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Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community

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President's Message

MEMORIAL DAY DANCE: I am writing this in the afterglow of a fun and very successful event on May 23rd, the annual Day Dance. Well over 200 people enjoyed this evening, including lots of visiting boaters. The dance floor was crowded all evening for the Kim Archer Band and the mood in the clubhouse was festive. Kudos to Delia McGinnis and her crew of Events Committee members, plus the many other LIC volunteers who made this evening happen.

Down Key Festival/Evergreen Elementary Musical: This original musical play will be performed by students of Evergreen Elementary School, at the school, on the evening of Friday, June 5th, at 6:30 PM. The theme is history of the Key Peninsula. This performance was originally planned for the LIC stage but rehearsal scheduling complications mandated a move to Evergreen itself. The LIC (and Angel Guild) have both made financial contributions to support this, but the support that would mean the most would be a large turnout of LIC members to attend the event and show our respect and appreciation for all the hard work the students and staff have put into preparation for the event. Hope to see you there.

IRS AUDIT: If you are wondering about the results of this, just keep wondering. That is about all we can do as this drags out. We are informed that yet another case examiner has been appointed to the case, but he is coming in cold and will require time to perform his review.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS: At the June membership meeting, we will also have our annual elections to positions on the leadership team. Nominating Committee Chair Susan Quigley has announced the following slate of candidates: Francie Carr, President; Jim Hettinger, Treasurer; Nancy Carr, Membership Chair; and Mark Runions, Marina Chair. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor prior to the actual election.

JULY MEETING PROGRAM: Looking ahead, I want to announce that the program presentation at the July program will be given by Tarin Todd of Citizens for a Healthy Bay, who will inform us about the CHB Derelict Vessel Prevention Program. I have asked him to also include info about the most famous recent derelict vessel South Sound waters, the Kalakala. This iconic ferry with its sleek art deco styling operated on Puget Sound from 1935-67, and spent its last 10 years or so rusting away in port in Tacoma.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 20,2015**

LIC General Membership Meeting on 05/20/15 in the LIC lobby was called to order at 7:00 PM
The meeting was brought to order by Clark Van Bogart (for Gayle Brewer).

Delicious desserts were shared at the meeting as we listened to our guest speaker Mathew Wilson PE present a program on the Tacoma Power Cushman Hydroelectric Project on Hood Canal. He narrated a very interesting history of the Dams built early in the 20th century, creating Lake Cushman and the power plants that today supply Tacoma and the Key Peninsula with electricity. Mr. Wilson was involved in the new project to restore the salmon run up river of the Dams. He showed a documentary of the installation of a specially designed fish elevator that has just come on line March 2015. Thank you to Virgil Iverson for providing our speaker.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reports that this last month had 12 visiting boats at the LIC Marina. The Des Moines Yacht Club, the Day Island Yacht and a group from Pt. Ludlow came to the Longbranch Marina Dock.

LIC Rental Agent Lori Deacon was absent this meeting but had left word that the clubhouse was rented for an upcoming wedding.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY: Judy Riggs read excerpts from the Evergreen Elementary School's 5th grader's thank you letters for their LIC Scholarships to spring camp at YMCA Camp Seymour. We also received a thank you letter from the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Club, who had received a \$500 donation from the LIC for being a part of our Down Key Festival.

It was MSP to accept the April 2015 LIC General Membership Meeting minutes as written.

TREASURER: Jim Hettinger gave his financial report:

April revenue was below budget, mostly due to a quiet month for marina guest moorage. Even though total income was lower than budgeted, expenses were also lower, making net profit higher than budgeted. YDT, net income is \$2,700 below budget.

The Dock Breakfast took in \$565.00 in donations and \$132.00 for the raffle, which makes total receipts of \$697.00. The expenses totaled \$412.00, resulting in \$285.00 net to the Club. At this event we sold \$20.00 in Memorial Day Dance tickets and \$45.00 in memberships.

The annual bill for the LIC portion of the cost and maintenance of the Otto Water System (the Marina water supply) is \$2,295.00 and was paid in full.

MEMBERSHIP: Eloise Colbert was absent this meeting. Clark thanked our greeters Carolyn Wiley and Nancy Carr. He also thanked our hosts Dee and Dick Scharf.

EVENTS: Delia McGinnis reports that the Memorial Day Dance is ready to go. She offered Dance tickets for sale at the meeting.

The Evergreen Elementary School has decided to cancel their planned extra performance at the LIC for the Down Key Festival Lite. Instead, they will just have the one performance at the School. Since we are no longer donating the LIC Hall to them for their extra performance, the Board decided to donate \$1000.00 towards their program (\$500 from LIC and \$500 from the Angel Guild).

Delia said that the committee is working on plans for two upcoming summer events.

She reminded us that the June Meeting will be a BBQ put on by the LIC Board for the Membership. The event starts **at 6:00**, earlier than usual. Bring a side dish and family and guests.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2015

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BUILDING & GROUNDS: Sharon Gearhart reports that there was a road cleanup with 8 volunteers harvesting 10-12 bags of garbage including a sizable crop of aluminum cans, which in turn inspired the Colbert's to make a recycle can run, which helps with the scholarship fund. Thanks to the volunteer army of lawn mowers who showed up to groom the grounds for a scheduled rental.

MARINA: Clark Van Bogart (for Denny Prichard) reports that the LIC Dock Rules and Regulations have been updated and will be sent out to all the moorage tenants, and added to the website.

NEWSLETTER: Helen Jamieson (theprplelady@gmail.com) reminded members to submit their articles by the 25th of the month.

HISTORIAN: Lynn Larson commented that there is an ongoing archeological survey along the south end of the Key Peninsula.

TRUSTEE AT LARGE: Phil Johnson had nothing to report.

VICE PRESIDENT: Clark Van Bogart had nothing to report.

PRESIDENT: Gayle Brewer was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Clark Van Bogart and Jim Hettinger report that there is really no news regarding the IRS audit. The IRS agent assigned to our case told out accountant that he will not have any update until after May 31. The LIC / Marso property sale has gone through as scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Now that the Bank loan has been paid off for the LIC wharf replacement, the LIC has offered the remaining Promissory Note Holders options for their loan repayment. Some have selected no change, where others have selected an early payoff. Some have selected to donate some or all of their loan back to the LIC.

Susan Quigley the Nominating Committee Chair for the up-coming LIC Board election reports that at this time the candidates are: Francie Carr for President; Jim Hettinger for Treasurer; Mark Runions for Marina Chair, and Nancy Carr for Membership Chair. Nominations continue to be open until the election at the June LIC Membership Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. **Judy Riggs**

The Mustard Seed Regatta 2015

The Dock Breakfast was will attended and folks had a good time. The Regatta raised \$100 for Mustard Seed.

Winning boats in the Spinnaker Chase

First Place Jim Hettinger

Second Place Gene Brown

Non Spinnaker Chase boats

First Place Sandy Black

Second Place Mark Runyon

Upcoming Events

Fri. June 5— Down key Festival/Evergreen Elem. Musical

Sun. June 14— Flag Day

Wed. June 17 — LIC MEMBER BBQ: **6:00pm**- LIC Clubhouse

Thu. June 18— Go Fishing Day (Really!!)

Sun. June 21— Father's Day

GREETINGS FROM THE LIC SUNSHINE CORNER:

Marge Radonich's family would like you to help celebrate this incredible woman's life with them. Her service will be on Sunday, July 26 at 3:00pm at the Vaughn Civic Center (because the LIC was not available).

Please bring your favorite stories of Marge to share.

Submitted by *Becky Radonich Olsen and family*

Our friend Buck Buckner underwent major back surgery and is slowly recovering. It is difficult for a man that busy to slow down, so to pass his time, he nurtured a tiny humming bird with love and patience.

We wish him well. May the pain ease up and may he soon be "good old Buck himself",

Prayers and good wishes are needed for Bob Stivers, who is going through a difficult time at Tacoma General.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlies Van Cise

Found:

A pipe wrench and prop puller were left on the Dinghy Dock after Memorial Weekend. To claim, please call the Dockmaster, 253-307-1873

Lynn

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Memorial Dance with Kim Archer and her band was a rousing success. We had over 200 attendees. The music was fantastic!!! Kim is such a great entertainer. Everyone was rocking out. The post event reviews are rolling in and everyone is raving. We also grossed nearly \$6000. We'll let you all know the final amount once all the expenses are tallied. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped to make this so successful for the club.

Chris and Jeff Tritt. Kelly and Jim Hettinger Susan Quigley Tim Heitzman Carolyn Wiley Kathy Lyon
Bill and Lynn Lloyd Dick and Dee Scharf Tom Osborne Rose Loper Jani Way Pat Muchmore
Barb Floyd Barb Doat Sandy Black Barb and Clark Van Bogart Jack Kennedy Sharon Gearhart
Shirley and Gayle Brewer Norma Iverson Jane Eiseman Eloise Colbert Christine and Kurt Anderson

Next up is the Evergreen School musical: The History of the Lower Key Peninsula. There will be only one performance at Evergreen School not the LIC due to some logistics concerns. It is this Friday June 5th at 6:30pm. The folks at the school have been diligently working preparing for this production. Several LIC members are actively involved with the production. Please help support the school by attending the performance. There is no charge but donations will be

gladly accepted. *Delia*

Christine Anderson reported that \$1,000 LIC Scholarships went to three students who had all attended Evergreen Elementary School and Key Peninsula Middle School. Each had impressive resumes with community and school involvement, good grades and strong letters of recommendation. She says that these three students stood out with their thoughtful essays. And each of these three students had a unique story and shared their clearly defined goals and future plans.

Judy Riggs

We had an extremely successful Road Clean Up this month (5/9) due to the fact that we had eight volunteers show up. That allowed us to have two teams of four; one to do the North end of our KPS portion and one team of four to do the South end of our assigned area. A heart-felt thanks to Kelly and Jim Hettinger, Rose Loper, Jani Way, Christy and Bert Sawyers, Julia Buckner and

Sam Ingram. They collected 24 bags of trash and ten bags of aluminum cans. By having the two team of four, we were able to complete the job in less time and made the area for each team shorter. I'll let you know when the next Road Pick Up will be; probably sometime in later June. Watch for an email announcing it so you too can join the team.

Pat Muchmore

BOATER'S OUTINGS- 2015

Once again this year we plan on having a series of summer boater's outings. Our destination of course will always be a location where we can partake of a delicious group meal. We plan on having one outing per month in July, August, and September, and believe it or not, this will be the 11th, 12th, and 13th times we have done this. For those of you who have participated before, you know how much fun these outings can be. For those of you who have not gone with us before, consider giving it a try. I guarantee that you will be surprised how many smiling faces you see, and how much hearty laughter you will hear. It really is a fun and relaxing time. And you don't even need a boat, as passengers are always welcome. The first event is planned for Tuesday, July 14th, so it's time to get it on your calendar. And it's also time to let me know you plan to participate. Also, please contact me by phone, text, email, or in person, so I can start making the list and figuring the numbers. Thanks.

Kurt

Dockmaster Report

Thanks to all that helped with the dock breakfast, especially with setting up and taking down the tables and chairs, which includes transporting to and from the Clubhouse to the pavilion.

Memorial Weekend is always fun at the Marina and this year was no exception. We had 55 to 60 boats in the marina – and they were rafted, wagon-wheeled and snugged very close together. The boaters were from the Des Moines Yacht Club, Day Island Yacht Club 'party group', and a lot of independents. There were a lot of nice comments on the dance, especially the band.

Thanks to Bruce Jeglum for his work on the flag pole, and just in time for the Des Moines Yacht Club Memorial service.

Lynn

Building and Grounds Chat Room May 2015:

There really isn't much to report this month, so I will keep this short and sweet. The building was busy this month with weddings, dock breakfast set up and the Memorial Day Dance. I want to thank those yard adopters for mowing and weed eating so that the grounds were in good shape for the rentals. With all the rain and the sun the weeds and grass grew 12 inches overnight-so thanks to Susan Quigley, Mike Isbell, Brian Born and Bill Lloyd for keeping them at bay. The new dishwasher is functioning well and it is good to have that capability again. I will be glad to give instructions on how to use it. The bathrooms *smell* much better since the floor drains have been cleaned out with Clorox. It's rather off putting to use a bathroom that smells-well like a bathroom, so I am glad the problem is getting resolved. Thanks to everyone who has helped with the building and grounds. I really appreciate effort.

Projects Room: The address post has been repainted so that is off the list. A member has shown interest in pouring a concrete base to join the flag pole and the existing concrete pad in the near future. We hope to then cover the entire pad with pavers of some sort. The right dumpster gate still needs to be rehung. And last but not least we have been advised that we should *NOT* power wash any part of the building exterior as it causes further damage to the siding and concrete. Cleaning should be done with soft brushes and water. So we have been forewarned. Until next month-thanks to all. *Sharon*



The Adventuress visits Filucy Bay (with an all-female crew)

Photo courtesy of Kurt Anderson

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

FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to everyone for your timely articles to go into the LIC Newsletter. I appreciate everyone of you and thank you for your patience with my questions!

Please feel free to make suggestions and to include articles or pictures– just email them to me and I will do my best to include them.

My 'deadline' will continue to be the 25th of the month and I will send out a reminder to help you remember.

A SPECIAL thank you to my proof readers and to Nancy for being so helpful!

Helen



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JUNE MEETING: BBQ!
EARLIER TIME: 6:00 PM
 {Bring a side dish to share}

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