



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

NOVEMBER 2017

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 15- DESSERT SOCIAL- 6:30 PM

President's Message:

November 2017

I have devoted considerable space in prior issues of this Newsletter to volunteering. For example, my messages have talked about projects we're working on and/or need help with, and some of the projects completed. As we approach year end, I want to focus on thanking our volunteers for their service during the year. Our recent Fiber Arts event at the Clubhouse is yet another example of a successful event resulting from very hard work by our wonderful volunteers. It was nothing short of incredible. I want to thank everyone who worked on the event to make it a success, but especially Nancy Carr, Mary Lemon and Carolyn Wiley for devoting so many hours to leading various aspects of this event.

That brings a reminder that at December membership meetings we give "Star Awards" to members who have freely given time and talents and have made outstanding contributions to the LIC during the year. We also bestow "Lifetime Awards" on members that have made outstanding contributions over a number of years. The board will consider nominations for both awards at its monthly meeting on November 8th. I ask you to please submit nominations to me, so the board can give thorough consideration to members who devote so many hours of service to our community, making it a better place to live. (Remember, board members are not eligible.)

Unfortunately, I'm writing this before the "Trunk – Or – Treat" event on Friday, October 27th. I suspect we've given all of you enough reminders so I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in our parking lot later this week with lots of goodies for the kids (and perhaps an adult or two).

Looking ahead, the board has begun work on the 2018 budgeting cycle, and while the Board is responsible for bringing a budget before the membership, we sometimes don't see everything that we perhaps should. I am suggesting if you have noticed anything that should be addressed, or want to suggest improvements (physical or otherwise), please let us know so they can be considered. For items related to the Building and Grounds, contact Sharon Gearhart, Marina – Robert Theisen, Membership – Nancy Carr and Events – either Kathy Lyons or Jan Brown, or as always, feel free to contact me.

On a personal note, Barb and I truly appreciated the warm thoughts and condolences from so many of you following the recent passing of Barb's mom, Marie McDonald. She was a fine lady, and for me, a wonderful mother-in-law who will be very much missed.

Clark

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LIC General Membership Meeting

October 18, 2017

Marsha Kremen opened the October 18, 2017 Longbranch Improvement Club General Membership meeting promptly at 7:00 pm.

Ron and Jan Houghtaling were heartily welcomed as new LIC members.

Unfortunately, the Evergreen School PTA members who were scheduled to speak about the Trunk or Treat event were ill and unable to attend the meeting. Jan Brown told the members that it was a very fun event. Last year more than 300 trick or treaters attended the event. Louise Beam and volunteers will set up the Haunted House in the LIC meeting room on Wednesday Oct 24th and Thursday Oct 25th. People who are not able to attend the event can deliver extra candy to the Clubhouse on those days. Evergreen Elementary School PTA will set up the carnival in the auditorium and a Firetruck will be parked with the other trunks outside. This event has been termed as a time when "the community comes together". Additional volunteers are needed to help on Oct. 27th from 6 to 8 pm.

Secretary: The minutes of General Membership Meeting on September 21st were approved as distributed.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reported that the Labor Day Dance net income was \$2,000 which was \$500 more than in 2016. The ice proceeds doubled for September.

Membership: Nancy Carr thanked the kitchen crew for organizing the potluck dinner. She also told the membership that for the first time the LIC Love Bucks were inserted in nametags. The bucks are awarded to those members who have volunteered more than 15 hours since January 2017. The bucks may be used to purchase dance tickets, pay membership dues, for building rental and boat moorage. The bucks expire on December 31, 2018. LIC Love bucks will be awarded quarterly to qualifying members.

Building and Grounds: In absentia, Sharon Gearhart reported that she has compiled all the necessary information and is completing the required report for the Pierce County Historic Preservation grant. She expects to have the report filed by Oct.31.

Marina: Robert Theisen II reported that a letter will be emailed to Marina Tenants during the next week. After reading the letter, if you have questions please call or email him directly. He has submitted his marina budget request for 2018. He reminded the membership that there is still winter moorage available.

Sunshine: Cheril Allen has assumed the Sunshine post and thanked Marlies Van Cise for her many years of service. Cheril said that the best way to contact her about a sunshine need is to please text her at 435-877-7883 and she will respond.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson asked that all articles for the November newsletter please be sent by October 25th.

Vice President: Marsha Kremen asked for all nominations for Star and Lifetime Awards be sent to any Board member or Clark Van Bogart by November 8th. Star Awards are given to members for their outstanding service during current the year. Lifetime Awards are awarded for outstanding service over a period of years. Members are eligible to receive an additional Star Award even if they have received one in the past.

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Old Business: Peg Bingham announced that the next CPR class will be held on Nov. 18th. If you have not already signed up for the class please contact her. The Fire Department may hold another class in January if there is a demand.

New Business: The membership was reminded of the upcoming address changes in order to comply with the Pierce County 911 standardization. There was a handout on the each table for additional information. There will be an emergency preparedness class at the Civic Center on Wednesday Oct 19th at 7:00pm. There was discussion about the LIC writing a grant in order to purchase an AED. The Zoll brand defibrillator is a top machine and is user friendly by verbally giving instructions for use.

The Longbranch Foundation: It was announced that the Summer Fest was a fantastic financial success. The Foundation is preparing a sustainable 4 year spending plan for scholarships and youth activities.

Upcoming Events: The membership was reminded of the upcoming events:

Trunk or Treat Oct 27th

Membership Dessert Meeting Nov 15th featuring Scott Gallacher who will highlight the developments at Gateway Park.

Other: There were two suggestions for future speakers:

Dr. Rob Manahan, Superintendent of Peninsula School District

Richard Gelinias, who would talk about medical research and scientific concepts.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Francie Carr

Secretary Pro Tem



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





FROM THE MARINA CHAIR:

Well , another month has come and gone. I want to thank all permanent moorage boaters for replying back to the letter I sent out. I will reread all comments and address all concerns in your replies. I will then let all of you know what the decision is on the subject.

Also, fall has fallen upon us. So once the temperature goes to 32 degrees for multiple days, the water will be shut off. Then there will be no water at the marina until spring. But once the water is shut off, an email blast will go out to inform all of you that water is being shut off.

As of now there are only 2 permanent slips available.

Clark and I have been working on the 2018 marina budget. I want to thank Clark for his help and guidance on this.

As always ,dockmaster Lynn has done a great job down at the marina. I also want to thank Nancy Carr for her help. She is a big asset to me and the club. Oh BTW, HAPPY BIRTHDAY NANCY CAR, wish you many more.

As always, if any member has any concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,
Robert Thetsen.
Marina chair



DOCKMASTER REPORT:

Winter is not too far ahead of us, and when it starts freezing , the water at the marina will be shut off. This year it will be shut off at the meter, so there will be no water at the dock. We appreciate your understanding.

The last rain and wind storm caused some boats to collect water. Please check your boat periodically to make sure it is one of the ones on top of the water. If you do not have a pump let me know, we have one you can borrow.

We are getting inquiries from yacht clubs for 2018 and we try to keep the calendars updated. Check the marina calendar periodically to see who is coming in and when. We have two clubs that are interested in Labor Day weekend. This is a good thing!

On an important note – I noticed today the BBQ is missing from the pavilion. It appears it has been stolen – unless someone borrowed it and forgot to tell us?

Lynn Carr



Membership Report

We had a great meeting Wednesday, Oct. 18th. It was iffy at first, since some of the Board members were out of town and the power went out during the afternoon. We had just about decided how to get ahold of folks to tell there was no power at the LIC, when it was restored. We had very good attendance and lots of great food.

Maybe we can think of a way to get the word out if something happens and we need to cancel a meeting if the power goes out. Not everyone has generators or cell phones. Just a thought since Marsha and I were trying to figure this out and were very happy the power came on!

We had the first distribution of the LIC Bucks last Wednesday – and learned that I missed a few hours (will be corrected by next meeting), some folks had not turned in their time (oops) and there are quite a few folks that will be getting theirs next month as they were not at the meeting.

There are still events coming up, where you can earn LIC Bucks for the 4th quarter of 2017:

Nov 15, LIC dessert meeting. If you can volunteer, let me know

Sat. Dec 2, Decorate the LIC. If you can volunteer, Call Jan or Denny Prichard, 253-884-2030

Dec 10, Kids & Christmas. If you can volunteer, let me know

Dec 13, Member Christmas Meeting. If you can volunteer for setup or during the meeting, let me know.

Yes, we need all you volunteers!

Thank you,

Nancy Carr

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I want to thank all of you, who so generously contributed to the Food Bank at the LIC meeting on the 18th of October. I couldn't make it, but picked up all of the items the next day and took them to the Food Banks this week. The one thing we really need is empty egg cartons, either a dozen or a dozen and a half size. It's just amazing how broken the eggs are that come in from the grocery stores. Thank you again and I look forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting. *Pat Muchmore*



NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER



Scott Gallacher, Executive Director for Key Pen Parks, will be our guest speaker at the November LIC general meeting. He will give a presentation about the new Gateway Park. Whether or not you were able to attend the grand opening, I think you will find his information interesting. Please join us!



From the sunshine corner.....

Hello All!

Cheril Allen here. In my initial address as the new Sunshine Lady I would first like to thank Marlies Van Cise for her many years of "Sunny Service"! I hope I can do as well at this job as she did.

Secondly, I thought I'd share my contact information, in case you know of anyone in need of a bit of sunshine. I can be reached by email, phone or text. My email address is : brettandcheril@gmail.com, and my phone number, which also receives texts, is [425-877-7883](tel:425-877-7883) . The fastest method to reach me is by text, but anyway you prefer to communicate is just fine with me.

Lastly, I'd like to share that since taking over as the Sunshine Lady, I have sent out 3 sympathy cards to members, who have lost loved ones, and 1 get well card for a member who was recovering from surgery. However, there is some good news to share as well. Happily, Mary Mazur will be returning home on Tuesday, October 31st from rehab. She is planning on having a home health aide for some time while she completes her recovery. Our thoughtful LIC board members have come up with an idea that we should gather volunteers, who would be willing to provide a meal for Mary during her time of convalescence. Please contact a board member, if you are willing to do this. Thank you.

Cheril

Calling all Hands.....FOR THE SECOND CPR CLASS

The second CPR class being offered to LIC members by the Peninsula Fire Department will be held Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m. at the Key Center Fire Station meeting room. The entrance to the room is on the south side of the building under the red awning. The class is \$35 per person and just covers CPR. At the present time 18 people have signed up for this date.

If there is enough interest, a third class will be offered on January 13, 2018, same time and place. If you are interested in signing up for this date or have any questions about either class please contact me at 253-884-1124 or bing6178@gmail.com

There is currently much conversation regarding emergency preparedness and knowing the new CPR method is a step in the right direction. I would like to be able to point to a high percentage of CPR qualified LIC members.

Peg Bingham



November 2017 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

Well, it appears that Fall fell with a thud ,and if it is any indication of what we are in for this winter, we had all better develop web feet. On the upside , the colors were gorgeous. The main news this month is that the 2017 Phase II grant work is done and the report has been delivered. Now we just wait for the check as they say. I want to express my gratitude to all of you, who made it happen: Gayle Brewer for getting the meeting room doors fabricated and installed, those members who helped on the Grant Committee, Randy Carr for taking on the office window removal and wall patch, and thanks again this year to Jeffrey Tritt, who so kindly offered to take on the staining of the counter and doorway for that portion of the grant work and ended up with giving the "Grand Old Girl" a magnificent face lift (and Christine Tritt for being patient and lending a hand.) The entire result is unbelievable, or so I think, and I hope you all do too. I spoke to Chad Williams, at the County Planners Office, who he was pleased with the work done for 2016 grant, especially the main room doors, and is looking forward to seeing what we had done this year. We will not be doing any grant work in 2018, as a break is needed, but the plan is to apply for a 2019 grant to restore only the upper bank of windows on the West side of the building above the bathrooms. This work would be done by Legacy Renovations, who are familiar with historic restoration work and did this year's grant work on the lower west windows -check them out, when you go to the bathroom. On the other front, Larry Bingham is asking for some assistance with the trails project and would much appreciate that when you are walking the trails you kick, scoop, blow or use harsh words, to remove loose branches and other debris from the trail. The storms have blown down a great deal of dead branches (small and large), and it makes for a rather mine field of travel. Anything you can do to help, will put you on his list of good gals and guys. And if you would be interested in gathering together with friends to do a trail clean up, I am sure he would not object. We have the Ivy League (and a huge thanks to that hardy group and their leader Judy Riggs), so maybe we could have the Trail Blazers. Larry deserves huge kudos for his efforts to get the trails improved and expanded and is still working this project, so if you are interested in helping with this, let him know. Clark and Denny would also jump for joy, I am certain. I know that many of you enjoy walking the trails, and they have greatly enhanced what the LIC has to offer, so thank Larry, when you see him and offer to lend a hand. Finally I would like to thank the Building and Grounds Committee members, who I have neglected this year. I look for your input and support and do not thank you or use you enough. Until next month-stay dry and be safe. I love you all. *sharon*

Project Room: Please forgive me for leaving this room empty-it is not that there are not projects, it is just that I have not put effort into thinking about them. But with the grant work completed, I will again give this area the attention it deserves.





DECEMBER 9TH—HOLD THAT DATE!

LIC is doing a lighted boat parade! Join us on your boat, on someone else's boat as crew or decoration assistant or, have a parade watching party at the marina or at your home on Filucy Bay! Ooooh the possibilities for Christmas fun!

Watch December's LIC Newsletter for more details!



EDITOR'S NOTES



TRUNK N' TREAT- 2017

Trunk n' Treat was a great success this year! Jan & Kathy will be giving us a report in the December Newsletter! They expected a large crowd, and as I got a sneak peek, the costumes were wonderful! Look forward to hearing all about it from our great events chair persons in December!



The Longbranch Foundation
INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY

November Update

As you know, The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) was established to support five charitable purposes: 1. Preserve/Maintain Historic Buildings, 2. Maintain/Improve Grounds & Trails, 3. Scholarships & Student Programs, 4. Filucy Bay/LIC Marina Environmental Protection & Public Safety and 5. Other Community Organizations and Activities. Your tax-deductible contributions are deposited into the account representing your cause of choice.

In October, TLF received Grant requests and funded two areas. Under the charitable purpose of supporting Other Community Organizations, we supported the Grant request from the Key Peninsula Community Council to support the KP Farm Tour. Under Preservation/Restoration of Historic Buildings, we supported the Grant request from the LIC to partially pay for the purchase and installation of period appropriate doors for the Clubhouse meeting room. Thank you for your contributions to enable TLF to meet these requests.

Please visit our website, longbranchfoundation.org to learn more about the Foundation and discover ways in which you may be able to save on taxes, as you consider year-end giving. And if you shop on Amazon, please do not forget to use Amazon Smile and designate TLF as your charity of choice.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions about the Foundation, please do not hesitate to contact me or a Board member directly. We look forward to hearing from you!

"I hope you are enjoying the beautiful colors of this fall.



Happy Halloween to all"

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SCARECROWS HAVE INVADED KEY CENTER!



LIC ENTRY



Editpr's favorites



(the color MIGHT have something to do with my choice..and they are all wonderful! Thank you artists!)



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