It's the PLA Oktoberfest!

Chicken is out and wienerschnitzel is in for our Oktoberfest-themed event!

This year’s PLA Annual Dinner is Thursday, Oktober 4 at the beautiful Kona Kai Resort in Shelter Island. The theme is “Celebrate the Craft,” and will feature local craft beers, the “Polka Dots,” a German Music Band, an authentic German meal, a silent and live auction – and of course – Dick Lareau’s famous video featuring Beautification Award winners.

We are excited to have three local brewers participate in a panel about growing a successful brewing business. The program includes Jack White from Ballast Point, Greg Koch with Stone Brewing Co., and Mike and Lisa Hinkley from Green Flash Brewing Co. To keep things moving, local news anchor Clark Anthony will moderate the discussion.

Your fabulous Annual Dinner committee has already sold 26 tables! We thank SDG&E and Peninsula YMCA for coming on board. Join in! Contact dinner chair, Sally Bixler at (619) 990-8617 if you would like to sponsor a table.

Be ready to bid on these exciting Silent Auction items: A sunset sail on The Flirt; Brian Malarkey and Chad White from Gabardine cooking dinner for six in YOUR home; San Diego Opera Season tickets; Ipanema jewelry watch; Green Flash Brewery basket and brewery tour for 6; a pair of Chargers Football tickets; Whale Watching Sailing Cruise for six, and other great items from local businesses.

Want to advertise in the program? Options include full page: $500; half page: $250; quarter page: $125. Please e-mail your company logo (or message) to kerriderosier@gmail.com. Images must be at least 300 dpi. For information, please call Cecilia Carrick at (619) 222-2254.

Would you like to nominate a business, home, sign or landscaping deserving of a Beautification Award? E-mail Dick Lareau at victoryghl@sbcglobal.net. Nominations are due July 16.

See the enclosed invitation for details – and – see you there!

We’re on a roll!

It’s been a heck of a year for the Point Loma Association!

In September, the PLA celebrated 50 years of community service and Mayor Sanders proclaimed September 15, 2011 Point Loma Association Day.

We have amortized your membership donations well:

- A second and final stage of adding flowering plants in Median #4 at the entrance of Point Loma. Total project cost: $32,509. Largest PLA project ever. Many thanks to the Hervey family, Johnson and Cavanaugh families, Point Loma Garden Club, County of San Diego, Judge Woodworth, and of course the Kobey family for ongoing maintenance.
- Rosecrans green trash can refurbishment and powder coating. Cost: $1780 and loads of muscle power, because each can weighs 175 lbs.
- Catalina Median Neighborhood Clean Up, made possible by in-kind donations by Mower Unique and sweat equity by Mean Green Team (recognized by their eye popping sartorial vests), PLA Board members and neighbors.

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“Remove all your grass from the front lawn and plant a vegetable garden,” was the salutation on a gift certificate two daughters presented to their Point Loma mother as a surprise present!

And, that’s just what she did! A gift certificate from Victory Gardens, Inc. guaranteed design, implementation, soil improvement and plantings at her Fleetridge Drive home. The project began last February. The landscapers removed all of the grass and prepared the soil for a beautifully designed vegetable garden right in the front yard.

Cool season plantings included cauliflower, broccoli, kale, spinach, romaine, red & Chinese cabbage, chard, onions, and strawberries. Much has been harvested now and seedlings have sprouted for carrots and radishes. Six kinds of tomatoes (black, red & yellow) are thriving, as are red/green/yellow peppers, snap peas, green beans, squash, eggplant, a mini-pumpkin vine plus 36 more heads of romaine lettuce.

“It’s such fun to have the neighbors stop by and see how the garden's growing,” said the homeowner. “It’s also fun to see the kids come by on their way to Silver Gate School and pick the blueberries.”

Beautification Update

**Homeless Encampments:** Last May, the Beautification team identified and photographed nine homeless encampments along Nimitz Blvd. from the Catalina off ramp to I-8/Sea World Drive. They sent the photos and a request for assistance to Councilman Faulconer's office. Within two days, Councilman Faulconer's office sent a request to Environmental Services and the Police Department. Environmental Services reportedly cleaned up the areas on May 14. Another sweep may be in order...

**Nimitz Jacaranda Bubblers:** A big ‘thank you’ goes to Al Baber for replacing the bubblers at this site and instructing the Mean Green crew on trenching around the base of each tree to enable proper irrigation.

**Trash Can Refurbishing:** Seven of the eight cans were refurbished at a cost of $1,535. The eighth trash can is near Fenelon and required special effort and, hopefully, will be refurbished in the near future. A major THANK YOU to Bruce Cook for getting this project done!
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5:30 p.m. • Dinner at 7:00
Beer • Brats • Music from Polka Dots • Authentic German fare
• Hear brewers from Ballast Point, Green Flash Brewing Co. and Stone Brewing Co. tell their stories
• Enjoy the Famous Dick Lareau Video

Tickets $80 or $150/couple
Tables of 10 $1000
Complimentary parking

Business Attire or Lederhosen!
See enclosed envelope for payment information.
Groovin’, Swoonin’ and Croonin’

By Kerri De Rosier

It’s been 12 years since the first Point Loma Summer Concert was performed at Point Loma Park. Since then, the audience has swelled to over 2,500 at each concert – and the entertainment just gets better and better. This year’s lineup brings back past favorites and introduces a new band, Surf City All Stars, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Beach Boys. The U.S. Navy Band returns with a rock and roll sound after having performed pops standards during the inaugural season 12 years ago. Here’s the lineup starting at 6:30 p.m.:

July 13 — Atomic Groove, Variety Dance Band
Entertainment

July 20 — Surf City All Stars, Authentic Beach Boys
Tribute Band

July 27 — The Mar Dels, best music from the 50s - 70s

August 3 — The United States Navy Band Southwest

August 10 — Hot August Night, A Tribute to Neil Diamond

The concerts will feature young talent on the “Junior Stage” again this year, sponsored by City Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer starting at 5:30 p.m. Those performing will be The Blonde Brothers, Taco Tuesday, Revolt-Age, Glen Fisher’s First Friday Club, and Recreational Music Center. All of the Junior stage acts, including the announcers, are local junior high and high school students who auditioned for the Concerts Board in April.

Concert goers bring their own seating and/or blankets, and can order dinner from one of the catering sponsors: Stump’s Family Marketplace, Barons Marketplace, Miguel’s Cocina, and newcomers Harbor Town Pub and Gabardine. You can see the catering menu and schedule at www.plconcerts.org.

Point Loma Park is located at 1049 Catalina Boulevard behind the fire station, 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. The Peninsula Y is providing free shuttle runs between All Souls’ parking lot and Point Loma Park from 5:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Since 2001, the Point Loma Summer Concerts have been bringing the community together to enjoy great music in a family-friendly environment. The concerts are the best example of community collaboration, and we thank the Point Loma Association for being an exclusive concert sponsor this year! Friday, July 27 is PLA Night!

The concerts are supported by contributions from individuals, local businesses and foundations, the City of San Diego and County of San Diego. Willis Allen Real Estate has been the Presenting Sponsor since the concerts began. AmericanWest Bank (formerly Sunrise Bank) has sponsored the stage for seven years, and CYMER returns as this year’s sound sponsor. To see a complete listing of all the sponsors, go to www.plconcerts.org.

The newly formed Point Loma Summer Concerts 501(c)(3) continues to support local music programs with raffle ticket sales and is in its second year of lending major support to Correia Middle School’s Instrumental Music program. The school has already purchased much-needed instruments for students, and plans to put the donation to good use again during the next school year.

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

PLA Membership Update

By Tim Tuter, Membership Committee Chair

Summer is here and so is PLA Membership Renewal season! If your membership is due for renewal in July, August, or September you will be receiving a letter and membership renewal envelope in the mail soon. Your renewal date is now located on the address label of your newsletter.

We had wonderful success in growing our membership in 2011 as we added 200 memberships! PLA is a 100% volunteer organization, so thank you to all our devoted membership committee members for helping PLA grow. Make sure to look for Marcia Lo Vecchio and Cleo Pearson on the first Wednesday of every month at the Point Loma Library, where they host a PLA table in the rotunda. Or stop by and say hi to Patti Adams at the Cañon Street Farmers Market. Big thanks to Zoey Flint, Robert Jackson, Linda Fox, Lisa Keith, Cecilia Carrick, Jerry Symanski, Karen Greenwald, Vince Heald, Jim Kleyweg, Judy Garrett, Mike Long, and Heather Weaver for all their work on the membership committee this year!

Your annual membership keeps our many projects funded, so make sure to send your renewal back as soon as possible. Don’t forget – PLA memberships can be purchased at any time throughout the year, so make sure to spread the word to all your neighbors and business colleagues about joining PLA.

See you at the Point Loma Summer Concerts!
When PLA member Dorothea Laub found out that the Point Loma Assembly Hall was in danger of being given away to an outside organization due to lack of funds to maintain the building, she sprang into action.

The Hall – around since 1915 – has been managed by a volunteer board of directors for years, but the membership was declining along with the building. Enter Dorothea, who gathered her friends and neighbors and encouraged them to join the Hall membership and keep the building alive.

**Some history:** In 1911, 28 Point Loma ladies gathered to organize a local improvement society. The Point Loma Assembly was born, with a mission to promote literary, social, educational, philanthropic and artistic work for the community.

In 1913, Mr. Frank S. Jennings, a Point Loma property owner, offered to lease four lots to the Assembly for $5 per year, with the proviso that they would incorporate and build a structure within one year. The Assembly kept its promise and incorporated on August 28, 1913. They held their first meeting in the new building on September 21, 1914.

The Assembly clubhouse, as it was called, was immediately embraced by the community, becoming host to Campfire Girls, civic meetings, election polls, plays – and famously, Mr. Benjamin’s Cotillion classes, a Point Loma institution. In 1917 during World War I, the clubhouse became a hub for the war effort, with work rooms for sewing and knitting, and a place for servicemen to meet young ladies at numerous dances. In 1941, the clubhouse supported another war effort – this time for World War II – as a Red Cross Distribution Center for Point Loma.

Over the next 50 years, the Assembly grew to over 160 members, with the clubhouse hosting gardening classes and flower shows, square dancing, art exhibits, and other social occasions.

Today the Assembly continues its mission as stated in the original bylaws, with a strong emphasis on preserving and maintaining the building and grounds. The newest project is a walkway to the building, and there’s a strong push to rent the facility.

The membership is up to 62, with a goal of 100 members by January 1, 2013! The membership just elected a new board. They are: President, Patti Adams; Vice President, Martha Phillips; Secretary, Mary Anne Wentink; Treasurer, Karan Greenwald; Hospitality, Myrna Bossler; House, Margaret Cooper; Membership, Barbara Franklin; Ways & Means, Dorothea Laub.
**Nimitz Median update**

The project is in motion! Dick Lareau and Ned Doherty are getting price quotes for hardscape, landscaping, and a few sculptures for Phase I of the project, the median spanning from the Famosa bridge to West Point Loma. They hope to submit plans to the City of San Diego within the month.

As always, donations make these projects happen! If you would like to donate or have questions, e-mail Kerri De Rosier at kerriderosier@gmail.com.

**Town Hall Recap**

Thanks to all of the people and organizations who made the Town Hall forum possible:

*County Supervisor Greg Cox,* who swore in our new PLA Board of Directors and recognized outgoing board members

*Our speakers:* Michael Patton of Council Representative/Council President Pro Tem Kevin L. Faulconer’s office, who told us about chickens and goats in regard to the City of San Diego’s recently adopted Urban Agriculture Ordinance; Nicole Burgess with the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee for District 2; Robert Vacchi with Neighborhood Code Compliance; Beverly Klose with Neighborhood Watch

*Mayoral candidates* Bonnie Dumanis, Bob Filner, and Carl DeMaio – and late-comer Nathan Fletcher

*Information Table hosts* Point Loma Association Membership, La Playa Trail Association, Point Loma Assembly, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox, Point Loma Garden Club, Point Loma Summer Concerts, and Peninsula YMCA

*Raffle Prize donors* Cheryl & Jack and Linda Hamilton of Flirt in Point Loma, Patti Weaver of Alice Alfreda, Stan Miller of Good Point Gasoline & Mobile Auto Repair, Gabardine Restaurant, Barons Market

*Con Pane Rustic Breads and Cafe,* for donating bread; *Starbucks* for donating coffee

Thanks to new board member *Jana Garmo* for organizing the event!

**NBPL’s Environmental Restoration Project**

by Betty Schmucker, Sr. Scientist, Trevet Inc.

At Naval Base Point Loma Complex (NBPL), the Navy is pursuing environmental restoration activities as part of the Department of Defense’s Installation Restoration Program. Since the inception of the Installation Restoration Program, which is based on a federal law sometimes called “Superfund,” efforts have been underway to identify, assess, and address contaminated sites on NBPL. The Navy, in partnership with State regulatory agencies – California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board – is conducting the investigation and cleanup of these sites to protect human health and the environment.

The trains travel in time through a dairy farm, orange grove, rail yard, passenger station and freight station, and over bridges, through tunnels, and by lakes and waterfalls. Look closely inside the custom-made buildings, and you’ll see detailed artwork, working light fixtures and furnishings. The mural behind the layout hides their cluttered workshop and was created by High Tech High students.

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To better involve the community in the Installation Restoration process, the Navy has established a Restoration Advisory Board, or “RAB,” for NBPL. The RAB is a community stakeholder group that meets on a regular basis to discuss environmental restoration on NBPL. The RAB enables those interested in the environmental cleanup to exchange information with representatives of the Navy, state regulatory agencies, and the community. While the general public can comment on the Navy’s Installation Restoration Program, the RAB offers a focused and interactive opportunity to participate in the Installation Restoration process.

The NBPL RAB currently consists of ten community members as well as representatives of the Navy, DTSC, and the Water Board. The NBPL RAB held its first meeting on January 21, 2010. Since then, the RAB has held 14 meetings and two tours of the NBPL Installation Restoration sites. The RAB meets bimonthly, on the third Wednesday evening of the month, at the Southwestern Yacht Club. All RAB meetings are open to the public. Meetings are announced in the Community Calendar section of the Peninsula Beacon. The next RAB meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at 6 PM.

An environmental document collection for the NBPL Installation Restoration Program has been established at the Point Loma (Hervey) Public Library. Although the documents cannot be removed from the Library, they can be read there. The NBPL environmental document collection is located on the main floor of the Library near the Government Documents section.

If you have any questions about the RAB or the Navy’s Installation Restoration Program at NBPL, or would like to be added to the RAB mailing list, please contact Ms. Allison Basche at allison.basche@navy.mil.

**Another Marker on the La Playa Trail**

by Patti Adams

La Playa Trail Association completed yet another commemorative marker along the La Playa Trail and celebrated the opening on June 2. Located at the foot of Talbot Street at Anchorage Lane, adjacent to San Diego Yacht Club, the monument sits near the site where the Chinese had a fishing village from around 1860 to the early 1890s. A plaque within the monument states, “The village had ten shanties, drying racks and salting tanks. At the shore was a shipbuilding facility where Chinese junks were constructed in traditional design from China.”

The *Sun Yun Lee*, depicted in the center of the monument, was considered to be the finest junk built in all of California and was launched from the site in 1884. It was built of redwood with masts and rudders made of ironwood brought from China. The *Sun Yun Lee* and other junks sailed south along the Baja California coast to gather abalone. The fresh fish needs of all of San Diego were supplied by the Chinese. There was another Chinese village at the foot of Third Avenue near Chinatown where the abalone junks were anchored. Local merchants shipped marine products out of the Pacific Mail and Steamship Wharf at Fifth Avenue.

The trains and layouts aren’t as simple as you might think: they’re designed using CAD software and use various forms of electrical and computer power to run. (I got a lesson in AC/DC; DCC, TMCC, and TPC.)

The club exhibited its first layout at the Great Train Expo at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in December 2008 and has done so ever since. They also host exhibits at the Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park. Look for their layout there on Labor Day Weekend.

The club is looking to grow from 12 members and increase its visibility. They hope to host birthday parties for kids (they’re working on a “hardy” layout that kids can play with), and hold occasional workshops. Coming right up is the Southern California Model Railroad Tour on Saturday, July 14. Stop by between 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and take in the amazing display. You’ll feel like a kid again.

The club holds meetings once a month and is open on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons.

Bob Graves, Alex Sibbald, and Mike Forys, Treasurer, Secretary, and President (respectively) of the San Diego S-Gaugers.
By the early 1890s, the industry had to be abandoned due to the Chinese Exclusion Laws. The new monument commemorates the significant pioneering contributions of the 19th Century Chinese fishing and shipbuilding community of San Diego.

The monument consists of massive boulders surrounding a centerpiece featuring the Sun Yun Lee. It includes a bench where visitors can enjoy a view of the bay, meet friends, or rest and relax after a walk along the bay. It has taken several years of planning, fund raising, and ensuring broad support for the project to reach the point of completion.

Murray Lee, one of the principal Board members behind the monument project planned an exciting dedication ceremony complete with Chinese Lion Dancers. Mr. Lee is a prominent historian, curator of the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum, and recently authored the book *In Search of Gold Mountain, A History of the Chinese in San Diego.*

For more information about the Association and the history of the La Playa Trail, go to www.LaPlayaTrail.org.

Help PLA support the America's Finest City Half Marathon!

On Sunday, August 19, 2012, at 7:00 a.m., come out and help at the PLA water station at mile three of the America’s Finest City Marathon! Meet at the corner of Du Pont and Albion Streets in the Wooded Area. Imagine 7,000 people running through the streets of Point Loma – and pausing to thank you for a drink of water!

Be prepared to get wet. Bring your friends and family – and – 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 – free race T-shirts for all volunteers!

For information call Melanie Nickel at 619-225-8705.
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