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“This will be the 7th completed building in the 26-building Civic, Arts and Culture District,” said Alan Ziter, Executive Director, NTC Foundation. “It provides us an opportunity to create a prototype of a landmark art and design center in barracks buildings along the North Promenade.”

The building’s two lobbies feature a curated history exhibit telling the story of life as a Recruit at the Naval Training Center. Historian Jennifer Garey of Arts & Antiques oversaw the development of the exhibit.

“Preserving not only these historic buildings, but also the legacy of those who served at NTC, is an important part of NTC Foundation’s mission,” said Ziter. Individuals seeking studios, as well as commercial tenant prospects that would serve the needs of an art and design district, can contact Alan Ziter at aziter@ntcfoundation.org or (619) 573-9315.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
The annual PLA Dinner is set for Tuesday, May 19. Dorothea Laub and her committee are hard at work on a fabulous evening!
Contact Dorothea at (619) 226-1333 to volunteer or sponsor a table. For more information, go to plaweb.org.
The contract has been signed for the new La Playa Trails marker at Rosecrans in front of Union Bank of California. Thanks to Patti Adams and Klone Kunzel of the La Playa Trail Association for their hard work on this project and to Union Bank manager, Sharon Jenkins for her help with expediting the approval process.
Your PLA Board of Directors is pleased to nominate Cecilia Carrick, Linda Fox, and Tricia Cravens Worley for the 2009-2010 Board of Directors. The vote will take place at the Annual Dinner. We appreciate their willingness to serve our community and help us improve the quality of life on the Point.
We thank outgoing Board members Dee Kettenberg, Myrna Bosslor, and Riba Moller Dee served on the nominating and membership committees, and began the tradition of Lighting up the Village for the holidays. We thank Myrna for her service on the membership committee, and Riba for her help with the Annual Dinner. Maureen Summers is graciously taking over Dorothea’s remaining term on the board. There isn’t enough room here to list all of Dorothea’s accomplishments on behalf of the PLA. Thank you, Dorothea.

Martha Phillips and the many volunteers on her Pt. Loma Summer Concerts Committee have a wonderful lineup of musicians for the Pt. Loma Concert Series on July 17 – August 14 at Pt. Loma Park. Look at the enclosed article for more information.

Patti Adams and her membership committee have been meeting throughout the year to renew memberships and attract new members. Membership information is available at plaweb.org or by contacting any board member. Membership is the life blood of our association, and in these difficult economic times, we appreciate members upgrading their membership. The new business cards and membership cards are especially noteworthy. Thank you to Vice Chair Tony Calabrese for developing and printing them!

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CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS
Meets third Thursday, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Pt. Loma Library 3701 Voltaire Street
Meets fourth Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Masonic Center 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Jim Musgrove, jimmusgrove@mac.com

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Look inside for your invitation to the Point Loma Annual Dinner Spring Fling! It’s being held May 19, 2009 at the Marriott Courtyard Ballroom at Liberty Station, 2692 Lanning Road.

As you arrive, you will be greeted with music by the Point Loma High School jazz band. We are very excited to have Noah Tafolla of the KPBS program Wonderland as our guest speaker. Noah will discuss our WonderFUL community of Point Loma and share a video.

Karan Cooper, raffle chairperson, has a very different and fun approach that you’ll have to see to believe. Think trees adorned with gift certificates for restaurants, shops - and much more! There will be a maximum of 10 raffle prizes and you can participate in the drawing for the prize of your choice. Please contact Karan Cooper at karancooper@cox.net if you have gift cards to donate, or want to help collect them.

The dinner menu consists of salad and you can choose between grilled salmon over grilled corn and asparagus, served with risotto and tropical salsa, or grilled ribeye steak over mashed potatoes, mushrooms with garlic and spinach. Both dinners come with veggies of the day and New York Cheesecake.

The reserved tables ($1,000 for 10 dinners) are going fast with over 50% pre-sold. We are encouraging an early reservation. See the invitation for the list of our wonderful sponsors. It isn’t too late to be a sponsor.

Doors open at 5:30; dinner begins at 7:00.

Meet Noah Tafolla: “I am a local film maker producing a television show called Wonderland. Wonderland is about the neighborhoods of San Diego. I’ve been in San Diego my whole life. My grandparents came in the 40’s and we never left. I grew up in Ocean Beach, attended Ocean Beach Elementary and graduated from Point Loma High. I have a wife and three children and I still make Ocean Beach my home. My goal with Wonderland is to preserve and share the rich history of San Diego before it’s all forgotten! Wonderland airs on KPBS in San Diego and KAET in Arizona.”

From your PLA Nominating Committee:

Even though we’ll all be at the dinner having a great time, there will some official business. The nominating committee has filled three vacant spots on the Executive Board. Tricia Craven Worley, Cecilia Carrick and Linda Fox have been nominated to fill the positions vacated by Dee Kettenburg, Myrna Bossler, and Rita Moller. Maureen Summers will serve the two years remaining in Dorothy Laub’s term. We thank Dorothy for her efforts on the Executive Board and nominating committee, and Dee, Myrna, and Rita for their service.