

# Point Loma Assembly

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Our thoughts and prayers are with our neighbors to the north in Los Angeles who are enduring unprecedented fires in their neighborhoods and in some cases have lost their homes. Our hearts go out to those of you that have friends or family members that have been impacted by these historic fires and we hope that they are safe and getting the resources that they need during this difficult time.

Point Loma Assembly  
Board of Directors

Our February 13 Meeting ...

## Heartfelt Giving and Updates from our 2024 Small Grant Program

February is always a special month and this year is no exception, as our Assembly focuses on Philanthropy Funding. Come and be inspired by the amazing work of a group of non-profits who are ensuring that funds donated to them by Point Loma Assembly are given strategically to areas with the highest need and most potential for positive change in the local community. Please encourage friends to come and hear all about the difference we are making. Learn about how we are supporting local organizations and coming together to create opportunities and a better future for all.

Doors open at 4:30 for social time.

Program to follow.

Read more about our  
speakers on page 5.

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

## President's Message

*by Sally A. Bixler*

Yes, we have a heart! The Point Loma Assembly board of directors knows that the heart of every non-profit is being able to achieve their goals and accomplish their mission statement for a positive impact. We are so pleased that we could assist five local non-profit organizations to do just that with funds that we gave them last year. Hear from them how those funds were spent at our next meeting on February 13.

Additionally, we are pleased to tell you that due to increased tenant revenues and membership renewals, we will be able to continue this philanthropy in 2025. Please go to our website at [www.pointlomaassembly.org](http://www.pointlomaassembly.org) and click on the Philanthropy tab to see where to apply. Concurrently, we are maintaining our 110 year old building with newly raised Legacy funds from many of you and looking at equipment upgrades to accommodate some state of the art technology needs for our renters. Stay tuned for more information on those. As always, see you around the point and at the Point Loma Assembly!

## Welcome New Members

*by Cecilia Carrick, Membership Chair*

Rosamaria Acuña, Amber Bach, Margaret Mann and Linda Bienhoff! Thank you for supporting the Point Loma Assembly.

Rosamaria's support extends not only through her membership and business sponsorship but also by her participation now on our Board of Directors.

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**RENT THE ASSEMBLY** Rate is \$480 for four hours. Discount for charitable organizations. Visit [pointlomaassembly.org/rentals](http://pointlomaassembly.org/rentals).



**Coming Soon!**

4 weekends, 12 Performances. See [pointlomaplayhouse.com](http://pointlomaplayhouse.com) for times and dates.

**Stand Up Comedy Showcase**

February 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Details at [pointlomaplayhouse.com](http://pointlomaplayhouse.com).

**Legacy Fund**


*By Victory Lareau, Chair, Legacy Fund*

Your LEGACY is confirmed from our membership response to the annual 2024-25 LEGACY FUND! As its director this year, I am gratified by your enthusiastic and generous donations to assure our historic home for years to come! Thank you! Donations may be received any time throughout the calendar year, but most of us have taken advantage of the IRS tax deductibility in the last quarter of 2024.

I have the exciting news of announcing the up-to-the-minute, grand total, (SO FAR!) of \$\_\_\_\_\_. No, I think I will announce it at the general meeting, February 13!

I hope to see you there!

Save the date  
**March 15, 2025**  
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## Happy Valentines Day and Heartfelt Thanks from ACCESS

*(Assembly and Cabrillo Collaborating to Encourage Student Success)*

We hope you enjoyed the January Assembly Program where we showcased the impact we are having at Cabrillo Elementary. None of it would be possible without our amazing ACCESS committee and our incredible Assembly Donors. More about our volunteers and donors next month.... but in February we begin the Spring Semester for the Liberty School Arts program at NTC. Every Wednesday 2/12, 19, 26 & 3/12, at 9 a.m. the Cabrillo students will board their buses and off they go to NTC for their Arts enrichment 9:30-11 a.m.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our Bus Driver and Crossing Guard donors as well as Dottie Laub, Point Loma Foundation, Point Loma Rotary, Point Loma Optimists, NTC Foundation, Point Loma Assembly and countless others....

If you need more info or want to get involved, please reach out:

Pam Fuchs: [pamfuchs43@gmail.com](mailto:pamfuchs43@gmail.com) or

Lynn Silva: [lynnrsilva@gmail.com](mailto:lynnrsilva@gmail.com)

Our February ACCESS meeting is February 10, at 2 p.m. at the Assembly.

Please join us if you'd like to learn more.

## Everyone A Reader Update

*by Sue Stone*

Everyone A Reader has gotten off to a strong start in 2025. Book and financial donations, along with active volunteers, have made an impact on the struggling readers at Cabrillo Elementary School. Sixteen Point Loma Assembly members and friends are providing the children one hour a week of individual attention and support. Four others are substitutes. Five volunteers are working in the first/second grade combination math class to help students who are doing seat work while the teacher is presenting the lesson to the other grade. More volunteers are needed so if you can help please contact Sue Stone at [suelstone@hotmail.com](mailto:suelstone@hotmail.com). The program also needs gently used beginning reader books appropriate for primary grades (1-3). The donation box will be available at the next Assembly meeting February 13. Cabrillo appreciates the help it is receiving and wants all Point Loma Assembly members to know our support is making a difference.

ROMANCE PANEL  
WITH SAN DIEGO  
AUTHORS

When: February 11, 2025  
Time: 6 PM  
Where: La Playa Books

## Featured at our February 13 Meeting:

by Carolyn Bick, Philanthropy Chair

*The EcoLogik Academy and Institute:*

Connecting young woman to STEAM at Cabrillo National Monument Summer Program and continuing the experience during the school year with the EcoLogik Leadership Academy. They received a grant of \$2,000 towards their school year programing in 2024.

*The Peninsula Shepherd Senior Center:*

Providing complimentary services and social activities to Peninsula Seniors to help keep them independent and connected to the community. They received a grant of \$1,500 for one month of area senior transportation needs in 2024.

*Classics for Kids:* They provide free buses to elementary school students to attend a classic



Concert experience. The concerts are for low income districts to attend music concerts . \$600 was granted in 2024 that provided buses for 140 students.

*Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry:* Distributes Food to over 400 families in our community on a weekly basis. \$1,000 was granted in 2024 to purchase bulk pallets of food for hungry people in our community.

*Point Loma Summer Concerts :* Since 2001, Point Loma Summer concerts have been bringing five free family-friendly concerts to Point Loma Community Park. The concerts are a community tradition . \$2,500 was granted in 2024 to support the production of the concerts.



## Now Accepting Grant Applications for 2025

The Philanthropy Committee is still 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](http://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](mailto:carolyn@idbick.com).



## OPEN HOUSE

### San Diego Returns

And Point Loma Assembly will be one of the stops on Saturday, March 8, 9:30 a.m. - 1 pm. Open House San Diego is a free annual event that offers the public exclusive access to some of the region's most remarkable buildings and public spaces.



#### TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- ✓ Joining Forces - WHY are we joining forces with other groups and communities?
- ✓ Massive High Density Trends- LA and San Diego
- ✓ Fires - Safe evacuation concerns
- ✓ Complete Communities is destroying San Diego
- ✓ Fighting 1004 Rosecrans Project & H Barracks Updates
- ✓ Living in a world of "No public comment" and the lack of transparency
- ✓ Next Steps Community Involvement



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