

April 2011



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**Building and Grounds Clean-up April 9, 10:00 AM**

## President's Report . . .

The new wharf is nearly done. Thanks to all that helped out (and there are many, many of you). Your board is working on hats, shirts, and windbreakers, to be available for order soon. The entrance (to the wharf) design was approved by the Board and we're working on cost estimates and installation. It will be installed by volunteers. Thanks to all who helped out at the Dock work party; it was a big success. We discovered the need for some additional repairs, which will be taken care of later this year.

The nominating committee is shaping up (Joe Barrow and John Biggs have agreed to be on the committee). All LIC Board positions are up for election in June (a requirement of the recent changes to the Bylaws). Please consider being a candidate for one of the many positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Building and Grounds, Dock Chair, Events, Membership, At Large). We have much to accomplish in 2011/2012.

We are re-establishing the Planning Committee, whose responsibility is to bring forward the recommendations made through the open involvement process conducted earlier. This is the first step in establishing longer range plans and a vision for what the LIC wants to accomplish in the future.

*Submitted by Geoff Baillie, President LIC, 884.3951, gbaillie@msn.com*



# LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2011

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Geoff Baillie, Kurt Anderson, Phil Johnson, Lynn Carr, Jan Prichard, Francie Carr, Pat Muchmore, Peg Bingham

**CONTRACTORS PRESENT:** Sharon Gearhart

Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m.

Agenda presented and approved.

President Geoff Baillie introduced guest speaker Jerry Borchert from the Washington State Department of Health. His topic was biotoxins in shellfish. He presented a slide show and explained the different biotoxins found in saltwater in the state, myths and misconceptions about them and how to protect yourself from them. Jerry also brought handouts covering the same information. The LIC Secretary has a copy of these handouts and will be happy to provide copies to any member requesting them. The State does extensive testing of the waters and recommends that before you dig you check the DOH website at [www.doh.wa.gov/biotoxinmaps.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/biotoxinmaps.htm), call your local health department or the shellfish hotline (1-800-562-5632). Jerry said he was helped by volunteers, including the LIC's Doug Sylvers, in collecting mussels that are used for the testing.

**REPORTS:**

**CONTRACTORS:** No reports

**PRESIDENT:** No report.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Kurt Anderson reported that Dave Mikelson presented a detailed report on a fundraising poker tournament he attended in Renton for the benefit of Little League and his vision of how the LIC could put on one. This type of event is used by many 501-C(3) organizations. His proposal was the LIC plan to do one in June of this year. The Board discussed this in detail and decided that as volunteer intensive as this would be that June would not be practical. The General Membership was asked if they are interested in this type of event and if anyone would volunteer to help Sandy research what permits are required from the state, how to plan it, what expenses are involved and if there are enough volunteers interested to work on it. If anyone would like to help or chair this event, please call Sandy Black (884-1309).

Kurt presented the Board's recommendation that the LIC have Tim Heitzman design two samples each of hats, shirts and windbreakers to be used to advertise the club. Tim will present them at the April General Meeting for approval. They would not have a logo but a slogan addressing the LIC's purpose of bettering the community. The items would be ordered ahead by members and others in the community and paid up front with a few extra of each Ordered by the club for samples.

**TREASURER:** Francie Carr reported that the club is ahead of budget by \$13,000. The last payment to Marine Floats was made last week. Members have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to make their second moorage payment.

**SECRETARY:** Peg Bingham asked to have the minutes from the February General Meeting approved. Motion made, seconded and approved.

**EVENTS:** Sandy Black unable to attend. Printed schedules on upcoming events were available on each table. Mojo Overload has been booked to play at the Memorial Day Dance on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Jan Prichard reported there are 81 memberships paid. Tonight's raffle is the book "An Automobile Tour Through Key Peninsula History" and a basket of primrose plants. Jan would appreciate donations for future raffle items to be auctioned. The raffles will be held at dessert meetings and benefit the scholarship fund.

Jan thanked the evening's hostesses, Sharon Gearhart, Eloise Colbert and Ann Dearing. Trish and Dale Goodvin were at the sign-in table.

**BUILDING:** Lynn Carr asked for volunteers for the Building Work Party to be held at 10:00 a.m. both April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be new driveway posts to be installed, the woodpile needs to be moved and there will probably be a bonfire to dispose of it. Also general cleanup in and around the building with hopefully the windows washed.

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (continued from page 2)

The meeting room furnace has been fixed and he asked for approval of an expenditure of approximately \$1,300 to update and recharge the fire suppression system on the kitchen stove. This repair is required by the fire marshal. This was tabled to be discussed under New Business. He also asked for donations to replace the antique refrigerator in the kitchen. The Freon in it cannot be recharged. It will have to be replaced with another commercial refrigerator to comply with county health department rules.

DOCK: Pat Muchmore reported that a very successful work party had been held at the marina with 16–18 people participating. The gate is up and a portion of the dock has been power washed. If anyone would like to power wash some more of the dock their help would be greatly appreciated.

Pat said that Dennis Carroll ordered the equipment for the security system and is hoping to have it installed before he leaves for a business trip in mid-April. Pat hopes to have the phone installed as soon as possible. There was a water pressure problem at the dock today, but it should be fixed tomorrow.

There were drawings of the new gate structure distributed on each table. Pat said a change to the drawings was approved by the Board. The drawings show the sani-cans and the garbage bin, one on each side of the entrance, but they will both be on the right side so that is not the first impression one would get of the gate area. Bruce Jeglum will be back in town by April 15<sup>th</sup> and plans to begin construction.

Dave Wickland thanked Harry for finding today's water problem. He said CenturyLink will be out again on Friday. He also announced that the gate is now working and for entry after it is locked an active card will be needed. A new card can be obtained for \$35 if yours does not work.

Geoff Baillie thanked Dave Wickland for his help with the contractors to make sure everything was finished as agreed.

OLD BUSINESS: Carolyn Wiley reported on the Feast or Famine event held on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was down but all who attended enjoyed the evening. All the numbers are not in yet, but it appears the Food Bank will receive at least \$2,000. She said many of the usual old members put in lots of time but were helped tremendously by some of our new members, who stepped in where needed and put in many hours.

NEW BUSINESS: Geoff asked for a motion to repair the stove fire suppression system. Motion was made and seconded. Motion approved. Geoff announced that Board elections will be held in June and asked for volunteers for a nominating committee. There were no volunteers at this time.

Geoff also announced that Robin Gould made a donation to the club in the memory of Don Jopp.

Francie reported that our insurance company sent a check for \$463 for the theft of the copper wire from the dock. Sharon Gearhart reported that she reported the cutting down and the theft of the wood of the old-growth cedar tree from the clubhouse woods. While we were given a case number, there is little chance the theft will be solved. The value given on the tree was \$1,500.

Geoff reported that the one adult in the building vandalism was ordered to pay restitution of \$37,000. This is to be divided between the LIC and the church. However, the LIC share was \$1,860, since much of the LIC losses were insured.

Raffle winners were Pat Muchmore and Larry Bingham.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Peg Bingham, Secretary

### Building and Grounds Report:

With help from Steve Stemhagen, the stairs to the attic in the storage room are complete—and they go all the way to the floor!

Lynn Carr

## Dock Report.....

We had a very successful Marina Work Party on March 12th with 16 to 18 LIC members who suffered through the wind, rain and cooler weather. However, they accomplished a considerable amount of work, but there is still more to be done. Both our gate and the Longbranch Wharf sign are up, lighting has been installed at the entrance, the Security System is being worked on and, hopefully, will be completed before Dennis Carroll has to return to his "other jobs". If anyone would like to volunteer their time and efforts, we still need to have the pressure washing of the Marina completed, the bull rails need a second coat of paint at the guest moorage areas and the electrical board in the parking lot needs primer and paint. We hope to start working on the accepted design of the entrance to the Wharf and Marina after the middle of April. Anyone who wishes to help with that or any of the other projects can contact me and I will make sure that tools and supplies are there that would be necessary to accomplish the task(s). I am more than happy to be there with you to assist in anyway.....as long as it only requires one arm!! Either give me a call or email me and let me know what task, time, etc.

We all look forward to Opening Day next month on May 7th starting with our delicious Dock Breakfast, regatta and just a general "good time had by all". Our next Event after that will be Memorial Day Week End with the dance on Saturday, May 28th; the Mojo Overload will provide the music for your toe-tapping pleasure.

Though it is a little early, I wish all of you a very Happy Easter and look forward to sunnier days, warmer weather and all the increased activity that brings.

*Respectfully submitted by Pat Muchmore, Dock Chair*  
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## Scholarship Committee Report

Barbara Copley, Karen Barrow, and Lynn Larson, the Longbranch Improvement Club's Scholarship Committee, met at Peninsula High School's Library, on March 8, 2011, to examine the portfolios of seniors in need of scholarships (pretty much all of them). We selected two students from the LIC area, Bronson Ward and Rebecca (Becca) Wolf, as recipients of LIC Scholarships for this year, each worth \$1,250. Bronson has a superior GPA, and aspires to a career in mechanical or civil engineering. He is a scholar athlete, who competed in track and played in the band. Becca Wolf, who some may know from her volunteer work at the LIC, had 711 community service hours (!), was also a scholar athlete, who plans a career in nursing. We wish them both lots of luck! On another note, Del Mikkelson tells us that his daughter, Zadra, who received an LIC scholarship last year, is on the Dean's List as a freshman at the University of Washington.

*Respectfully Submitted, Lynn Larson*

## FEAST OR FAMINE: Fat Tuesday in Longbranch

The spirit that moved our LIC founders to create an organization dedicated to community “betterment” was in evidence on Fat Tuesday (March 8) at the Fourth Annual Feast or Famine fundraiser for the KP Food Bank. The event sponsors are LIC, KP Community Services/Food Bank, and the KP Family Resource Center. The featured speaker, Stanley Flemming, (Pierce County District 7 Councilman) was well received. Stan spoke about local needs for Food Bank support, as well as, the needs faced by distant populations. He speaks from the context of having organized medical relief efforts around the world, most recently in Haiti. Stan is our Pierce County Councilman and is well aware of the regional demographics and the high needs of Key Peninsula.

Best estimates indicate that the food bank coffers were enriched by about \$2400.

Special recognition is warranted for contributions to the success of the event:

- The Longbranch Improvement Club VOLUNTEERS\*\*
- Arlyce Kretschman—planning ace & pr distribution. Arlyce was instrumental in securing donations from The Inn at Gig Harbor for Oliver Coldeen’s fantastic desserts and from and The Ruth Circle of Longbranch Community Church for their homemade muffin mixes;
- Elaine Quigley who contacted the two silent auction potters—Gary Andersen and
- Matthew Hulse--and recruited Gail Kelly who spearheads the Empty Bowls Project at TCC;
- Trish Goodvin for creating Mardi Gras Magic with her creative decoration and crew of helpers;; Sandy Black, Penny Gazabat (Director of KPCommunity Services);
- Rich Hildahl for sharing his wonderful collection of local photos
- Dale Goodvin for creating a photo record of every phase of the production;
- Peg Bingham, Norma Iverson, Wally Johnson, Sharon Gearhart, did the honors in the kitchen dishing up savory red beans & rice with cornbread for the common folk and the grand roast beef full-meal deal.
- Todd Rosenbach headed up the bar and put us on the scent of Bird Dog Wines (Stephanie Mann, owner).
- Special thanks to donors, particularly LPL Financial, Sound Credit Union,
- Stanley Flemming, Sunnycrest Nursery and others\*\*
- Tim Heitzman for poster/ticket design
- Marlies VanCise—the LIC ticket selling “star”
- Sharon Gearhart who not only cooked, but headed up evening & next day clean-up!

*\*\* Unfortunately I turned in the sign-up sheets before recording the names & did not leave the event with a program in-hand.*

Thanks to all of you who bought and/or sold tickets, participated in set up, worked on-site, and helped clean up.

Carolyn Wiley

Background Photo by Dale Goodvin

## Upcoming Events!!

Fri, April 1, April Fool’s Day

Sat, April 9, 10:00 a.m. Building and Grounds clean-up

Sun, April 10, 10:00 a.m. Building and Grounds clean-up, if needed

Sun, April 17 Palm Sunday

Wed, April 20 6:30 p.m. General Membership Potluck Meeting.

Speakers will be from Longbranch Road Race

Fri April 22 Good Friday

Sun, April 23 Easter

Sat, April 30 Permanent Moorage quarterly payment due



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB BUILDING AND GROUND CLEAN-UP ALERT!!!

We will beholding a building and grounds spring clean-up event at the LIC on April 9 and 10. There are many tasks to be accomplished so please come and bring shovels, rakes, clippers, muscles, any other favorite tools and gloves. Food and drink will be provided. Chores include: cleaning, weeding and replanting flower beds, cleaning out small building and the area around it, moving the lumber from the back of the building to the south side, clean up branches in the field and burn or chip them, remove ivy from fence and yard south side of the building, sweep exterior window sills, remove large rocks from the drive-way, put up new posts and reflectors at driveway entrances, repair the ball field score board. Did I mention remove ivy from trees and weeding. This is only a partial list. A reminder with a more complete list will be sent out in April. Please mark your calendars and plan to help. WE NEED YOU and this is a good way to gain volunteer hours and if enough hard workers show up on Sat. we may not need to work on Sun.

Contratulations to John Biggs, the Key Peninsula Citizen of the year! John received this award Saturday, March 19 at the annual awards dinner at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. The KP thanks you John, for all your time and hard work.

Two Waters Arts Alliance is showcasing members' work at a juried exhibition in the Key Peninsula Branch Library in Key Center from April 1 through May 27 (art will be for sale). A reception will kick off the show and honor award winners on April 1 from 4 until 6 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the artists and to see some great art from Key Peninsula artists!"

It is with great sorrow that the passing of Fred Gazabat is noted. Condolences are extended to the Gazabat family; Penny, his wife, and MOTHER, Alice Gazabat and brother Drew Gazabat.

Dale Goodvin took a lot of pictures at Feast or Famine, but there is not room in this newsletter to display them. Check out the the Longbranch Improvement Club Facebook page. You can see them all.

The volunteer positions of LIC grocery receipts from Peninsula Market and office volunteer are open. Hours spent for these positions count toward yearly volunteer hours. If interested, please see a board member.

Albertsons grocery receipts can be turned in to the Evergreen School Office. The school receives a percentage of these receipts.





# LIC Membership Report

**Mark your calendars  
for the April  
General Membership  
Pot Luck Meeting  
Wed., April 20th at  
6:30 p.m.  
Look for Upcoming  
Events.**

Many thanks to Ann Dearing, Eloise Colbert and Sharon Gearhart for hostessing at our March meeting and to Trish and Dale Goodvin for handling the sign-in and raffle tables.

Gear up for the weekend of April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>! We'll be doing cleanup of the building and grounds starting at 10 a.m. both days. Any hours you can give will be greatly appreciated, and there is lots to do from gardening to windows, so don't be shy! If you have favorite gardening or cleaning tools, feel free to bring them. We're looking for someone with experience running a floor polisher, so if you are up for this task, please contact Sandy Black, 884-1309.

(Let him know ahead of time so he can rent a polisher.) Donations of munchies to feed the worker bees would also be gladly received.

Our April meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> will feature two speakers who will give us all the scoop on the upcoming Longbranch Bicycle Road Race. On a past spring day you may have come upon these bicyclists on our highway. This is your chance to learn about their race and ask questions.

Happy Spring!

Jan Prichard  
Membership Chair  
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