Point Loma Assembly

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Come celebrate the season with your neighbors and community

Join us!

Point Loma Assembly's

Holiday Open House

Mark your calendars for the event of the year!

🎄Thursday, Dec. 11 • 4:30 – 6:30 PM🎄

3035 Talbot St - Point Loma

Enjoy delicious food, desserts, refreshments, art exhibits, Christmas carolers, + displays from our generous sponsors.

✨ This is a free community event – everyone's invited✨

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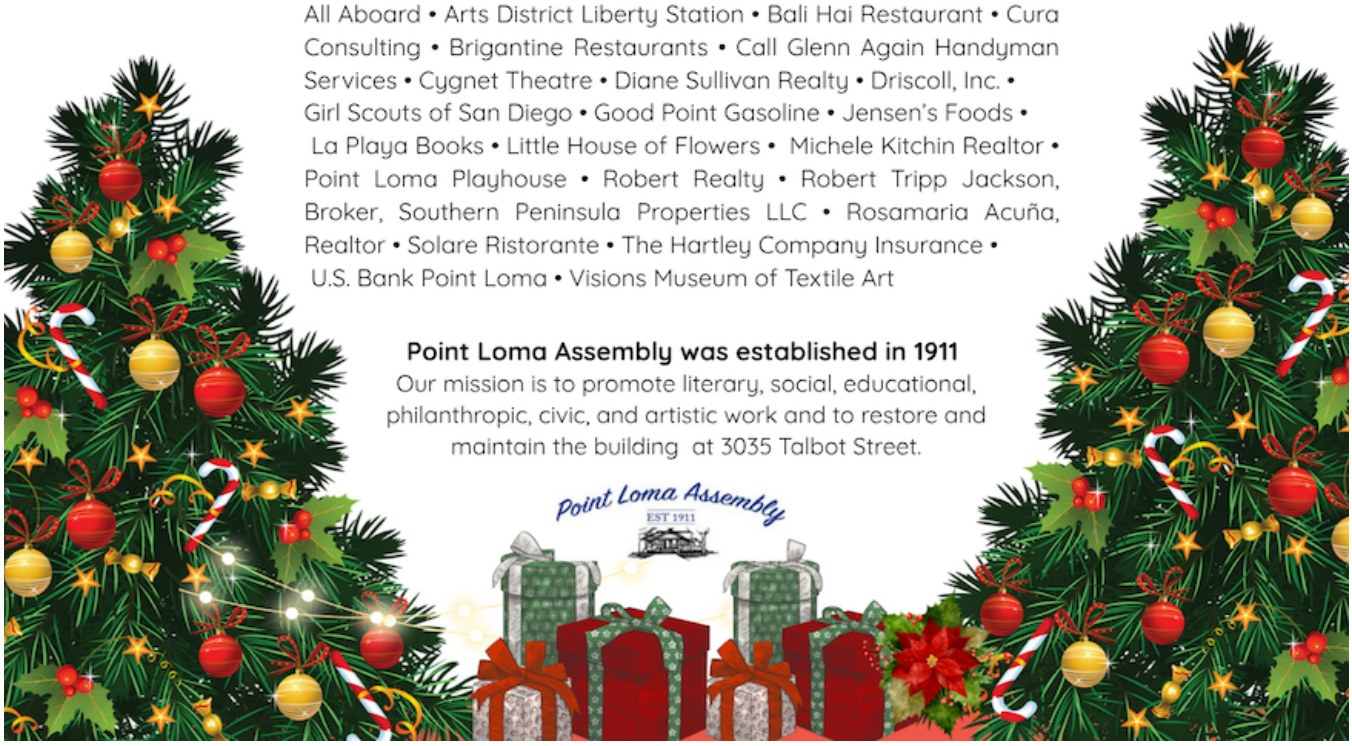
Point Loma Assembly was established in 1911

Our mission is to promote literary, social, educational, philanthropic, civic, and artistic work and to restore and maintain the building at 3035 Talbot Street.



Point Loma Assembly is fortunate to have strong community collaboration with the Laub Family Trust, the Point Loma Foundation, Point Loma Optimist Club, Point Loma Rotary and POPS.

Message from the President

by Pam Fuchs

December 11 will be a special day at the Assembly. Our Holiday Open House will feature our Business Sponsors. We will have food, drink , things to buy, people to see and old friends to catch up with. La Playa Books will have local authors, Jill Hall and Richard Opper on hand to sign copies of their latest books. Bring a friend and enjoy the Open House.

I have had a conversation with Santa, and I have asked for a few things:

Please consider making your year-end gift to the Legacy fund. The fund provides the money for the ongoing restoration of the Assembly Hall.

Please continue to support the ACCESS Committee work benefiting the students at Cabrillo Elementary. Thank you to Pam Hamilton Lester for her generous donation of a book for each child for Christmas.

Please continue to read the Assembly Newsletter for activities and meetings.

Check carefully about our January Meeting. It will be on January 15 and held over two hours at lunch time. We will call it Lunch and Learn.

Please give a pat on the back to Lynda Cook, our volunteer Newsletter editor and publisher and a thank you to Michelle Cayton, our rental manager who keeps the Hall beautiful and filled with rentals, and to Rachel Ohalek, our bookkeeper who keeps our books in perfect order.

At this time, I will wish you a heartfelt Happy Holiday. It is a time to gather with family and friends and to be thankful for each other.

Accepting Grant Applications for 2026

by Carolyn Bick, Grant Committee Chair

The Point Loma Assembly Grant Committee is currently accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations that positively impact our local community. Grant applications will be accepted until March 15, 2026.

Grant application forms and criteria can be found on our website at: ***pontlomaassembly.org*** under the Philanthropy tab.

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RENT THE ASSEMBLY Rate is $480 for four hours. Discount for charitable organizations. Visit *pointlomaassembly.org/rentals.*

At Our November Meeting…

The San Diego Ballet entertained us while Solare fed us and Visions Museum of Textile Art showed us wearable art and APT4Music played music while we mingled.

Legacy Fund

by Victory Lareau, Legacy Fund Chair

It's that time of year again! December brings thoughts of gift getting and gifts GIVING! Your membership in Point Loma Assembly has added great value to the community by our commitment to Cabrillo Elementary school--we also support many endeavors in Point Loma (*Summer Concerts, etc*.), and we patronize our growing list of business sponsors! We continue to upgrade and maintain our clubhouse (*foundation work, A/C, chimney repair, plumbing etc*). The aging of our lovely hall requires our board of directors to approve unanticipated projects with the guidance of maintaining the original Craftsman architectural styling--inside and out.

This year we will focus on adding a small furniture setting in front of the fireplace! The reception area will invite guests to sit in new leather loveseats set on a vintage design area rug and lit by Tiffany style floor lamps! The pieces can be rearranged to suit every event. I hope you will share our vision of a welcome to our beautiful vintage home!

We have also ordered a dozen dining chairs to go around our dining table for the many meetings held in the building.

Our LEGACY FUND will pay for these interior furnishings. It was created to enhance those special house items beyond budgeted and maintenance items. I hope you will help us by donating to this year's fund. All contributions are fully tax deductible by the IRS to our 501(c)(3) status and Tax ID#95-2477318.

Naming rights on all new items will be available to those who donate at the cost of each item. Engraved plaques will definitely have snob appeal!

Thank you for considering a donation to the LEGACY FUND to enhance this historic community building--the home of Point Loma Assembly!

Welcome New Business Sponsor

Eleanor Snyder of Cura Consulting

Cura Home Health Inc. has been providing quality personal In-Home health care for individuals and their families for over 30 years in San Diego County. They provide personnel to assist clients in their homes. assisted living facilities, health care facilities as well as companion care during hospital stays. Born and raised in Southern California, Care Manager Eleanor Snyder has over 25 years of experience in the Home Care Industry. She brings a depth of knowledge, passion for those in the aged community and a depth of practical application in helping families with the processes of Long Term Care Policies (LTC). Her hobbies are many but her passion lies in her community service. She has served as President/Director of various PTO's in Point Loma, a member of Soroptimist International, as well as a volunteer in her church. Located at 2922 Panorama Crest, Escondido, CA 92029. Phone 619-323-4427 or online at eleanorsnyder@curahomehealth.net.

Membership Update

by Sally A. Bixler, Membership Chair

Please Welcome Eleanor Snyder of Cura Consulting and Sibilia Reyes and Shauna Brown of All Aboard Charcuterie and Provisions as the newest Business Sponsors of Point Loma Assembly. They bring us up to 23 Business Sponsors and will be prominently displayed on our Sponsor Board in our building along with our other Business Sponsors. Also, they will be on our website and featured soon in our Newsletter with an interview by editor, Lynda Cook. Please visit them at their places of business or contact them as a Point Loma Assembly member to avail yourself of their products and services. To meet more of our Business Sponsors, plan on attending our Community Holiday Open House on December 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. where many of them will be there to let you know what they do. They appreciate your support and make our peninsula a nicer place to shop, work and play. Thank you!

ACCESS Update

by Sue Stone, ACCESS Committee Co-Chair

ACCESS and Cabrillo Elementary want to thank Brad Nelson for speaking at the Veterans Day event at the school. His presentation was well received by all. December is going to be an exciting month. Pam Lester Hamilton has provided a new book, chosen by La Playa Books, for every Kindergarten through Fourth grader. The books will be wrapped by the ACCESS committee, and Pam will present them to the children. Spirit shirts, purchased with ACCESS funds, will be given to the children and teachers with a note saying, "*A gift for you from Point Loma Assembly*." The field trip on January 5 to the Natural History Museum in Balboa Park, which was arranged by Melanie Sherman, will be the first where Cabrillo students all wear their bright gold shirts. This will make it easier for chaperones to keep track of the children. The principal, Rebecca Vogel, has long wanted Spirit Shirts to help children feel school pride, and is especially grateful to the Assembly for providing them.

Rady Children's Ice Rink Open Until January 4

Located in the Central Promenade at Arts District, Rady Children's Ice Rink is a fun, family friendly way to spend time together, raising funds for the Thriving After Cancer program at the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. Open Monday-Sunday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., through January 4. Details at rchicerink.org. In partnership with Rady Children's Auxiliary, Arts District Liberty Station and San Diego Ice Arena.

Meet Board Member Melinda Medina

I joined Point Loma Assembly in January 2023 because I believe in community service and the Point Loma community, and I have always been fond of our Assembly Hall. I am the Hospitality Chairperson and have enjoyed meeting members and learning about our historic building. I first met the house in 1983 as an Aerobic Dance Instructor teaching aerobic classes twice a week there.

I moved to Point Loma upon getting married and my son and daughter both participated in Cotillion at the Hall with Mr. Benjamin. My children are both grown and live and work in New York.

I have taught students with disabilities and trained teachers and principals on the rights and laws of bilingual special education. I also worked for SDCOE as a Program Specialist. I retired on March 5, 2020, after 40 years as an educator. I just finished teaching very part time at Education First (*the former Doctors' Hospital; Cabrillo Hospital*).

I joined the Point Loma Garden Club four years ago and I started a yoga class for the members a year ago. I am athletic, walking the dogs, taking classes at Kona Kai and Club Pilates and running. I was a marathon runner at one time.

A Treasury of Christmas Humor at Point Loma Library

Union-Tribune language columnist Richard Lederer will share history, lore, puns and poems from his brand new book, A Treasury of Christmas Humor. Along the way, he'll share the story of Christmas, the biographies of Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman and the history of Christmas words. December 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Celebrate the Holidays at Point Loma Assembly with Productions by Point Loma Playhouse

"Holiday Magic" with Nancy Ross and Michelle Owens

The Language of Magic: Holiday Harmonies for You and Your Loved Ones

Last December, Nancy Ross appeared in a sellout one-woman show featuring the music and stories of Joni Mitchell. This year, Nancy and friends return with songs and stories of holiday magic. At this family friendly show, all ages are welcome, so take a moment to step out of the holiday hubbub and enjoy a relaxing evening of downtime and togetherness against a backdrop of the music that is, for so many of us, at the very core of the magic of Christmas.

December 19 6-7:30 p.m. Tickets at zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/point-loma-holiday-happenings-holiday-magic-with-nancy-ross-and-michelle-owens

She's At The Library

December 21 3-5:00 p.m.
At Point Loma Assembly

Local author Dori Salois's insightful-and-delightful take on a Christmas classic imagines the story of It's A Wonderful Life from the perspective of Mary in a "*George-less*" timeline where she is the community's leader in their stand against Mr. Potter. What will happen when George's wish that he'd never existed brings him into that timeline, expecting to find Mary in the familiar (to him) role of the dutiful wife and mother?

Point Loma Playhouse is pleased to offer this production to the community for just a suggested donation. Thank you for supporting live theater in our community!
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