

Point Loma Assembly

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Our January 14 Meeting...

Council President Jennifer Campbell will give us a community update and answer questions from the membership at 4 p.m.

Campbell has been on the San Diego City Council two years representing City Council District 2 that includes Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, Clairemont, Linda Vista, Midway, Ocean Beach and Point Loma.

Elected as Council President on December 10, she is already off to a busy start to the year. She was a proponent of Prop E and the proposed development for the Sports Arena area and wants to focus on solving our city homeless problem.

Campbell said she has spent her two years in office putting the city's interests ahead of her own political gain. "My entire vision as council president is predicated on making sure that each one of our nine council districts can succeed in improving their communities while advancing the goals of our city at the same time."

AS USUAL, THIS MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM. MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON THE DAY BEFORE.

'Tis the Season

Point Loma Assembly has continued its tradition of support of local nonprofit organizations. We made two end-of-year donations: \$1,000 to the San Diego Food Bank and \$500 to the Ocean Beach Town Council's annual Food & Toy Drive.

The San Diego Food Bank struggles to meet demand from people in need during these difficult times. The Ocean Beach Food & Toy Drive makes deliveries directly to needy families and individuals at holiday time each year."



Extraordinary 2020 Legacy Fund Campaign!

By Pam Hamilton Lester
Ways and Means Chair

Since its initiation in 2016 through the 2019 Campaign, the Legacy Fund raised \$46,145—an average of more than \$11,500 per year—to supplement income received from memberships, building rentals, and grants to enhance and maintain the Assembly’s historic property at 3035 Talbot Street. **The 2020 Campaign has ended with donations of \$16,475!** Several members provided exceptional gifts in 2020. A category of 2020 Special Angels recognizes these gifts, along with the Leading Gift of \$2,000 by Joye Blount. Sincere thanks to these members who have contributed to the Legacy Fund **since donations were listed in the July, October and December Newsletters:**

<u>2020 Special Angels (\$1,000+)</u>	Anonymous
<u>Benefactor (\$500+)</u>	Victory Lareau
<u>Enthusiast (\$100-\$249)</u>	Pat Baker
Virginia Buerger	Pam Fuchs
Jill Hall	Cecilia Pollack
Bruce Cook and Martha Phillips	
Bob and Pat Woodard	
<u>Keeper (\$50-\$99)</u>	
David Goldberg	Klonie Kunzel

Like Numbers?

by Pat Baker, Treasurer

I have been pleased to serve as the Point Loma Assembly Treasurer since the 2012-2013 fiscal year. In June 2021, my time on the Board per bylaws term limits is up. So Point Loma Assembly is now beginning the search for a new Treasurer. This is not an overwhelming job, maybe a few hours a week. And we have detailed written information on what needs to be done.

We keep our financial records using QuickBooks. But when I started as Treasurer, I had very limited Quickbooks experience and I have been able to do everything we need.

This is a fun job and you get to work with and get to know our other wonderful Board members. If you are interested in hearing more, please call or text me at 619-251-9665. We can get started early in 2021 to gradually get you up to speed working with me for a few months.

EVERY gift to the Legacy Fund is appreciated—gratitude is expressed to all 49 members participating this year! Each contributor to the 2020 Campaign has received a letter acknowledging the donation and expressing thanks for this investment in the Assembly’s future. The Assembly is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Legacy Fund are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

Thank you to our business sponsors: American Cancer Society Discovery Shop Point Loma, Brigantine Restaurants, La Playa Books, Pacific Sotheby’s International Realty, Ryan Family YMCA, Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) and Visions Art Museum.

RENT THE ASSEMBLY Hourly rate \$100, with 4-hour minimum. \$400 for half day, \$800 for full day. Discount for nonprofit organizations. Visit pointlomaassembly.org/rentals. Rentals are subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

At Our December 10 Meeting

by Chris Hatch, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Cecilia Carrick via ZOOM.

At the third general meeting of 2020 for Point Loma Assembly, Cecilia introduced Susan Hoekenga, President of the Board of the Point Loma Playhouse (*and past Assembly Board President*). This organization was founded in 2006 as Point Loma Actors and over time developed numerous workshops, classes and full-scale productions for the community. In 2015 the name was changed to Point Loma Playhouse.

A short program entitled "*Ferris Wheel*" by award-winning playwright Mary Miller was presented. The play is the unlikely love story of two lonely people who are forced to ride together on a country Ferris wheel. The female character, Dorrie, is afraid of heights. The male character, John, is afraid of giving up smoking. They are both afraid of each other in the beginning.

On her birthday, Dorrie always does something frightening like riding the Ferris wheel to show her "*moral fiber*". John was passing by without any real direction, saw the Ferris wheel and decided to take a ride. As a young boy John had always loved the Ferris wheel.

The Ferris wheel gets stuck and Dorrie and John continue getting to know each other. Each is single and John helps Dorrie handle her fright while she helps him finally announce he is giving up smoking for good. After the Ferris wheel starts again, they talk about possibly returning to the Ferris wheel



in one year to repeat their ride. The end of the play is left to the audience to infer.

Local actors Dori Salois and Robert Salerno played Dorrie and John. The play was directed by Jerry Pilato, Point Loma Playhouse Board member and Artistic Director, who announced the Playhouse's upcoming play entitled "The Meeting" about Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. They are planning on "streaming" the play in late February 2021.

Rounding out the program, Susan Hoekenga donned a Mrs. Santa Claus hat and did a reading on being Mrs. Santa Claus. What was it like to live in the North Pole as a woman and to be expected to do so much of the work, etc.? Thank goodness times have changed.

Thanks to Point Loma Playhouse for this "bit of cheer".

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At Visions Art Museum

Visions Art Museum is starting 2021 right with several wonderful virtual programs. January is jammed packed with opportunities to experience the best in contemporary textile and quilt fine art. Join us for these free events:

On **January 11** at 1 p.m., expert Tara Ritacco will share her knowledge about natural dye techniques (free to members).



On **January 14** at noon, explore the work of Peace

Quilts, an organization in Haiti that believes in the power of women's creativity to bring about change.

The next exhibition opens on **January 16** at 1 p.m. There will be a special concert by acclaimed guitarist Fred Benedetti.

Starting on January 22, VAM will host 10 weeks of conversations with the artists featured in upcoming exhibitions. All events take place on Fridays at 11 a.m. One season pass covers the whole series and provides you with recordings of all programs, whether or not you can attend.

January 22 - Meet artist Sandra Meech, in conversation with Luana Rubin

January 29 - Meet artist Beth Blankenship

February 5 to March 19 - Meet the Shifting Tides artists

February 26 - Meet Shifting Tides juror Ann Johnston

Visit their website at visionsartmuseum.org for details.



New La Playa Books Hours

The doors are open! New hours for in-store shopping are Monday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11a.m. to 4 p.m. Available the rest of the week for emailed orders via orders@laplayabooks.com. For more information and to shop used books, visit the website at laplayabooks.com.

Take Your Talent to the Next Level

Spring 2021 Acting and Singing Lessons

Point Loma Playhouse is partnering with ActLiveNow to present live zoom classes for actors of all experience levels.

These are just some of the upcoming classes offered and all levels are welcome:

- Acting Without Limits
- Vocal Exploration & Performance
- Trust the Text
- Essential Craft Preparation
- Finding the Funny

Details at pointlomaplayhouse.com.

*Now holding auditions for their next production, **The Meeting**.*

