It’s time for the 48th Annual PLA Dinner!

We’re off to a great start!

When PLA Annual Dinner Chair Karan Greenwald said she’d get over 20 table sponsors at $1,000 a piece, she meant it! As of this printing, she and her committee have secured 24 tables of ten! What does this mean to you? You’d better get your dinner reservation in soon!

The 48th Annual PLA Dinner is being held at the Kona Kai Resort on May 27, 2010. Details are in the enclosed invitation. You can look forward to a fun evening with TEN raffle trees, a silent auction, great food, and guest speaker Lynn Guidi, who will present a talk about the history of the Portuguese Community in Point Loma. This is a timely topic, as Point Loma’s Portuguese Community is celebrating its Centennial Festa!

The Raffle committee led by Cecilia Carrick is also off and running! Cecilia and her team have combed our community for fabulous silent auction and raffle prizes. And wait until you see the beautiful centerpieces created by the Mean Green Team! They used succulent cuttings mainly from “Celestial Gardens” (the Nimitz offramp) and planting soil donated by Home Depot. You might be lucky enough to purchase one at the dinner!

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- Produces the Point Loma Concert Series every summer
- Paints the utility boxes around town
- Placed the pretty bus benches and trash cans on Rosecrans
- Eliminates the blight of billboards, news racks, and graffiti
- Promotes the Peninsula’s interests with the city, county, and Federal government including the Navy
- Beautified the street signs in the Village
- Posted the welcoming “Point Loma” signs at Nimitz and Harbor Drive
- Maintains Point Loma’s banner district
- Holds Town Meetings each fall

Need any more convincing? Call Karan Greenwald at 619.224.0858 or e-mail kgreenwald@cox.net.

Please note: credit cards not accepted at the event. Bring cash to purchase drinks and lots of raffle tickets!

PLA Board Nominations
One of the items of business for the PLA Annual Dinner is nominating a new board.

We say goodbye to Tracy Morgan-Hollingworth, Bill Klees and Patti Adams, who have very ably served two consecutive four year terms. Newest member Joshua Cohen had to resign his term due to job changes. Beautification Chairman Ron Brooks has served one term and has chosen to not run again. And Tony Calabrese is running for another term. That leaves five openings, and we have five nominees!

David Crawford, a local attorney
Tommy Cardosa, a local Realtor and volunteer for our Concert Series
Malinda Dickenson, an attorney who serves on the YMCA Board of Directors
Carol Norman with Elite Escrow at Liberty Station
Mary Montanus, a local CPA who has volunteered to take the position of Treasurer.

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**Garden Award**

By Betty Allman and Judy Garrett

Peter & Karen Novak remodeled their home two years ago. Karen dug up all the existing plants, relocated them for a year, then, when the remodel was complete, replanted all her original plants (plus more) to create a beautiful cascade of yellow and blue perennial and native plants.

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Want to nominate a home with a lovely garden? Email Judy Garrett at judygarrett@cox.net.

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**Hugh Story Memorial Dedication**

ike Mayor Sanders said, it was a perfect day for such a momentous occasion. The skies were blue, water glistened in the channel, and family, dignitaries, community members and PLA members donned their sunglasses to await the Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden unveiling on March 19.

The idea was hatched at a Neighborhood Watch meeting over five years ago. The medians—composted of cracked asphalt, chipped paint and spraying weeds—were an eyesore that weren’t going to be improved any time soon by the city’s striped Cat of San Diego. So us neighbors took matters and our shovels into our own gloved hands.

It took a long time to figure out what we were required to do. We received wonderful assistance, as usual, from Matt Avbery of Councilman Faulconer’s office, who put us in contact with a Development Services representative. He laid out the requirements for our project: detailed drawings, approval from the Peninsula Community Planning Group, an Encroachment Maintenance Removal Agreement (EMRA), and a Traffic Control Permit.

I casually asked, “How much will this cost?” and was stunned by the answer: we were facing $1586 in permit fees without turning through a shovel!

Our thanks to Councilman Faulconer’s office for covering the fee for the EMRA, and to our own Point Loma Association for providing $500 to help with the Traffic Control Permit and plans. We couldn’t have done this project without their financial help.

Special thanks to Karen Davis and Jodie Bruhn, who provided invaluable planting advice—and the plants themselves! Karen Davis harvested them from the Nimitz offramp. Karen also donated mulch and other amendments—and she and Jodie turned shovels on “mulching day.”

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**Hugh Story Memorial Plaque**

They were there to celebrate the legacy of Hugh Story, Point Loma’s “Johnny Appleseed.” After many stops and starts, the Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden found a fitting resting place at the site of the WWII Submarine Memorial at NTC Park. The Memorial commemorates the 52 submarines lost during WWII.

A true “submariner,” Hugh secured the submarine periscope for the Point Loma Branch Library, volunteered his time with the Maritime Museum, and contributed memorabilia to the local submarine base. He spent the rest of his time tirelessly working for our community.

Through the Point Loma Association’s Beautification Committee and “Mean Green Team,” which he founded, Hugh took city properties that were often trash-filled and weedy and planted trees—over 700 of them.

“No one had more passion than Hugh Story,” said County Supervisor Greg Cox. “He would work out and perform for everyone else around him. If Hugh were here today, he would be embarrassed, but very proud.”

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**February 20, 5:30 p.m. – Chamber Restaurant Walk**

Meet at the Brigantine at 5:30 to get your passport to an evening of great food! Purchase $15 tickets that day or at Rosecrans Automotive, Matt Kalla’s State Farm office, Seaport Realtors, Union Bank, San Diego National Bank, or Carefree Vacations. Shuttle provided.

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**April 24, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – 9th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk**

Take home heirloom tomatoes, succulent dish gardens, container and garden plants, and fresh floral arrangements, all grown and/or created by Point Loma Garden Club members. Proceeds support Craniofacial Services at Rady Children’s Hospital in San Diego. Tickets are available at Waler Anderson Nursery, Mission Hills Nursery, Cottage Antiques located on Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach and online at www.pointlomagardenclub.org.

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**April 24, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – High Tech International Rummage Sales**

Donations requested; you can also rent a table for $30. To arrange for donation pickup, call 619.398.4906. At MTH - 2855 Farnsworth Road.

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**April 27, 10:15 a.m. – La Playa Trail Marker Dedication**

(See article on p. 4.)

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**May 27 – PLA Annual Dinner**

5:30 p.m. See enclosed invitation and article.

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**June 19 – Makua’s “Rockin’ Rumba” Humphrey’s Outdoor Concert Venue**

Rumba, salsa and tango the evening away while raising money for foster youth! Makua helps San Diego foster youth through its affiliation with Voices for Children, who works to place each child into a safe, permanent home. Order your tickets at www.makua.org.

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**June 26 – 31st Annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cookoff Festival**

A tradition for locals and tourists alike! Live music and entertainment, unique vendors, talented artists, thrilling rides, refreshing beer gardens, and so much more! On Newport Avenue and adjacent streets. Info at: OceanBeachSanDiego.com.
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**Hodad’s** – Mike Hardin

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**Old Venice Restaurant** – Karl and Kathy Walters

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**Pomadaro** – Fabio Specziali

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Beautification update
Thank you to County Supervisor Cox!! Over the past few decades, the Point Loma Association has spearheaded the planting of Jacaranda and Gold Medallion trees in the Point Loma Village along Rosecrans and along Cañon Street. In the recent past, PLA has counted on City contractors to trim the trees. Now, those funds are gone. The PLA is again adjusting its budget, as it has done in the past, to schedule trimming of these trees on a three year cycle. Supervisor Cox has stepped up with $4,866 in grant funds to help us trim 104 Jacarandas and 26 Gold Medallions this year. Sincere thanks to Supervisor Cox for this generous gift!

Get your Beautification Award Nominations in! Deadline: April 30
This is your chance to recognize outstanding buildings, landscape, water conservation, eco friendly gardens, and neighborhood service for special PLA Awards. The nominators will be announced at our Annual Dinner at the Kona Kai Club on May 27. Pictures of the awards will be shown on a large screen in the dining area. Enter your nominations now.

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Celisse Triplet contacted Gus' owners about painting a mural on the walls in the parking lot. At Cecilia Carrick’s suggestion, Kent DeRouiller contacted PLHS art teacher Sean Watts and Art History teacher William Bowles to see if students would be interested in painting a mural at the site. The answer was a definite yes—and the project has been expanded to placing large panels at the back of the parking lot. Pictured here is the first completed panel, which features Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo’s landing, Kumeyaay Indians, Father Juniparo Serra, and De Portola: More in the Summer issue.

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The Red Sails Inn—Stefan Jacob

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“I couldn’t think of a better spot to honor Hugh Story,” said Councilman Kevin Faulconer. “He was a giant in Point Loma. This Memorial will help the community learn about Hugh and what he meant to the community. My kids call this ‘Hugh Park.’”

It was Marilyn Story’s turn at the mic. Much shorter than the dignitaries, she shouted, “Here I am!” as she climbed up to the podium. Mrs. Story thanked everyone for the lovely rose garden and Councilman Faulconer for giving Hugh the support he needed to do his many projects. “The Mean Green Team is the backbone of beautification,” she said. “In India, Hugh got elephants to do the work; here – it’s the Mean Green Team.” Mrs. Story offered special thanks to Karen Davis, “Who,” she said, “negotiated with calmness and dignity – all the changes in design. … She’s tall and can reach all the places I can’t,” she joked. “Like Hugh would say, ‘the job isn’t done until it’s tied up. This job is tied up.”
Chairman’s Message
Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s try again!”
— Robin Williams
I hope you all have your reservations in for our annual dinner on May 27th. We are back at the Kona Kai Resort this year and we can thank Karen Greenwald and her team for putting together a fantastic event.

Hollywood may have the Oscars, but Point Loma has its own celebration of the accomplishments of our members, businesses and organizations. The annual dinner is our opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of our volunteers and to thank all of our members who support the Point Loma Association.

Thank you to Karen Davis and the members of her committee for their work on the Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden. The dedication ceremony was a wonderful event on a perfect San Diego day, and the rose garden is a fitting tribute to a man who personified service and dedication to his community.

Take a look at the street banners around Point Loma. They salute the 100th Festa of the Portuguese Community in San Diego on May 23, 2010. I hope you’ll all come out to see the procession from the Portuguese Hall to St. Agnes Church that Sunday.

It has been an honor serving as Chair of the PLA this past year and I want to say thank you to all of our board members for their hard work and support. I need to particularly acknowledge the board members whose terms have expired and are leaving the board this year: Bill Kline, Patt Adams, Ron Brooks and Tracey Morgan Hollingsworth. I can’t say enough about the dedication these individuals have to bettering our Point Loma Community.

To Patt and Bill post board chairs, special thanks for your knowledge and support. You were a tremendous help to me this past year.

I hope to see you all on May 27th.
— Tony Calabrese

Garden Award
By Betty Allman and Judy Garrett
Peter & Karen Novak remodeled their home two years ago. Karen dug up all the existing plants, relocated them for a year, then, when the remodel was complete, replanted all her original plants plus more to create a beautiful cascade of yellow and blue perennials and native plants.

Two Black Pines grace the front yard and a blue Jacaranda holds a special spot. There’s a front yard submarine periscope for the Point Loma neighborhood. The house is located on Sorrento in Point Loma.

Want to nominate a home with a lovely garden? Email Judy Garrett at judy@pointlomafn.net.

Hugh Story Memorial Dedication
ike Mayor Sanders said, it was a perfect day for such a momentous occasion. The skies were blue, water glistened in the channel, and family, dignitaries, community members and PLA members donned their sunglasses to watch the Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden unveiling on March 19.

They were there to celebrate the legacy of Hugh Story, Point Loma’s “Johnny Appleseed.” After many stops and starts, the Hugh Story Memorial Rose Garden found a fitting resting place at the site of the WWII Submarine Memorial at NTC Park. The Memorial commemorates the 52 submarines lost during WWII.

A true “submariner,” Hugh secured the submarine periscope for the Point Loma Branch Library, volunteered his time with the Maritime Museum, and contributed memorabilia to the local submarine base. He spent the rest of his time tirelessly working for our community.

Through the Point Loma Association’s Beautification Committee and “Mean Green Team,” which he founded, Hugh took city properties that were often trash-filled and weedy and planted trees—over 700 of them.

“No one had more passion than Hugh Story,” said County Supervisor Greg Cox. “He would out-work and out-perform everyone else around him. If Hugh were alive today, we would have just as many, if not more, people out there working.”

The idea was hatched at a Neighborhood Watch meeting over five years ago. The medians—composed of cracked asphalt, chipped paint and sprouting weeds—were an eyesore that weren’t going to be improved any time soon by the cash-strapped City of San Diego. So our neighbors took matters and our shovels into our own gloved hands.

It took a long time to figure out what we were required to do. We received wonderful assistance, as usual, from Matt Avby of Councilman Faulconer’s office, who put us in contact with a Development Services representative. He laid out the requirements for our project: detailed drawings, approval from the Peninsula Community Planning Group, an Encroachment Maintenance Removal Agreement (EMRA), and a Traffic Control Permit.

I casually asked, “How much will this cost?” and was stunned by the answer: we were facing $1586 in permit fees without turning a shovel!

Our thanks to Councilman Faulconer’s office for covering the fee for the EMRA, and to our own Point Loma Association for providing $550 to help with the Traffic Control Permit and plans. We couldn’t have done this project without their financial help.

Special thanks to Karen Davis and Jodie Bruhn, who provided invaluable planting advice—and the plants themselves! Karen Davis harvested them from the Nimitz offramp. Karen also donated mulch and other amendments—and she and Jodie turned shovels on “mulching day.”

This project is a testament to what neighbors can do to improve the quality of life in their community. Stop by and check it out!

Top left: The median today: stamped, colored concrete, and succulents donated by the PLA. A plaque celebrating the dedication and acknowledging everyone involved.

Above: Project Manager John Benya cuts the ribbon at our Dedication Ceremony! We were honored to have Councilman Faulconer and Matt Avby attend, along with many PLA members.

La Playa Trail Association Meeting
Meet second Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
1075 Stanton Street
Charles Best, 223-3418

Point Loma Association Meeting
Meet second Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
UPSES Hall
Beautification Committee
Meet Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
San Diego Yacht Club
It’s time for the 48th Annual PLA Dinner!

When PLA Annual Dinner Chair Karan Greenwald said she’d get over 20 table sponsors at $1,000 a piece, she meant it! As of this printing, she and her committee have secured 24 tables of ten! What does this mean to you? You’d better get your dinner reservation in soon!

The 48th Annual PLA Dinner is being held at the Kona Kai Resort on May 27, 2010. Details are in the enclosed invitation. You can look forward to a fun evening with TEN raffle trees, a silent auction, great food, and guest speaker Lynn Guidi, who will present a talk about the history of the Portuguese Community in Point Loma. This is a timely topic, as Point Loma’s Portuguese Community is celebrating its Centennial Festa!

The Raffle committee led by Cecilia Carrick is also off and running! Cecilia and her team have combed our community for fabulous silent auction and raffle prizes.

And wait until you see the beautiful centerpiece pieces created by the Mean Green Team! They used succulent cuttings mainly from “Celestial Gardens” (the Nimitz offramp) and planting soil donated by Home Depot. You might be lucky enough to purchase one at the dinner!

Why go and invite everyone you know? Because the PLA:

- Plants and preserves gardens all over Point Loma
- Produces the Point Loma Concert Series every summer
- Paints the utility boxes around town
- Placed the pretty bus benches and trash cans on Rosecrans
- Eliminates the blight of billboards, news racks, and graffiti
- Promotes the Peninsula’s interests with the city, county, and Federal government including the Navy
- Beautified the street signs in the Village
- Posted the welcoming “Point Loma” signs at Nimitz and Harbor Drive
- Maintains Point Loma’s banner district
- Holds Town Meetings each fall

Need any more convincing? Call Karan Greenwald at 619.224.0858 or e-mail kgreenwald@cox.net.

Please note: credit cards not accepted at the event. Bring cash to purchase drinks and lots of raffle tickets!