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Our January 11 Meeting

Sometimes opportunities to do good are right in front of you (*literally right across the street*) when a need can be filled with a homegrown community collaboration. We all know that many art programs have been taken out of most elementary curriculum, so the NTC Liberty Station Arts District has jumped in to fill that gap with 19 of their arts oriented tenants. You will learn how the lives of students in grade 1 through 4 at Cabrillo Elementary are being transformed in so many ways by this collaboration.

We'll discuss our recently completed fall session of the Cabrillo Elementary School Art Project at NTC Liberty School with NTC Arts District artists and NTC Foundation Senior Director Kate Rubalcava, as well as a Cabrillo teacher and student. This educational evening will update and celebrate the many amazing experiences thus far and the anxious anticipation for the spring 2024 Cabrillo Art Program. We hope to see you there.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., program to follow.

Point Loma Assembly's Mission:

To promote literary, social, educational, philanthropic, civic, and artistic work, and to restore and maintain the Assembly building at 3035 Talbot Street.

Point Loma Assembly is fortunate to have strong community collaboration with the Point Loma Foundation, Point Loma Rotary, and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.



Message from

Sally A. Bixler, President

Happy New Year 2024! Our December 7 Jensen's wine tasting was a lot of fun and very successful. Jensen's presented us with a check for \$4,120 at the end of the year, so we have a great financial start to the new year. All of this money raised will be put back into the community to help us assist non-profits in the local area to fulfill their missions. Thank you Adam, Sandra, Chef Julius and their amazing team that make it so easy to do this.

At our November meeting, we approved our first ever Grant Description and Application that can be viewed online at pointlomaassembly.org (under the *Philanthropy* tab) to start receiving grant requests for local non-profit 501(c)3 organizations for the first time. Besides maintaining our historic building we hope to make charitable gifts every year. Hope to see you January 11 at our next member meeting at Point Loma Assembly.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Maureen Cavaiola, Historian

Some holiday gifts came early to Mr. Tim's third/fourth grade combination classroom at Cabrillo Elementary on December 15. Each student received two books purchased and donated by Point Loma Assembly. One of the girls said she wanted one of the books last year and couldn't afford it. Then when she could, it was no longer available. She was thrilled and held the book close to her heart in appreciation. The whole class in unison yelled "thank you" after opening their gifts. Small things that mean so much.



Mr. Tim (*a teacher for 30 years*) said he is a big reader and is trying to instill that love in his students. Covid and the new security realities for our children have changed priorities for what our teachers need. Mr. Tim gave us some suggestions from his Wish List. Top on that list is a restoration of a neglected reading garden, which would include volunteer helpers when used, and new aquariums for the classroom to help students stay calm and focused.

We have an outstanding opportunity to enhance the learning experience of our little ones directly across the street. Look for more information on this and other possibilities coming from our newly formed Philanthropic committee in 2024!

Thank you to our business sponsors: Brigantine Restaurants, Call Glenn Again, Cygnet Theatre, Driscoll, Inc., Girl Scouts of San Diego, Good Point Gasoline, Jensen's Foods, La Playa Books, Little House of Flowers, NTC Foundation, Point Loma Playhouse, The Hartley Company Insurance and Visions Museum of Textile Art.

RENT THE ASSEMBLY Hourly rate \$100 with 4-hour minimum. Discount for charitable organizations. Visit pointlomaassembly.org/rentals.

Success of 2023 Legacy Fund Campaign!

by Pam Hamilton Lester
Ways and Means Chair

WOW-WEE! THANK YOU to those members who participated in the 2023 Legacy Fund Campaign! The 2023 Legacy Fund Campaign raised \$16,550, becoming the most successful Campaign since the initiation of the Legacy Fund in 2016. Legacy Fund contributions over the past 8 years have now reached \$109,885, supplementing income received from memberships, building rentals, and grants to enhance and maintain the Assembly's historic property at 3035 Talbot Street.



These additional members donated to the 2023 Campaign since contributors were last announced in our December Newsletter, bringing to 63 the number of members participating this past year:

Benefactor (\$500+)

Special thanks to Victory Lareau for an over-the-top gift in this category

Joye Blount	Pam Hamilton Lester
Karen Ann Kapp	Sierra Visser Kroha
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Champion (\$250 - \$499)

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Cecilia Carrick & Stan Nadel	
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Beth Roach	

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Welcome New Members

Cecilia Carrick, Membership Chair

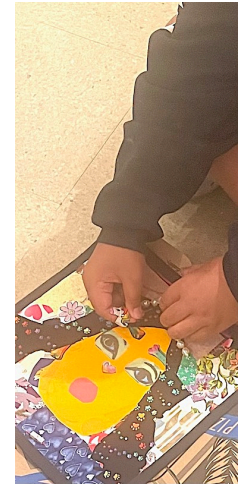
We hope you will enjoy our programs, share our mission and make new friends.

We welcome:

Marie & Larry Brown
Nancy & David Doyle
Conchita Encinas Hansen
Sheri Evraets
Joanne Garner
Sandra & Richard Gilbert
Sierra Visser Kroha
Karen & Reinhold Metzger
Suzanne Ozorio
Shelley Petraglia
Sherri Reynolds
Melanie Giraud Sherman
Elise Streicher
New household members:
Sam Bick and Michel Anderson



Some examples of the art that these children created.



Point Loma Assembly Drivers: You Hit the Ball Out of the Park!

Cecilia Carrick, Board Chair

19 Fourth graders from Cabrillo Elementary School participated in the creative process at Visions Museum of Textile Art, part of the Liberty School Art Program of 1st - 4th graders. The mantra at the museum is *"I am an artist. I am a quilter. There are no mistakes in creating"*

On Week 1, the kids answered questions like what they like to do, how big their family is, do they have pets. The teachers showed the kids examples of past FACE textile work.

Teachers then asked them to look in the mirror and check out their ears, face shape, cheekbones, hair.... Week 2/3 the kids chose their



background fabrics and later key materials for their

face. Plenty of ironing and some hand stitching, and their faces started evolving. Week 4 reviewed stitching and ended with embellishment of portraits with beads, buttons, lace, etc. And finally, many goodbyes were shared. None of this would have happened without your generous support.

WOW! Check out the beautiful art created by these children. Several have proudly taken parents and



Thanks to our "bus drivers" who raised the funds to transport the Cabrillo Elementary students who participated in the project.

friends to view their art, on display in the Visions Museum Gallery. Unfortunately, their museum exhibit **Interpretations 2023** has ended but it was exceptional.

La Playa Trail Association Invites You to: San Diego's Tuna Boats in World War II

Navy crew aboard the Azoreana YP 292 in 1942.



Join historian and author Zeca Rodrigues for the fascinating story of how the Portuguese fishing vessels were drafted into service during WW II. Zeca was born in a small village called Paul Do Mar, six feet from the ocean on Madeira Island, Portugal. The family moved to San Diego when she was 15, where her father worked aboard tuna clippers. After attending the University of California, Berkeley, Zeca taught English as a second language. For the past 30 years, she has worked for the same law firm as a paralegal in the fishing industry and is currently completing a book, "Portuguese in San Diego."

At one time, San Diego was known as the Tuna Capital of the World. (Most of the innovations in tuna boat design were born here.) During WWII, tuna boats were converted into wartime supply and transport vessels called Yard Patrol or YP's. "They were painted gray and assigned a number," Zeca says. "These vessels were very light and maneuvered well. None of the crews had military experience but they were good navigators. Of 52 boats given up to the war effort, only 22 returned home. Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Point Loma Assembly. Suggested donation at the door: \$10.

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