



Member Newsletter

LIC

# Longbranch Improvement Club November 2015

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**DESSERT MEETING- Nov. 18 at 6:30 PM.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



I was privileged to be able to attend the DNR Lease Renewal Committee meeting last week and was in awe! This committee is working hard to develop a clear and financially sustainable plan to present to the DNR for approval. Phil Johnson had prepared a list of recent LIC tasks, which the membership, the Marina Committee and the DNR Lease Renewal Committee have accomplished over the last four years. It is an impressive list, which includes

- \* contributed the money for the county to remove the Pierce County condemned wharf,
- \* managed the financing and construction of the new wharf, which met all environmental standards,
- \* signed a new Easement and License Agreement for the perpetual use of county owned real property for a parking lot and landing site for the new wharf,
- \* preserved the supply of fresh water at the marina, by signing a new agreement with the Otto Water System,
- \* hired Echelon Engineering Inc. to conduct an underwater inspection and assessment of the Marina and
- \* disposed of 4 non-compliant boat houses.

Currently the committee is developing a draft **Marina Longevity Plan** for a 15 year implementation, which includes replacing pilings, adding new finger piers and soliciting bids for the most urgent marina repair requirements. Isn't that an amazing list? And don't forget that the Club has also repaid the \$100,000 bank loan, and has partially repaid the promissory notes of three members.

At this time, the DNR Lease Renewal Committee is in the final stages of compiling a list of the highest marina priority needs to be rectified within the next 15 years as well as planning how the LIC will finance it. Denny hopes to make an appointment with our DNR representative soon to review the current proposal. Please thank Denny Prichard, Clark Van Bogart, Phil Johnson, Mark Runions, Randy Babich and Kurt Anderson for all the effort they have expended developing this proposal!

I am happy to announce that Ramona Dickson will serve as the new Scholarship Chair for the coming year. She and the Scholarship Committee will review the portfolios of all Peninsula High School Seniors seeking scholarships, who attended Evergreen Elementary School. The Committee will forward the scholarship award nominations to the Board for approval.

At the November board meeting, the Board will be selecting members, nominated for the Star and Lifetime Awards. If you have a nomination, please send the name to Nancy Carr at [ncarr44@centurytel.net](mailto:ncarr44@centurytel.net). Remember, that the awards are given to members, who have made an outstanding contribution to the Club and who are not currently serving on the Board of Directors.

So many members have stepped forward to "improve" our community. Within the last month, members have mowed the field, volunteered at the Clubhouse fall cleanup, removed a failing boathouse from the marina, handed out candy at Trunk and Treat, set up a haunted house, helped with the Fiber Arts Event, planned the new 2016 Club budget and much more. I give thanks for all of you!

Happy Thanksgiving,

*Francie*



## LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The LIC General Meeting was held on 10/21/15 in the LIC Lobby. Following a delicious pot luck dinner and introduction of guests and new members, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

#### **CONTRACTOR REPORTS**

**LIC Dockmaster:** Lynn Carr reports that boating activities have slowed down considerably at the LIC Marina. The Day Island Yacht Club canceled their visit. Next, the Sound Sound Sailing Society will be making their annual visit and bringing their families for the pumpkin carving gathering at the LIC Dock.

**LIC Rental Agent:** Lori Deacon reports that as the last of the LIC Building and Grounds Rental Season winds down, there are already 5 rentals booked for next year. She advised LIC members to get their event booked early for next year. The weekends are starting to fill up.

#### **BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Secretary:** Judy Riggs read a thank you letter from Pastor John Day of the Longbranch Community Church, thanking the LIC for a donation of \$1,355.00 in building and grounds rental reimbursement for their annual summer church fund raiser.

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

**Treasurer:** Jim Hettinger gave his financial report. The LIC is doing well with the revenue budget \$11,000 over expected income. And the overall expense budget \$22,000 below what was expected. \$24,000 in insurance and \$3,000 in property taxes have recently been paid.

As the 2016 LIC Budget is in progress, it will be submitted to the membership at the Nov. General Meeting. Then it will be voted on at the Jan 2016 General Meeting.

Jim wanted the membership to know that Building and Grounds rentals have increased since last year and thanked Lori Deacon for a job well done.

**Building and Grounds:** Sharon Gearhart reported that the LIC Building and Grounds fall clean-up work party brought forth 15 volunteers. They spent 3 hours accomplishing a long list of cleaning and repair projects, as well as grooming the flower gardens and grounds. Sharon said that it was a fabulous success.

Gayle Brewer found a strong magnet closer for the cabinet doors under the stage. Next, the doors will need to be lightly sanded and painted to complete the project.

David Leger painted the cement platform under the flag pole.

Sharon explained that the cool meeting room is due to a faulty furnace in the lobby. A furnace maintenance repairman will be returning soon to clean the fuel injectors which should get the heater back in working order.

**DNR / LIC Lease Renewal:** Denny Prichard reports that the committee is meeting to organize a schedule of upgrades to the LIC Marina, to present to the DNR at an upcoming meeting.

**Events:** Delia McGinnis was absent this meeting.

Lynn Lloyd reported that Trunk or Treat is being coordinated with the Evergreen PTA. She encouraged members to volunteer with helping set up, decorate, help with the evening's events, or help with refreshments. And please come in costume if you feel so inclined. Trunks with candy are needed for the Trunk or Treaters. Contact Lynn for more information.

**Marina:** Mark Runions reported that the Case boat house has been taken away and demolished. New dock deck timbers are being acquired for a small LIC work crew to replace the rotten boards.

Winter moorage at the LIC will be available this year for 3-5 months at \$6.50 / ft. including electricity. Besides LIC members, anyone is eligible to become an Assoc. member for \$25 and take advantage of winter moorage.

Membership: Nancy Carr reported that both the Clubhouse and Marina member information on the website has been organized and updated. She has compiled new Member and Marina packets. There are currently a total of 151 LIC memberships: 18 Associates; 88 Couples; 24 Individuals; 24 lifetimes.

Nancy reminds the membership that there are only 3 General Meetings left in the year for those who want to qualify for special rates.

Nancy thanked our hosts for the Pot luck meeting: Sandy Black and Bill Lloyd for setting up tables and chairs. And thanks to Eloise Colbert, Jane Eisman, Pat Muchmore, and Sharon Gearheart, for handling kitchen duties.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson reminded the membership to submit articles to her by the 25th of the month. Email or call if you have any questions.

Sunshine Lady: Marlies Van Cise herself was recovering from an injury and could not make it to the meeting. Other members reported that we lost two LIC long time members over the last couple of weeks. Life time member Mark Jones passed away. And Del Leaf passed away.

Trustee at Large: Gayle Brewer was absent this month.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart had nothing to report.

President: Francie Carr announced that Ramona Dickson, the current Evergreen Elementary PTA Chair, will be the new LIC Scholarship Committee Chair.

It is time once again for the annual Star Awards for outstanding volunteer work on behalf of the LIC. Francie asks that you contact her with your nominations.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mark Runions called for a motion to accept the LIC Board's recommendation to increase the LIC Marina permanent moorage from \$6.50/ft. to \$7.00/ft. (including electricity, and the availability of discounts.) It was seconded and discussion ensued. It was pointed out that there is currently permanent moorage slips for 44-45 boats. There will also be 7-8 slips for winter moorage boats, while still leaving room for visiting boats. The marina did a Puget Sound moorage charge survey and found that even with the \$.50 per foot increase, the LIC Marina is still mid-range in moorage fees. With the obligation to replace 5 pilings this year, the LIC will need to raise approx. \$35,000. The LIC Marina is also the major revenue source for the upkeep and repairs of the LIC Clubhouse. It was voted on and approved by the membership to increase the permanent moorage at the LIC Marina from \$6.50/ft. to \$7.00/ft. The new fee will begin Jan 1, 2016 and includes electricity, and also continues with the availability of discounts.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Clark Van Bogart announced that the IRS Audit has been completed and the LIC tax status is secure. This allows the 501(c)(3) project to continue.

Clark van Bogart, Jim Hettinger, Gayle Brewer and Francie Carr have been working together on the #2 Goal of the Long Range Plan:

"To establish an appropriate corporate structure that provides a more suitable way to raise money for the LIC and its various activities".

Creating a separate organization whose sole purpose is to raise funds for the LIC and its activities will allow a greater range of contributions to be made including grants and tax deductible donations.

The next LIC General Meeting will be a dessert meeting Nov. 18 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. *Judy Riggs*



## WINTER MOORAGE AVAILABLE NOV. 1 2015- MARCH 31 2015

Winter Moorage is now available at the LIC Marina. The rates are the same as last year. The standard rate is \$6.50/ft, applied to the longer of the vessel or assigned slip. Qualified Regular Members (meetings and volunteer hours fulfilled) receive a 10% discount. Moorage is also available to Regular Members and Associate Members. Included is electric (limited to 200 watts continuous), water, trash, and Wi-Fi. Winter Moorage will cover a period of no less than three (3) months, nor more than five (5) months during the period from Nov. 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016.

Call Dockmaster Lynn Carr, at 884-5137 (Marina) or [\(253\)307-1873](tel:2533071873) (cell) to sign up.



## Dockmaster Report

Fall is here, and the Marina slow season begins. Please remember to check your boats during these windy and rainy months, to make sure everything is all right.

If you thought the marina looked different, another boathouse is gone – and a flock of pigeons is now looking for a new home. The pigeon problem should be reduced as I saw a cooper's hawk and a sparrow hawk at the marina. With the boathouse gone, the pigeons need to find another place to hide.

*Lynn Carr*



THANKS, RICH !  
Boathouse removal



Happy belated 87th birthday, Dolores Argabright! What a lovely party it was :-)

A card was sent to Dee Scharf with good wishes for a speedy recovery! First I attempted to deliver the card and a dried flower arrangement to their local address but learned, that they don't live here permanently yet. Fortunately I had their Puyallup address and phone number, so I called Dee, and we had a nice chat. She sounded good, and she wants me to let everybody know, that she is doing well with her new meds. I will save the dried arrangement for their next visit to Longbranch.

We lost two friends:

Mark Jones was a longtime member several years ago. He passed away 2 weeks ago, and his celebration of Life was yesterday (Sat. October 24). He lived in Longbranch for many years, but moved to Gig Harbor, after his wife Lori died. R-I-P !!! Flowers from the LIC were sent to the church, where Mark's service was held. Nice, that some Longbranch people attended.

Del Leaf, a faithful LIC member for many years, passed away on Wednesday, October 21, at the wonderful age of 95. The Celebration of Life for our good friend and longtime member, Del Leaf, will be on Saturday, November 21, at 10AM at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, 4213 Lackey Rd., Lakebay, WA 98349, Telephone: [\(253\) 884-3312](tel:2538843312). Del was an active member and one of the founders of the Key Peninsula Church. May you rest in peace, Del ! A light lunch will be served afterwards, and then Del will have a Military Service In Enumclaw. I do not have any details about the Military Service yet, but will probably hear later.

\*\*\* LIC members, please let me know of any person that should receive a Sunshine card. \*\*\*

Respectfully submitted,

*Marlies Van Cise*

Nov.1- Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 3- Election Day

Nov. 10- Marine Corps Birthday

Nov. 11-Veterans Day

**Nov. 18- LIC Dessert Meeting**

Nov. 26- Thanksgiving Day



## FROM THE DOCK CHAIR



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October has been a busy month at the Marina. Three out of four weekends saw large groups of boats, enjoying Fall cruising and the quiet pleasures of Filucy Bay. While some members have pulled their boats out for winter, others have enjoyed some great days on the water, including a large group of members making a trip to Olympia, under the guidance of "Captain Kurt" for lunch and a stroll through the Farmer's Market.

On Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>, we were finally able to remove an old boathouse from the Marina. It was towed by Rich Hildahl, in his Lord Nelson tug "Awesome", to a beach, where Ron Mathes and his hearty crew made fast work out of reducing it to a few truckloads of scrap, including a generous amount of pigeon guano. The labor and disposal fees were covered under the 2015 Marina Budget. This long-awaited job has definitely improved the air quality down at the dock, but where 40 pigeons are now going to call home is anyone's guess.

We hope, that by removing the boathouses, we continue to show good faith to the Department of Natural Resources, that we are doing our best to operate the marina in a conscientious manner, as we enter into negotiations with them over the renewal of our lease.

In other news, we are replacing bulbs, re-securing conduits, enjoying the new phone at the dock office that actually works, and working on the budget for next year. We continue to work on smoothing out the data flow between the Dock Committee, the Membership Chairman, and the Treasurer to insure accurate recording of slip assignments and changes, and timely billing.

Kelly Hettinger has agreed to help out on the Marina Committee – thank you, Kelly.

See the note elsewhere in the Newsletter, regarding Winter Moorage, if you are interested.



*Mark Runtons*, Marina Committee Chair (get it?) \*\*

## Food Drive



Remember the food bank donations, and please collect Food Market receipts, to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



## Fiber Arts 2015 – A Huge Success!

The 9<sup>th</sup> Fiber Arts event, part of the Farm Tour, was successful again this year. Over 500 people attended, representing 38 zip codes, and bringing in around \$3,000 for the LIC. Two dozen vendors and demonstrators displayed their creativity, both inside the LIC and outside. Peg again was “Queen of the Kitchen” and cooked up favorite soups, apple crisp and cookies, that great people have come to expect at this event.

***Thirty five plus volunteers working more than 160 hours over three days made this event possible. A BIG THANK YOU to all of you for your hard work!***

LIC Volunteers hung newly purchased “string lights” from the rafters, quilts from the back wall, and set up booths and grids in the main hall. They strung extension cords and power strips for booths, thank you to those of you who brought in extra for us. Vendor and demonstrator displays included hats, bags, baskets, buttons, clothes, jewelry, rugs, wall hangings, table decorations, weaving, spinning, fly tying, embroidery, cross stitch and more. Featured artist, Patty Carroll, displayed her beautiful hand crafted jewelry. The Pierce County library provided materials for people to make duct tape wallets. Outside, there were antique tractors; the Girl Scouts demonstrated “Weave-a-Wikki” - how to use yard trimmings to build fencing for compost bins; Willow & Maple furniture and wood sculptures were available. Raffle tickets were sold for baskets containing numerous vendor donations; for a quilt donated by Shirley Brewer; a Christmas quilt; and “Garden Sprite” a wire sculpture donated by Kathy Barrett.

Our LIC volunteers make this event successful for both the vendors and the public. Vendors were greeted, received food coupons donated by Angel Guild, were relieved for lunch break and assisted with extra cords and lights. These amenities provided to the vendors continue the exclusivity of the event where vendors traditionally do very well. We already have monetary commitments from vendors for next year! Fiber Arts provided a break for those on the Farm Tour, with food, refreshments, and rest in addition to interesting crafts and demonstrations.

Carolyn Wiley was instrumental in starting and running Fiber Arts, as an annual event. Her recent acceptance as president of the Farm Tour required other LIC volunteers to organize the Fiber Arts event this year. We formed a committee, and thanks to everyone’s efforts, were able to (somehow) accomplish as a group, what Carolyn has done single-handed for several years. The Planning committee was well managed by Robin Gould and consisted of Nancy Carr, Jane Eiseman, Barb Floyd, Delia McGinnis, Judy Riggs, and with much assistance from Carolyn Wiley.

Lights and Set-Up volunteers: Robert Theisen, Ray Flowers, Judy Riggs, Lisa Bryan, Denny Carroll, Sandy Black, Carolyn Wiley, Robin Gould, Nancy Carr, Jack Kennedy, Bob and Sharon Hill, Kelly Hettinger.

Kitchen volunteers: Peg Bingham, Norma Iverson, Barb Floyd, Jane Eiseman, Jan Prichard, Eloise Colbert, Kelly Hettinger, Shirley Brewer, Barb VanBogart, Linda Merriam, Mary Lemon, and Meg Davis.

LIC Table, Cashier, Greeter volunteers: Delia McGinnis, Lisa Bryan, Robin Gould, Judy Riggs, Jane Eiseman, Nancy Carr, Barb Doat, Lauren Fanning, Francie Carr, Marlies VanCise, Kathy Barrett, Mary Lemon, Kathy Edwards, Justin Percer, Carolyn Wiley

Tear Down volunteers: Dick VanCise, Ray Flowers, David Leger

**THANK YOU to ALL of our volunteers!** If we have missed your name, it was an oversight and we apologize.

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets for \$5.00 for the beautiful 72” X 72” Shirley Brewer quilt, or the Christmas quilt, they will be available at LIC meetings in November and December. The drawing will be held at the Christmas dinner meeting.

***If you would like to be involved in planning for Fiber Arts 2016 as a committee member, please let membership chair, Nancy Carr know.***

***2016 Fiber Arts is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in October, which is October 1, 2016. We hope you will be involved!***



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

October 2015



We had a very successful Farm Tour and Fiber Arts program again this year. The gross total was over \$3000.00 at last count with \$425.00 in pre-registration fees. The surveys and tallying of the zip codes isn't complete yet. However, comments from vendors and attendees were very positive.

The next big event is Trunk and Treat at the clubhouse on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. It looks like we will have a good showing of trunks this year. Thank you so much to all who have answered the rallying call. The Haunted House is back. It was scary fun last year. Set up for it is October 27, 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. The Girl Scouts will once again be providing fun and games for the kids. Come on out and see the kids in their costumes. The Scarecrow invasion has been going on for a month now. I see lots of them roaming along the highway in Key Center, but no one has been taken hostage yet.

The spaghetti Social has been postponed until sometime after the first of the year. Attendance has been very low in the past two years; most likely due to having four big events in the course of a few months. The school jazz band, that played last year, brought in an audience made up mostly of their families. Unfortunately they cannot play this year due to a prior commitment. Stay tuned for the new date.

Kids and Christmas is just around the corner. Decorating for it is scheduled for Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup>. Wrapping day is scheduled for Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Carr will be sending an email blast out, asking for volunteers soon.

I want to shout out a great big and heartfelt thank you to our tireless volunteers, without whom these events would not occur.

A large graphic with a dark green background. The text "Happy Thanksgiving" is written in a large, orange, cursive font. To the right of the text is an illustration of a brown cornucopia overflowing with autumn produce, including pumpkins, apples, and corn cobs.

Happy  
Thanksgiving

# LIC

## LIC Membership Report



Thanks to Sandy Black, Bill Lloyd, Eloise Colbert, Jane Eiseman, Pat Muchmore, Sharon Gearhart and AJ Million for setup and kitchen help for the October meeting. I'm looking for volunteers for the November and December meetings now.

There are still quite a few options available for volunteers in the upcoming months. Please let us know, when you can help. If you are not sure who the contact is, let me know and I'll gladly provide a name and phone number!

*Nancy Carr*, 253-884-1384, [ncarr44@centurytel.net](mailto:ncarr44@centurytel.net)

**DESSERT MEETING: NOVEMBER 18-6:30PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE.**

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