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Reserve your seats and tables now for our 46th Annual Meeting aboard the Inspiration Hornblower!

We have reserved the elegant yacht again this year for a wonderful moonlight cruise – because there will be a full moon illuminating the spectacular sites around the Bay.

Throughout the evening, you can go to the bridge and meet with the captain, who will answer all of your questions about the 222 foot Catamaran style superyacht, and visit with friends and neighbors from the enclosed ballroom-like decks with enormous bay view windows.

Our program will showcase and celebrate our latest accomplishments and recognize outstanding projects and people throughout our community.

The agenda for our meeting is as follows:

5:00 p.m. Point Loma High School Band with Music Director John Dally on the gangway

5:30 p.m. Boarding and check in for table and bidder numbers and complimentary glass of champagne; no host cocktails during the Silent Auction

6:30 p.m. Inspiration leaves the dock

7:00 p.m. Dinner bell and close of the Silent Auction

7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting and Program begins

9:00 p.m. Inspiration returns to the Pier, auction check out and disembarking

Our menu includes Classic Ceasar Salad, fresh vegetable saute and chocolate-pear caramel torte with your choice of: grilled flat iron steak with red eye gravy and caramelized onions with roasted red potatoes; grilled chicken breast finished with spinach, feta and roasted red pepper sauce with red potatoes au gratin; or portobello mushroom ravioli served on a bed of wilted spinach, with fresh chopped tomato and basil and a white wine sauce.

You can make your reservations for the evening online through our web site at www.plaweb.org. The web site is secure and accepts your Mastercard or Visa card. Not only can you purchase tickets or tables, you can also donate to the Silent Auction, see what has already been donated, and renew your membership for July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

Of course, you can also complete the enclosed reservation envelope and mail your check to Pam Kelly.

Tickets are limited to the first 500, so please reserve early. Ticket prices are $75 each prior to May 6, 2008 and $85 each after that date. Tables are set for 10 guests and you are welcome to request seating with your friends and neighbors on the reservation form or online. There is free parking available in the County lot across the street from the Inspiration Pier, metered parking (until 6:00) along Harbor Drive, and there is an easy drop off in front of the ship. The address for the Inspiration is 1800 N. Harbor Drive on the Grape Street Pier (across from the San Diego County Administration Building).

A highlight of the evening is always the Silent Auction. It is our primary fundraiser of the year and provides the much needed funds to start new projects, maintain existing projects, and expand our efforts in the Community. Your donation of an auction item, gift certificates, sponsorships, and cash are greatly needed and appreciated to continue to fulfill our mission of maintaining and improving the quality of life in Point Loma. We know that you will continue your generous support this year.

Our Auction Catalog will be online at www.plaweb.org and at a variety of locations throughout the Village so you can highlight the items you won’t want to miss during the auction. Here are a few of the fabulous items that have been donated so far:

- US Open Torrey Pines 2008 admission voucher for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which includes an air conditioned hospitality package and all food and beverages.

Who We Are

Point Loma Association was organized in 1961. Originally called “Point Loma Village Beautiful,” we were primarily concerned with the aesthetics of the Village.

Today, in addition to beautifying the Peninsula, PLA represents the community through direct involvement with agencies of federal, state and local governments, the Port District, the San Diego Unified School District, the Peninsula Community Planning Board, and others who directly affect our quality of life.

PLA Membership consists of residents and local businesses working together. We donate time, effort and money to make the Peninsula a better place in which to live and work. Annual Membership is $30. We appreciate donations at additional support levels: $1,000 Platinum, $500 Gold, $250 Silver, and $100 Bronze. Our membership year is July 1 through June 30. To request a membership brochure, please call Patti Adams at (619) 887-9313, or go to our web site at www.PLAweb.org and click on “Join the PLA.”

Our Mission:

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The 7th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk

The 7th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Loma Portal neighborhood of Point Loma. The Walk, presented by the Dana Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, benefits Craniosfacial Services at Rady Children’s Hospital, San Diego. Last year, the walk raised $20,000. The event includes garden and home tours and the Garden Boutique at 3215 Tennyson Street with unique garden gifts created by local artists. For the first year, this Walk will also feature the Pt. Loma Garden Club’s Plant Sale.

You can purchase tickets in advance for $15 at Walter Anderson Nursery in Point Loma, Mission Hills Nursery on Pt. Stockton Dr., Cottage Antiques in Ocean Beach, or Armstrong Garden Center on W. Moreno. Tickets are $20 for the event at the corner of Tennyson and Evergreen Streets, where you can find maps for the walk. For more information or tickets, call (619) 225-0459 or go to www.pointlomagardenswalk.com.

Makua raises funds for Voices for Children

Makua’s 55th annual dinner-dance to benefit foster children in San Diego will be held at NTC Promenade in Point Loma on May 31. Fundraising co-directors Maria Herman, Kris Barry and Heidi Grady aim to raise more than $30,000 at the event benefiting Voices for Children.

The event features Calamity Jane’s Happy Hour, Wild Bill’s picture “Shooting Gallery,” Coyote Ugly dancers – and San Diego’s own jailhouse rocker Lacy Younger, a rising star in the recording industry. For ticket information or donations, contact Kris Barry at (619) 222-2075.

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Point Loma Community Fair Seeks Volunteers

The 11th Annual Point Loma Community Fair is on September 13, 2008. The Fair, sponsored by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, has a new name and venue at Liberty Station.

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We also need volunteers to provide PLA brochure information at our fair booth. Contact Bill Klee at (619) 225-8200 ext. 10.

Point Loma Summer Concerts

July 18: Portobello Bob and Down to the Bone – Traditional New Orleans Brass, Blues, and Boogie. www.portobellobob.com


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Solar Opens at NTC Promenade
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Leaftale Plumbing emloyees hang pipe over the edge of Famousa Bridge.

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Left to right: Matt Awbry from Councilman Faulconer’s office, Karen Davis, Celeste Trepte, Moises Sanchez of Total Green Landscape, Usha Little of Urban Corps, Jodie Bruhn

Trees, shrubs and bougainvillea are ready for spring!
**PLA News**

**Around town... Happenings in Point Loma**

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**Joe Watkins has been our treasurer for several years and heads the Finance Committee.**

**Board member Barbara Morton has been serving as our Communications Chair.** She needs volunteers to help keep our web site up to date and to publicize PLA activities. To volunteer, call Barbara Morton at (858) 268-1030.

**This year’s Annual Dinner Chair is Martha Phillips.** Many of our directors have started as volunteers on the Annual Dinner committee and moved up to larger responsibilities and Board membership. At this year’s dinner, you can help greet guests, staff registration and assist with the auction – contact Martha Phillips at (619) 523-3787.

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**Welcome Tom Workman**

The Air Race follows the ever-popular Sea & Air Parade at 11:00, when the U.S. Navy parades down The Big Bay. The best viewing will be from Shelter Island, Harbor Island, the Point Loma Yacht Club, and the Fish Market Restaurant. For the complete Fleet Week schedule, go to http://www.fleetweeksandiego.org/events.html.

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**San Salvador**

In their quest to replicate the ship that brought the Europeans to America, the San Salvador Project opened its doors to the public. The vessel now rests in the Port of San Diego, where it can be visited by the general public.

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For information, e-mail info@solarelounge.com, go to www.solarelounge.com, or call (619) 270-9670.

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**NTC Park Phase II**

Councilman Kevin Faulconer announced that the City received funds to begin Phase II of NTC Park – making all 46 acres of the park open to the public. The park will have a restroom, play structure, and more open space. The projected opening date is Summer of 2009.

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**Fleet Week**

In a community accustomed to seeing sailboats navigate around buoys, airplanes flying around huge inflatable pylons comes a double-take: On May 3-4, the Red Bull Air Race kicks off this year’s Fleet Week, the largest event honoring the military in the United States. The race, promoted by the San Diego International Sports Council, pits 14 of the world’s best pilots in lightweight race planes against each other on a 1.5 course on San Diego Bay.

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**Solare Opens at NTC Promenade**

Owners Robert Ruffini and Stefano Ceresoli announce the opening of Solare Ristorante and Lounge at NTC Promenade. The restaurant opens for lunch on March 24 from 11:00 to 4:00 and begins serving dinner on April 1.

The restaurant will serve the latest in contemporary gourmet Italian cuisine created by Executive Chefs Stefano Ceresoli and Mark Pelliccia.

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**Fresh & Easy/Peept’s Coffee**

Neighbors lamenting the loss of grocery shopping options south of Nimitz are anxiously awaiting the new grocery store that is opening at 3280 Roosevelt Road. NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, Point Loma

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Stop by and welcome Superintendent Workman!
The secure web site accepts your credit card. Choose the ticket option you want and click Buy Tickets to Event. Then, click at Dinner NOW and SAVE!

Meet the third Thursday, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Pt. Loma Library 3701 Voltaire Street

Planning Board Peninsula Community Meets quarterly on first Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Peninsula Community Service Center 3740 Sports Arena Blvd. Lydia Goularte-Ruiz, 533-5170

Midway Planning Advisory Committee Meets second Wednesday 3:00 p.m. Point Loma Library 3701 Virginia Street

North Bay Redevelopment PAC Meets quarterly on first Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Point Loma Library 3701 Virginia Street

Peninsula Community Planning Board Meets third Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Point Loma Library 3701 Virginia Street

Point Loma Association Meeting 2nd Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Bald Hill Restaurant 2230 Shelter Island Dr. Rick Keys, 224-8360

 Beautification Committee 1st Tues., 6:00 a.m. SDYC Run Brooks, 224-9912

July 18: Portenhouse Bob and Down to the Bone – Traditional New Orleans Brass, Blues, and Boogie. www.portenhousebob.com


August 8: The Screamin’ Primas – This 8-piece Swing band is a tribute to Louis Prima’s late 1950s Las Vegas night club show. www.screaminprimas.com/screaminprimas/index.asp

August 15: Rockola – Classic Rock hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s. www.rockola.com

For more information: go to www.plconcerts.org. To volunteer, call Klonic Kunzel at (619) 222-1950.

Reserve your place at the Annual Dinner NOW and SAVE!

Remember, the price goes up May 6. Go to www.plaweb.org.

Click Donate Auction Item or Service, then click Buy Tickets to Event. Choose the ticket option you want. The secure web site accepts your Mastercard or Visa card.

7th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk

The 7th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Loma Portal neighborhood of Point Loma. The Walk, presented by the Dana Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, benefits Craniofacial Services at Rady Children’s Hospital, San Diego. Last year, the walk raised $20,000. The event includes garden and home tours and the Garden Boutique at 3215 Tenensy Street with unique garden gifts created by local artists. For the first time, this year’s Boutique will also feature the Pt. Loma Garden Club’s Plant Sale.

You can purchase tickets in advance for $15 at Walter Anderson Nursery in Point Loma, Mission Hills Nursery on Pt. Stockton Dr., Cottage Antiques in Ocean Beach, or Armstrong Garden Center on W. Moreno. Tickets are $20 the day of the event at the corner of Tenensy and Evergreen Streets, where you can find maps for the walk. For more information or tickets, call (619) 225-0459 or go to www.pointlomagardenswalk.com.

Makua raises funds for Voices for Children

Makua’s 55th annual dinner-dance to benefit foster children in San Diego will be held at NTC Promenade in Point Loma on May 31. Fundraising co-directors Maria Herman, Kris Barry and Heidi Grady aim to raise more than $30,000 at the event benefiting Voices for Children.

The event features Calamity Jane’s Happy Hour, Wild Bill’s picture ‘Shooting Gallery,’ Coyote Ugly dancers – and San Diego’s own jailhouse rocker Lacy Younger, a rising star in the recording industry. For ticket information or donations, contact Kris Barry at (619) 222-2075.

Voices for Children is a private, nonprofit organization devoted to providing advocacy and mentoring services to San Diego’s foster children. Through a network of highly trained, volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASAs, Voices for Children works with the courts to ensure the best possible outcome for San Diego County’s abused, abandoned and neglected children.

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We also need to volunteer to provide PLA brochures and information at our fair booth. Contact Bill Klees at (619) 225-8200 ext. 10.

Here’s the lineup for the 2008 season!

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By Martha Phillips

Reserve your seats and tables now for our 46th Annual Meeting aboard the Inspiration Hornblower! We have reserved the elegant yacht again this year for a wonderful moonlight cruise – full because there will be a full moon illuminating the spectacular sites around the Bay.

Throughout the evening, you can go to the bridge and meet with the captain, who will answer all of your questions about the 222 foot Catamaran style superyacht, and visit with friends and neighbors from the enclosed ballroom-like decks with enormous bay view windows.

Our program will showcase and celebrate our latest accomplishments and recognize outstanding projects and people throughout our community.

The agenda for our meeting is as follows:

5:00 p.m. Point Loma High School Band with Music Director John Dally on the gangway
5:30 p.m. Boarding and check in for table and bidder numbers and complimentary glass of champagne; no host cocktails during the Silent Auction
6:30 p.m. Inspiration leaves the dock
7:00 p.m. Dinner bell and close of the Silent Auction
7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting and Program begins
9:00 p.m. Inspiration returns to the Pier, auction check out and disembarking

Our menu includes Classic Caesar Salad, fresh vegetable saute and chocolate-pear caramel torte with your choice of: grilled flat iron steak with red eye gravy and caramelized onions with roasted red potatoes; grilled chicken breast finished with spinach, feta and roasted red pepper sauce with red potatoes au gratin; or portobello mushroom ravioli served on a bed of wilted spinach, with fresh chopped tomato and basil and a white wine sauce.

You can make your reservations for the evening online through our website at www.plaweb.org. The web site is secure and accepts your Mastercard or Visa card. Not only can you purchase tickets or tables, you can also donate to the Silent Auction, see what has already been donated, and renew your membership for July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

Of course, you can also complete the enclosed reservation envelope and mail your check to Pam Kelly.

Tickets are limited to the first 500, so please reserve early. Ticket prices are $75 each prior to May 6, 2008 and $85 each after that date. Tables are set for 10 guests and you are welcome to request seating with your friends and neighbors on the reservation form or online. There is free parking available in the County lot across the street from the Inspiration Pier, metered parking (until 6:00) along Harbor Drive, and there is an easy drop off in front of the ship. The address for the Inspiration is 1800 N. Harbor Drive on the Grape Street Pier (across from the San Diego County Administration Building).

A highlight of the evening is always the Silent Auction. It is our primary fundraiser of the year and provides the much needed funds to start new projects, maintain existing projects, and expand our efforts in the Community. Your donation of an auction item, gift certificates, sponsorships, and cash are greatly needed and appreciated to continue to fulfill our mission of maintaining and improving the quality of life in Point Loma. We know that you will continue your generous support this year.

Our Auction Catalog will be online at www.plaweb.org and at a variety of locations throughout the Village so you can highlight the items you won’t want to miss during the auction. Here are a few of the fabulous items that have been donated so far:

- US Open Torrey Pines 2008 admission voucher for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which includes an air conditioned hospitality package and all food and beverages.

Who We Are

Point Loma Association was organized in 1961. Originally called “Point Loma Village Beautiful,” we were primarily concerned with the aesthetics of the Village.

Today, in addition to beautifying the Peninsula, PLA represents the community through direct involvement with agencies of federal, state and local governments, the Port District, the San Diego Unified School District, the Peninsula Community Planning Board, and others who directly affect our quality of life.

PLA Membership consists of residents and local businesses working together. We donate time, effort and money to make the Peninsula a better place in which to live and work. Annual Membership is $30.

We appreciate donations at additional support levels: $1,000 Platinum, $500 Gold, $250 Silver, and $100 Bronze. Our membership year is July 1 through June 30. To request a membership brochure, please call Patti Adams at (619) 887-9313, or go to our web site at www.PLAweb.org and click on “Join the PLA.”

Our Mission:

PLA is an organization of residents and local businesses committed to improving the quality of life in Point Loma through beautification, education, charitable activities and civic collaboration.