

OCTOBER 2015



Member Newsletter

LIC

Longbranch Improvement Club October 2015



For the Betterment of the Community

Potluck Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6:00 PM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the last month, it was with regret that I accepted the resignation of Christine Anderson as the LIC Scholarship Chair. Christine worked closely with the Peninsula Hawks Scholarship Fund in the selection of the LIC scholarship recipients. With her committee's assistance, all the candidates' portfolios were reviewed, the scholarship award was personally delivered to the recipients at the Peninsula Awards Assembly, and the scholarship recipients were invited to our June BBQ. She is to be commended for strengthening the LIC Scholarship involvement with Peninsula High School. Thank you Christine for an exceptional job! The Board will appoint a new chair in the near future.

And speaking of students, several of our past scholarship recipients have remarked how fun it was to come to the LIC for Trunk or Treat. The Evergreen PTA will again host a haunted house and Halloween party in the LIC Clubhouse. Remember how exciting it was to trick or treat? Members of the LIC can continue to provide that excitement to the children in our community, by opening their car trunks and handing out candy on **Friday October 30th** in the field. If you are really lucky there may be a few pieces left for you.

Now, that the IRS audit has been completed, the Executive Committee is ready to tackle the second goal in the Long Range plan, which is "to establish an appropriate corporate structure that provides a more suitable way to raise money for the LIC and its various activities." The idea is to enable the LIC to more easily raise tax deductible funds for the preservation of the Clubhouse, scholarship funds and to enhance recreational boating. Wouldn't it be nice, if your monetary contributions to the LIC were tax deductible? We have taken the first step, by having a telephone conference call with our CPA, who encouraged us in the venture. The next steps will be to refine the purpose, mission and structure of the new foundation, to write the Articles of Incorporation and to complete the IRS application. Gayle Brewer, Jim Hettinger, Phil Johnson, Clark Van Bogart and I are working together to move forward on this goal.

And finally, a big thank you goes to Larry and Eloise Colbert, who quietly and efficiently manage the can recycling program. Boaters deposit their soda cans at the dock. Larry and Eloise pick them up in addition to the cans left at the LIC and take the whole load to the recycling center. The proceeds from the recycling effort are deposited into the Scholarship Fund. Every dollar helps to support students from our community. Thank you to Larry and Eloise for managing this effort.

Happy Halloween!

Francio



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

The LIC General Membership Meeting on Sept.16 at the LIC Lobby was called to order at 7:05 PM.

This dessert meeting was followed by guest speaker Alex Alvin who is the first Privacy Officer for the state of Washington. His presentation was "Privacy in the Digital Age". Mr. Alvin was sponsored by the Speakers Program of Washington Humanities. Gayle Brewer had arranged for our speaker this meeting.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reports that last month was another busy boating month at the LIC Marina. There were 12 visiting boats that came for Labor Day weekend.

Good news, the LIC Marina and Clubhouse passed a fire safety inspection conducted by the Fire Dept. Bad news; the parking lot camera at the marina was stolen.

LIC Rental Agent: Lori Deacon had no report.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Judy Riggs read a thank you letter from the Edmonds Yacht Club for their visit to our Marina. We also received a lovely thank you letter from the Dahl Family for the use of the LIC Clubhouse for their granddaughter's memorial service.

And it was MSP to accept the Aug 2015 LIC General Membership Meeting minutes as written.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger gave his financial report and reminded the membership that Quarterly Moorage payments are due by the end of the month.

The LIC has some large expenditures due soon with property tax, insurance, and promissory note repayments.

The LIC passed the IRS Audit with no changes needed for our tax status.

The 2016 LIC Budget process begins and Jim will provide Board Members with last year's budget results to study for discussion at the Oct. Board Meeting. The LIC Budget will be finalized at the Nov. Board Meeting and presented to the membership for approval at the Nov. General Membership Meeting and then voted upon at the Jan. General Membership Meeting.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reported that the repairs on the cabinet doors under the stage are completed and only need a latch solution. Then the doors will be painted.

Signage for unallowable activities in the LIC field is being ordered and will be posted with the LIC trail signs.

The plumber has come up with a cost effective solution for filtering the grit out of the water system which was causing so much damage to the Clubhouse plumbing. The existing filter system under the kitchen sink can be enlarged and upgraded to handle the task.

The log that Lynn Carr had found for replacing the front door porch support has split while being dried, requiring a search for a new log.

Thanks to Buck for mowing the field.

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Events: Delia McGinnis reports that the Labor Day Dance made a total net of \$2,386.14. The 141 dance attendees were made up of members, locals, older people, Fingertips followers and some boaters. The Labor Day Dance was a big success and Kim Archer and the band, Fingertips, would like to return for a future engagement.

Arrangements for the Fiber Arts Festival/Farm Tour are going well. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the event. There has been good advertisement for the Event, including an article in the Key Pen News by Sara Thompson covering the festival and Patty Carrol who is the featured artist. Shirley Brewer, last year's featured artist, has donated a beautiful quilt and wall hanging to be raffled at the festival.

Carolyn Wiley is organizing the Farm Tour for all of the Key Peninsula.

Delia encouraged the membership to bring their cars to Trunk or Treat for the kids.

The next upcoming event will be the Spaghetti Dinner planned for Fri. night Nov 6, and will have the option of take-out.

Membership: Nancy Carr has prepared an up to date Membership Roster with all the current meetings and volunteer hours. She reminded the membership to check their meetings and hours when they sign in at the General Membership Meetings.

Nancy thanked the hostesses for the meeting.

Marina: Mark Runions reports that the LIC Board supports the Marina Committee in submitting to the Membership a recommendation for a Member moorage rate increase. The current member moorage rate of \$6.50/ft. would increase to \$7.00 /ft. The LIC needs to generate the money to replace 5 pilings within this next year, which is estimated to cost between \$76,000 to \$78,000. To complete all of the scheduled upgrades will cost an estimated \$165,000 and will need to be done over the next five years.

The Marina committee is changing the requirement of a 5 month commitment for winter moorage to a three month commitment. This is being done to encourage more dock income over the slower winter season

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart spoke at length about the DNR lease renewal process. He summarized the plan and the needed upgrades to bring the Marina up to current code in order to stay in operation. Money generated from the LIC Marina is the main resource for both the Dock and the Clubhouse operation and maintenance.

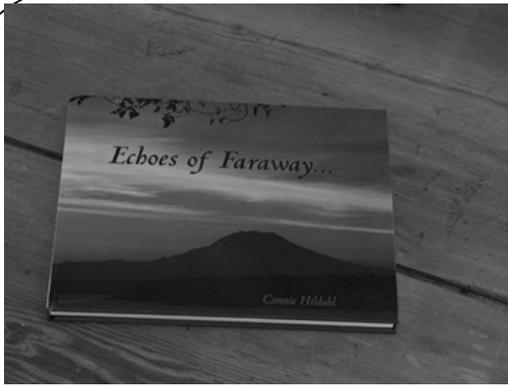
Trustee at Large: Gayle Brewer asked for suggestions for speakers to invite to talk at the LIC General Membership Meetings.

President: Francie Carr reports that Christie Anderson is retiring from her Scholarship Chair position and we are looking for a replacement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. *Judy Riggs*





Echoes of Faraway

Written by Connie Hildahl, photos and documents by Rich Hildahl

Faraway, built in 1915 on the shores of Filucy Bay, was the magnificent summer residence of the McDermotts, the founding family of *The Bon Marche* in Seattle. This story is of the life and dreams of Edward Nordhoff, an immigrant from Germany, who came to the United States with his dream. This dream was, to one day own a department store, where the customer would come first. This store would have multiple departments, offering the client a wide variety of items from which to choose. Edward, and his wife Josephine, made this dream a reality in 1890 when they opened *The Bon Marche Nordhoff*, in Seattle.

The story takes place between 1850 and 1950, set in Pacific Northwest History. This is the story of the family, their lives and their homes, behind this successful enterprise.

A copy of this full color book is available, \$45 for the hard cover, \$35 for the soft cover. To purchase call Connie at 884-1400, or cahildahl@gmail.com.

Dockmaster Report

September has been a great month for the Marina. Shelton Yacht Club started the month with 24 boats and they had a great party with lots of fun. Port Townsend Yacht Club followed with 9 boats on a Thursday night, then the Trawler Crawlers came in for the weekend with 9 boats and were joined by a couple of independent boaters. The weather has been fantastic for the boaters. The Trawler Crawlers were in for a rainy and somewhat windy weekend, with a couple of the boats staying over.

There is still some work to be done. If you need or want some volunteer hours, let me know.

Cynn Carr



REMINDER:

To: Marina tenants - quarterly payments are due October 1.

Jim Hettinger

From the Sunshine Corner of the LIC:

The following cards were sent:

To Norma Larson, who is struggling with shingles in her face. May this awful condition go away soon; and to David Wiley for surgery, wishing him a speedy recovery.



Please remember to let me know if you hear of someone being ill or losing a loved one.

Thank you -

Marlies Van Cise (beachwoods@centurytel.net)



Halloween



It's not too soon to put **TRUNK OR TREAT!** on your calendar. It's a fun evening (Oct. 30, Friday), with little tykes coming, all dressed up and looking for some fun. The parking area has trunks open, decorated (if you like) and people dressed in costume (if you like), where the children can come to trick or treat. Sharon Gearhart says it is great fun to put on a costume and quietly wait until the kids come up close, then she moves and scares them. Great fun! Peg will have refreshments inside, and the Evergreen PTA has tables with crafts and games in the big room. (They appreciate volunteers.) There will be a haunted house in the meeting room area as well. Please come and enjoy the evening- help inside with games or crafts, and/or bring your car loaded with goodies for Trunk or Treat! The action starts around dusk, so about 5:30 .



Food Drive



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



Fiber Arts 2015 Saturday October 3rd 10-4

◆ Patty Carroll is this year's featured artist, be sure to come and see her work. You will be amazed!

There will be approximately 26 artists—weavers, quilters, clothing designers, demonstrating and sharing their work. Bring \$\$\$, you may be able to do all of your Christmas shopping for those special people, who love beautiful, hand made treasures.

- ◆ Take a chance on winning one of *Shirley Brewer's* beautiful quilts.
- ◆ Enjoy the enticing aroma of *Peg's World Famous Apple Crisp* that will fill the building—until the last morsel disappears.
- ◆ Something for everyone—antique tractors, jewelry, fly tying and hands-on activities. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/LongbranchFiberArtsShow> to see photos from past shows and work by the 2015 artists.

If you want to be involved, there are jobs for all skill levels. Thursday, hang lights and run cords. (*Someone with ladder & electrical experience would be nice*), Friday, room layout and table set-up. On Saturday, register and help the artists set-up on Saturday morning, starting @ 7:30 till the show opens at 10.

At 10, the tasks to be covered are, raffle ticket sales, greeters and survey distributors & collectors, 'tidiers'—especially in the small room, volunteers to spell artists, and PPPIC's.

Contact *Barb Floyd*: [hozro_99@yahoo.com](mailto:hrozro_99@yahoo.com) to volunteer, or *Carolyn Wiley*: c.wiley@mac.com

10th Annual Key Peninsula Farm Tour-Saturday, October 3, 10 am to 4 pm-

A full day of FREE Family-Fun-Start the day at the :

• "Fire House Pancake Breakfast" at the Key Center Fire Station. 8-noon, donations accepted.

Then set out to learn about the variety of farming enterprises on the Key Peninsula. Look for Map, addresses & Event Schedules in the October Key Pen News. Also check on-line at www.kpfarmtour.com/ for route, get farm addresses for your GPS and entertainment schedule updates.

⇒ *The route--North to South*

• Gateway Park, Farm Tour Information Center, hosts the KP Historical Society, and learn about the history of farming, especially about huckleberry harvest on the Key and visit with LIC's own Christine Anderson.

⇒ *Take the Creviston loop and visit*

- Four Winds Riding Center, vaulting demonstrations.
- Bea's Flowers; take home an armful of dahlias and fresh picked veggies.
- Minterbrook Oyster Farm, visit the education center and look for returning salmon.



⇒ *Continue south and turn off KP Hwy on to 302 and stop at:*

• PackLeader Farm—herd dog demonstrations, one of them even herds ducks.

⇒ *Turn south at Wright/Bliss Road*

• Blue Willow Lavender Farm—Farm Tour '15 Event Center—entertainment throughout the day (hang around and listen to Lynn and Bill Lloyd play their hearts out) Check event schedule at www.kpfarmtour.com/

⇒ *Take Lackey Road*

- Trillium Creek Winery—walk through the grounds and take time for a taste or two.
- Longbranch Fiber Arts—26 fiber artists, antique tractors, demos, hands-on activities—satisfy your hunger with specialty soups and Peg's World Famous Apple Crisp.
- Kaukiki Farm—sheep ranch, and fantastic family, for an overview visit :

<https://dmontesino.wordpress.com/.../life-on-a-farm-with-the-funny-name/>



Another
Longbranch
Moonrise

Photo by
Kurt Anderson



Longbranch Improvement Club
Exhibits Demonstrations Food

fiber arts

threads through time

ARTISTIC TO UTILITARIAN
TRADITIONAL TO MODERN

Saturday October 3

10am to 4pm

Free Admission



4312 Key Peninsula Hwy S. www.licweb.org

30 minutes from Gig Harbor 253.884-9157

PRESENTED BY LIC WITH KEY PENINSULA FARM TOUR



Longbranch Sunset- Lynn Lloyd

October 2015 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

I was looking over the list of Spring Clean-up tasks, that are still on the blackboard at the LIC and was amazed, at how many that were not completed during the clean-up actually got done during the summer months, with volunteers responding to the Project Room list, that is posted each month. Thanks to all, who have made this possible. I would also like to express my undying gratitude to Carolyn Carr for removing the tape and goo from the plaques in the meeting room without damaging them. Great job and many thanks and kudos to 'Buck' Buckner for mowing the main field of the LIC. A mere 5 hours of concentrated effort, and it looks so much better. Thank you Buck. Lynn Carr continues his search for replacement posts for the front porch, as the one he hoped to use, cracked during the drying process, and could not be repaired. David Leger has agreed to clean and paint the cement platforms around the flag pole. He has the paint and cleaner in hand and I am forever grateful to get that done before winter. Gayle Brewer has found a magnetic solution to the puzzle of how to keep the stage doors closed, and we can now move forward with finishing that project-finally. It has definitely been more complicated than either Steve Stemhagen or I anticipated. We will have a new water filter system installed to keep out the grit by the end of the week and hopefully our ongoing battle with malfunctioning toilets and urinals will be solved. Last but not least I am planning on a Fall Building and Grounds Clean up on October 17 to get the 'Old Lady' ready for winter. Hope to see you there. If I have missed someone who deserves thanks please forgive my transgression and know that I do absolutely appreciate your time and help. I couldn't do it without you. *sharon*

"Not all who wander are lost." Gandolph -The Fellowship of the Rings

Project Room:

- Finish doors under stage-In progress
- Clean shed
- Paint entire storage door area under stage
- Defrost freezer
- Rehang dumpster gate



For our scholarship fund ~

Hey, come on, LIC members, the club needs your help by collecting receipts from the Key Center Market and

Lake Kathryn Market. There is a jar on one of the bookshelves in the club, where you can put them.

Approximately every 3 months I will add them up (minus alcoholic beverages and taxes) and deliver all receipts to the store. They in return will give us, the LIC, 1% of the total, which we will put towards our scholarship fund.

What an easy way to help some students! I am even asking people in line if they need their receipt . Most of the time they don't. Some cashiers have also given me receipts, that customers do not want, because they (the cashiers) know, that it will be for a good cause.

I am looking forward to filling the jar to the rim! :-)

Thank you— *Marlies Van Cise*





LIC Membership Report



We had a great dessert meeting with LOTS of sweets in September. Thanks to Denny Prichard and Jeff Minch for setting up and Jan Prichard, Nancy Clement, Susan Quigley and Sharon Gearhart in the kitchen.

I need setup and kitchen help for future meetings. If you can help, please let me know. This is a great way to get volunteer hours.

Thanks,
Nancy Carr
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