



Member Newsletter

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# Longbranch Improvement Club

AUGUST 2015

*For the Betterment of the Community*

AUGUST 19- POTLUCK MEETING—starts @ 6:30 pm

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I watched the LIC Boaters outing leave the LIC Marina on the way to Steilacoom, I was reminded of how lucky all of us are to live in the Longbranch community. Not only is our scenery fabulous, but so is our community. How many communities do you know, that plan an outing for lunch? Each of us enriches and enhances the Longbranch Improvement Club. Whether you plant flower pots to beautify the Key Peninsula, help with events, bring a delicious dessert to a meeting, welcome new members with open arms, whack weeds on the trail, or clean up the litter along the highway, you add value to our club and community. Each of you is important in our community. Without **U** there would be no **U** in commUnity. Thank you for being an LIC member!

On behalf of the members of the Longbranch Improvement Club, I want to thank Gayle Brewé, for so ably taking the helm and steering the Club during the last three years. He enabled the Board of Directors to complete the Long Range Plan and to start work on the LRP priority areas, the failure of the clubhouse septic tank and drain fields was tackled and replacement was accomplished, the clubhouse assessment was completed and work on the DNR lease renewal was begun. Gayle always had a smile on his face and a quip to make us laugh. Fortunately, Gayle will remain on the Board as Trustee at Large and will help steer the Improvement Club forward. Along with serving as Trustee at Large, Gayle will continue to plan the bi-monthly programs for the membership meetings. If you have a speaker idea, please contact him. (884.0787)

Another person, who needs to be recognized and thanked, is Phil Johnson. Phil has quietly served on the Board for eight years. He has gently and consistently kept us out of muddy legal waters, conducted needed legal research and reviewed all legal matters for the Club. I have asked Phil to remain on the Board as an advisor and thankfully he has agreed.

Welcome to new Board Members: Nancy Carr, who will serve as Membership Chair and Mark Runions, who is the new Marina Chair. Mark will also serve on the DNR Lease Negotiating Committee. They will join the second year Board members Delia McGinnis, Clark Van Bogart, Judy Riggs, Sharon Gearhart and Jim Hettinger to continue the forward momentum of the club. I think that we have fabulous Board members, who are dedicated to the Longbranch Improvement Club.

I hope you continue to enjoy this beautiful summer! *Francie Carr*

**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 15, 2015**

The LIC Membership Meeting on 07/15/15 in the LIC lobby was called to order at 7:00PM.

Guest Speaker, Tarin Todd, from Citizens for a Healthy Bay, gave a slide show presentation on the Derelict Vessel Prevention Program. Thanks to Helen and Kerry Jamieson for contacting the speaker for this meeting.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reports that the Marina was very busy this month. Among the visiting boaters were members from the Fircrest Yacht Club, and the Queen City Yacht Club. Also, the West Pierce County Fire District fire boat, moored at Pt. Defiance, made a trial run to the Longbranch Marina and found, that it would take them approx. 15 minutes to get here. Lynn says that if needed, they would coordinate with the fire boat on Anderson Island for emergencies.

LIC Rental Agent: Lori Deacon reports that the Board has set a new Clubhouse Policy. Due to excessive wear and tear on the building, winter fuel costs and cleaning costs, the LIC Clubhouse will be closed for rentals from November 10th to March 1st. Instead, just the annual club functions will continue to take place. Current reservations will be honored. Lori Deacon reports, that currently there are 17 paid bookings through 11/04/15.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked, and it was MS, to accept the June 2015 LIC General Membership Meeting minutes as written.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reports, that building rental income is \$3000 over budget for the year. Total revenue for the first half is \$1300 over budget. Expenses are under budget year to date, but that will change when some professional fees come due over the next few months. Monies were transferred to the Designated Reserves funds to cover the sum of the net equity accounts.

Membership: Nancy Carr is updating the website and sorting out possible software issues. She has posted updated Marina information, the LIC Long Range Plan, and an updated contact list. Nancy is planning to coordinate her Membership Committee with the Events Committee in the future.

Thank you to our meeting hostesses Theresa Gano, Susan Quigley, and Carolyn Wiley.

Events: Delia McGinnis reports, that LIC volunteers have partnered with the KP Business Associates, and other volunteers to establish and maintain the beautiful flower boxes throughout the downtown Key Center area.

Delia reported, that the Food Bank donations from our General Meetings will be delivered alternately between both Lakebay Food Banks. Also, volunteers are planning to fix and beautify the historic Longbranch town sign located along the road between the clubhouse and marina.

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Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reports, that the LIC acquired a 2 year service contract for the propane heaters in the Clubhouse. It will begin on the date of the first annual maintenance service planned for this fall. The pot holes in the driveway are in the process of repair. The cement footing around the flag pole has been completed thanks to Tom Osborne. Lynn Carr has prepared a log for the front porch support beam replacement. Barb Floyd has been doing maintenance work on the Historic Building plaque mounted on the outside front of the clubhouse. Sharon is compiling a "to do" list for volunteers, including repair of the garbage area gate and weed whacking the area behind the building to the trails.

Marina: Mark Runions gave an update of dock maintenance and repair priorities. These include modifying the dingy dock to eliminate the sinking section; making room for new finger slips; adding "No Reservations" signage for visiting boaters to clarify the sharing of the LIC dock policy; replacement of failing pilings; rearranging the new permanent moorage space to better accommodate transient moorage; and recruiting more members to the LIC/DNR renewal lease committee.

In August, Jeff Hartjoy will present a program of an ocean sailing tour around the world. Old LIC members, Jeff and his wife Debbie, left the Longbranch Marina 15 years ago on a sailing adventure, which hasn't yet ended. They are visiting our area before continuing their world tour.

Trustee at Large: Gayle Brewer had nothing to report.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart had nothing to report.

President: Francie Carr had nothing to report.

#### OLD and IN PROGRESS BUSINESS

Sharon announced, that the Committee completed and submitted the application for the Pierce County Historic Building Grant. The LIC Grant Committee asked for a \$12,640 matching grant. Sharon presented a bound copy of the grant, that was over an inch thick, suggesting the amount of work the committee accomplished to produce it.

Phil reports that the Marso property sale is completed thanks in large part to Larry Bingham's work on this project. Phil says to expect soon to see a 6' wood privacy fence on the LIC border between the ball field and the Marso storage building. The net proceeds from the \$5,000 Marso property sale will go into a budget category, called Matching Funds for the 2016 Pierce County Historic Building Grant, in case the LIC receives the grant.

NEW BUSINESS-No new business

#### ANOUNCEMENTS

Francie led a round of Thank you to out- going President Gayle Brewer, who now will serve as Trustee at Large.

And to the LIC's good fortune, retiring Trustee Phil Johnson, has offered to continue volunteering his legal oversight as an advisor.

Gayle, who continues to be in charge of the Membership Meeting Speaker's program, announced, that the speaker for the Sept.16th General Membership Meeting will be an expert on protection and privacy for internet users.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. *Judy Riggs*

# Upcoming Events

August 8– Faraway Centennial

August 19– Potluck meeting at LIC-6:30 pm

August 20– LIC Boater's Outing to Boathouse 19-Narrow's Marina

August 25– Hartjoy's "CAPE HORN-ONCE MORE & BEYOND"

## **A PERSON WHO LOVES TO ADD !**

The Peninsula Food Market provides a 1% rebate on food purchases made at the market. About once a quarter, someone needs to add up the receipts and deliver them to the Market. Then voila, a check is sent to the LIC which is deposited into the Scholarship Fund. Thank you to Marlies Van Cise, who volunteered to handle that job!

## **ALERT FROM MARY JO-**

Wanted to let you know that until further notice, please use [standout@raincity.com](mailto:standout@raincity.com) as my e-mail address. I have sold my business, so [Standout@Raincity.com](mailto:Standout@Raincity.com), is no longer valid.

Thanks, Jo Hamilton – Mary Jane Hamilton—

## **From the sunshine corner of the LIC:**

Since we had several months of heat and beautiful sunshine, I think that members stayed well and healthy because of that. Nobody told me anything about anybody, and so I will save my cards for some serious stuff. Please let me know, if you can think of a member, who might enjoy a cheerful card and perhaps a hug.

### HUG COUPON

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*Marlies Van Cise*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

One of the Events' committee's long range goals is to collaborate more with other organizations in our fair community. We have taken a first step in that direction in Key Center. I'm sure everyone has noticed the new flowerpots, located in front of the liquor store and the coffee kiosk in Key Center. A big thank you to Kathy Lyons and the Bayside Garden club for taking on this project. Kathy first presented the idea of doing something to beautify our little *berg* of Key Center to the Events Committee. We thought it was a terrific plan, so she took the idea and ran with it. Through collaboration with the KP Business Association, the Community Council, Pen Light, Sunnycrest and Dan Stokes, (Kathy's son), who installed the hardware for hanging the baskets. We now have the first of what we hope are many such pots in Key Center. Special thanks as well to the Bayside Garden Club, Dana Webster on the Community Council for her support and Sunnycrest for their help and donation of a portion of the cost of the flowers and the liquor store for letting us use their water. There was also an anonymous donation of \$250 toward the cost of baskets, flowers and watering equipment. We have a lot of volunteers to do the watering, many of whom are not LIC members. Such good things happen when the whole community works together.

Another project, that is being considered, is replacing the Longbranch sign on the piece of property at the corner of 41<sup>st</sup> and the Key Peninsula highway south. A committee is working with Fred Leenstra, who owns the property the sign sits on, and Jim Olson, an architect, who has a house on Mahncke Road. Stay tuned for further developments on that front.

Save the date: on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the LIC there will be a presentation by Jeff Hartjoy about he and his wife's adventures sailing the seas. See the article in this newsletter by Mark Runions. This is open to the public, so bring your friends.

Coming up: the Labor Day Dance with the popular Fingertips on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information to come.

*Delta*

## Dockmaster Report

Thanks to the following:

Bob Halligan for painting the tie rails

Kerry Jamieson for taking my place while I went to Spokane for a kids/grandkids fix

Herb and Pam Marra for being great Ice Providers (and they advise we are up about 50% over last year in ice usage).

There is still a lot of Marina work to be done, including painting and cleaning lines, etc. Please let me know (253-307-1873) if you can help. *Lynn Carr*



Moonrise over Longbranch- Photo courtesy of Kurt Anderson



July Boater's Outing @  
Steilacoom's Topside Grill.  
Photos courtesy of



Barbara Van Bogart



Rainbow over Marina after the  
rain -

photo courtesy of  
Kelly Hettinger

### Building and Grounds Chat Room:

I would like to begin this article with some wonderfully good news-our grant proposal has passed the first test and is being submitted for consideration by the powers that be for acceptance. Yippee, Hurrah, Boo-yah and everything else that indicates extraordinary happiness. Now we just have to wait until October, to see if we made the final cut, and I am confident that we will. As to current projects-Barb Floyd is deciding how exactly to finish the wooden frame for the Historic plaque; I am deciding on the color for the cement platforms. Steve Stenhagen and I are waiting on new hinges (had to be specially ordered on line) and still trying to fit the stage door repairs into the loaded rental schedule that Lori Deacon has delivered to the LIC. Clark VanBogart is getting a load of gravel this coming week, so that we can fill in the holes at the end of the driveways, before they become ravines. Lynn Carr has indeed found a post for us to use to replace the rotten one in the front porch and is drying it at his house. I would also like to thank Eloise and Larry Colbert for keeping the aluminum cans moving to the recycle center. It is a sticky, smelly job, and I cannot shower enough thanks on them for volunteering to do it. Slowly but surely we are getting projects done with the help of all those members who volunteer their precious time to help. Thank you all!!!

### Projects room:

#### **Needs to be done:**

- Still need to re-hang the dumpster gate
- We need someone who would like to get a few houts watering the front flower beds and container plants once every couple of weeks (This project is up for adoption?) Gayle and Shirley Brewer take care of the side beds, which are on an automatic watering system.

#### **Done or in the process:**

- Historic plaque restoration-in progress
  - Fill in holes at ends of driveways-in progress
  - Paint cement base for flag pole with Behr deck over-in process
- Sharon

**"If you obey all the rules-you miss all the fun" Katherine Hepburn**

## THE FARAWAY CENTENNIAL

August 8<sup>th</sup>

2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

Longbranch Improvement  
Club

*A special project of the Key  
Peninsula Historical Society*

Save the Date:

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## COMING AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>

### **"CAPE HORN- ONCE MORE AND BEYOND"**

Former Longbranch residents, Jeff & Debbie Hartjoy, have quite a story to tell.

Since leaving Puget Sound in 1999 and 'turning left' at Cape Flattery, they have logged over 85,000 miles at sea aboard their Baba 40 sailboat, "Sailor's Run", and will be back in Longbranch on August 25th to share their adventures with old friends, neighbors, and guests, at the Longbranch Improvement Club. Jeff will take listeners on a trip through the Southern oceans, including his solo transit from Ecuador to Argentina via Cape Horn. Jeff's presentation will include photos of sunny beaches, local islanders, and occasional gatherings of fellow cruisers at some of their favorite spots from Baja, Central and South America, and the South Seas. Of course, it's not all fair winds, coconuts and palm trees out there on the blue water, so he will also recount his passage around notorious Cape Horn, dealing with 50-knot winds, blown sails, gear failures, and electrical fire, and a punishing knockdown off the Falklands.

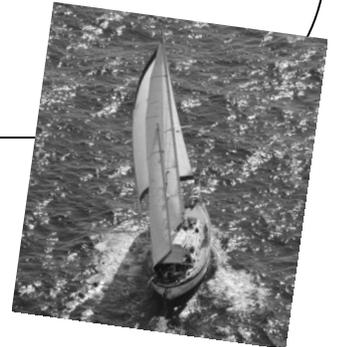
But wait! There's more! Jeff is now preparing for another solo rounding of Cape Horn. This time he will keep going east, as he attempts a nonstop circumnavigation via the Five Great Capes. His plan is to accomplish this feat in about 5 months, and he has vowed to not use his engine or accept outside assistance. He plans to leave Ecuador around Halloween, and with any luck, hopes to arrive back in Ecuador by his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday next April. This is not a 'bucket list' stunt, Jeff just plain loves sailing. He will share his enthusiasm, determination, and sense of humor with all, who attend this special presentation, whether you are an Armchair Adventurer or an experienced sailor.

The program will be on August 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday evening, starting at 7:30 pm at the Longbranch Improvement Club Hall, 4312 Key Peninsula Highway, Longbranch WA. 98351.

Admission is free.



Remember the on-going Food Bank donation box at the LIC Monthly meeting. Thank you.



### Longbranch Boater's Group Outing

Another Longbranch Boater's Group outing is in the books. This one, to Topside Grill in Steilacoom, took place on July 21. We had 18 participants, and every one of them seemed to be having a truly relaxing and enjoyable time. As they have in the past, Topside had us set up on the 2nd story outdoor observation deck. Although it was mostly overcast, the temperatures were in the 70's, and visibility was almost limitless. What a great view. The food was great, the social interaction was wonderful, and when the meal was finished no one seemed to be in hurry to leave. We all had a really great time.

Our next outing will be on Thursday, August 20. We will once again be going to Boathouse 19 at the Narrows Marina. If you would like to go, either as a passenger or a boat driver, please let me know by phone ([253 350-0309](tel:2533500309)), or by email at [thound356@gmail.com](mailto:thound356@gmail.com). *Kurt Anderson*

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# LIC Membership Report

Thanks to Susan Quigley and Theresa Gano for hosting the July dessert meeting. The August meeting is potluck and volunteers would be welcome for setup and host/hostess. Please let me know if you can help. Thank you

*Nancy Carr* 253-884-1384

**AUGUST 19- 6:30 PM  
POTLUCK MEETING**

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