



*As we see the end of this long year plus of lockdown, we find that we have learned a lot. It has demonstrated the deeply connected nature of our world. It has underscored our shared humanity, resilience, and the need for a just and equitable society. It has highlighted that when we come together, we can take steps to provide for a brighter future. As the LIC celebrates its centennial and TLF celebrates its fifth year, we realize that we must lay the groundwork for the future and where we want to be five, ten, one hundred years from now. We have shared much success and continue to find ways to improve our community. We have much more that we can do. Thank you for your continued participation and support.*

## **HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Peninsula Hawks held their annual scholarship awards program (virtually) Wednesday evening May 19. Marcia Harris and her committee selected three graduating seniors to receive scholarships.

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Jamie Baxter – Central Washington University to study Marine Biology

Kendra Hunsaker – Central Washington University to study History

Elizabeth Pierson – Western Washington University to study English

In addition, TLF is proud to continue our tradition of awarding Recurring Scholarships to those students in school who are doing well, this year there are two students who will receive Recurring Scholarships to continue their education.

- Celia Emens – 2<sup>nd</sup> year student at Tacoma Community College transferring to Western Washington University to study Marine Biology
- Matt Nesbitt – 2<sup>nd</sup> year student at Olympia College studying Environmental Science to become a Park Ranger

Because of your generous donations, we have a sustainable plan to award these scholarships. This year we awarded a total of \$10,500 to these students to help them pursue their dreams.





## **EVERGREEN QUILT PROJECT**

There is a group of talented people working to produce a Quilt for Evergreen Elementary to be ready when the new school opens. This group has met several times and they have a wonderful design that includes pictures of the schools over time as well as the school symbols, a fir tree and an eagle, and words of encouragement embroidered on the design.

## **MARKET RECEIPTS/AMAZON SMILE/CAN RECYCLE**

“Behind the scenes” there is a lot of work being done by Rich and Connie Hildahl to account for the Market Receipts you all turn in. In 2020, Rich and Connie sorted through receipts totaling \$42,986.29! They have spent many hours of dedication to add money for our initiatives. The first quarter of 2021 saw \$8,820.97 in receipts. Do keep turning in your receipts, this all adds up. Thank you to Key Pen Food Market for their civic mindedness and thank you Rich and Connie.

In addition, Amazon Smile donates to the charity of your choice (it is The Longbranch Foundation, we hope!) and we collect money from recycling cans.

Every little bit makes a difference. The total from these programs in 2020 was  
**\$308.71.**

### **THERE IS LIGHT AT THE END OF THIS TUNNEL**

We are making headway controlling the virus and many of us now are vaccinated. Thank you for doing your part! However, join the crowd of us who are tired being part of this historical event!

A little more patience and some wisdom as we go forward will help everyone get through this.

# THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY



If you have any questions about or input for The Longbranch Foundation please do not hesitate to talk with one of our Board members: Randy Carr, Jim Hettinger, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler, Sheryl Low, Michele Gorman, Jan Prichard or call me. Contact information can be found on our web site. [mytlf.org](http://mytlf.org)

**Thank you for your volunteer time and donations of money to meet the needs of the community!**

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## Food Market

A reminder, please continue to save your Food Market receipts for when we meet again.

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## A COLLABORATIVE SUCCESS ON THE KEY, Part 1

By Clark Van Bogart

*(Note: This is the first of a two-part series highlighting the success of The Longbranch Foundation in a short five-year period. Part 1 focuses on formation of the organization and funds raised.)*

The recent success of The Longbranch Foundation's (TLF) auction for education "Brighter Futures" event in April caused me to reflect back to the beginnings of this organization less than 5 ½ years ago. In 2015, a small working group of LIC members along with our favorite in-house counselor, Phil Johnson, set the wheels in motion to create TLF as an Sec. 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Formation of TLF was several years in the making. An earlier plan involved some restructuring of the LIC whereas the plan that created TLF left the LIC 100% intact, as it remains to this day. By understanding the issues with that earlier plan, we were able to create a completely new and separate organization that is affiliated with the LIC. In this planning process, we also created a unique feature of TLF in that it has multiple charitable purposes approved by the IRS.

The Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Washington Secretary of State on January 5, 2016 with the paperwork signed by Francie Carr, then president of the LIC. I served as the first president of TLF until July 2017 at which time Barb Floyd was elected president, and Barb has served in that role since. All the above serves to set the stage for the real purpose for this writing, which is to give a huge "thank you" to Barb, TLF's board of directors, the many supporting volunteers, and certainly all the financial supporters over the past 5 ½ years.

The title of this piece is "A Collaborative Success on the Key", and so what does that really mean? It means that TLF has raised more than \$564,000 for the LIC, local students and other community organizations on Key Peninsula during this period. A breakdown of that astounding amount in round numbers follows:

The LIC's Historic Clubhouse (including bi-annual Super Sales)	\$19,000
LIC Grounds & Trails	\$1,650
Scholarship Programs (including bi-annual Auctions)	\$219,900
Longbranch Marina (including Wash. Capital Grant)	\$257,700
Other Community Organizations	\$14,100
The Longbranch Sign	\$6,200
All other non-designated contributions	<u>\$45,450</u>
Grand Total	\$564,000

Any way you look at it, the impact on this community and these two organizations in a relatively short time is simply incredible. My hope is that the phenomenal success of The Longbranch Foundation continues for many, many years. With continued strong leadership by TLF's board of directors, dedicated volunteers to make it all work, and strong financial support by all of you, it will. Congratulations, and a huge thank you, are clearly in order!!!

*(Next Month – Part 2 will highlight how the funds have been utilized and future commitments.)*