Summer 2013

Save the Date for the Annual Dinner!

Support YOUR neighborhood by sponsoring a table at the Point Loma Association Annual Dinner on Thursday, October 3 at the Liberty Station Conference Center!

With your help, we’ve been able to do GREAT works for the Point Loma Community, including:

1. Nimitz beautification project planning! Bolstered by generous grants from the City, County of San Diego and private donations, we are ready to begin this exciting project that will provide a beautiful corridor between West Point Loma Blvd. and Harbor Drive.
2. Newly painted utility boxes throughout the community
3. Continued beautification of the landscaping and trees at the corner of W. Pt. Loma and Nimitz, and in front of Dewey Elementary School
4. Ongoing maintenance of 18 sites throughout Point Loma by our own Mean Green Team
5. Support for the Point Loma Summer Concerts at Point Loma Park

This year, the theme of the Annual Dinner is Celebrate Point Loma. The evening will feature our famous PLA Beautification Awards and great food from To the Point Catering. We will also celebrate the Music of the Point with talented musicians and vocalists from four area schools who will entertain us with jazz, pop/rock, musical theater and even opera selections!

Individual tickets: $75. Why not host a table of friends or co-workers? Your commitment of $1,000 for a reserved table for ten entitles you to prominent recognition in the dinner program, the PLA e-blast and our quarterly newsletter. This is our only fundraiser, and it provides the much needed funds to start new projects, maintain existing ones and further expand our reach in the community.

We look forward to seeing you at our dinner at Liberty Station at 5:30 on October 3, 2013.

Sally Bixler
PLA Dinner Chair, 2013

Thanks to these table sponsors - so far!

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- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Cecilia Carrick and Stanley Nadel
- Sally and Mike Bixler
- Linda Fox and Klonie Kunzel
- Mean Green Team
- Point Loma Summer Concerts

Note: Nominations for Beautification Awards are being accepted now. Deadline: July 31. Find the nomination form at www.plaweb.org.

Follow the money...where your dues go...

In addition to items 1-5 in the article to your left, the PLA also:

- Works with the City of San Diego to remove empty and abandoned newspaper racks along Rosecrans
- Continues to advocate for cleaning up the Pacific Highway/Barnett entryway
- Organizes brush clearing, tree trimming, weed mowing and cleaning up homeless encampments around the Barnes Tennis Center
- Partnered with MTS to move benches and trashcans along Rosecrans to accommodate bus stop changes
- Repaired the “Welcome to Point Loma” sign on Harbor Drive
- Weeds and maintains the yard at our beloved Point Loma Assembly
- Provides the annual Town Hall Forum
- Is negotiating removal of a billboard on Rosecrans at Garrison –one of the two remaining in the Village
- Works 24/7 keeping the neighborhood graffiti free.

We Congratulate Robert Tripp Jackson for being elected as chairman of the PLA!
**Chairman’s Message**

(Cecilia’s last Chairman’s Message) The Point Loma Association is experiencing heady times! We have just received a $15,000 City of San Diego Community Project Grant and a $30,000 Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant from the County of San Diego to help fund the Nimitz Blvd. Enhancement Project. We thank Councilman Faulconer and County Supervisor Ron Roberts for their vision and support. These contributions, along with donations from our generous community members and the Point Loma Association, will provide necessary funds to start this large, significant project. Landscape architect Ned Daugherty, R. Gardella with Concepts in Concrete, and succulent plant maven Michael Buchner are hard at work busily gathering plans and creative concepts for this important thoroughfare.

We welcome your support in this major Point Loma project through contributions, large and small, recommendations or participation in our activities. Please contact our editor Kerri De Rosier at kerriderosier@gmail.com or Cecilia Carrick at carrick@cox.net (619.222.2254).

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**Garden Award**

By Betty Allman and Judy Garrett

The 100-year-old Point Loma Assembly is a treasure in our community. It is run by a nonprofit association and covers costs through rentals and fundraisers. The clubhouse is one of a kind and offers a full stage, a spacious meeting room and is available for rent.

Monthly membership meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month, September thru June, at 4:00 p.m. and feature an interesting program and social hour. New members and guests are welcome. www.plassembly.org.

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**Beautification UPDATE**

**Homeless Encampments:** Many thanks to Michael Patton of Councilman Kevin Faulconer’s office for his hard work and persistence in helping get the homeless debris cleaned up on Nimitz near the I-8 entrance. Total Green Landscaping mowed the weeds down and trimmed the trees and brush.

Michael has since moved on to New York for a new job. We thank him for a great job and wish him well! Our new Point Loma representative is John Ly. (619) 236-6622.

**PLA at the San Diego Yacht Club:** On Saturday, April 6, Mean Green spruced up the SDYC grounds as a way to say thanks to SDYC for allowing us to use their library for our monthly Beautification Meeting. Terry Anglin, General Manager of the Yacht Club, sent a gracious note of thanks.

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**Another Pork Chops Cleanup!**

(at W. Point Loma/Nimitz)

The gorgeous mural had been hidden by vegetation. It was beautifully restored by Point Loma Artist Bev Brady. The landscaping is maintained by PLA’s “Mean Green Team”.

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Town Hall Meeting a success!

Are you tired of boring meetings where nothing exciting happens? Well, think again! After enjoying a tasty meal from Deborah Scott’s Chop Sooey food truck, a record number of Point Loma residents settled down for an evening of civic engagement.

The evening began with the Point Loma Association Business meeting, where we said goodbye to retiring board members Martha Phillips and Maureen Maringer. Martha and Maureen served on the board for eight and four years, respectively.

County Supervisor Ron Roberts did the honor of bestowing commendations upon Maureen and Martha, and installed new board members Dan Dennison and Nancy Palmtag; Dwayne Little, Cecilia Carrick and Stan Nadel are each serving one more four-year term.

Membership Chair Tim Tuter narrated a slide show featuring the latest PLA projects, then City Councilman Kevin Faulconer gave a mini State of District Two report in which he commended the PLA for its collaborative spirit, saying, “We need you out there.” Councilman Faulconer highlighted the N. Harbor Drive realignment project, the upcoming vote on the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance, restoring recreation center and library hours, and—here’s some innovation for you: the City’s Pot Hole Repair Audit will spend a day in a neighborhood locating pot holes AND repairing them—instead of responding to pot hole complaints in the order received, requiring trips across the city.

Freshman Congressman Scott Peters then took the mic and listed his priorities: job creation, health care for veterans, the Shelter Our Service Members program, and the Employment Transition Act, which provides retiring veterans certifications for skills learned in the military. He urged audience members to “be in touch to get Congress working again.”

San Diego County Regional Airport Authority’s Director of Airport Planning, Keith Wilschetz, announced that the Grand Opening of the Green Build at Lindbergh Field will be in August. Of major interest to residents are plans for reducing traffic on Harbor Drive. See related article on page 6.

Around Town...

Congratulations to Point Loma Credit Union for 65 years of service!
The Point Loma Credit Union first opened its doors in 1948 to serve the employees of the Naval Electronics Laboratory (NEL), who wanted a safe place to save money and apply for loans. It started as a branch on the Navy base, then moved to a brick and mortar location on Ballast Point. NEL later became Naval Ocean Systems Center, then NRD, then SSC San Diego (SPAWAR) and today is SSC Pacific.

In the 1990s, the credit union underwent the state charter process, which allowed the organization to expand its membership to everyone who lives, works or worships in San Diego and Riverside Counties and members of their families. Today, PLCU serves more than 51,000 members and has seven branches.

When asked about the difference between credit unions and banks, Business Development Manager Adriana Brunner didn’t skip a beat. “The big difference is that credit unions can offer lower rates on loans and pay bigger dividends. They are also not for profit organizations, which means that profits go back as dividends and lower rates.” Senior Branch Manager Deborah Clow also noted that another big difference is that credit unions have a volunteer Board of Directors.

Both Adriana and Deborah proudly described the credit union’s community connection: the Catalina Branch is the first water stop for the San Diego Half Marathon, and the organization has also supported the Point Loma High School Sailing team, the Point Loma Artists Association, and hosted financial literacy classes at Point Loma Library.

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For 13 years, the Point Loma Summer Concerts have been providing family-friendly, free concerts in Point Loma, becoming a summer tradition for Point Loma families and fans. There is a generation of teenagers who attended their first concert in strollers – who now leave the family blanket to search for friends.

All concerts are FREE and on Fridays starting at 5:30 p.m. Here’s the lineup:

7/12 Jumping Jack Flash, World’s Greatest Rolling Stones Re-Creation
7/19 Cashed Out with Special Guest “June Carter”
7/26 Back To The Garden Tribute to Woodstock, with special guests Eve Selis and Mattie Mills
8/2 Left4Dead brings back the 80s
8/9 The Bayou Brothers, San Diego’s Favorite Zydeco Band with special guest Sue Palmer

Again this year, the concerts will feature young talent on the “Junior Stage” starting at 5:30 p.m. The main stage performance begins at 6:30 p.m.

Concert goers bring their own seating and/or blankets – and can order dinner from one of the catering sponsors: Gabardine (7/12); Miguel’s Cocina (7/19); Hodad’s (7/26); Barons Marketplace (8/2) and Stump’s Family Marketplace (8/9).

Point Loma Park is located at 1049 Catalina Boulevard, near the intersection of Varona Street. Free parking is provided at All Souls’ Episcopal Church, located at 1475 Catalina Boulevard. Enter the parking lot on Chatsworth Boulevard. A free shuttle runs between the All Souls’ parking lot and Point Loma Park from 5:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. There is also a shuttle for Navy families at the Recreation Center at Liberty Station.

For more information, go to www.plconcerts.org.

Next up was U.S. Border Patrol Agent Rubach, who arrived with five other agents. Agent Rubach said that five pangas had arrived on the shores of Point Loma; one containing 500 pounds of marijuana. Agent Rubach encouraged everyone to report suspicious activity.

Bicycle Safety advocate and District 2 Bike/Ped Advisory committee member Nicole Burgess reported on her progress with the Nimitz Greenway project and promoting bike tourism in San Diego. The Spring 2013 issue of this newsletter covered the bicycle elements of the proposed greenway project.

Navy Captain Scott Adams began his presentation by saying, “Cecilia would not allow me to not be a part of the community,” pointing to the healthy working relationship between the PLA and Naval Base Point Loma.

Capt. Adams provided an update on three fuel projects in Point Loma:

1. The fuel tank replacement project will be completed ahead of schedule in February 2014. The eight tanks are 50% filled, with 140,000 barrels of fuel per tank, resulting in one million barrels to be used for jets and helicopters.
2. The 100-year-old fuel pier will require $1.6 million in upgrades starting in July 2013. Capt. Adams expects the project to take four years. Because the noise from drilling the pilings will be dangerous to wildlife, the Navy must move the adjacent bait barges popular with sea lions.
3. Finally, Capt. Adams discussed the 17-mile pipeline that runs from La Playa Beach to Miramar. Starting in late 2013, the pipeline will either be replaced or relocated. The project will impact traffic on Rosecrans; there will be a public meeting to discuss the impact.

The presentations ended with a visit from San Diego Mayor Bob Filner. Looking around the room, Mayor Filner said, “This is what makes our city so great and strong.” Speaking of strong, Filner noted that the strong stench in La Jolla would soon be mitigated through the use of “poop-eating microbes.” The mayor then moved to the loftier issues of the budget surplus, which he said will allow “more investments in public safety and infrastructure for neighborhoods.” At the end of his presentation on Proposition B, Mayor Filner noted the role of Councilman Faulconer in the five-year employment union deal, which will result in savings of $110 million per year.
We thank the following members for their generous support of the Point Loma Association:

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Online ticket purchase available on the PLA web site: www.plaweb.org.
Nimitz Greenway Update

When County Supervisor AND Architect Ron Roberts tells you he’ll give you $30,000 IF you change your plans — you listen. Last month, PLA representatives met with Supervisor Roberts to discuss the PLA’s proposed enhancement of the Nimitz median — and to listen to feedback.

The original plan was to replace black asphalt with stamped concrete and plant the wider areas of the median with drought-tolerant plants. Supervisor Roberts disagreed with the plan to replace the asphalt with concrete, stating that the concrete would require significant maintenance and would not be as durable as asphalt.

Instead, Supervisor Roberts suggested that we use his funds to place, where feasible, islands of plantings as far down on Nimitz as his $30,000 and other funds would take us. And — he mentioned that he would consider continued support for the median project in the next fiscal year if we adhere to his plan.

The revised plan will cost significantly less, allowing the PLA to improve a longer stretch of Nimitz.

To date, PLA has raised $85,000 for this project: $30,000 from the County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant (County Supervisor Ron Roberts) for plantings/softscape; $15,000 from a City of San Diego Community Project Grant (City Councilman Kevin Faulconer); $10,000 from the Hervey Family Fund; and $30,000 of unrestricted funds from The Point Loma Association.

How can you help? The more money we raise, the further down Nimitz we can go! Contact Cecilia Carrick at 619.222.2254 or e-mail carrick@cox.net.

A place to rest at a place of rest...

There was simply no place to sit. Zoey Flint, PLA member and regular transit customer, noticed that visitors to Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery were left standing to wait for the MTS bus or had no place to sit and reflect upon the solemn yet beautiful place of history.

Zoey wrote a letter to Navy Captain Scott Adams, who sprung into action — and cleared a few hurdles. The project required approval from the Department of Veteran’s Affairs and the Navy Public Works Center. Just a few months later, the benches were installed at two bus stop locations; one at an entry way

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Inspiring artists and writers at Liberty Station

Artist, writer, Point Loma native and PLA member Jill Hall knows that many San Diego artists don’t have a place to share their work. Not that San Diego lacks galleries; it’s just that many of them tend to feature “edgy” or “international” works, according to Jill.

Also a member of San Diego Writers Ink, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting writers, Jill was also aware that the organization had been striving to join the ranks of arts organizations at Liberty Station for ten years — with no success. Staring up at Barracks 16 one day, Jill felt a warmth enter her heart. “That is where San Diego Writer’s Ink would go,” she said, “and it would also be a great space for an arts gallery.”

Jill and her husband, Jerry Hall, opened Inspirations Gallery last March. It’s right next to the future “Ink Spot” space opening July 15, where San Diego Writers Ink will hold workshops, readings, lectures, and classes, and where Jill will curate the “Ink Spot Gallery,” a space for artists who are also writers or who incorporate writing into their art.

Like Ink Spot, Inspirations Gallery is a space for local artists to share their work and discuss the creative process. Jill holds invitation-only shows, and makes the gallery available for events for large or small groups. “My goal is to get as many people here as possible,” said Jill. The gallery has hosted MADCAPS, book clubs, cocktail parties, and more.

The current exhibition entitled “Spring Fever” features flora and fauna paintings by Lauren Carrera. On July 25, the exhibit will change to “Circle Arts – The Literal and Figurative Examination of All Things Round.” In mid-November, the gallery will feature “From Our Own Back Yard,” creations from the Point Loma Artists Association.

Look for Inspirations Gallery at Friday Night Liberty on July 5 and August 2, and at Art Walk on August 24-25. For more information, go to www.inspirationsgallerysd.com.
Help PLA support the America’s Finest City Half Marathon!

It’s a yearly tradition: the Point Loma Association sponsors a water station at mile three of this iconic event.

This year, the event is Sunday, August 18, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. Volunteers arrive at the corner of Dupont and Albion Streets at 6:45 a.m. in the Wooded Area to fill cups and hand them out to passing runners. It’s an art to pass out water without getting soaked!!

Come out and help – it’s a blast! Be prepared to get wet, and bring your friends and family – even children can help and it’s a lot of fun.

If you can, bring LARGE CLEAN containers for water (things like ice chests and camp coolers), also leaf rakes or push brooms.

Donuts and juice provided, and you get a free T-shirt! For information, call Melanie Nickel at 619.225.8705.

Airport Authority has plans to reduce Harbor Drive traffic

By Kerri De Rosier

At last month’s Town Hall meeting, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority’s Director of Airport Planning, Keith Wilschetz, caught my attention when he said the words, “removing traffic off of Harbor Drive,” and “consolidated Rental Car Center.” Did this TRULY mean that all of the rental cars parked along our waterfront would be moving? That understandably skittish rental car customers would no longer merge onto Harbor Drive?

That the numerous buses shuttling along Grape Street, Laurel, Pacific Highway and Harbor Drive would move elsewhere?

A follow-up phone call with Ted Anasis, Manager, Airport Planning for San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, cleared things up.

On the next page is a rendering of the new Rental Car Center, which will consolidate all of the rental car companies into one location on the north side of the airport. Rental car customers will pick up and drop off cars there, and take a convenient shuttle to and from the curb side at the airport. Here’s the key: The Airport Authority is mandating that rental car

to the cemetery on the bay side; and the other at the main gate on the bay side. The Point Loma Association was invited to help “initiate” the new benches on Friday, June 7, 2013.
shuttle buses can only pick up customers from and deliver customers to the Rental Car Center; those not affiliated with the Rental Car Center are not permitted to pick up passengers curb side at the airport terminal. Currently, over 80 shuttle buses from multiple companies scurry around the airport from Pacific Highway, Laurel Street, Harbor Drive, and Grape Street; the Rental Car Center will utilize 20-30 clean-air buses, thereby reducing traffic on surrounding streets and helping our air quality at the same time. Here’s another key: the buses will travel on what the Airport Authority is calling the “Terminal Link Roadway,” a road that will sit entirely along airport property just outside the security fence — further reducing traffic on surrounding streets.

The other piece: for 15 years, the bay front from Harbor Island Drive heading south for blocks along Harbor Drive has been filled with asphalt, rental cars, filling stations, garages and shuttle buses that have blocked views of downtown and San Diego Bay. This property is owned by the Port of San Diego, who will soon be working with the California Coastal Commission, State Tidelands Trust, an interested public, and other entities to improve the property, which will be available late 2015/early 2016. Stay tuned and stay informed!

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Peninsula Community Planning Board
Meets third Thursday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Point Loma Library 3701 Voltaire Street

Ocean Beach Town Council
Meets fourth Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Center 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. jimmusgrove@mac.com

Point Loma Assembly
Meets second Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
Point Loma Assembly 3035 Talbot St. (619) 887-9313 www.plassembly.org

La Playa Trail Association
Meets second Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.
US Bank 1331 Rosecrans St. Charles Best, 223-3418

Point Loma Association
Meets second Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., Bali Hai

Beautification: First Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
San Diego Yacht Club
Membership: First Friday, 4:00 at US Bank

Community Calendar
Every week: Point Loma Farmer’s Market: Sundays, 9:30 - 2:30: On the first Sunday of each month, look for the PLA booth! Bring a friend! On Cañon between Rosecrans and Scott.

Friday Night Liberty
July 5, August 2 and September 6, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.: More sunlight! More art! Friday Night Liberty begins its summer hours for the monthly first Friday open studios, galleries, museums and performances at the NTC Arts & Culture District in Liberty Station. On July 5, August 2 and September 6, FNL will start at 5:00 p.m. with many venues open until 9:00 p.m. The program changes every month with new exhibitions and free performances. For more information, go to: www.NTCLibertyStation.com.

ARTWALK San Diego
August 24 - 25: The event formerly known as ArtWalk on the Bay has a new home! The 8th Annual ArtWalk San Diego at Liberty Station will be at NTC Promenade’s Ingram Plaza. For more information, go to: www.artwalksandiego.org/ntc/.

Point Loma Library 10th Anniversary Celebration!
Saturday, September 21, 9:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Speakers, fun events for children, prize drawings, music and free food. Free! 3701 Voltaire Street (619) 531-1539

Cabrillo National Monument Centennial Events
August 25 - Founder’s Day: Lighthouse Open Tower Day
September 28-29: Cabrillo Festival at Naval Base Point Loma
September 28 - October 14: Centennial Artist-in-Residence Exhibit at the Cabrillo National Monument Visitor Center www.cabrillocentennial.org/
Have you moved? Let us know!
E-mail: Contact@plaweb.org

Sports Arena Branch: 3777 Sports Arena Blvd.
Mon - Thur: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, extended walk-up hours until 6:00 pm.
Fri: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sat: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, extended walk-up hours until 3:00 pm.

Catalina Branch: 200 Catalina Blvd.
Mon - Fri: 9:00 am to 5:15 pm; closed between 1:30 pm and 2:15 pm.

*APR= Annual Percentage Rate. Rates and terms effective 3/27/13. Rate includes .50% basis point discount for the Point Loma Relationship Pricing Plan, but at no time will the APR be less than the credit union’s floor rate of 2.00%. Loans subject to approval. Must meet membership guidelines. Other rates available for model years not reflected. Monthly payment per $1,000 borrowed for 66 months at 2.00% APR=$16.01. Calculation based on $20,000 loan for 66 months. Rate subject to change.