



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

FEBRUARY 2017

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

MARCH 15– DESSERT MEETING– AT CLUBHOUSE

President's Message:



The LIC Board and the all the boaters are so grateful to the DNR Lease Committee (Denny Prichard, Randy Babich, Kurt Anderson, Clark Van Bogart and Phil Johnson) for the many hours that they toiled on the newly approved and ratified 15 year DNR lease. During the next fifteen years there are many required marina upgrades and repairs to complete as outlined in the lease. However during the negotiations, it was easy to point out how willing the LIC was to follow the new DNR requirements. Over the past several years the LIC had already removed boathouses and during the first week of February, the “less than useful life” pilings were pulled and replaced improving the safety of the marina greatly. A good point to savor is that the annual rental fee did not increase greatly. So the LIC will go forward with the Marina Committee planning and scheduling the required upgrades. The Board has been very thoughtful in reviewing the DNR Committee’s estimated repair costs and budgeting for marina improvements. Money has been and will be faithfully transferred to the Marina Improvement Fund for the required improvements

In celebration of St. Patrick’s Day, I hope that you are planning to attend the March 18th “Suds and Spuds” event. It will be a lot of fun with baked potatoes and toppings, suds, games, live music, dancing and limericks. Rick and I are going to try to bring our grandchildren out to enjoy the festivities. It promises to be a fun family community event!

And don’t forget that Dan Mazur, the Mount Everest Challenger will be speaking on March 15th. He will talk about his climbs, his experience during the 2015 earthquake in Nepal and also his efforts to help clean up Mt. Everest by working with a designed biogas system that will safely break down human waste and create clean burning methane gas for the Sherpa community. The Community is invited so bring a friend. It will be a wonderful evening.

Francie



LIC General Membership Meeting
February 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Francie Carr, president.

New members were introduced: James Goodman (Goody), the site manager at Sound View Camp, and Larry Layton, a retired Navy mechanic.

Francie distributed a poster regarding next month's speaker, Dan Mazur, for the members to post at various locations on the Key Peninsula. Another list was distributed for the members to note the organizations to which they volunteer.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the Minutes of last month's meeting be approved as submitted. MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger presented the final 2016 Profit and Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet, reflecting the cash transfer approved last month. These statements will be used for annual Form 990 filing with the IRS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart announced the rehabilitation and return of the clubhouse dishwasher, with thanks to Robert for his several trips to Renton for delivery to and pickup from the repair shop. Next week there will be a kitchen and storeroom cleanup, volunteers requested, with the date to be announced tomorrow.

- There is still a water leak around the stove - the question is, from where? If anyone is willing to take a close look and come up with an idea as to the cause, please contact Sharon.
- There will be a Spring cleanup scheduled for the end of April.
- The new contract cleaner for the clubhouse is Rhonda Elvin.
- A reminder to please be sure to turn off all the lights, including in the bathrooms, and turn down the heat after any use of the building.

DNR: Denny Prichard declared that the DNR lease is a done deal. The fifteen year lease has been approved by the board. The membership was asked to ratify the action taken by the board. MSP.

Francie, in acknowledging the DNR Committee's work through the crunch, presented each of the members with a Crunch bar.

A rental Fee of \$2,300 per year is assessed for use of the water space over public land where the Marina is located.

Events: Kathy Lyons spoke of next month's LIC event - Suds N Spuds. There will be dances, games, prizes, food etc. with the emphasis being on the event as a family affair. [Kelly Hettinger volunteered to tend bar.] Volunteers are needed.

The August 12th fund raiser for the LIC scholarship fund (to be a biennial affair) has been renamed "Summer Fest on the South Key". There will be an antique car show, music, an auction of mostly experiential items etc. Donations of auction items are requested by June.

Marina: Mark Runions stated that six new galvanized steel pilings are in place at the Marina. There will be more information, including photographs, in the newsletter.

In 2016, there were nine hundred sixty-two guest moorages at the Marina.

Lynn Carr reported that a ninety foot Odyssey double-masted sailboat is coming in to the Marina on Friday, February 17th.

Membership: Nancy Carr thanked the kitchen crew and asked that, when people arrive for the meeting, please to remember to sign in so that she can track attendance and volunteer hours. Now is the time for LIC membership renewal.

Newsletter: Articles for the newsletter need to be submitted to Helen Jamieson by February 25th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ A meeting of the “Anti-Ivy League” will take place on Saturday, February 18th, from ten until noon on the trail. Please bring gloves and tools.
- ◆ A Program Chair is needed for contacting and booking potential speakers for the LIC dessert general meetings. Also, more help is needed for publicity.
- ◆ Marlies VanCise related to Francie that Delores and Wayne Argabright are on hospice care.
- ◆ Mary Mazur is planning a private memorial service for her late husband. The family would like to scatter his ashes and they ask if someone would be willing to volunteer a boat.
- ◆ Be on the lookout for a young man in a red car who is raiding mailboxes along the KeyPen Highway.

Next month’s meeting (*bring cookies only*), on March 15th, will feature Dan Mazur, mountain climber extraordinaire. The community is invited. Bring a friend or neighbor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by *Jane Etseman*.



LEAGUE plans to meet Sat. March 25, 10:00-12:00.

Bring your tools & gloves!! *Judy Riggs*



FROM THE DOCK CHAIR:



Good news abounds for February at the marina! The piling replacement job was successfully completed, and the DNR Lease has been renewed. Hurrah! So we can look forward to a good boating season, knowing that the dock will not blow away in the next Northerly, and that we have the State's blessing on our plan to continue improvement of the marina over the next 15 years.

Thanks go to Lynn for an excellent job of re-decking the areas of the dock where a few open "boxes" were left where pilings were pulled out. Lynn is also continually checking on all systems down on the docks, making repairs as necessary. Robert has been busy working on putting protective caps on the 6 new steel pilings.

The DNR Lease committee did an outstanding job, over a 2-year period, in negotiating the new Lease. Special credit to Denny Prichard, who was the "ambassador" for the LIC during the process, and to Clark Van Bogart, Kurt Anderson, Phil Johnson, and Randy Babich who brought their individual expertise to the table. The Board has approved the Lease, which was ratified by the membership at the February meeting.

March is the last month for Winter moorage. Can this mean that Spring is on its way? It's been pretty weird to watch the local weather forecasters "rooting" for an all-time rainfall record for February. Enough, already! Hopefully, we'll soon be putting colorful flowers in the planters, scrubbing the decks, hoisting a new Old Glory up the flagpole, and looking ahead to warmer days. Only 2 months to Opening Day the Longbranch Way!

Mark Runtions, Dock Chair

DOCKMASTER REPORT:

The Marina is getting all cleaned up after the new pilings have been installed. The old piling holes have been repaired, so walkways are now clear.

We are getting some transient moorage, which is nice.

The **SSS Odyssey** was scheduled to come in last weekend, but did not make it. This is a 90 ft yacht owned by the Pacific Harbors Council of the Boy Scouts of America and operated as a Sea Scout ship. This ship sails from Foss Waterway every Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and on Fridays from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, September through June. If you are interested in checking them out, go to www.sssodyssey.org. Maybe in the future we will see them in Longbranch.

We only count the guest moorage envelopes in the red box about once a month, so member permanent or temporary moorage payments should be mailed, or see me to make arrangements if payment is by credit card. This will speed up your payment processing.

Thank you, *Lynn Carr*



March 2017 Building and Grounds Chat Room

The dishwasher is back and running grandly. Apparently there was a broken plastic connection and a nonfunctioning part that needed to be replaced. Of course it was past its warranty but we have it back and it works. I am eternally grateful to Robert Theisen for making three separate trips to Renton to deliver the dishwasher, go to pick it up only to find them closed due to weather and making the final trip to bring it home. Also to Lynn Carr who helped put it all back together again at the LIC. The drainage tube is now attached to the wall so that the dishwasher cannot be moved much so please don't try to push or pull it

Also on the thank you list are Barb Floyd, Jane Eiseman, Barbara Green, Patricia Muchmore and Mary Lemon for taking on the kitchen cleaning task. They cleaned the window sills, counter tops, stove, and ovens and organized the utensil drawers. Not everything got completed but a huge dent was made and the kitchen definitely looks the better for it.

The LIC now has a new contract cleaner-Rhonda Elvins-and I, for one, am grateful! As preparation for her beginning this somewhat daunting job I have been cleaning the bathroom storage closets and I will be moving some of the cleaning supplies out of the storeroom to these closets. I have also cleaned and decluttered the mop room so please if you use the brooms or mops return them as you found them. I hope to have the Spring Clean Up near the end of April (weather cooperation) and will keep you informed as to date and chores.

The new year is underway and we will be making plans for the 2017 Grant work to get done-this includes new doors on the store room and office, removing the window in the office wall, and repairing and cleaning the high windows on the west end of the building. Will keep you updated on progress and needed help.

Enough for this month. Looking forward to Spring and working with you all this year. *sharon*

Projects Room:

- Clean gutters
- organize storeroom
- someone to look at dumpster area and decide if wooden fence around it can be salvaged, cleaned and stained
- get rid of old, heavy handwashing sink in storage shed
- Adjust sink in mop room so that it drains (it needs to tilt backwards a bit to let the water run out.)

Coffee tastes better if the latrines are dug downstream from an encampment. - US Army Field Guide 1861



Food Drive



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





WHO AM I ?



February's mystery member is none other than **AJ Million!** A.J. is a local Real Estate Broker, and has a wonderful (in my opinion) Southern Accent from her native Virginia. She is a coal miner's daughter and she & her husband built a southern Colonial House on Mahncke Road.

So be sure to say 'hey' to AJ when you see her!



Suds & Spuds Family Style

Date: March 18, 2017

Time: 5:00—8:00 PM

Menu: Spuds & Fixins'

Beer, Root Beer,

Irish Coffee

Activities: Live music by:

Fiddler's Duo

Limerick contest

Games with prizes

Sing-a-long

Raffle

Adults \$10 Kids \$5 Families \$25

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Another reminder to you dance enthusiasts....



..practice you Irish jigs and show off your moves at '**Suds and Spuds.**'... If you're not into dance come to eat great food, listen to talented Fiddlers, sing your favorite Irish songs, win prizes and have FUN!! This event is for you, your family and friends. let's make it a Great Time!! **March 18, 5-8pm.**

Watch for our bright colored banner advertising LIC events and dances across KPN at Key Center. We ordered 2 banners ..one for events and one for dances. Now everyone on the key peninsula will know about them. It will go up March 13th for **Suds and Spuds.**



Thanks, *Kathy Lyons*



MARCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thanks to the help for February's meeting, Jim and Kelly Hettinger, Lynn Carr, Barb Van Bogart, Theresa Gano, Sharon Gearhart and Ann Dearing.

If you have not yet renewed your 2017 dues, now is a very good time to do so.

The March Membership meeting will be an exciting one with Dan Mazur as our guest speaker and we are anticipating a greater audience, so will be setting up in the hall rather than the kitchen area. In light of this, we need more volunteers to help setup and in the kitchen. We are also asking that the dessert pot luck be cookies this month as they are much easier to serve and eat. So get out your cookie recipes and start baking!

When you sign in for the meetings, please check the sign-in sheet to make sure your hours and meetings are correct. If they are not, let me know.

Please let me know if you can with the March meeting.

Thank you

Nancy Carr

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Our longtime member and personal friend, Dolores Argabright, passed away peacefully on Saturday night, with her husband Wayne, her daughter Diana and son Fred from California and 3 wonderful caretakers at her side.

I cannot share any definite details with you, but I know that Dolores would like to have a celebration of life, "Dolores Style", at the Inn at Gig Harbor sometime in April. Details will be made known at a later time, but right now I kindly ask you to share the sad news with anyone, who was involved with Dolores and knew her well.

At this time Wayne wants to stay in their home, and once things have settled down, I know that he would like company. I enjoyed my visits with him very much.

Respectfully submitted ~

Marlies Van Cise, Sunshine Lady

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The Longbranch Foundation
INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY
March Update

The Foundation's board of directors made several important decisions at its January meeting. In addition to the tagline (shown above) that it selected last month, and the board also committed to:

Submitting and supporting the WA State Community Grant Program application which seeks funding assistance for Longbranch Marina upgrades (more on this below);

Making the "Celebrate the South Key" an annual solicitation each Fall that gives donors a wide range of options in directing their contributions;

Formalized statements of Vision, Mission, Core Values and Charitable Purposes (now posted on TLF's website);

Increasing from \$700 to at least \$1,000 support for the 5th grade students attending the Evergreen Elementary School Environmental Camp for 2017, 2018 and 2019; and,

Approved a new major biannual fundraising event focused on supporting scholarship programs, student camps and public school activities that assist underprivileged children (also below).

With regard to the WA State Community Grant Program application, you will be receiving a separate email blast containing the information you need to contact our elected representatives. I ask that you call, email and/or write them urging they strongly support our application. If successful, this grant will provide up to \$248,000 for environmental and public safety upgrades at the Longbranch Marina – upgrades, which incidentally, the WA Department of Natural Resources made mandatory over the next lease period.

The new big fundraising effort – entitled "Summer Fest on the South Key" – is being spearheaded by Kathy Lyons and Kathy Barrett. It's in the early planning stages so there are many details yet to come; however, I can tell you that it will be a very fun event at a superb venue. The event team will be providing much more detail in the very near future, but there will be live and silent auctions featuring unique items and experiences, a "Raise the Paddle" component, catered dinner, music and more. Please put Saturday, August 12th, on your calendar right now and sign up as soon as you receive the invitation because space will be limited.

Please contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas you might have. Again, thank you for your wonderful support in 2016!

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