

April 2015



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

***For the Betterment of the Community***



**April Potluck Meeting Wednesday, April 15 6:30 PM**

## President's Message

More About Falls. At the March meeting, Karmela Little of St. Anthony Hospital gave an informative talk on "Falls - Impact and Prevention", pointing out that falls now account for much of the trauma care seen at the Gig Harbor hospital. It is a problem better prevented than treated. In her talk, she projected some resource contacts for more information, should you want or need it. If you are interested, here are the contacts she projected:

- Aging Disability & Resource Center, 1-800-642-5769  
[www.co.pierce.wa.us/aspx?nid=1990](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/aspx?nid=1990).
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- Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)  
Key Peninsula Community Services 253-884-9924

Spring Cleanup. Sharon Gearhart and her B&G committee are making preparations for the annual spring cleanup at the clubhouse & grounds. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, April 11th & 12th. If things go well on Saturday, Sunday will be cancelled.

Down Key Festival Lite. Save the date for this upcoming event on June 5th & 7th. As you know, last year's inaugural event was a huge success and raised money to benefit local schools and youth. This year's DKF is not intended as a fundraiser, rather as a showcase event for youth of Evergreen Elementary School. Still in the planning stage, this will be a musical performance and play by the students, with original music composed by Evergreen's music teacher and an original play (based on KP historical themes) written by Connie Hildahl and others of the LIC. Two performances are planned, one Friday evening and one Sunday afternoon. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

Election of Officers Coming Up. The Board of Directors positions up for election this year are President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Marina Chair. If you have an interest in any of these positions, OR have a person in mind, OR would be interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please let me or any Board member know. The timeline is to develop a slate of candidates by our May meeting with the election at the June meeting.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 18, 2015**

LIC Membership Meeting on 03/18/19 in the LIC lobby was called to order at 7:00 PM

Program: Karmela Little RN BSN from St. Anthony's Hospital in Gig Harbor gave a slide show presentation on "Falls - Impact and Prevention. She is in charge of the Trauma Services, and said that injuries from falling now outnumber injuries from car crashes. 1 out of 3 people 65 and older will have a serious fall. If you are in the 75 and older group, you are 4 to 5 times more likely to be admitted to emergency from a fall related injury. Women more often than men are injured from falling. When Ms. Little asked us why we thought that was the case, a woman LIC member, being an Improver rather than an Improvee, suggested it was because men are less likely to get up off the couch.

Ms. Little suggests that we all consider using a home safety check list. Also, a good exercise program will go far towards prevention of injuries from falling.

**CONTRACTOR REPORTS**

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reports that there was a fair amount of boating activity at the LIC Marina considering the weather this last month. Lynn says that there is plenty of Spring clean up needed at the dock if anyone is looking for volunteer hrs: pressure washing the deck, painting the flag pole, weed whacking the parking lot, clean the BBQ, replacing the rotten deck planks. Give him a call if you are interested in any of these projects.

LIC Rental Agent Lori Deacon was absent this meeting.

**BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked and it was MSP to accept the Feb. 2015 LIC Membership meeting minutes.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger handed out copies of his financial report. He reports that the 2015 LIC Annual Budget is now on Quickbooks for easy access. The LIC Building and Grounds rentals are \$1,000 over expected income.

Membership: Eloise Colbert was absent this month. So Pat Muchmore as acting greeter thanked our dessert meeting hostesses: Theresa Gano and Ann Dearing.

Events: Delia McGinnis reported that back by popular demand, Kim Archer has been booked for the Memorial Day Dance. Keep posted for more information on the Down Key Festival Lite planned for June 5 and June 7. It will feature the Evergreen Elementary School's musical presentation of the history of the Key Peninsula. The Events Committee will be looking for many volunteers to help with this event.

The Key Peninsula Newspaper has shown interest in reporting more about the Key Peninsula South and has offered a contact liaison to the LIC to cover Events.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reports that although the LIC Cookbook did not win the national cookbook competition, we should be very proud of our Cookbook Committee for having made it into the finals. Sharon asks that you reserve some time for April 11 and 12 for a Spring Work Party. A list of work projects will be posted in the newsletter before hand and at the day of the event. It appears that the roof repair worked and that there are no more leaks. The new dishwasher has been shipped and is in route to the LIC. And lastly, "Good news! Sharon 8, mice 0."

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## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 18, 2015**

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Marina: Denny Prichard was absent this meeting.

Sunshine Lady Marlies VanCise was absent this meeting.

LIC Historian: Lynn Larson was absent this meeting.

Scholarship: Kurt Anderson reported for Christine Anderson that Peninsula High School is getting the student portfolios ready for screening by community organizations for scholarship awards.

Trustee at Large: Phil Johnson was absent this meeting.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart was absent this meeting.

President: Gayle Brewer had nothing to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Sharon Gearhart is getting an estimate for repair of the chimney and cement buttress building supports. She is also checking into an industrial fan for the Hall.

Gayle Brewer reports that the IRS Audit is still ongoing. Apparently our case is being passed on to an auditor with more experience with our kind of organization.

The LIC Long Range Plan will be made available on the LIC website to members. Gayle and Clark will also adapt a website version for nonmembers.

The Marina Committee's LIC Marina Longevity Plan Draft has been completed and is being reviewed before being made final and meeting with the DNR. We heard that 5 pilings are in immediate need of replacement.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nancy Carr has offered to be the LIC liaison to our LIC webmaster for updates to the LIC website.

Delia McGinnis reports on the plans for the Down Key Festival Lite scheduled for June 5 and June 7 which will feature Evergreen Elementary School's musical presentation of the history of the Key Peninsula.

Delia also reports that the LIC needs to recruit a few more volunteer members to acquire the Certified Booth Operator License for up coming events.

Gayle Brewer reports that there has been significant trash dumping on the back of LIC property off Erickson road. A work group is needed to gather and haul it away.

Gayle Brewer is seeking suggestions for a Nominating Committee Chair for the up coming LIC Board election. Board Offices up for election include President, Treasurer, Membership and Marina Chair.

The LIC Board voted to change the Building and Grounds rental policy to allow for a 10% discount to active duty military families.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. Judy Riggs

# Upcoming Events

Wed. Apr 1—Marina Meeting, TBD  
Thu. Apr 2 —Events Meeting, 7:00 PM, LIC Clubhouse  
Sun. Apr 5—Easter Sunday  
Wed Apr 15 – Potluck general meeting, 6:30, LIC Clubhouse  
Thu Apr 16—Fiber Arts Planning Meeting, 3:00 PM LIC Clubhouse  
Wed Apr 22—Earth Day  
Sat. May 2—Dock Breakfast

## Greetings from the LIC sunshine corner:

Our friend Peg Bingham was treated in several hospitals in Seattle but is home now and is feeling much better. Larry Bingham lost his brother unexpectedly. We are sending our sincere and heart-felt condolences.

Please let me know when you hear of someone being ill or having lost a loved one, so I can send a note, showing that the LIC cares.

Sent from the sunshine corner via Marlies Van Cise

## **What's Happening**

Spring has sprung! The Events Committee is in full swing preparing for the events that occur this time of year. Kim Archer and her band will be playing for the Memorial Day dance this year. She played at an LIC event last year and is back by popular demand. We're looking forward to the usual great turnout.

Two weeks after the dance Evergreen Elementary school will be performing a play about the history of south Key Peninsula. The school wanted to do something to thank us for our generosity to them over the years. Connie Hildahl and Voski Sprague have written a play and Teri Hammon, the music teacher at Evergreen has written several songs for it. There will be two performances; Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. This should be great fun and a wonderful experience for the kids. So please come out to enjoy the performance and applaud the performers.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new additions to the Events Committee. They are Kathy Lyons, Meg Davis, Linda Merriman and Kathy Barrett. We're very excited to have them join us. So please give them a warm welcome when you see them.

Delia McGinnis

## **KEY PENINSULA ART SHOW AT THE LIC**

We are looking for multimedia art, representing the history, scenery, flora and fauna of our beautiful Key Peninsula. This community event takes place at the LIC, on the evening of Friday June, 5th and the afternoon of Sunday, June 7th, around the musical, "The Early History of the Down Key", performed by, and a benefit for, the students of Evergreen Elementary School.

Interested artists may submit two pieces, wire backed and labeled with: the artists name, title, price and contact information, if for sale. Any buyers will contact the artist directly. There is no entry fee or percentage asked of the artist.

For more information, please contact Meg Davis, Events Committee, at  
[megabytedavis@gmail.com](mailto:megabytedavis@gmail.com).

Meg Davis

## March 2015 Building and Grounds Chat room:

The new dishwasher arrived today and is waiting to be installed. Thanks to Lynn, Gayle, Clark, Delia, and Kerry for helping get it in the building and unpacked. The main news this month is Spring Clean-up which will be held April 11-12 starting at 9:00AM. We usually do not have to go into the second day but it is available if anyone needs some hours but can't make Saturday—that is providing all the work does not get done.

The following is a partial list of projects that are waiting to get done:

**Interior:** Wash windows (inside and out), check out upholstered chairs for needed repairs and spot cleaning, paint cabinet under kitchen sink and the back splash area around the hand washing sink, clean out corner next to sound/electric room and sort out items on top of sound room, fix door under kitchen sink to allow it to close, check round tables for repair needs and tape removal, remove cobwebs from corners and windows.

**Exterior:** clean gutters, remove old stage and wood from behind building, power wash plastic strips in dumpster area fence, rehang dumpster gate, clean off south porch area, repaint address post, fill in holes at ends of driveways with gravel, general weed eating, replace wood edging along flower beds, clean out storage shed—(make some determination on old hand washing sinks that we can no longer use due to county restrictions on hand washing, remove dying tree from front yard area, clean out flower beds if needed.

These are just some of the items that need to be done to give the Old Girl her spring face lift. I will post the entire list on the chalk board and you can pick and choose what you would like to work on. Sandwiches and beverages will be provided as will coffee and muffins in the morning. I pray for good weather and I hope to see many of you there.

Sharon

## Dockmaster Report

The Marina has been a bit slow this month. Looking forward to more clubs coming in April.

There are tasks that need to be done at the Marina if you need/want volunteer hours including some painting, weed eating the parking lot and pressure washing the wharf. Please see me if you can help. The more of these items crossed off the to-do list before the Dock Breakfast, the better.

Thank you,  
Lynn

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# LIC Membership Report

Thanks to Theresa Gano and Ann Dearing for helping with the March meeting.

If you can volunteer for the April meeting, please call or e-mail Eloise, 253-225-5115, [eacolbert@msn.com](mailto:eacolbert@msn.com)

## April Meeting Potluck

**Wednesday, April 15**

**6:30 PM**

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