Point Loma Assembly

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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, Point Loma Rotary and POPS.

From the Co-President

by Pam Fuchs, Co-President

Greetings to all. It is my great honor to serve as Co-President of our Organization. I will preside during November and December 2026. On December 30, 2026, Sally A. Bixler and I will step down as co-Presidents. We have a Nominating committee in place (*Lynn Silva, Leslie Harrington, Victory Lareau, Sally A. Bixler and yours truly*) and are pleased to announce that Carolyn Bick has agreed to be our interim President. In the spring of 2027 the Nominating committee will put forth a slate of Officers and Members of the Board of Directors for 2027-2028.



High praise and many thanks to Sally for her leadership and commitment to the Assembly.

Please respond to your invitation to attend our November program - The San Diego Ballet. We had a rousing crowd to cheer for the Ballet Artists last year and we want you all to attend this year. Responding is easy, simply say yes and the number attending and send to rsvptoplassembly@gmail.com.

I would like to remind you that now is the time to secure a date to hold your Holiday event at the Assembly. Contact Michelle Cayton today at: PointLomaAssemblyHall@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing each of you on November 12 at the Assembly.





Make the Holidays Magical at the Nutcracker Tea

Celebrate the holiday season on Sunday, December 6, with festive treats, a special performance by San Diego Ballet, a visit from Santa and plenty of holiday cheer for the whole family. 🎅✨

This special tradition has two showtimes: at 11 a.m. or 3 p.m. Make this enchanting holiday experience part of your family's seasonal traditions.

Don't wait! Get your tickets today and save your spot for this magical holiday celebration.

Tickets: libertystation.tix.com.

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

Philanthropy Corner

Linda Weber, Philanthropy Chair

Philanthropy Committee members have been arranging in-person visits to our grant-funded partners to learn more about the programs we support. It is rewarding to see participants so engaged. Would you like to join the committee on a site visit? On Wed, Dec. 9 at 10:00 a.m. we will be visiting the San Diego Craft Collective for a studio tour and discussion with Stephanie Dotson, president of the collective. Here's your opportunity to wander through this eclectic, multi-stationed space at Liberty Station. We meet at the studio at 2590 Truxtun Rd. #106, for the tour. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Goldfarbwarren@gmail.com , 408-206-6572. Open to all interested Assembly members. Committee members will soon visit The EcoLogik Institute, a nonprofit that connects young people to STEM, conservation, and workforce opportunities through hands-on science education and mentorship. Funds from the Assembly grant support the EcoLogik Leadership Academy, providing environmental apprenticeships at Cabrillo National Monument for 40 girls and young women through the academic year. Now in its 10th year, EcoLogik has recently been hard hit by government funding cuts which threaten some of their programs. If you are interested in learning more, please visit their website, ecologikinstitute.org.





Happening at Cabrillo Elementary School

by *Melanie Sherman, ACCESS Co-Chair*

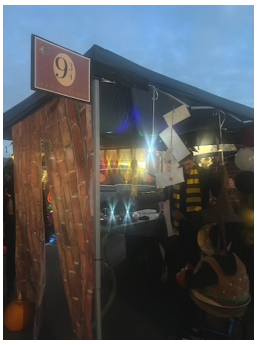
Point Loma Foundation awarded $5,000 to the Assembly's Cabrillo Elementary School's ACCESS fund to support enrichment programs. A special thank you to Lynn Silva for her tireless efforts in successfully raising these much needed funds.

Also, a generous Assembly member has again offered to cover the cost of a new book for each Transitional Kindergarten through fourth grade student at the school. The ACCESS Committee, and other Assembly members who would like to join, will wrap books Monday, December 7, at 2:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

The last week of October, Cabrillo Elementary students participated in Red Ribbon Week combined with a Halloween-themed Spirit Week. Students and their families also enjoyed a Halloween Parade and Trunk-or-Treat event & other activities on Friday, October 30. Thank you to all who donated candy.













Top row: the cars and car trunks were decorated to the nines.
Second row, left: Hogwart's was represented.
Second row, right: Cabrillo Alumni and owner of Hodad's Shane Hardin was on hand to provide burgers.
Bottom row: innovative displays were everywhere



Right: Pumpkins and Goblins greeted everyone. Left, students participated in the Halloween Parade.



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At our October meeting …

Evelyn Barandiaran, President of the PortugueseHistorical Center, gave a presentation on the history of the Portuguese in San Diego. The ladies of UPSES came to fortify us with Portuguese snacks and wines.

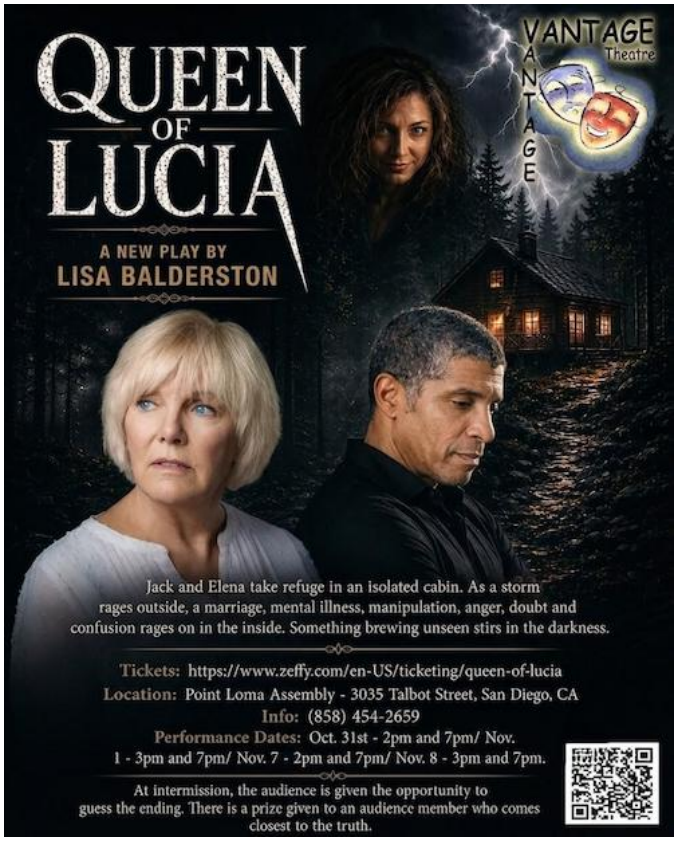












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Story Time and Coloring Activity for Children

Author and Illustrator Jennifer Doehring, author of Landing in A New Pond, will be leading a storytime and coloring activity for little ones on November 7 at Noon at Roseville Books. Details at Rosevillebooks.com.



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Preserving the History of Point Loma

AND OCEAN BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB

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THE ZOO LADY: THE FORGOTTEN LEGEND

Who Saved & Built the San Diego Zoo

by Dr. Sandra E. Bonura



Belle Benchley, the daughter of Fred Jennings who grew up on the farm on Talbot Street, became the woman who basically started the San Diego Zoo. Belle Benchley was a middle-aged, divorced mother who became the world's first female zoo director and the first woman to lead the National Zoo Association (AZA)—so why has history forgotten her name? While Harry Wegeforth was the founder, it was Belle Benchley who ensured the San Diego Zoo survived its darkest days. In 1925,she took a temporary bookkeeping job at the struggling four-year-old zoo—a position she admittedly 'dreaded' —only to stay for thirty years. She didn't just save a failing institution; she built it into a world-class treasure. From wrestling rattlesnakes to orchestrating the historic cross- country giraffe trek that inspired the bestseller West with Giraffes, Benchley was a "leader of steel" who broke the glass ceiling. Books will be available for sale.



Saturday: November 21, 2026 4:00 pm

At Point Loma Assembly

3035 Talbot Street, Point Loma

$10 Suggested Donation at the door

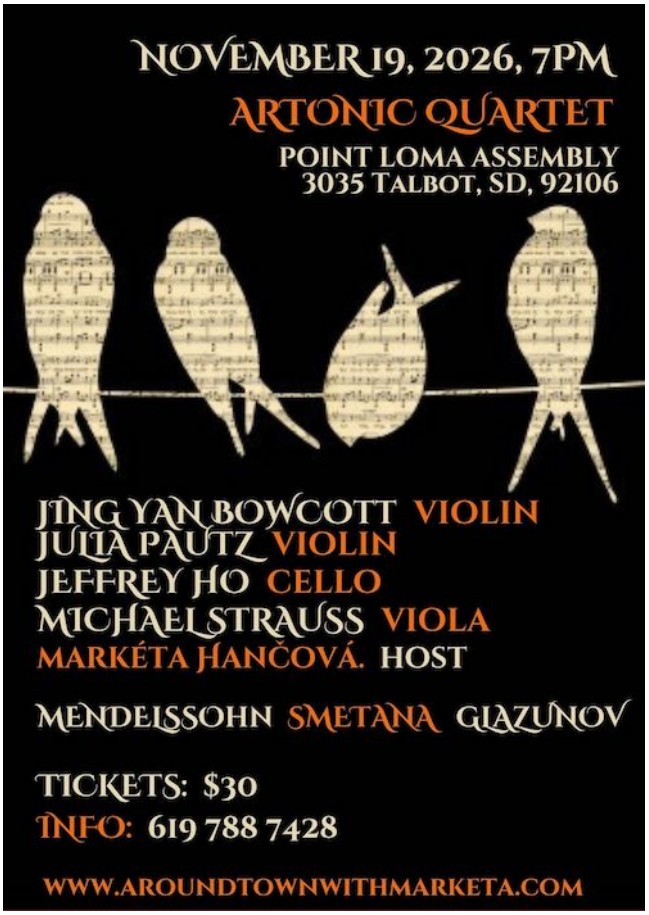
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The Ice Rink is Back!

The Rady Children's Ice Rink at Liberty Station opens for the season on November 19, 2026, and runs through January 3, 2027.





Welcoming Home the USS Abraham Lincoln

On October 8, the aircraft carrier arrived in San Diego Bay. The Point Loma Optimist Club, as well as friends and neighbors, turned out in force to welcome home the carrier after 320 days of deployment.









Preserving the Past...Investing in Our Future Impact

Point Loma Assembly Annual Fund

Help preserve Point Loma Assembly's historic Craftsman style building, expand educational opportunities for local students, and strengthen programs that make a lasting community impact throughout the Peninsula.

Many thanks to our lead donor, Victory Lareau! Victory's $5,000 gift helped launch our Annual Fund campaign. Thank you for this generous support! Thank you to our other leadership donors—Pat Baker, Sally Bixler, Julie Dillon, Linda Weber and Boyd Charles Tatum—their gifts have added another $3,000 to the Annual Fund!

Help Us Raise the Remaining $32,000 to meet our $40,000 Goal!

1. **Legacy Historic Building Fund**
2. **Cabrillo Elementary School Fund**
3. **Community Grants Fund**
4. **Point Loma Assembly General Donation Fund**

Ways to contribute:

GIVE ONLINE at **pointlomaassembly.org/annualfund.html**

SCAN the QR Code below

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Support the Annual Fund by donating appreciated stock directly from an investment account or, if eligible, making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA. These gifts may offer tax advantages, depending on your individual circumstances. Consult your tax adviser to determine whether either option is appropriate for you.

For instructions on transferring securities to the Point Loma Assembly contact:

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Contributions to the ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN are accepted at any time.

Questions? Contact carolyn@idbick.com