dessert' Meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse
- Thu. Mar 20—Spring Equinox, First Day of Spring

John McMenamin.....

In his 97th year of a life filled with family, friends and laughter, John MCMenamin passed away peacefully on February 11, 2014, at his home in Oceanside, California, following a brief illness. John touched many lives during his 37 year teaching career in the Occidental College biology department, his first 20 years of retirement on Filucy Bay in Longbranch, Washington, and his remaining 12 years of retirement in Oceanside.

John is survived by Adelaide, his beloved wife of over 70 years, two sons (David and Stuart) and their spouses (Lindsay and Laurie), two granddaughters (Sara and Sylvie) and four great grandchildren (Jake, Charlie, Riley and Mckenna), as well as numerous close friends, including colleagues and students from Occidental College and community friends from Southern California, Washington and places too numerous to mention.

John specifically requested that there be no formal memorial service or funeral. His immediate family gathered on the Saturday following his passing to celebrate his life and to reflect on the impact he had on each of us.

In accordance with John’s wishes, memorial contributions may be made to the McMenamin scholarship at Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road M-36, Los Angeles, CA 90041.

We have set up a memorial website where you can share stories about John, add photos, and pay tribute to his memory: johnmcmenamin.forevermissed.com

John lived a good life and was well loved by all. He always had a good word to share and a story to tell. A pun was never far off when you were with John. He remained sharp to the end. It’s up to us to live up to his example and make the world a better place.

The McMenamin Family
 Addie
 Dave, Lindsay, Stuart and Laurie
 Sara and Sylvie
 Jake, Charlie, Riley and Mckenna



Join us for dinner
at

El Sombrero,

Key Center, WA

and earn 10% of
the receipts for
the Key Peninsula
Historical Society
Museum!

Thank you,
Cathy & Pablo



Turn your meal into a more vibrant museum

Cathy and Pablo de la Cruz, owners of El Sombrero in Key Center, will be having a fundraiser to raise money for the Jud Morris challenge grant on **March 10, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Key Peninsula Historical Society will receive 10% of all sales in the restaurant and bar for anyone who buys dinner that evening -- you don't have to be a museum member. So, invite your friends and relatives to join us and make this event a success.

Christine Anderson

They Made It To Bair At Minus Six C

Over the past two summers the LIC boating group, more commonly known as the BLFF (Boaters Looking For Food), has gone on six breakfast, brunch, or lunch outings. We try to bring along as many non-boat owners as we can rustle up, and we often combine our meal outings with some kind of event or tour. We almost always get between 20 and 24 participants for a summer outing, and the total number of individuals who have participated at least once is around 35.

This year a number of the regulars asked if we could try a mid-winter outing, and I agreed to put one together. But, I made it clear that once we made our group reservations with a restaurant, we really needed to show up regardless of the winter weather conditions we encountered. Little did we realize when we made our February 6 breakfast reservations for a dozen people with Bair Drug in Steilacoom that the highest temperature of the day would end up being 30 degrees. When the boats arrived at the dock in Steilacoom that morning, the temperature had only climbed to 22 degrees, and if you add in the wind chill factor from the five mile per hour northerly wind, the participants were facing a 15 degree temperature for the ¾ mile uphill hike to the restaurant. Fortunately the plans included transportation by vehicle to and from the restaurant, so everyone piled into the cars and made the quick trip up the hill to the warmth of our destination. - Everyone that is, except Barb Van Bogart and Betty Lewis, who in a true show of "courage," hiked up the hill through the 15 degree wind, arriving even before the cars got there.

The food, fun, and friendship was great as always, and about 90 minutes after we arrived, everyone began suiting up and getting ready to head back down to the dock, where the temperature had already climbed clear up to 24 degrees (17 degrees with wind chill). As two of our male participants were conferring with me to make sure the "limo service" was still available for the return trip to the dock, Mary Mazur announced that she would be walking back down to the boats. That, for some unknown reason, quickly terminated the limo discussion, and soon all those who had come by boat were heading back to the dock on foot. It was a great outing and a fun adventure.

So if you see a few of your fellow LIC members walking around with baseball caps that say "I made it to Bair at -6 C" (that's minus 6 degrees Celsius), those are some of the 13 brave souls that ate breakfast at Bair Drug on the morning of February 6, 2014. - Come and join us on our next outing. It's always fun, and sometimes turns into an outright adventure.

Kurt

GARAGE SALE "UPDATE!"

Saturday, April 12, 9 to 3 p.m.

It's not too late to reserve an indoor or outdoor space for our "Super (Garage/Garden/Bake) Sale."

There is a lot of interest, so be sure to send in your payment as soon as possible to guarantee your spot!

Want a Space? Indoor spaces are 8'x8' to 10'x10' (depending on how many spaces are sold.) They cost \$20 and come with a 6' table and as many chairs as you need. A second table is \$5. Outdoor space is \$15 and no table is provided. Set-up is the night before and/or the morning of.

Like to Bake? Calling all members to bake some of your **delicious creations** to benefit the LIC! Shirley Brewer is in charge and would love to hear from you. Phone her at 884-0787 or email her at gbrewer123@yahoo.com. Baked goods should be well wrapped and need no refrigeration.

Have too much Clutter?" Donate some for the LIC sale. Housewares, furniture, clean "gently used" clothing, toys, tools, working appliances, all are welcome. Items can be brought to the LIC on Thursday and Friday, April 10 and 11, between 3 and 8 p.m. or call 884-2030 for pick up.

Feeling Neighborly? Spread the word. April 12th will be a fun day of bargain hunting; eating a deliciously inexpensive lunch made by our kitchen mavens; finding that special craft or plant to brighten your day; and welcoming Spring with your neighbors and friends.

Like to Help? The baked food sale and LIC sale tables need volunteer sales people. Help is needed with set up, sorting and pricing donations, parking and clean up. **All offers of help gratefully accepted!** Call Denny or Jan Prichard at 884-2030 or email them at dp@pacinfo.com or jan@pacinfo.com.

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9 to 3 Saturday April 12

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Longbranch Improvement Club

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HOT DEALS - HOT COFFEE - HOT FUN

Dockmaster Report.....

Shelton Yacht Club came in with 12 boats and had a great time at the Marina in February even though the weather was very cold. We have yacht clubs scheduled for all weekends in March. Check the LIC Calendar for names.

Continued electrical upgrades include a 110 outlet on A Dock by slip A1, thanks to Tom Kelly.

Lynn Carr, Dockmaster

Why You Should Report Every Single One of Your Volunteer Hours

The recording of every one of the volunteer hours worked by our members is very important to a non-profit organization like the LIC. There are many different reasons for this, including the ability to provide local entities with an accurate count of our total annual volunteer hours, and to help provide part of the basis for our continued status as a 501 (C) 4 non-profit corporation. But possibly the most important reason of all is what each one of these hours might provide if we choose to apply for one of the many grants that have become increasingly necessary in this age of economic belt tightening.

There are three primary ways that these hours can be used to help us acquire grants from either government programs or private foundations. First of all, these hours are often the primary way a possible grantor evaluates the effectiveness of a volunteer organization. A comparison of the ratio of the total number of club members to the total number of volunteer hours gives them insight into whether the organization is primarily a social club, or whether it has a history of being a force for action within its community. Secondly, it helps a grantor get a feel for whether there is going to be a ready and willing volunteer workforce available to undertake the many volunteer activities often associated with a project that they might fund. Thirdly, and often most importantly, is the fact that most of the time the monetary value of these hours can be used as the matching funds portion of a matching-funds grant.

The vast majority of currently offered grants fall into this category. For example, a grantor might offer a non-profit organization \$10,000 toward a project, with the requirement that the non-profit matches that with their own \$10,000. But in many cases the non-profit doesn't use actual money, but instead it uses the monetary value of volunteer hours as its \$10,000 portion of the matching grant. The monetary value of these hours is different for each state in the union, and that value is calculated annually by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Currently the hourly value for Washington is set at \$22.69. That means if 150 of our LIC members were to each log 10 hours of volunteer work this year, we would have put ourselves in a position to seek a matching-funds grant of over \$34,000. Of course the reverse side of this equation is that if each member of a 200-member club fails to report just one hour of volunteer work in a given year, the club is potentially losing out on over \$4,500 in possible grant money. That makes every volunteer hour that you work very valuable to the LIC. By the way, your driving time to and from the volunteer activity can be counted in your hour total if your only reason for going to the location of the volunteer work is the volunteer activity itself.

In the past two years, both the Key Peninsula Civic Center and the Key Peninsula Historical Society have received multiple matching-funds grants based, in part, on the monetary value of their recorded volunteer hours. In the future, every one of your volunteer hours may prove very important to the continued success of the LIC. Please take the time to make sure that ALL of them are recorded and submitted to the LIC. At the present time that means making sure that a LIC Volunteer Activities Sheet gets to the LIC Membership Chairperson, which at present is Eloise Colbert. Her email address is eacolbert@msn.com.

Kurt



The LIC Cookbook Committee was honored with an award by the Heritage League of Pierce County at the annual meeting February 1, 2014. The Heritage League represents over 45 museums and historical societies in Pierce County. There were seven special awards given this year and the LIC Cookbook Committee, represented by Barbara Floyd, Barbara Doat, Sharon Gearhart and Peg Bingham, received one of these awards.

Save the Date – May 16th – 18th

Down Key Festival

Celebrating - community, heritage, youth

Friday evening – Aboard the ferryboat at the LIC dock
Gathering of members, community, PHS youth,
Boaters and friends
Food, no-host bar, entertainment

Saturday 10:00AM – 2:00PM – LIC Clubhouse
and Grounds
Music from all 3 elementary schools
Lunch, games, activities

Saturday evening – BIG EVENT aboard ferryboat
Silent and live auction to raise money for our
youth programs
Food, no-host bar, entertainment

Sunday Brunch 11:00 AM – aboard ferryboat
Enjoy brunch on the ferry while kayak groups
entertain

You don't want to miss this weekend!





LIC Membership Report

Thanks to Ann Dearing, Dick & Dee Scharf for hosting and bartending at the February meeting.

We currently show 109 paid members for 2014, if you have not sent your renewal you can download the forms from our website ~ longbranchimprovementclub.org or pay at the March meeting.

Spring is coming~ remember daylight saving time is on March 9th.

Eloise Colbert

See you at the March 19th meeting at 6:30

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