

# Point Loma Assembly

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P.O. Box 60174, San Diego, CA 92166

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## Our June 13 Meeting ...

Come meet our County District Attorney Summer Stephan, who will address controversial issues like human trafficking and teen drug use that affect everyone. Her “no nonsense” approach and understanding of these complicated issues has proven to work. She has devoted her life to protecting children and families, providing justice to the most vulnerable. As District Attorney, she leads the second-largest DA’s Office in California, and the fifth-largest in the United States. Not an easy task.



**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 Laub Family Trust, the Point Loma Foundation, Point Loma Rotary, and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.**



*Message from Sally A. Bixler,  
President*

Goodbye and Hello!

Thank you for voting for our new Board of Directors! June is the month when we install our new Board of Directors and say goodbye to those that are leaving. We will all miss the counsel and hard work from Patti Adams, Pam Hamilton Lester and Belle Ann Baker over the last several years. We appreciate their collective experience and knowledge to guide us and will miss their historical perspectives.

Thank you for voting in both Melinda Medina and Julie Cowan Novak to co-chair Hospitality, Barbara Hosaka for Treasurer and long time member Vickie Lareau, who is coming back to be our Legacy Chair. Leslie Harrington will be our Secretary. You will see them at our June 13 general meeting featuring County District Attorney Summer Stephan and where we will also recognize our grant recipients.

Also at the Assembly, June 12 is a community meeting on our homeless situation here in San Diego. Come with ideas, questions and comments to help our city come to grips with this growing problem. See you at the Point Loma Assembly!

**New Legacy Fund Chair  
Victory Lareau**

*By Pam Hamilton Lester  
Outgoing Legacy Chair*

After enjoying 8 years on the Point Loma Assembly Board as Legacy Chair, I have termed out of Board service. I am delighted, as every Assembly member should be as well, that Vickie Lareau has been elected as incoming Legacy Chair. Total contributions to the Legacy Fund since its inception in 2016 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. Thank you to each and every contributor to the Fund. It has been a pleasure for me to serve on the Board and to see the growth of the Legacy Fund over the years. Vickie is returning to Board service. She has many talents. Thank you, Vickie, for continuing your stewardship to the Assembly.



Thank you to our business sponsors: Brigantine Restaurants, Call Glenn Again, Cygnet Theatre, Diane Sullivan Realty, 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, Rosamaria Acuna, Realtor, Solare Ristorante, 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](http://pointlomaassembly.org/rentals).

## Grant Awards to be issued at June 13 Meeting

Our hardworking Philanthropy Committee - Carolyn Bick, Sally Bixler, Maureen Cavaiola, Leslie Harrington, Lynn Silva and Patti Adams, have approved the following grants:

### **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry \$1,000**

This grant will go toward purchasing bulk pallets of food for hungry people. Food is distributed to over 400 families in our community on a weekly basis.

### **Peninsula Sheperd Center \$1500**

The funds will support the “out and about” senior transportation project, serving 100 seniors from the Peninsula annually, helping keep them independent. 40% of these seniors are disabled or need assistance. They provide about 4,500 rides per year.

### **Classic for Kids \$600**

This grant would provide free buses to approximately 140 students from low income elementary schools Dewey or Cabrillo, to attend music concerts at either the Balboa Theatre or Joan B. Kroc Theatre during the 2024-25 season.

### **The EcoLogik Institute Project at Cabrillo \$2,000**

For the Ecoogik Leadership Academy, an expansion of the Cabrillo National Monument Summer Program Camp experience offers 40 female prior summer participants a chance to continue their STEM experience, with apprenticeships to join the conservation and leadership program.

### **Point Loma Summer Concerts \$2,500**

Funds will support the five free concerts held at Point Loma Community Park in July and August 2024. 2,500 or more people of all ages attend each concert.



At our May 9 meeting, we had a chance to get an update on what’s new with Naval Base Point Loma.

Commanding Officer Captain Jeff Yackerren brought us up to date on the base and shared what’s in store for the future.

## WELCOME BUSINESS SPONSOR

New Business Sponsor Solare Ristorante Italiano is family owned and operated. Randy Smerik and his team are dedicated to providing an amazing dining experience.

This unique restaurant opened in early 2008 as the sole restaurant in the historic NTC Promenade, a cultural center that is home to various non-profits, art galleries, and educational organizations.

They feature authentic Italian cuisine with a focus on fresh and locally sourced ingredients ... including fresh pasta made each morning and organic produce, wild fish, and hormone free meat.

There is a full bar, and two outdoor patios offering a large selection of wines, beers, and craft cocktails. There’s also a Wine Room and Chef’s Table for special dinners and a private room and Solare is available for weddings, private, and corporate events.

They are open 7 days a week for dine-in, take-out, curbside pickup and delivery. Visit them in Liberty Station or online at [Solarelounge.com](http://Solarelounge.com).



## It's Time to Renew

by Cecilia Carrick, Membership Chair

It's time to renew your membership, and your support for the Assembly is invaluable! Our community efforts are making a difference. Thanks to careful planning and your contributions, we're offering Cabrillo Elementary students at Liberty School in Liberty Station endless new opportunities. Our Grant Program, funded by rental income, is teaching young girls to conduct tidal pool experiments and to explore 3D printing and coding at Cabrillo National Monument park. We're financially backing the Point Loma Summer Concerts, ensuring free, family friendly entertainment. We are maintaining our beautiful building and offering it as a center of community for myriad events. Your modest donation amplifies our impact, thanks to our dedicated and effective volunteer leaders. Join us. *Please renew your membership upon receiving your renewal letter in JUNE.*

## The votes are in!

Our Proposed Board of Directors for the coming fiscal year, starting in June 2024 has been confirmed, per a majority of our voting members.

<b>President</b>	Sally A. Bixler
<b>Vice President</b>	Lynn Silva
<b>Treasurer</b>	Barbara Hosaka
<b>Secretary</b>	Leslie Harrington
<b>Membership House</b>	Cecilia Carrick Marilyn Daniels
<b>Hospitality Co-Chairs</b>	Melinda Medina Julia Cowan Novak
<b>Legacy</b>	Vickie Lareau
<b>Communications</b>	Marty Smith
<b>Historian</b>	Maureen Cavaiola
<b>Restoration</b>	Beth Collado
<b>Philanthropy</b>	Carolyn Bick

Many thanks to our new board members for agreeing to fill these slots and to our existing board members. We are all volunteers so we really appreciate your efforts.

## Critical Community Meeting to Discuss Solutions to Homeless Crisis

Please join us at the Point Loma Assembly Hall at 5 p.m. on June 12 for a community discussion about solutions to our homeless crisis. Everyone is impacted by homelessness and we all want to solve the crisis.

This is a non-political event sponsored by Larry Baumann and Larry Brown. They are inviting representatives from Sunbreak Ranch, Father Joe's Villages, Alpha Project and other "Homeless Problem Solvers" to share what they are doing to transition our homeless people to productive, homed residents. Sunbreak Ranch has been in the national and local news as an "outside the box" solution to homelessness, addressing all of the unique causes of homelessness.

This is a grave crisis challenging our community today and they want to be able to openly and civilly discuss the pros, cons and costs of different proposals. Please plan to attend. Seating will be limited.

## Good News Times Two for Cabrillo Elementary Students

During the past month our Assembly Committee has been working to ensure that Cabrillo Elementary students can experience lessons at Liberty School. I have received two pieces of good news.

The first news is notification that the Point Loma Foundation has granted our request for \$5,000 to fund the Liberty School Project. Many thanks to Lynn Silva, who led our request, and to the Board Members of the Point Loma Foundation who thoughtfully considered our project.

The second piece of good news is that our Honor Roll of Bus Drivers has grown. Because of these generous contributors Cabrillo Elementary School children will have a safe bus ride to Liberty School during the 2024-2025 school year.

Belle Ann Baker	Carolyn Bick
Sally Bixler	Barbara Brown
Cecilia Carrick	Maureen Cavaiola
Marilyn Daniels	Karen Davis
Susan Diamond	Joanne Garner
Richard Gilbert	Deborah Hall
Victory Lareau	Pam Hamilton Lester
Leslie Harrington	Lisa Johnson
Karen Kapp	Carolyn Kutzke
Marsha Mooradian	Stan Nadel
Mary Katherine Reeber	Carol Scragg
Pat Seitas	Melanie Sherman
Susan Stone	

If you would like to make a contribution to be used specifically for the project, please, write a check today in any amount and mail it to Point Loma Assembly, P. O. Box 60174, San Diego, CA 92174.

If you have questions, contact, Lynn Silva at [lynnsilva@icloud.com](mailto:lynnsilva@icloud.com) or Pam Fuchs at [pamfuchs43@gmail.com](mailto:pamfuchs43@gmail.com).

## Everyone A Reader

by Sue Stone



Imagine the difference being literate could have on a child's life. That is what **Everyone A Reader** offers. Some children begin Kindergarten with family reading to them. Others have not had that advantage. With support, those children can also become enthusiastic readers.

For Point Loma Assembly members, a unique volunteer program will be starting this November. It has a proven track record of making a difference in young readers.

Teachers identify children who need reading support. Volunteers work with four children for 15 minutes each one day a week helping them reach their reading potential.

Contact Sue Stone at [suelstone@hotmail.com](mailto:suelstone@hotmail.com) if you are interested.



**2024 POINT LOMA SUMMER CONCERTS**

<b>12 JUL</b>	<b>FLEETWOOD MAC</b>	<b>Fleetwood Mac: The Premier Fleetwood Mac Experience</b>
<b>19 JUL</b>	<b>BIG TIME OPERATOR!</b>	<b>Big Time Operator: Big Band Music of the 40's and 50's</b>
<b>26 JUL</b>	<b>DSB</b>	<b>DSB: The World's Greatest Journey Tribute Band</b>
<b>2 AUG</b>	<b>BILLY NATION</b>	<b>Billy Nation: The #1 Billy Joel Tribute Concert Experience</b>
<b>9 AUG</b>	<b>THE PINE MOUNTAIN LOGS</b>	<b>The Pine Mountain Logs: The Ultimate Rock Cover Band</b>

Join us at Point Loma Park!  
1049 Catalina Blvd, San Diego, CA 92106  
[pointlomasummerconcerts.org](http://pointlomasummerconcerts.org)

Junior Stage- 5:30  
Main Stage- 6:30

## 2024 ARTS DISTRICT Summer Music Series

The NTC Foundation is partnering with Zia Productions to present the 2024 ARTS DISTRICT Summer Music Series! Wander and explore the ARTS DISTRICT and enjoy free outdoor musical performances on the North Promenade.

Bring a blanket and lawn chairs to set up on the North Promenade and enjoy live music **4 - 7 p.m.!** The ARTS

DISTRICT Summer Music series is happening the **4th Sunday in June, July August and September.**

### The lineup -

Tulengua - **Sunday, June 23**

Sonido de la Frontera- **Sunday, July 28**


Nosotros- **Sunday, August 25**

Frontera Bugalú- **Sunday, September 22**




## New Look at Books!

La Playa Books, that is. Their recent remodeling was completed last month and they are excited to welcome you to their remodeled store. Well worth the wait!



La Playa Trail Association  
And  
La Playa Books

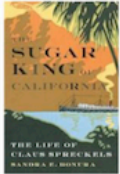


Presents

**The Sugar King of California: The Life of  
Claus Spreckels**

Saturday, June 22, 2024  
4:00 pm at Point Loma Assembly  
3035 Talbot Street, San Diego

By Dr. Sandra E. Bonura

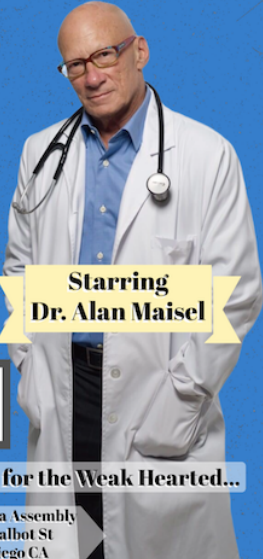


Join author and historian Sandra Bonura in a colorful slide presentation conversation on her new book, *The Sugar King of California: The Life of Claus Spreckels*.


*The Sugar King of California* is the astonishingly intimate story of one of the most controversial entrepreneurs of the 19th century - a rule-breaking visionary who through his sugar empire became one of the richest Americans in history alongside John D. Rockefeller, Warren Buffett, and Bill Gates. Bonura tells the rags-to-riches story of Spreckels's role in the developments of the sugarcane industry in the American West and across the Pacific, triumphing in a milieu rife with cronyism and corruption and ultimately transforming California's industry & labor. But there's always a cost for single-minded determination; the legendary family quarrels even included a murder charge. Spreckels's biography is one of business triumph & tragedy, a portrait of a family torn apart by money, jealousy, and ego.

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