

MEMBER NEWS



Longbranch Improvement Club JULY 2016



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JULY 20- DESSERT MEETING- 6:30 PM @ LIC CLUBHOUSE



President's Message:



SUMMER has arrived and some fun events are scheduled.

A Carr family tradition started when my sister in law and I stayed home all day with six teen and preteen children. As the children grew older water skiing became their passion. While the kids skied, the adults decided to fill their time with a cocktail cruise around Filucy Bay. Recently Kelly Hettinger heard this story and thought it sounded like a great idea. She suggested that the idea be expanded. **Thirsty Thursday Cocktail Cruises have been inaugurated!** We will commence on Thursday July 7 rain or shine. It's easy so please:

Meet at the Marina Pavilion at 4:30 pm

Bring your own beverage

No Boat? No problem, you will be assigned a skipper and a boat.

We will slowly circle around Filucy Bay enjoying each other's company and our scenic shoreline.

Rain? No worry, we will gather together in the Pavilion.

So come and join a new LIC tradition. I hope to see many of you at Thirsty Thursday!

Don't forget to attend the July 2nd dance at the LIC. The Chris Friel Orchestra is the featured band and promises to get your feet dancing. The doors open at 8:00 pm.

Another opportunity is available on July 6th. Bring your fire department questions to the Longbranch Fire Station to talk with Chief Guy Allen. He was appointed in 2014 and will be at the Longbranch Fire Station to talk with residents beginning at 6:30 pm.

In a previous newsletter, I wrote about how fortunate our community is to have two natural preserves surrounding the head of Filucy Bay. The Great Peninsula Conservancy is offering tours of the 67 acre parcel on Saturday, July 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm. Meet at the LIC Clubhouse to be shuttled to the site where guides will lead you on a 10 minute walk from the road to the shoreline and will be available to answer your questions. What a great opportunity to view undisturbed woodland and shoreline.

I would like to thank the retiring Board members Judy Riggs and Delia McGinnis. Both of these women have been instrumental in keeping LIC afloat. Judy faithfully produced two sets of minutes each month for three years. She was gracious in allowing Board members to review and revise and yet always had the minutes ready for publication or approval at the next meeting. Delia encouraged and enlarged the Events Committee, which is responsible for putting together the many and varied events throughout the last two years. She always had a smile and a wry comment, when asking for event volunteers, and yet was all business in pricing tickets, counting bar receipts and conducting the supply inventory. I will miss working with these two fabulous women, but I know, that they will still be valuable involved LIC members. I welcome the newly elected Board members, Jane Eiseman who will serve as Secretary and Kathy Lyon and Jan Brown, who will Co-Chair the Events Committee. I am sure they will be great additions to the Board.

May you have a sparkly Fourth of July and remember to enjoy our blessings of freedom and independence!

Francie Carr

LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



The 06/16/2016 LIC General Meeting was held at the LIC Clubhouse. After the BBQ potluck dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Francie Carr.

Scholarship Chair: Ramona Dickson introduced one of the LIC Scholarship recipients Ian Lindhartsen, who has spent most of his life as a Key Pen resident and has been very active in the community. He will be studying Music Education and Chinese language.

Ian thanked the LIC Membership and said that with the help of this LIC Scholarship as well as some other resources, he will be able to start at PLU without taking out student loans.

The other LIC recipient Maitlin Bates is a Running Start student and plans on becoming a pediatric nurse. She will start at TCC and has been accepted at George Fox University. Maitlan was unable to attend the LIC General Meeting potluck.

Each student will receive \$1,500 paid towards their tuition.

LIC Dock-Master: Lynn Carr reported that more than 68 boats visited the Longbranch Marina where many bought tickets for the LIC Memorial Day Dance. Lynn was also able to sell cookbooks and placemats to the boaters during this busy weekend.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked and it was **MSP** to accept the May 2016 LIC General Meeting minutes as written. Judy thanked Nancy Carr for taking these minutes in her absence at last month's general meeting.

Judy reported on a thank you letter from Edie Morgan of the Mustard Seed Project. Edie thanked the LIC boaters who took part in the LIC Dock Breakfast's "Opening Day the Longbranch Way" Regatta for their continued annual donation. This year the sailors raised \$140.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reports that the annual Dock Breakfast, Opening Day the Longbranch Way, brought in \$1,195 net profit so far. Sales in commemorative shirts and hats embroidered by Stitchin' Fun have not yet been finalized.

The LIC Memorial Day Dance was a big success. Besides that it earned \$139 in donations to the scholarship fund. And tickets for the Down Key Quilt Raffle brought in \$104. Plus there was \$133.25 in tips given to the dock transport van driver Larry Bingham, which was donated to the Community Center with the return of their borrowed van.

Membership: Nancy Carr reports that there are currently 150 LIC Memberships: 82 Couples, 32 Lifetime, 28 Individuals, 8 Associates
Nancy, while at the sign in table before the Meeting started, sold LIC placemats covered with beautiful Marina photos.

Nancy thanked everyone who helped with the setting up, cooking, and serving at this meeting.

Events: Delia McGinnis reported that the Memorial Day Dance was a success. There were 214 attendees with over 30 locals showing up as well. A couple of issues came up that the Events Committee will need to address. Better monitoring and posting signage at the entrances for Dances may help to inform Dance goers that to bring their own booze or smoke outside the doors is illegal.

Jeff and Christine Tritt said that plans for The July 2nd Dance with the Chris Friel Orchestra are well under way. It was **MSP** to use \$190 of the Dance Budget to reimburse the food truck vendor RNJ Meats for his event license, in order to make it affordable to him for coming to the LIC Dance for the evening.

The LIC will donate again this year to the Bayside Garden Club for the Key Center Beautification Project in the amount of \$150.

The Down Key Quilt Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday June 26 at 12:00 noon at the Longbranch Marina. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the Marina and friends. Thank you for creating this beautiful quilt Nancy Carr, Shirley Brewer, Barb Van Bogart, Lisa Bryan, Carolyn Wiley and Patty Carrol.

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Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reported that the Clubhouse Grant work is scheduled for Aug. Some prep work is needed before the professional contractors can start their work. She is rounding up volunteers if you are interested in helping with this work.

Sharon is compiling a list of projects that could be included on the 2017 Pierce County Historical Building Grant application. They include replacing the storeroom and office doors; replacing the office window with a sheetrock wall; cleaning, repairing and/or replacing the upper west windows at the back of the building; and staining the lobby doors and new kitchen cabinets to match the existing darker stained wood throughout the clubhouse. Sharon reports that recent upgrades to LIC Building and Grounds include a new sound system for the LIC Lobby, new tables and table dolly, and gravel and repair work on the LIC parking lot.

Marina: Mark Runions reports that the permits are being processed for the 9 pilings replacement contract with Marine Floats at the LIC Marina. The permit will allow the LIC a three year window to complete the work.

Boat theft has happened again at the dock. Camera surveillance failed to capture the thieves. Next year's budget may include a better camera system.

Mark will be ordering a batch of LIC burgees to sell at the Marina if interested.

Also, come to the LIC Marina July through August every Thurs night at 4:30. Kelly Hettinger announced that there will be cocktails and/or boat outings at the LIC Marina. Again, everyone is welcome. Catch a ride on a boat for an evening outing, or stay and visit on the dock.

LIC/ DNR Lease Renewal: Clark Van Bogart reported that the Lease Renewal Committee at its most recent meeting with the DNR clarified that the scope of the LIC Marina renovations will only be for the current permits at this time. The complete LIC Longevity Plan will require a longer time frame. The DNR will be preparing its own environmental report and that will result in the beginning of negotiations regarding the upgrades required and a related timeline. The DNR remain open to the idea of a 15 year lease.

Trustee at Large: Francie Carr (for Gayle Brewer) reports that there is a guest speaker from the Humanities of WA. Speaker Program set for the LIC Sept. General Membership Meeting. The program will be about local history.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart will be meeting with Rep. Jesse Young's staff at the LIC Marina to investigate the possibility of a State Grant for the 2017-2018 legislative cycle. With the help of Denny Prichard and Mark Runions, Clark intends to make a case for the importance of the LIC Marina in the South Puget Sound. They will be asking for financial assistance with further LIC Marina upgrades required for the DNR Lease.

President: Francie Carr thanked Larry Bingham for his work in finding the Volunteers to nominate to fill the retiring LIC Board positions. They are

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart (staying for another term)

Secretary: Jane Eiseman

Events Chair: Kathy Lyons and Jan Brown (as Co-Chairs)

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart (staying for another term)

It was **MSP** to accept the nominations as the new Board Members.

Francie thanked retiring LIC Board Members Delia McGinnis and Judy Riggs for their service to the LIC.

Francie also thanked Nancy Carr for organizing the June General Membership Meeting BBQ and potluck.

The LIC Long Range Plan:

President Francie Carr recommended that the LIC Board start work again on Goals #1 and #3 which covers the role of the LIC in the Community, and the LIC Membership. It was suggested that more committee work is needed for this task.

The Longbranch Foundation: Clark Van Bogart reports that there is still some very nice items that were left over from the TLF Garage Sale, that have not yet sold over the Internet. It was decided to advertise these items in the LIC Newsletter and at the meeting to see if anyone would bid on them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. *Judy Riggs*



FROM THE DOCK CHAIR:

Summer is here, the slips are full, the flowers are blooming, and guest boaters are beginning to show up in numbers - the Marina is humming! A few nights ago, Fircrest Yacht Club was at the dock with about 15 boats, and four members brought their instruments and equipment and set up for some good 'ol Rock'n'Roll in the pavilion. I'm here to say, these guys were hittin' the note! Led by our own Tim Enders on sizzling guitar, the group played to an appreciative crowd from Fircrest, and a few locals as well. What a great way to utilize our facilities. As Kelly Hettinger has recently suggested, we should be taking advantage of the good weather and the pavilion and plan a few informal events throughout the summer for members and guests to enjoy our special piece of waterfront - other types of music, wine tasting, boat trips, whether you have one or not, special food events, who knows what sort of fun could be had. Let me know if you have an ide, that would work for something like this. Kelly suggests, doing it during the week (Thursdays?), so as not to conflict with visiting boaters on the weekends.

On June 21, a legislative aide to Representative Jesse Young came to the Marina to meet with members, to discuss the possibility of applying for a reimbursement grant from the Washington State capital budget, that will be hammered out in the next legislative session in Olympia. Ms. Fannon Stidd met with Francie Carr, Denny Prichard, Clark Van Bogart and myself, and it appears, that we are well positioned to submit a grant proposal to help offset some of the expenses we will encounter in the next few years. This could include rebuilding the dinghy dock, building and installing 3 finger piers in the space previously occupied by the boathouses, and removing the styrofoam flotation from the part of A dock, where the ramp meets the dock. It might even be possible to replace that section of dock completely, if we submit a convincing application. We stressed to Ms. Stidd our obligation, to allow public access to the Marina, as noted in both our DNR lease, and our easement with Pierce County. We also stressed our concern for safety at the Marina, and our ongoing efforts to protect the environment. These are the top two concerns of the legislators, who will review all applications. Ms. Stidd seemed very impressed with the Marina and our plans for the future, and encouraged us to apply. She was very open about the process, as she walked us through the basic application - areas to focus on, things to avoid, the importance of visual aids, and the need to be clear and concise, rather than wordy and overly technical.

I left the meeting feeling that we have an ally in this process. We will begin to put together our thoughts and hopefully meet with Rep.Young in person in the near future. *Mark*



DOCKMASTER REPORT

Fircrest Yacht Club was here the weekend of the 18th with 19 boats. A band showed up and they had a party! Seabacs and IPBA finished the month coming in the next weekend.

If anyone needs equipment in case of a spill, there are oil and gas mats in the green bin by the ice chest. There are more in the storage closet by the ice chest, if needed. I hope no one needs them, but they are available.

Cynn



WHAT'S HAPPENING

This is my last article for the newsletter as the chair of the Events Committee. I want to thank the membership for the opportunity and all the support they have given me these past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this role ,but life and family are calling. I do want to thank the members of the Events committee. They work tirelessly giving their time and energy to the Events Committee and the LIC. It has been my great privilege and pleasure to work with them the past two years. So thank you from the bottom of my heart to:

Kathy Barrett	Jan Brown	Connie Hildahl
Peg Bingham	Nancy Carr	Kathy Lyons
Sharon Gearhart	Meg Davis	Linda Merriman
Carolyn Wiley	Jan Prichard	Barb Van Bogart

Thank you to the Board for your support. It's been educational and fun to work with you. I also thank all the volunteers, who rally around these events and work so hard to help pull them together.

I am very happy to announce that Jan Brown and Kathy Lyons have consented to take on the role of Events Chair. Please let me introduce them to you.

Janet retired from the medical field nearly a year ago.

After living through three major fires (evacuated once) and a prolonged severe drought in Southern California, she decided to head North, where there was enough water for her to garden to her heart's content. True to her words, she is an active member of the Bayside Garden Club. She formerly had family in Olympia & loved Washington, so she began her search in the Northwest. She just happened to find a perfectly tranquil little place here in Longbranch last fall. The previous owner encouraged her to join the LIC. He told her it is a great group of people. She says he was right.

Janet is a new & eager member of the LIC, but has volunteered at several events. In her own words "I am an eager & willing participant and will do my best (with the help from veteran chairs & the board) to continue the great activities here at the LIC."

Kathy Lyons grew up in Buckley WA. She retired two years ago as a registered nurse. She spent 44 years working in hospitals in Washington. She has three sons, a granddaughter and a step grandson. She moved to Lakebay and built a home on five acres six years ago, where she has two hens and two bunnies for pets. She loves gardening, which is evident in her beautiful yard and gardens. Kathy is a member of the Bayside Garden Club. The garden club is responsible for the beautiful pots and banners in Key Center. Please be sure to take a look, as you pass through town. Kathy's other hobbies are sewing and traveling. She joined the LIC a little over 2 years ago. She has been an active and valued member of the Events Committee since then.

Please take the time to meet and greet them and introduce yourselves, when you see them.

Delta



Food Drive



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

From the sunshine corner.....



As I mentioned at the wonderful barbecue last week, my husband and I exchanged a lot of sunshine between the two of us, and we are doing ok.

I would like to mention 2 birthdays of 2 old guys though:

My husband turned 82 on the 20th of June..... and Bob Mazor turned 92 on the 15th of June. The Longbranch air must be becoming. PLUS they must have good caretakers! :-)

Respectfully submitted,

Marlies Van Cise

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The Longbranch Foundation – July Update

We recently learned through a newsletter from State Representative Jesse Young, that a number of tax exempt organizations in our area received funding for projects under the Washington State Community Project Program. A little research and several phone calls revealed, that the LIC and/or the Foundation may also be eligible for certain capital projects under this Program. Inasmuch as we are in the midst of negotiating a new 15 year aquatic lands lease with the Department of Natural Resources for the marina, and that the DNR will strongly encourage (or possibly mandate) certain upgrades, we decided to explore further, whether needed environmental and public safety upgrades would be eligible under this Program.

On June 21st, Francie Carr, Mark Runions, Denny Prichard and I met with Ms. Fallon Stidd, Legislative Aide to Rep. Young. We introduced the LIC and Foundation to her, described the projects we want considered for state funding, and we sought guidance regarding preparation of the grant application. We presented the following three distinct proposals:

Complete replacement of the west end of 'A' Dock (1066 sq. ft. of floating structure under the ramp), including exposed Styrofoam flotation, two creosote pilings, electric and water service, and new decking that allows more light pass-thru (as now mandated);

Replace the entire dinghy dock structure as a matter of public safety; and, Construct three new 26' X 4' finger piers to replace lost revenue resulting from removal of five boathouses (four have been removed; one more will need to be removed if not upgraded to current standards in the near future).

We emphasized, that our proposals address public safety and environmental concerns, as set forth in the Foundation's stated charitable purpose, and we could demonstrate the deteriorating dinghy dock structure together with the creosote pilings and exposed Styrofoam flotation clearly reflect those safety and environmental concerns, respectively. We represented the total cost of these three projects to be in the range of \$210,000 to \$235,000. Ms. Stidd was very receptive to our proposals and suggested we apply in the name of the Foundation for funding covering all three proposals.

While this is certainly not a sure thing, I came away from the meeting very encouraged, that we have a good chance of getting at least partial funding this go-around, because of the environmental impact and public safety issues. We will work over the next few months to put together the grant application and have it submitted, when the legislative session begins in January 2017. If we are successful in whole or in part, we would receive the funding following completion of the work sometime late next year. We will keep you informed along the way regarding our progress.

Meanwhile, if you have questions, comments or ideas for fundraising, please give me a call or send an e-mail note.

Clark Van Bogart, President

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Road clean up:

We had a very successful Road Clean Up on Saturday, June 18th, and it didn't even rain, until we were all done! My sincere thanks to *Kelly and Jim Hettinger, Jan and Denny Prichard and Shirley and Gayle Brewer*. I also want to thank *Sharon Gearhart* for making coffee and helping organize the paper work during the event.

Several people offered to help after we had the team filled; however, we will probably do another one in late July or early August ,so keep watching for an article in the Newsletter and/or an email from Nancy Carr.

Again, thanks to one and all, and the road still looks good!! *Pat Muchmore*



July 2016 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

The main message this month is about the Phase 1 Grant proposal, that we need to begin working on. I need help with some of the projects leading up to the main work which is painting the building and repairing the chimney and installing new doors in the main room. I would like to have the following work completed by the middle of August but I will be gone from July 4-18 to support my sister in the loss of her husband. **Since all work needs to be photographic-ly documented and volunteer hours have to be very accurately recorded I do not want work to begin until I get back.** That will give those of you, who are interested in helping, time to brain storm. These are the two main projects:

-The bottom of the chimney needs to be cleaned out as it has about 5 feet of debris that has fallen down the chimney over the years. I need some "think tank" ideas, on how best to accomplish this job, as there is an air vent, that runs alongside the chimney, that can be moved sideways but not removed. Is there enough room to access the lower clean-out door to the chimney, if we slide the vent over? Also, would an industrial style vacuum work to remove the debris? Can we access the upper material from the wood stove chimney hole? These are questions, that we need answers to, and I am asking for your help in solving the problem. I want the chimney cleaned out before the end of July, so that we can show we are moving forward.

Secondly, we need to begin cleaning the lower half of the exterior of the building and restrooms with water (small amount of Clorox for moss removal) and **soft brushes only-no power washing** in preparation for the painting, which will be done in September. The remainder of the siding will be cleaned in September when we have the boom lift available and will be done by the painter. In addition to cleaning the siding, there are holes created by nesting swallows, that will need to be plugged. None of this work should go any higher than a tall step ladder for safety's sake.

These are the problems, that I am certain someone in the membership has the answers for. If you are that someone, please contact me wolf9047@aol.com or 884-3890 until July 3, then I will be available by phone 360-701-3678. Thank you all. **Sharon**

Projects room: See above-these are important ones for now.



"Listen! Or your tongue will make you deaf." -Cherokee Saying It is said that the reason the Creator gave two-leggeds two ears and one mouth was so that we could listen twice as much as we talk.



Marlies has done a fantastic job of taking care of the grocery receipt rebates, but now needs to pass this effort on to another volunteer. If you can help out, please contact Marlies or any Board member. Thanks,

Nancy Carr

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Had a wonderful vacation to my home state of MN. I determined 3 important things from our train trip-#1-Montana is a LONG state! #2- I am sure if the relatives I met were to stand side by side, the line would reach across Montana at least once. And #3- It sure is great to be back home in the Pacific NW and the Key Peninsula!!

We are going to start a new feature next month: **WHO AM I?** A chance to get to know some of our members. Watch for it and guess who is featured!

Thank you everyone for getting the NL articles to me on time- Great Job! *Helen*



Crab cakes

Thanks to everyone who said they liked the crab cakes. Here is the recipe!

- 1 LB Crabmeat
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup panko
- 1 egg, beaten
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup mayonnaise
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup each green pepper, celery and green onion
- 1 TBS Old Bay Seasoning
- 1 TBS minced fresh parsley
- 1 TBS lemon juice
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp yellow mustard
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp black pepper

Combine all ingredients in a bowl, hand mixing well.

Shape in the 8 large or 12 small patties. Place patties in the refrigerator or freezer to firm up so they hold their shape.

Melt butter in a skillet, cooking patties until browned on both sides, about 3-4 minutes on each side.

Serve with tartar sauce or another sauce of your choice.

Crab Nuggets

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

I use the same recipe for Crab Nuggets, but reduce the panko to $\frac{1}{4}$ cup.

Blend all ingredients and refrigerate until chilled – mixture needs to be chilled enough to hold its shape.

Combine 1 cup of panko with 6 TBS melted butter. Shape crab mixture into a ball, roll in the panko/butter mixture. Put on a prepared baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray or covered with parchment. Place crab balls about 1 inch apart and flatten with a spatula until about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick.

Bake 10 mins on each side or until crab mixture is golden brown on both sides. Serve with dipping sauce. We use tartar sauce, sweet chili sauce or cocktail sauce.

ENJOY! *Nancy Carr*



QUILT RAFFLE

On June 26, the drawing for the LIC quilt was held at the Marina. Lynn Carr did the drawing honors, and Christine Anderson was the lucky recipient! Congratulations, Christine!!

Thanks to everyone, who purchased a ticket - proceeds go to the scholarship fund and other children's activities.

Barbara Van Bogart

LIC Membership Report

Thanks to everyone who helped with the member BBQ. This event was put on by your Board who did the cooking, setup kitchen duty and cleanup. I thought we did a pretty good job! Kellie kept the bar going and Mary Lemon helped in the kitchen. Thanks to everyone who brought some great side dishes.

It is business as usual for the July meeting. That means I need help with setup and in the kitchen for a dessert meeting. Please let me know if you are available Wednesday, July 20th.

Thanks, *Nancy* – 253-884-1384, ncarr44@centurytel.net

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