

Point Loma Assembly

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Our November 13 Meeting...

Join us for a spectacular evening
celebrating the arts, featuring a special performance
by the San Diego Ballet presented by Artistic Director Javier Velasco.
Enjoy a lively reception with live music by Apt4 Music (Liberty Station) before a
short presentation by Visions Museum of Textile Art.
Catered by Solare — Wood oven pizzas by Randy Smerik
and bites from Chef Brian Smerik.



Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
Program to follow.

Don't miss this wonderful celebration
of art, music, dance, and community!
Bring a friend — it's free!

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 Optimist Club and Point Loma Rotary.

Message from the President

by Pam Fuchs

I look forward to seeing you at our November Program featuring Liberty Station Arts groups, Apt4 Music, Visions Museum of Textile Art and San Diego Ballet.



It promises to be a wonderful afternoon due to the diligent work of Rosamaria Acuña, our Vice-President.

We meet as a group from October to May. Between each monthly meeting your Board of Directors accomplish many tasks. Thank you to Beth and Dan Collado for installing our security cameras and dimmer switches. Beth and Vickie Lareau have been busy researching and planning for the second phase of our Restoration. We hope to create a lovely welcoming salon for our members and guests. Stay tuned for details on the plans and what you can do to assist. In what I call the nuts-and-bolts category, we have researched the four operators of private trash pick up firms and have signed a contract with Ware Disposal for weekly pick up of our trash. Because we are not a single-family residence, we have been locked out of the new City program.

At this time, congratulations are in order for Sue Stone and Melanie Sherman for initiating the fall beginning of the Access committee as it plans for activities for the Cabrillo School Children.

We have an organization to be proud of.



Thank you to our business sponsors: Arts District Liberty Station, Bali Hai Restaurant, Brigantine Restaurants, Call Glenn Again Handyman Services, 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, Michele Kitchin Realtor, Point Loma Playhouse, Robert Realty, Robert Tripp Jackson Broker Southern Peninsula Properties LLC, Rosamaria Acuña, Realtor, Solare Ristorante, The Hartley Company Insurance, U.S. Bank Point Loma and Visions Museum of Textile Art.

RENT THE ASSEMBLY Rate is \$480 for four hours. Discount for charitable organizations. Visit pointlomaassembly.org/rentals.



At our October meeting...



Legacy Fund

Our LEGACY FUND, since its founding in 2016, has been benefiting our vintage building in many unforeseen ways (foundation repair, plumbing replacement, A/C, new flooring, stage curtains etc), including the chimney/seagull issue this year! We have come a long way to pay for the security of our Assembly's home beyond scheduled maintenance items.

Now we can finally refocus on our interior design by creating a sitting group in front of the fireplace! It will be a welcome addition for softening our "living room" with a pair of loveseats, end tables, floor lamps and an area rug--all selected in the Craftsman style of the building. A dozen new dining chairs to go around our table will complete the project!

We hope you will love these additions and will help us buy these pieces by donating to the LEGACY FUND this year!

Additionally, we will have "naming rights" available for each furniture piece, with an engraved nameplate! (We will let you know the cost of each piece after we soon finish our research "shopping list").

Thank you for your ongoing care for our Assembly by donating to our legacy!

Victory Lareau, Legacy Fund Chair

Beth Collado, House Chair



The 13th Annual 24 Experiment is an extreme theatre production project which involves talented people with nerve and lots of caffeinated coffee! A series of short original plays are produced by teams of risk-taking writers, creative directors, and dedicated actors in a single 24 hour day. The finished plays will be performed November 7 & 8 in front of a live audience at Point Loma Assembly. Audience-nominated awards are given for the best plays.

Details at sandiego24experiment.com/



Point Loma Playhouse's Holiday Play

Get ready for holiday hilarity when the misfit Herdman kids crash the town's Christmas pageant. The result is chaos, comedy and a heartwarming reminder of the spirit of the season.

December 5 -7 December 12-15 and December 19-21 at Point Loma Assembly. Details at plph.com.



ACCESS (Assembly and Cabrillo Collaborating to Encourage Student Success) is busy at Cabrillo.

by Melanie Sherman, ACCESS Committee Co-Chair

Twenty-seven Everyone A Reader and math support volunteers started working with the children on November 3, but we need even more help to work with the children in the classroom! If you or someone you know can give an hour a week to help at the school, please contact Sue Stone at suelstone@hotmail.com.

Thank you to ACCESS Committee member Lynn Silva for submitting a request to local philanthropy group POPS (Philanthropy on the Point). And thank you to POPS for choosing ACCESS as their 2026 award recipient! We are delighted and so very appreciative and promise to put their donation to good use to meet the ever-evolving needs of Cabrillo Elementary. POPS began in 2023 with a group of Point Loma women whose desire was to learn about and support local charities. POPS main goals are to support a San Diego charity chosen annually. Members make an annual monetary donation to that charity and possibly make in-kind donations or other voluntary commitments as needed or requested by the organization.



The Air and Space Museum's mobile bus, sponsored by Vickie Lareau (pictured top), visited to bring lessons about Robots and Rockets.

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Meet Board Members Victory Lareau and Marty Smith

I was a war baby in WWII when VICTORY was also the catch word of the day, especially in San Diego. Born in Quintard Hospital, I graduated Crawford High School and then Mills College in Oakland (BA in Art and Art History).

After interning with a local design firm I met Richard Lareau, a leading San Diego architect in San Diego on a project at what was then Cal Western University.

We married but had separate professional corporate offices and shared a conference room in an office building Dick designed in Point Loma. I specialized in hospital and office design for over 40 years, having our two children, (Lisa and Mark), plus sharing Dick's two kids, (Dr Vikki and Lance). We both had active rolls in local professional, civic and social organizations, plus global travel educated and entertained us-along with having 9 grandchildren.

Dick passed away in 2022, so I value my memberships in Point Loma Assembly, Thursday Club, Point Loma Association (Mean Green Team), NTC Arts District and Liberty Station, the (Balboa Park) Committee of 100, and my lifetime accumulation of family and friends. I am richly blessed by God and good Norwegian genes and am learning about the privilege of philanthropy.



One of the hardest questions I have to answer is, "Where are you from?" My dad was in the Army so I was born in El Paso but moved to South Holland, IL when he served in

Korea. I lived all over the US attending four different high schools. College was at Vanderbilt for my first degree in Engineering, an MBA at Xavier University and then degrees in Education at Santa Clara University. I raised my three children in Vermont until we moved to San Jose for my husband's career. I have lived here in Point Loma since 2011.

My passion is teaching students who just need a little help. I worked as a Special Education teacher at Ocean Beach Elementary for many years. I retired but I still keep my tutoring company open - Point Loma Tutor. For fun, I like to edit Web pages, read books, knit and make prayer quilts. I keep busy at my church and will be riding in the "Ride The Point" this November. I also usher at local theaters, as I like to keep busy.

Traveling includes visiting my children and grandchildren in Northern California, Nevada and State College. My dad retired from the Army and retired to Indiana where my brothers reside.

I indulge my passion for learning local history by serving on the board of La Playa Trail Association and on the San Diego Yacht Club History Committee. Now I can pursue writing about Point Loma Assembly history.



SAVE THE DATES

Do Your Holiday Shopping with VMOTA - December 6th & 13th



Save the Dates: December 6th and 13th for our Holiday Pop-Ups, a chance to purchase handmade items by VMOTA store artists. The artist list will be revealed next month.

Stay tuned...

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

Celebrate the Season at Liberty Station



The Nutcracker Tea Party Returns

A beloved holiday tradition returns on Sunday, December 7, bringing the magic of The Nutcracker to life with a delightful performance by San Diego Ballet, festive treats, and a special visit from Santa.



There are tickets still available for both the **11AM** and **3PM** show, but they are going quick! Don't wait to be part of this enchanting holiday celebration.

Located at Liberty Station Convention Center, the event features an afternoon with hot cocoa, sweets and a visit from Santa. Tickets at libertysttion.tix.com.

Rady Children's Ice Rink

Opens November 20

Located in the Central Promenade at Arts District, Rady Children's Ice Rink is a fun, family friendly way to spend time together, raising funds for the Thriving After Cancer program at the Peckham



Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. The Ice Rink will be open Monday-Sunday from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., through January 4, with modified hours on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. Details at rchicerink.org. In partnership with Rady Children's Auxiliary, Arts District Liberty Station and San Diego Ice Arena.

November 8, 2025



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