Thursday, October 1, 5:30 - 8:00 P.M.
Coasterra 880 Harbor Island Drive
Tickets $100/person to benefit the Point Loma Association


Plan on a FUN evening with plenty of delicious food, stunning views, visits with friends, and more!

“Eat. Drink. Chat. Give’ is a great description of what we want Visions of Point Loma to be,” said event co-chair, Kerri De Rosier. “We want people to mingle and have fun. Guests will be greeted by the Point Loma High School Jazz ensemble and Sea Scouts, and then they can stroll the beautiful venue, enjoy an amazing view of downtown, shop at our ‘PLA Store’ stocked with items the PLA needs, prove their knowledge of Point Loma History, bid on fun live auction items, and visit with neighbors.” There will be plenty of seating when you’re ready to relax.

Here’s what to expect:

Shop at the PLA Store! We’re partnering with Crown Ace Hardware to provide you an opportunity to purchase tangible PLA stuff: Mean Green Team vests, pruners, paint, fertilizer, power tools, mulch, rose food, etc. Crown Ace Hardware Point Loma is generously offering a 20% discount on all purchases except power tools – and they’re offering a 10% discount on those! Thanks to Linda Bienhoff, who is doing a stellar job on the store.

Get ready to bid! We have some great live auction items lined up so far: Five nights at a Park City Utah condo (10 people - no date restrictions), a weekend away at a Julian condo, a 2-hour project of your choice from the Mean Green Team, Woodfired Pizza Party for eight on the bay, a Pinot Party for eight at the home of Sally and Mike Bixler, and Caravan Safari Adventure for four at San Diego Safari Park. Thanks to Debra Erickson, Anna Paul, Sally Bixler, the Mean Green Team, Rosemary Rodger, and Fred Frye for securing the Live Auction donations.

Get your Opportunity Drawing tickets! Lots of great prizes!
Chairman’s Message

First, I would like to welcome Lynn Silva to our Board. Lynn has an outstanding resume and resides in the Wooded Area. She has already been hard at work!

We were sad to see Vice Chair Sally Bixler and Secretary Elise Streicher leave the Board. They both have served PLA well, and for a long time, especially in Elise’s case - eight years! Supervisor Ron Roberts and Councilwoman Lorie Zapf made July 8, 2015 Elise & Sally day. In addition, Beautification Chairman Ron Brooks retired after ten years at the helm of that committee. PLA extended Ron a very shiny shovel for his service.

Over the summer, I’m sure you have seen Atlas Tree Service hard at work in our community trimming trees. A lot of this work was funded by PLA. This is a REAL EXAMPLE of why your membership and support is much appreciated and needed.

I hope to see you at Visions of Point Loma on October 1, 5:30-8:00 at Coasterra. I have heard Coasterra is a “home run” with the location and great attention to detail. It will be a fun and more informal evening. You’ll be able to catch up with friends and neighbors without the dinner bell interrupting.

In closing, our thoughts are with Jim Patrick. His mother and PLA Founder, Alice Patrick, passed away last month just shy of her 101st birthday! She was one of the “core” PLA people when I was growing up. Please see the article on the back of this newsletter.

Invite a friend or family member to join us! See you around PL.

—Robert Jackson

Test your knowledge of Point Loma History! The La Playa Trail Association is going to try to stump you with a quiz about Point Loma’s history.

Congratulate our Beautification Award Winners and vote for your favorite! The following pages describe each winner.

Parking at the venue is all valet at $8 per car. We are offering shuttle service from the overflow gravel lot by the Sheraton at the corner of N. Harbor Drive and Harbor Island Drive. Look for the signs and the curb cut-out immediately after you make the turn from N. Harbor Drive. The shuttle will run from 5:00 - 9:00. More spending money for you. Many thanks to the Point Loma Summer Concerts for underwriting the shuttle, and to Towne Park, Sheraton Hotel and Marina for providing the parking lot space.

More thanks to the following sponsors and underwriters (as of this printing):

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PLA Store: Crown Ace Hardware

It’s not too late to be a sponsor! Here are the details: Contact Kerri or Cecilia if you’re interested.

Pride of the Pacific
$2,500
• Full-page ad in the event program
• Eight event and drink tickets
• Special recognition at the event, and in PLA newsletter and e-blasts
• A donation in your name towards an upcoming PLA project

San Diego Skyline
$1,500
• Half-page ad in the event program
• Eight event and drink tickets
• Special recognition at the event, and in PLA newsletter and e-blasts

Ocean’s Eight
$1,000
• ¼ page ad in the event program
• Eight event and drink tickets
• Special recognition at the event, and in PLA newsletter and e-blasts

Congratulations to this year’s Beautification Award Winners!

Thanks to Dan Dennison for leading the effort to select the awardees. Following are the award winners with brief project descriptions provided by Dan. Photos by Dave Ness Photography (except the San Salvadore). The winners will be treated to a special pre-event reception.
Coasterra Restaurant & Events Center

“Behold the magnificence of San Diego, my dear out-of-town relatives!” was the quote from San Diego Magazine Editor-in-Chief, Erin Chambers-Smith. Located at the south end of Harbor Island, Coasterra Restaurant was eight years in the making by the Cohn Restaurant Group and Sunroad Enterprises. It spans 28,000 square feet and cost $15 million to build. This is the venue for Visions of Point Loma on October 1.

San Diego County Waterfront Park
1600 Pacific Highway

This new Waterfront Park, located on the Bayfront side of the San Diego County Administration Center downtown, is part of a many year effort to create extraordinary public spaces for numerous public events as well as for the relaxation and enjoyment of countless visitors.

The park is 12 acres in size and has been championed for many years by architect and County Supervisor Ron Roberts. The water for the 850 feet of interactive fountains that shoot 14-foot arcs over the 40 foot-wide pools is recycled and drained into an underground vault nightly.

Culture Brewing Company OB
4845 Newport Ave.

The Culture Brewing Company, originally located in Solana Beach, recently opened their second tasting room on Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach. The design of the space is open and welcoming with a raw steel service bar, exposed original wooden ceiling beams, rustic concrete walls and local wine barrels to rest your beer. Plans include showings of artwork from local artists, and dogs are always welcome!

San Salvador

The replica re-creation of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo’s Flagship, San Salvador, which entered San Diego Bay in 1542, has been an internationally notable achievement by countless volunteers and the vision of our Maritime Museum. The Port of San Diego discussed the idea of reproducing the San Salvador in the 1980’s and the idea was formalized in the Museum’s 2007 Strategic Plan. The San Salvador will be a working ship capable of plying the Pacific waters, with planned visits to many West Coast Ports.

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**PLNU Science Complex**

3900 Lomaland Dr.

The new 36,000 square foot science complex at PLNU has 13 labs for biology, chemistry and anatomy. There are also four classrooms and a rooftop terrace.

The building, designed by Carrier Johnson + Culture and built by General Contractor Rudolph and Sletten, Inc. with a $28 million price tag (the largest capital campaign in PLNU History), will foster creative scientific inquiry and a spirit of service for faculty and students alike.

**VEER Project**

5115 Saratoga Ave.

VEER is the first major housing development in Ocean Beach in over 30 years. Located at 5115 Saratoga Avenue, the modern beachfront homes feature open floor plans with an emphasis on indoor/outdoor living spaces. The project received the 2015 Award of Merit from Pacific Coast Builders Association for Best Multifamily Housing Community in the 18-30 units / acre category.

The architect is Marengo Morton Architects. The builder is Richard and Richard Construction, and the developer is Clark Realty Capital, L.L.C.

**Garden Award**

By Judy Garrett and Betty Allman

Here is a new drought tolerant front yard at 1078 Albion Street. Grass has been replaced with a rock river surrounded by water wise plantings and a lovely new fence and gate! Kudos to our neighbors!

**Beautification Update**

**Ron Brooks’ “retirement:”** MANY THANKS to Ron Brooks, who chaired the Beautification Committee for over 10 years! Cecilia Carrick will act as chair, and Becky Wieder is co-chairing and taking responsibility for sending meeting announcements. The Beautification Committee held a surprise party for Ron at The Bay Club on August 26. 39 PLA friends came together to thank Ron for years of Beautification leadership, and to present him with a small token of appreciation: The Silver Shovel.

**Village Tree Trim:** Atlas Tree Services trimmed 57 Jacarandas and three gold medallion trees. This is work that the City of San Diego used to perform.

**Repairs at Nimitz Sign:** Leave it alone, please! After ZED Electric repaired the cover of the electrical box, it was broken again due to vandals wanting access to the electricity. The cover was repaired again - but this time, the decision was made to remove the lock in the hope that the controllers will be left alone. Al Baber and Burch Ertle are keeping an eye on the outlet.

Thank you, **Al Baber,** for repairing the bus bench at Nimitz/West Point Loma. Around the same time, the PLA paid to trim the Palm tree at the same location.

**Utility Box Update:** In July, Urban Corps cleaned and varnished old utility boxes – and they pop! The boxes accumulate dirt, car pollution, and oxidation, and need to be scrubbed down and varnished every once in a while. Many thanks to Urban Corps for a job well done. In addition, look for a new box on Harbor Drive next to the PLA Welcome sign soon. Thanks to Nancy Phillips for coordinating.

**Pork Chop Project:** Many thanks to the San Diego County Supervisors for approving a $5000 Neighborhood Enhancement Program Grant for revitalizing the “pork chops,” the landscaped areas at West Point Loma and Nimitz. Special thanks to Supervisor Ron Roberts for helping to shepherd the grant. In addition, the PLA received an anonymous donation of $5000 toward the project.

**Dolphin Billboard removal status:** Just when we thought the billboard might be coming down, Dolphin Motel owner, Holly Murdoch, has indicated his reluctance to remove it, which was a condition of the renovations and parking variance for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in 2013. Murdoch was set to appeal his case in front of the City on August 12, but withdrew his application to amend the prior CUP. The PLA has written a letter to Mr. Murdoch and is weighing other options.
Goodbye and Hello!

July 8, 2015 was Sally Bixler Day and Elise Streicher Day. At the July Board meeting, Sally and Elise both received proclamations honoring their years of service from Councilwoman Lorie Zapf and County Supervisor Ron Roberts.

We are excited to announce the newest board member, Lynn Rippee Silva, who was voted in at the August meeting. Lynn comes to us with vast experience in customer service, management and leadership.

Lynn is a native Point Loman. She graduated from Silver Gate Elementary, Dana Middle School, Point Loma High School, attended SDSU and graduated from University of Missouri. Lynn loves Point Loma and cannot imagine living anywhere else.

After her recent retirement from US Airways, Lynn joined PLA and soon got involved with the Friday morning Mean Green Team clean up efforts around the Point. When an opportunity to serve on the PLA Board of Directors came her way, she jumped at the chance to help her beloved Point Loma. Lynn hopes to get more PL residents involved in PLA and to further the efforts and mission of PLA through advocacy, fundraising, and fun!

Lynn is married to Frank Silva, also a native Point Loman. They have three sons and five grandchildren. Lynn’s mother, Kay Rippee, lives in Loma Portal and is still going strong at age 93. Kay taught Lynn the importance of volunteerism and getting involved to make a difference.

The Submariners are back!

... and so are the banners. You may have noticed the “Welcome Home, Squadron 11 Submariners” banners festooning Point Loma again. What you may not know is that the banners are a PLA project with a pretty interesting history.

The project started to cook in June, 2013. Chuck Hope, San Diego Yacht Club Commodore at the time, met with Tom Lewis with the Point Loma Optimists Club, Cecilia Carrick with the PLA, Garrett Obrien with the Yacht Club, and Thomas Ishee, past Commander, Submarine Squadron Eleven, to discuss how the community could honor submariners returning home from long deployments. The Optimists Club committed to putting out their American flags for every arrival date.

Garrett Obrien took the helm and began to contact local businesses. Sign Diego designed a banner, and Cecilia got the support of PLA board members.

The first “banner deployment” had 13 sponsors. With the help of PLA members Bill Waterman and Sara Cooley, mother of a submariner, we now have 20 banners.

Here’s how it works: When the submarines are set to arrive at Naval Base Point Loma, Cecilia gets an e-mail from the Commander’s Public Affairs Officer. Cecilia then e-mails all the supporters with the arrival date. The military helps by placing some of the banners on a designated date; others are taken care of by the business owners, who are asked to keep the banners up one week after the arrival. “We have received wonderful comments, from ‘don’t take the banners down, we love it,’ to visitors saying, ‘we can’t believe Point Loma extends this wonderful welcome for their submariners,” said Cecilia Carrick.

From CAPT Eugene Doyle, current Commander, Submarine Squadron Eleven, in a letter sent last February:

The Welcome Home banners displayed throughout Point Loma were a very warming and welcoming sight for our Sailors coming home to their families after a long separation, and they illustrated the fantastic support we have from the Point Loma community.

We thank the following businesses for their support of the project:

Good Point Gasoline, Stan Miller
Willis Allen Real Estate          America West Bank
Mail Boxes Express              F-Max Fitness
Point Loma Credit Union        Ryan Family
Pacific Western Bank            Ramada Inn
Navy Federal Credit Union       Sun Harbor Marina
Starbucks at Rosecrans/Ingelow  Point Loma Optimists
Point Loma Shelter Island Drug  Cabrillo Inn and Suites
San Diego County Credit Union   Roy’s Cleaners
Liberty Station Owners Association
Point Loma Association, who hangs the Ralphs’ banner

Interested in placing a banner at your business? Contact Sara Cooley at scooleycpa@att.net. The banners cost $130 and are made by Sign Diego. This is not a fundraising project of the PLA.

Thank you, Kobey family

Five years ago, The Kobey Corporation made a generous commitment to sponsor the maintenance of Median #4 for ten years. For the past five years, they have made quarterly payments of $720 to cover monthly maintenance expenses on the 1.3 acre median at Sunset Cliffs and Nimitz – the gateway to Point Loma. That adds up to $2,880 per year - and $14,400 so far.
At the time, Kim Pretto Kobey said, “I’ve been asked why the median means something to me. It was the gateway for us coming to the business. That’s how my father and I got off the freeway.” Said Kim: “He broke ground for me. He lived and breathed this business. If he were alive today – he would still be running it.”

Monty Kobey, who died in 1989, was a generous, community-minded man whom we hope would be proud of our beautiful entryway into his beloved community.

**PLA Saves the Day!**
*by Stan Nadel and Cecilia Carrick*

With a swiftness and dedication possible only within a committed volunteer organization, the PLA mobilized to repair damages caused by an errant motor vehicle. Somewhat worse for the wear, the damaged items: planter box, custom trash barrel and commemorative bench, are back in service. We are hopeful that final repairs and replacements will be sponsored by the driver of the vehicle.

**PLA around town...**

Thanks to PLA Board member Jeff Nett for organizing the July CONNECT Point Loma mixer, and to Sandy Hanshaw, owner, The Wine Pub, for her gracious hospitality, and for donating a $40 gift certificate and 10% of the event’s proceeds! And thanks to Tyler and Lionel Silva from Keller Williams Realty for providing the night’s second raffle item - a basket with wine and a gift certificate. Final thanks to Brown Marketing Strategies for helping to publicize the event.

**Speaking of graffiti...**

The new Ocean Beach entry sign on Sunset Cliffs Blvd. was vandalized with graffiti on August 10th. The sign had been erected just a year ago after a long fundraising effort. At the August PLA Board meeting, Board members voted to send the Ocean Beach Town Council $200 to help them repair the damage.

**New Navy Base rep**

Matt Ryan, the new Naval Base Point Loma Community Relations Officer, introduced himself at the August PLA meeting. If you have questions or concerns about Naval Base operations (we mentioned traffic and carpooling at the meeting), he encourages you to call or e-mail him at (619) 524-8514 or matt.ryan@navy.mil.

Enjoying this newsletter and not a member of the PLA?

Joining is easy! You can be a member with just a few keystrokes on your computer!

Go to our website at www.pointlomaassociation.com and follow the prompts to join online. It’s easy!

Questions or comments? Call or email Nancy Palmtag at (619) 224-1523 or npalmtag@msn.com.
Point Loma Nazarene University invites you to their 12th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 24, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This community-wide event, presented by Bartell Hotels, is open to the public and admission is free.

Fall Festival activities include wagon rides, live music, pumpkin patch, food samples from local eateries, and exhibit booths showcasing San Diego businesses and non-profit organizations. Walk through history on the Historic Lomaland Tour. www.pointloma.edu/fallfestival.

Fantasy on Ice Moves to Liberty Station

It may still be summer, but the NTC Foundation and Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego are already thinking about holidays. This coming November, the NTC Arts & Culture District in Liberty Station will be turned into a Winter Wonderland as the popular Fantasy on Ice skating rink moves from its downtown San Diego location to the former Naval Training Center in Point Loma.

The 18th Annual Fantasy on Ice presented by Sycuan runs from November 19 through January 3 and will be located at the NTC Arts & Culture District – the historic core of Liberty Station. “We're looking forward to welcoming Fantasy on Ice and providing an opportunity for the community to add holiday skating to their reasons for visiting the NTC Arts & Culture District at Liberty Station,” said Alan Ziter, Executive Director of the NTC Foundation. Ziter plans to work with the NTC artists and cultural groups to program holiday-related activities, performances and “Holiday Gifts with a Creative Twist” promotions.

Last year, Fantasy on Ice helped raise more than $130,000 for the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children's.

The Liberty Station rink will have state-of-the-art permanent infrastructure embedded in the ground for easy set up each year. The rink hours will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week through the holiday season and will remain open until Jan. 3, 2016. It will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Fantasy on Ice will be located in the plaza adjacent to the Dick Laub NTC Command Center at 2640 Historic Decatur Road.
One of the original Point Loma Beautiful (now PLA) founders, Alice Patrick, passed away in August—just shy of her 101st birthday. Alice and Chuck Patrick moved to Point Loma in the 1949, when Chuck was selected by the State to build City College. He later consulted on school construction projects in the Middle East with Frank Hope, Sr. Over the years, Alice was a mother, community leader, athlete and realtor.

In the early 1970’s, Alice and Chuck lead the charge for removing telephone poles along Rosecrans and Golden Park. (You can see some of the old transformers today on her deck.)

In memory of Alice, Jim Patrick (son) has asked the community to send donations to the Point Loma Foundation, benefiting the PLA. For donation information, go to www.pointlomafoundation.org/, or send to 2907 Shelter Island Drive # 105-313 , San Diego , CA 92106.

The PLA and Board of Directors extends their deepest sympathy to the Patrick family. Alice changed this community for the better.