

Point Loma Assembly

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Our January 16 Meeting

By now you have heard of Point Loma Assembly's ACCESS (*Assembly and Cabrillo Collaborating to Encourage Student Success*) Program. Our monthly newsletter has published articles about the programs we have sponsored. We've made a difference.

Come for a fun and informative evening about what is happening with our partnership with Cabrillo Elementary. You will hear from the NTC Foundation Liberty School Arts Program, Enrichment Programs such as *Everyone a Reader* and so much more. Let's celebrate our collective, amazing, accomplishments as we welcome in a New Year.

Please encourage friends to come and hear all about what we are doing and the difference we are making. You'll be truly encouraged, inspired and amazed!

**Doors open at 4 p.m. for socializing
Program to follow**

ACCESS Making A Difference

Right-Excited faces of children from Cabrillo Elementary School as they get ready to attend a performance of The Grinch at the Old Globe this past November.



Bottom Right - Children in Tim Farley's 4th Grade class at Cabrillo were excited to receive books on December 16.



Book Donations Wanted

There will be a Book Donation Box at the meeting. If you are cleaning out books that you had for grandchildren, we can use them. We are looking for picture books, beginning reader books, and books for grades 1-3. If you would like to purchase books for Cabrillo, ask your bookseller for suggesting for books for early readers. We need a variety of colorful interesting titles to share with young readers.



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.

President's Message

by Sally A. Bixler

Phocus on Philanthropy. Yes, you read that right. This month, as we begin a new year, I would like to focus on what strides we have made with our commitment to philanthropy in our Point Loma community. I am so proud that we have established a process for accepting grant requests from qualified 501(c)3 non-profits, vetting them by our Philanthropy committee led by Carolyn Bick and awarding grants at our June meeting.

This is in tandem with the great work that Lynn Silva and Pam Fuchs started with the ACCESS committee (*Assembly and Cabrillo Collaborating to Encourage Student Success*) to aid the students at Cabrillo Elementary.

January 16, you will hear all about what ACCESS has been doing to enhance their learning experience with a first ever tour through the Air and Space Music mobile space museum, raising funds to transport them to Liberty Station to take part in their Liberty Station Arts District education program and more. On the calendar for 2025 is the *Everyone A Reader Program* with trained volunteer readers, a new reading room and refurbished garden.

On February 13, you will hear more about the 5 charities that we voted to receive grants from us: Loaves and Fishes, Peninsula Community Senior Center, Point Loma Summer Concerts, Classics4Kids and Ecologik. They will each be here to show you how their funds were spent. Please put these dates on your calendar and be ready to be impressed.

As always, see you in and around Point Loma and at the Point Loma Assembly!

At our December Holiday Open House



Above - From left, Melanie Sherman, Sally Bixler, Rosamaria Acuna and Mary Katherine Reeber enjoying themselves.

Top right: NTC Arts District greeted attendees at their informative table.

Second from top, right, Robert Nickel of Point Loma Playhouse was on hand to answer questions about upcoming productions.

Right, third from top, A smiling Amy Hesselink displays wares from La Playa Books.

Right, fourth from top, The Tuba Trio as part of the PLHSPA Music Boosters entertained us.

Below, left, Hilary Bateman of Little House of Flowers brightened our day with flowers.

Below, right: Randy Smerik of Solare fed us with delicious foods from his restaurant.



Happy New Year from ACCESS

by Lynn Silva

ACCESS (*Assembly and Cabrillo Collaborating to Encourage Student Success*) is looking forward to sharing our successes at our January 16 Assembly meeting.

In the meantime, we are full steam ahead with volunteering in the classrooms with *Everyone A Reader* and assisting with grades 1-2 classroom math assistance. Lots in store for the rest of this school year and we'll keep you posted. If you need more info or want to get involved please reach out: Pam Fuchs: pamfuchs43@gmail.com or Lynn Silva: Lynnrnsilva@gmail.com.



Volunteer Opportunity Be a Math Helper

by Pam Fuchs

The 1-2 grades classroom at Cabrillo Elementary is very capably taught by Miss Ruvalcaba. She could use another adult in the room to aid with seat work for one grade while she is teaching new concepts to the other grade. If you can volunteer for the rest of the school year for one day a week, great. If that may not be possible however, if you could pick a month to dedicate one day a week to helping with math it will be a great benefit to the children. Sue Stone is our master scheduler. Please, call, text or email Sue to say, "How can I help?" Contact Sue Stone at 858 454 0240, or email her at SueLStone@hotmail.com.

Legacy Fund

By Victory Lareau, Chair, Legacy Fund

Our 2024 LEGACY FUND kicked off in October with my article to consider our personal legacies within Point Loma Assembly membership by enhancing this historic clubhouse. Collectively we are maintaining this building as one of the very few in Point Loma, aging gracefully after 100 years as a meeting place for the community.

My monthly articles mentioned that your donations are fully tax deductible by IRS law. Personal acknowledgement letters were sent, even though we do not know at this time how this fund will be spent. I encourage you to submit to the Assembly board of directors your suggestions for enhancement projects.

I was amazed at the numbers of initial donations made right at the start of this campaign! Over 50 members have contributed \$14,955, so far, toward new physical improvements beyond budgeted maintenance.

Our membership responding so generously has been so gratifying to me. Thank you! I will keep in touch with you all as we continue creating our LEGACY !

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Save the Date!

by Carolyn Bick Philanthropy Committee Chair

On Thursday, February 13 come and enjoy socializing and refreshments from 4:30-5 pm. Bring a friend to introduce them to our beloved Point Loma Assembly.

As always, there is no charge for visitors. From 5 -6 p.m. you will hear about some of the organizations that were the inaugural 2024 Point Loma Assembly Grant recipients.

These organizations are contributing to and supporting the Peninsula.

Featuring:

The EcoLogik Academy and Institute: connecting young woman to science at Cabrillo National Monument.

The Peninsula Shepherd Senior Center: providing complimentary services to Peninsula Seniors to help keeping them independent and connected to the community.

Now Accepting Grant Applications for 2025

The Philanthropy Committee is currently accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations that positively impact our local community. Grant applications will be accepted until March 31, 2025. Grant application forms and criteria can be found on our website at: pointlomaassembly.org under the Philanthropy tab.

Get Involved!

Would you like to become involved? Join our Philanthropy Committee. It involves attending 3 to 4 meetings and reviewing grant applications.

Please email: carolyn@idbick.com.

YOU ARE INVITED!
Celebration of the New Year, Music and Good Company!

JANUARY 11, 2025 at 7PM

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