

Point Loma Assembly

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SAVE THESE DATES!

A year of gatherings, ideas, and community — join us as often as you're able for our free events.

SEPTEMBER 10 Open House: Welcome to Point Loma Assembly

We open the year with a gathering that showcases the Assembly's recent improvements. Meet new and longtime members, our generous business sponsors and neighbors. Get to know the history of our ACCESS program. Live music by Apt4Music. Bring a friend!

OCTOBER 8 A Taste of Point Loma with San Diego Seafood Legend Tommy Gomes

Renowned fishmonger Tommy Gomes of Tunaville Market & Grocery joins us to share stories of San Diego's fishing heritage and the tradition of sustainable seafood along our waterfront. Enjoy his signature cuisine while celebrating the culture that has helped shape Point Loma.

NOVEMBER 12 Celebrating the Arts: San Diego Ballet

Artistic Director Javier Velasco presents the San Diego Ballet, offering a glimpse into the company's vision and its impact on our community. The evening includes a special performance, honoring the vibrant arts district that has grown around Liberty Station.

DECEMBER 10 Holiday Around the Point / World

Ring in the season with festive décor, music, seasonal treats, and the company of friends and neighbors. Guests are invited to wear holiday attire inspired by traditions from around the world.

JANUARY 14 Lunch & Learn: Artificial Intelligence for Everyday Life

An engaging, easy-to-follow presentation on how artificial intelligence is shaping business, education, travel, and daily life — with practical tools and safety tips for navigating it with confidence.

FEBRUARY 11 Love Our Community: Valentine's Jazz Luncheon

An afternoon of live jazz, good company, and gratitude for the people and organizations that make our community special.

MARCH 11 Discover Point Loma: A Historic Walking Tour

In partnership with the La Playa Trail Association, explore the history of Point Loma through a guided walking tour (or virtual presentation) featuring local architecture, historic landmarks, and the stories that shaped our community.

APRIL 8 The Heart of Giving: Philanthropy in Action

A celebration of giving back — hear directly from grant recipients, including ACCESS and Cabrillo Elementary, and discover the lasting impact of the Assembly's philanthropic work.

MAY 13 Theme Party! End-of-Year Celebration

Close out another successful year with theme-inspired entertainment and cuisine, honoring our volunteers, sponsors, and community partners, and celebrating this year's philanthropic grant recipients.

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.

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Point Loma Assembly is fortunate to have strong community collaboration with the Laub Family Trust, the Point Loma Foundation, Point Loma Optimist Club, Point Loma Rotary and POPS.

From the Co-Presidents

We understand the value of team work, so we will be Co-Presidents until a new President is appointed for the 26-27 Assembly year. Thanks to the board of directors for supporting us during this time of transition as we work through the summer to plan another wonderful and rewarding year for you. You will be amazed at what we have in store for you. Stay tuned as we look forward to seeing you at our first meeting of our new year on September 10. You will meet our Business Sponsors, new board members, other members and guests while enjoying live music by Apt4 Music. Have a wonderful rest of your summer!



Pam and Sally

Renew Your Membership Online

Go to pointlomaassembly.org. Go to the MEMBERSHIP tab and click on JOIN / PAY / UPDATE. On the left side of the page, click Electronic Options and follow the directions to update your contact information in Step 1 and pay using our Membership Payment Portal via Square or Zelle in Step 2.



Point Loma High Class of 1971

Point Loma High School Class of 1971 55th reunion!

Join us at a beautiful indoor/outdoor setting on the bay at:

Southwestern Yacht Club
2702 Qualtrough St. S.D.
Friday, September 11, 2026
From 3-8pm

To purchase tickets:

Zelle \$71

to 619-316-3403

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Thank you to our business sponsors: All Aboard Charcuterie & Provisions, Arts District Liberty Station, Bali Hai Restaurant, Brigantine Restaurants, Call Glenn Again Handyman Services, Cura Consulting, Cygnet Theatre, Diane Sullivan Realty, Driscoll, Inc., Garrett Loans Wendy Rosenthal Mortgage Broker, Girl Scouts of San Diego, Good Point Gasoline, Jensen's Foods, Little House of Flowers, Michele Kitchin Realtor, Point Loma Advisors, Point Loma Playhouse, Robert Realty, Robert Tripp Jackson Broker Southern Peninsula Properties LLC, Rosamaria Acuña, Realtor, Roseville Books, Ryan Family YMCA, Service Kings, Solare Ristorante, The Hartley Company Insurance, U.S. Bank Point Loma and Visions Museum of Textile Art, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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

Membership Update

by Sally A. Bixler, Membership Chair

Thank you for responding to our renewal notice recently sent out to you. The online options are proving to be very successful in these busy times. Welcome to new member Jeffery Bolster with PLNU who is the incoming President for the Point Loma Association. I saw him recently at their Business Mixer event and he joined right away by going to our website. Please give Jeff a big Point Loma Assembly WELCOME and look for him at our next meeting to say, "hello". Our Community Open House on September 10 will focus on our Business Sponsors. They will be around the perimeter of the room while we listen to live music by Apt4 Music. Please bring a friend, meet your new board members and enjoy the late afternoon with us. As usual, our doors will open at 4:30pm with refreshments until about 6:00pm. As usual, see you at the Point Loma Assembly and around "the point"!



NEW BUSINESS SPONSOR

Garrett Loans

Wendy Rosenthal grew up in Point Loma and both her parents were raised here also. After college, she lived in Chicago, New Jersey, and the Bay Area before realizing there was nowhere she'd rather live and build her business. She wanted to be closer to family and reconnect with friends. She's been in the mortgage industry for eight years, spending six years in retail lending before becoming a mortgage broker nearly two years ago. As a mortgage broker, she isn't limited to offering whatever one bank is offering. If you're a veteran, she can walk you through a VA loan. If you're self-employed and your income doesn't look like a W-2, she knows how to make the file work. She'll tell you honestly which one fits your situation.

Wendy enjoys helping people achieve homeownership, especially first-time homebuyers who are making one of the biggest financial decisions of their lives. Her favorite part of the job is when those same clients come back years later to refinance, access their home's equity, or buy an investment property.

"Point Loma has always had my heart, and I'm grateful to be part of this wonderful community again." Wendy Rosenthal

Contact her at 619-581-3110 or wendy@garrett-loans.com. Website garrettloans.com





Fiscal Year 2025–2026: Investing in Our History, Strengthening Our Community

by Kate Rubalcava, Treasurer

As we close another successful fiscal year, we extend our sincere thanks to our members, donors, volunteers, renters, and community partners for helping us fulfill our mission. Together, we generated more than **\$121,000 in revenue**, enabling us to preserve our historic building while supporting organizations and programs that strengthen our community. This year, we made significant investments in facility improvements that will protect and preserve this treasured community asset for years to come. Through financial contributions, partnerships, and the use of our facility, we continued to provide opportunities that benefit local residents, nonprofit organizations, and community groups. While these planned investments resulted in expenses exceeding annual revenue, they reflect our long-term commitment to responsible stewardship and our mission of preserving our shared history while giving back to the community. Thank you for your continued support as we build a lasting legacy for future generations.



ACCESS Update

(Assembly & Cabrillo Collaborating to Encourage Student Success)

by Sue Stone, ACCESS Co-Chair

Point Loma Assembly is again working with the kindergarten through fourth grade students at Cabrillo Elementary School to support literacy and math. The time commitment is one hour a week. Substitutes are also needed. To participate you must complete a volunteer application and visit the school nurse who will ask about recent foreign trips and positive TB tests.

Everyone A Reader (EAR) helps struggling readers by having them read out loud. If you have not attended an orientation, one will be held at the Assembly Hall on August 26 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteer applications and a sign-up sheet for the nurse visit will be available. If this time is not convenient contact Sue Stone, contact information below, who will make alternate arrangements.

Math support entails walking around the classroom as a teacher presents the math lesson, working with children who need it. If you would like to help the students of Cabrillo, please go the Point Loma Assembly website, click on the ACCESS (Assembly & Cabrillo Collaborating to Encourage Student Success) tab. There are volunteer forms available there. If you have questions text Sue Stone at 858-454-0240 or email Point Loma Assembly ACCESS@ gmail.com. I hope you can join us next year to make a difference in the life of a child.



The Reading Room that Victory Lareau decorated opened to great acclaim this past spring. What a great setting for learning!

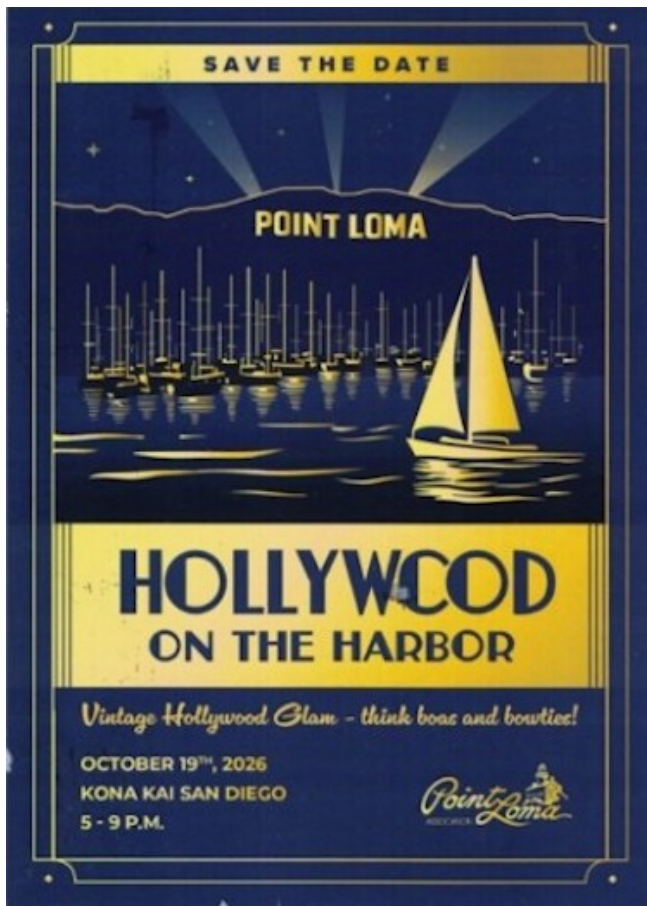
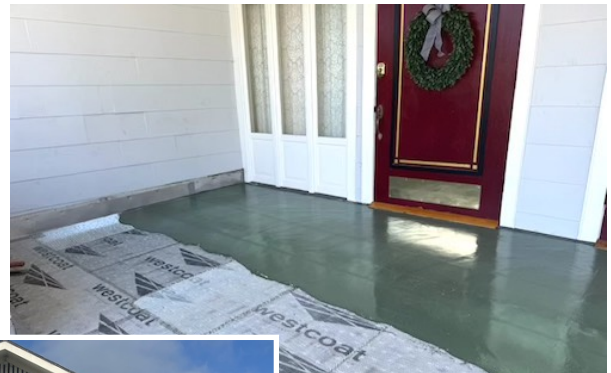


Christina Nerette, the new principal at Cabrillo Elementary School, with welcome bouquet from Point Loma Assembly.

Assembly Hall Porch Restoration Complete

by Beth Collado, Restoration Chair

We are pleased to announce that the porch restoration at our historic Assembly Hall is now complete! The porch had developed a sagging deck and wood rot and needed additional structural support. Pete Azar of Azar Builders replaced the old wood deck with a new solid wood deck, added structural supports and improved drainage. To complete the project, the layers of old paint were removed from the front steps and Greg Driesen of LifeDeck coating installations applied a concrete coating to the porch deck, and a durable epoxy finish to the porch and steps. Special thanks to Paul Koury, President of WestCoat Inc. for generously donating the materials for this project. We hope you'll enjoy these improvements the next time you visit the Assembly Hall!



Point Loma Summer Concerts

And Point Loma Assembly, a concert series sponsor, were out in full force. Above, Sue Stone and Sally A. Bixler inform concertgoers of the Assembly's philanthropic efforts in Point Loma.