



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

OCTOBER 2016

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 19- POTLUCK DINNER MEETING- 6:30

President's Message:

The LIC's Long Range Plan was originally approved in early 2015 after **66 long** months of input, discussion and organization. In September, the Board under the able leadership of Gayle Brewer reviewed the Plan's six goals to understand what has been accomplished, what has improved and areas that have remained static.

The Role of the LIC in the Community: The LIC has maintained and increased support for youth scholarships, events and grants, but areas such as outreach, and increased LIC visibility have remained static.

Under the **Governance, Operations and Management** a major goal was accomplished by establishing the Longbranch Foundation as an aid in fundraising. We also felt that the electronic capabilities and computer systems have improved slightly.

In the **Membership** area the Board felt that the website is more user friendly. However, reaching out to new members and increasing the Club's membership and participation has remained static.

The **Events** area has remained static although our events have been very successful.

Under the **Clubhouse and Grounds** progress has been tremendous. The Clubhouse's Historic Structure Report and Assessment has led the way for two successful grant applications for restoration. Last week the Clubhouse should have soaked up a badly needed new coat of paint, and the chimney repaired and capped. The new carriage doors will be installed in mid-October. The trail system behind the Clubhouse has been improved as well.

And for the **Marina** work has been accomplished on the long term renovation /upgrade plan. Favorable discussions and meetings have been held with the DNR regarding the renewal of our lease. A contract has been signed and permits have been applied for the piling removal and replacement.

The Board has decided to continue to prioritize the areas of concentrated effort. The priorities going forward will be in the areas of improving the overall publicity and awareness of the LIC activities, increasing and welcoming new membership, and continuing to develop a plan for financing needed upgrades and repairs for the Marina. We will be looking for participation and input from the membership to continue the forward momentum. A lot has been accomplished and much remains. We will be continuing to plan, prioritize, and implement as we work on the goals and objectives in the next year. Blessings and a high five to all the Board and Club members who are working together to accomplish the objectives in the Long Range Plan.

Francie



LIC General Membership Meeting
September 21, 2016

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

Guest Speaker: Karen Jorgensen, co-founder and executive director of Food Backpacks For Kids. There are 2,200 children on the Key Peninsula who are food-needy, with Evergreen Elementary School the most needy school in Pierce County.

FBFK serves every school in the Peninsula district, distributing 400 backpacks per week with enough food to feed the whole family. Crockpots and recipes are also provided. Every year a survey of participants is conducted: 100% of random participants responded positively regarding crockpot cooking. FBFK runs a summer lunch program as well.

FBFK needs used backpacks and accepts food donations, shoes and school supplies at Key Peninsula Middle School.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Jane Eiseman asked that the Minutes of the August 14th meeting be accepted as written. MSP. Ian Lindharten, a recipient of an LIC scholarship, sent a thank you note to the members of the LIC.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reported that moorage at the Marina and rentals at the Clubhouse are both doing well. The net income is better than budgeted, with income up and expenses down. Property taxes are due next month. The Labor Day Dance grossed \$3,300. Adding \$21 to the \$39 in driver tips, \$60 was given to the Community Center for letting us use their van for transportation from the Marina to the Clubhouse and back for the dance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events: Kathy Lyons issued a call for volunteers for Trunk and Treat, for setup on October 26th and 27th and for the event itself on October 28th. A signup sheet was passed around. In addition to candy, pencils and/or erasers count as treats.

Carolyn Wiley spoke about Fiber Arts, to be held October 1st. The publicity has been fantastic and volunteer signup good. The Girl Scouts will be here, weaving wickies and willow branches are needed. Call Carolyn if you can oblige. Nancy Carr asked that a couple of men come in on September 30th to help set up the tables for the event. A Farm Tour Art Show at Blend lasts until October 3rd and a program on farming on the Key Peninsula, with speaker Christine Anderson, is at the Key Center library on September 22nd.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart announced that the lift will arrive on Monday, September 26th, and the grant work will commence. Work on the chimney will begin the next day, with the Kohler insert to be installed on September 30th. Jeff Tritt will be here to do the cleaning and painting of the outside of the building.

The doors are expected to be fabricated by October 3rd and will be installed on October 10th and 11th.

The middle entrance to the trail has been blocked off because of the poor condition of the bridge.

Barb Floyd suggested placing red flags in the field where dog poop is found in order to encourage people to clean up after their pets.

The shed was broken into again. Sharon bought a very heavy duty hasp to put on the shed door.

No smoking signs have been set up around the Clubhouse.

The rental agreement and rates as well as new rules regarding the use of the building are being developed.

Kamryn Minch will no longer be the LIC cleaner as of January 1, 2017. We will need to find a replacement.

Marina: Mark Runions iterated that the Marina is doing well. The pavilion is always neat and clean. There are blank spots in the video camera coverage. An upgrade of the security system, possibly calling in professionals, is being considered.

The Tacoma Power Squadron will be coming to the Marina on October 15th and will conduct free safety inspections of boats on October 16th.

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There has been a change order on the contract for the piling replacement: The removal of one piling which will not be replaced and the removal of another piling which will be replaced. The total for the contract will still be under \$40,000.

The Marina reserve will be in a healthy state entering 2017.

Membership: Nancy Carr thanked the kitchen crew and the people who helped set up for the meeting. Remember to turn in your name tags.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson reminded people to submit articles to her by September 25th and that she is always looking for pictures.

DNR Lease: Kurt Anderson is serving as the interim chair and the committee will be working to set up the next meeting with the DNR staff.

Lynn Larson announced that Randy Carr is correct in asserting that the LIC existed before the supposed incorporation date of December 10, 1921. The first mention of the LIC in The Bay Island News (the precursor to The Gateway) was on October 7, 1921.

The paper stated that the LIC has a large membership and meets every first and third Thursday at Penrose Hall.

The Library Hall Association had the same board of directors as the LIC; It may have been the social club. Over time the LIC became more socially, civically active.

Randy Carr, when he initially became president of the LIC, read the Minutes of the meetings of the LIC from its inception: The first set was from 1917.

New Business: Francie reported that another \$5,000 promissory note has been paid off, leaving a balance of \$64,000 of the original \$106,000 yet to be paid.

The Board agreed to allow the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Fire and Rescue boat to be temporarily moored at the Marina from October 14th until November 11th.

The Board also agreed to donate \$100 to the Evergreen Elementary School's Little Toasters.

Pat Muchmore notified the membership of a road cleanup to be held October 15th. Volunteers should meet at 10 a.m. at the fire department across the street from the LIC.

Thanks to Carolyn Wiley - who stopped to talk to him one day - she has learned the name of the man (Keith McCart) who picks up trash along the Key Pen Highway, from 76th Street to the Marina. Pat sent him a letter, in the name of the LIC, thanking him.

Keith also sorts through the garbage and brings the aluminum cans to the LIC for recycling. The proceeds of the recycling are deposited into the LIC Scholarship Fund

Egg cartons and plastic bags are needed at the Community Center Food Bank.

Kelly Hettinger announced that the Key Peninsula Civic Center's Taste of Fall is October 8th, with food, drink and a live and a silent auction. Tickets are available at Blend and Sunnycrest. Also, the burgers at Wicked Good Eats are amazing.

A Christmas tree has been donated. A few men are needed to haul it to the LIC and set it up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Eisman





FROM THE DOCK CHAIR:

The Tacoma Power Squadron will be visiting the Marina on the weekend of Oct. 15-16. For those interested, they will be conducting courtesy safety inspections of your boat on Sunday, the 16th. This is a good way to make sure your boat is up to Coast Guard regulations, and it is helpful to stand by while the inspection is being done so the examiner can explain what he/she is looking for, and why. This inspection does not get into structural issues, though if the examiner does see some glaring structural problem, you will be advised. Mainly, they are concerned with proper lighting, fire extinguishers, flares, life jackets, wiring/grounding, and other safety-related issues. Passing the inspection gets you a certificate, but it is not a "free pass" if you are boarded by the Coast Guard.

Now that it is officially Fall, it's a good time to check other systems on your boat as well, such as lines, fenders, and engine maintenance. If you plan to run a heater, please note there is a wattage limit (200 watts continuous), which means that most resistance type heaters will not meet this requirement. Electric is included in your moorage fee, but please advise the Dockmaster if you wish to run that type of heater. Other alternatives are a heat lamp or light bulb placed in the engine compartment during extreme cold weather, or the use of passive "air dryer" type low wattage heaters that don't necessarily heat your boat, but create enough warmer air that circulates to keep mildew and mold under control.

And finally, there will be some nice weather in the coming weeks, so just because the days are shorter and cooler, don't miss out on those opportunities to enjoy your boat for some Fall cruising.

Mark Runions



DOCKMASTER REPORT:

September was very good for transient moorage, and quite a few were repeat visitors. The Trawler Crawlers were here last weekend and had a great party. While they were here, they shared the Marina with 4 boats that came in for a surprise party and other overnights.

In October, we have Shelton Yacht Club, Tacoma Power Squadron and the South Sound Sailing Society planning on weekend visits. The Tacoma Power Squadron will be conducting boat inspections on October 15th or 16th during their stay. Anyone wanting this can contact Mark Runions, renimark@centurytel.net.

The Pierce County Fire Department is looking for short-term moorage from October 14th through November 11th for their fire/ambulance rescue boat while the Herron Island ferry is out of service for maintenance. We have offered a spot on 'D' dock, so you may see the fire boat during that time.

Cynn Carr



Over the past five summers, and on one below freezing February day, a varying group of LIC members and their friends have plied the waters of Puget Sound in search of fun, fellowship, and a good hearty meal. Although our numbers varied, during the first four years we averaged around 18-20 participants per outing. Our low number during that period was 16, and our high was 28. This year we lost about two-thirds of our boats due to long term maintenance, boat sales, and boat owners moving out of the area. But even with our reduced passenger capabilities we have been averaging about 10 to 12 participants.

In total we put together 17 outings, and traveled to Steilacoom, University Place, Olympia, Gig Harbor and Tacoma. There have been 16 different boats, just over 40 different participants, and since many individuals have been with us for most of the events, we have ordered well over 200 meals at our destination restaurants.

Starting next year, although I plan to be a full participant, I will no longer be the person in charge of planning and coordinating our group boating events. Hopefully someone will step forward to take up that mantle, but if not, rest assured that we will still be doing a number of impromptu short notice small group outings.

See you on the water. *Kurt Anderson*



Food 
Market
at Key Center

thank you
thank you
thank you!

For doing a great job of turning in your receipts from Food Markets at our LIC meetings. You will also have an opportunity to turn in receipts at the LIC Fiber Arts event.

Food 
Market
at Lake Kothryn

FIBER ARTS-

Fiber Arts will be Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Fiber artists will be available to sell, display or demo their products in all types of fiber. The featured artist is Squire Brooms with their hand made straw brooms. There is a special quilt display by featured quilt artist Diana Iversen. Her quilts will hang on the back wall. There will be drawings for raffle drawings and two quilts.

The kitchen will be open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM with apple crisp served during that time (unless it is all gone!). Lunch will be served from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

There has been a lot of publicity this year promoting this event (thanks to Barb Floyd and the Fiber Arts Committee), so we are hoping for a great turnout. Come support our local artists, buy raffle tickets and enjoy a plate of apple crisp!

Nancy Carr



The Longbranch Foundation – October Update

Research undertaken for the WA State Community Project program grant application revealed that it would be a good idea to consider a slight project modification to the current marina piling replacement program. As you may recall, the LIC contracted with Marine Floats Corp. earlier this year for permitting replacement of nine pilings, but actual physical replacement of only five pilings. The change was to add removal of one redundant piling and replacement of another piling that our engineers determined was near the end of its useful life. This change was approved by the LIC board and the change order has been signed. This helps assure the marina will be better able to resist damage during winter storms. The remaining two pilings slated for replacement will be included in the grant application along with replacement of the west end of 'A' Dock (under the ramp) and other upgrades

With regard to the grant application, the new form for 2017 was just received. Also, thanks to Denny Prichard, we now have a number of good photos to include with the application that clearly demonstrate the need for the repairs and upgrades. The final draft of the application will be completed in the next few weeks and submitted to Rep. Jesse Young's office for review and further handling.

I am also exploring the possibility of a broad community ask for donations this fall. It is still in the infancy stage and much work needs to be done if we move forward on this front.

We are always open to questions or concerns that you, as LIC members, might have, so please contact me directly should you have any.

Clark Van Bogart, President

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October 2016 Building and Grounds Chat Room

News for this month is we should have our grant work done by the middle of October. Painting and chimney restoration will begin the week of September 26 and the ballroom doors are slated to be fabricated by Oct 3-4 and ready for pick up. They will then be installed on October 10-11. Steve Stemhagen has been making headway on repairing and painting the windows near the bathrooms so we are making giant strides in getting the work done by our October 31 deadline. I, of one, am more than grateful that this is all coming together in time and cannot thank enough all those members who have worked diligently to make it happen. The Grant Committee who helped put the package together, Gayle Brewer who has worked tirelessly with Real Doors of Gig Harbor and the contractor to make that project a reality. Jeff Tritt who stepped up and agreed to do the filling of the holes and cleaning and painting of the building when our original painting contractor could not be reached and Larry Bingham who contacted him about helping us out of a painting hole. I will admit that after learning that the doors would get done and installed before our time was up I slept like the dead for the first time in quite a while. On a less than positive note, our shed was once again broken into-this time they used bolt cutters to cut the hasp that held the lock in place-nothing was stolen as there is nothing of any real value in there-but darn it is the principal of the thing. Also, someone helped themselves to the old round tables that were out by the north ballroom doors so we will not have to pay to take them to the dump (I wasn't able to find any takers any other way so this worked!) I have placed plastic buckets at the base of each pole that holds doggie doo bags so used bags can be placed in them. Barb Floyd is organizing a EPP campaign (Every Poop Pollutes) to try to curb the amount of dog poo left behind on the trails and yards so please do your part to help staunch the flow-pun intended. If you walk your dogs at the LIC dog park it is up to you to clean up after them-please. Again as always thank you to all of you who step up to help keep the 'Grand Old Lady' looking sharp and ageless. I couldn't do it without you and neither could she.

I will be out of town from September 30-October 9 (annual Stehekin hiking trip followed by a wedding in Spokane. I will be unavailable by phone from October 1-7.) *sharon*

Projects room:

-The gutters are in need of cleaning before winter really sets in. I will be willing to help.

-I will need some help loading a couple of very heavy objects onto Buck's truck for transport to the dump. It will need to wait until I return.

It's not the amount of hours in the work that counts it's the amount of work in the hours.
American Proverb



TRUNK OR TREAT! COMING UP SOON!

OCTOBER 28TH!

NEEDED: for **Trunk and Treat.** Volunteers for decorating on the 26th and 2th with Louise Beam -let's get the clubhouse 'spooky' for the kids!

Plan to bring your car and filling the trunk or back with candy or small gift items for the kids. Come in costume, if you wish, and enjoy Halloween with the kids!

Kathy Lyons



(photos from 2015)



SCARECROW CONTEST

Notice the scarecrow invasion in Key Center? How could you miss it? There are some really good ones! Check out the pictures. There was judging Friday, Sept 23rd and the winners were-----

- Category: Winning Entry:
- Club Friends of the Library (Bookworm) voted #1 favorite of all
 LIC (Awesome Catch) Honorable Mention
- Individual Kathy Lyons
- Business Yankee Clipper Barber Shop
 Blend Wine Shop (Blender) Honorable Mention



Halloween



WHO AM I ?

September's WAI member is a carpenter, and an avid sportsman, enjoying extensive camping and kayaking adventures. He also rides motorcycles. He often works on his sailboat at the Marina.

Say hello to BRUCE JEGLUM!

****Due to time constraints and space, the next Who Am I segment will continue in November's LIC Newsletter. Remember, the next member could be YOU! (I put all the member's names in a container and pull one out each month) I will call you and let you know! ;o)**

Helen Jamteson





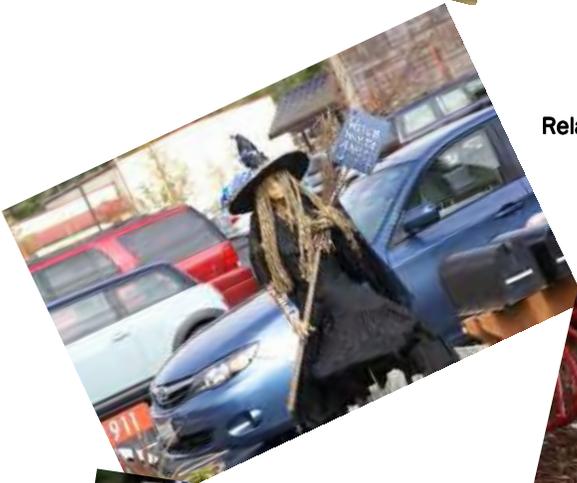
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faithful dog and not-so-happy wife.
Feel free to pet the dog!!



INVASION OF THE SCARECROWS !!



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LIC Membership Report



Thanks to the volunteers for the September dessert meeting, Jim and Kelly Hettinger, Lynn Carr, Susan Quigley, Lynn Lloyd and Pat Muchmore.

I will be sending out a 'volunteering opportunity' message in a couple of weeks for the upcoming events where help is needed. This is a heads up so you can hurry to get one of the best spots! First on the list is the October Pot luck meeting. If you can help, please let me know. Thank you.

Nancy Carr

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