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The Downtown Lions club meets every Friday at noon at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Ave., LB. Those occasions when we do not meet or meet elsewhere are noted either on the web site or this weekly bulletin.



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**JAKE HEFLIN**  
LBFD

Jake Heflin is a Fire-fighter/Paramedic for the City of Long Beach Fire Department. Currently, Jake is assigned to the Community Services Division as serves as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Manager for the Fire Department. Jake has been with the Long Beach Fire Department for over 16 years and has been involved in emergency services for over 25 years. He lives in Long Beach. Jake is married to Janelle who works as an Emergency Room/Trauma Nurse at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. They have one child, a son Jace who is 4 years old. Jake started with the fire service in 1991 as a Paid Call Firefighter for the Orange County Fire Department. In 1994, Jake graduated from Paramedic School at Saddleback College in 1994. In 2000, Jake was hired by the Long Beach Fire Department. Jake is a member of California Urban Search and Rescue Regional Task Force #3 and a member of the Long Beach Fire Department Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) team. Previously, he has served as the LBFD Paramedic Committee Chair, a member of the LBFD Honor Guard, the EMS Committee Chair for the California State Firefighters Association (CSFA) and a member on the CSFA Tribal Committee. He also sat as a member of the California State EMSA Directors Advisory Group.



**PETROLEUM CLUB**  
3636 LINDEN AVE.  
562-427-7966

Presiding: PP AL WEINGARTNER  
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN  
Program Arranged by:  
PP AL WEINGARTNER

**Guests welcome!**

**PP BRADE PHILLIPS**  
COD

BRADE's career in the military began with his acceptance of a nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, where he graduated and was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy. Following Naval flight training, he was designated a Naval Aviator. Over the next twenty years, he served in a number of aviation squadrons, in command both ashore and afloat.

As a specialist in antisubmarine warfare, he amassed over 5000 flight hours and 500 aircraft carrier landings. BRADE attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey in the mid-seventies, earning an M.S. degree in financial management. He subsequently worked in Washington, D.C., on Navy budget matters with the Office of the Navy Comptroller and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on Capitol Hill.



In 1989, BRADE was selected to command a deep draft ship and was assigned the amphibious ship U.S.S. Ogden, home-ported in Long Beach. Under his command, the Ogden, with its crew of 300 and nearly 800 embarked Marines, was deployed in the Persian Gulf for 301 days in support of Operation Desert Storm. He retired in 1995.

BRADE is a Past President our club and is currently serving on the Boards of Directors of the Greater Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross, ChildNet, For the Child, the California Council for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) and the St. Mary Medical Center Advisory Board. He and wife are residents of Long Beach, where Susan works as a Personal Fitness Trainer. They have one daughter, Blake.

BRADE retired in December, 2015.



## Retrospective March 18, 2016

The Petroleum Club, PP LINCOLN ODELL presiding. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Song/spirit: MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: LINCOLN reminded all of the Eyeglass cans, to be generous and our cell phone policy. He welcomed guests Richard Blodgett (BARB HALLER), Greta MACIAS (ED) and Pat ODELL. LINCOLN thanked Pat for the lovely centerpieces and read thank you letters from the Salvation Army and a scholarship recipient. Next week's program will feature son Greg ODELL paying tribute to MARVIN MARKER, the LB Junior Concert Band and Syncopated Drumming. Don't miss it! CLAUDIA encouraged sign ups for the Aquarium trip we will take on the 29th. See column right. MARILYN reminded all of the Chinese Dinner and Auction, April 14. We need your gifts and/or money. PP GARTH PHILLIPS also needs helpers to prepare the baskets. Contact him if you can help. MARILYN conducted a straw poll of those who support a return to the BBQ and would work to make it happen. A sub-



stantial majority. IPP LINDA WEINGARTNER outlined the process for the board election. PDG DENNIS DRAG outlined the new price structure for the Petroleum Club. (See below). Tail twister pro tem LINCOLN got Happy Bucks from BARB HALLER (\$20, thanks for all the support from the members during her accident/surgery/recovery); PP JIM HARDEN (nice to have BARB back, JIM SULLOS and RAY KELSO present); PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL (fond memory of one of PP JOHN CRONIN's St. Patrick's Days, especially when she finished second to LEN LOVETT in a joke telling contest); Greta (ED's well being); DENNIS (seeing RAY, basketball is over—for USC and UCLA, now we can focus on football); LINDA (daughter-in-law's school Redondo Union is playing today at the Pyramid); GEOFF recalled his St. Paddy's day visit to Seal Beach and presented Greta with her half of the 50/50. Each table read an Irish joke. LINCOLN intro'd Irish tenor Ken O'Malley who entertained with song and wit.



### REVISED MEAL PRICES

The Petroleum Club has raised the price of the full buffet to \$26 and the salad bar to \$18. The price of abstinence is \$3. These are effective April 1. But not a joke. Our club will underwrite the difference until a date to be determined.



## Apr. 8—Annual business meeting (No guests please!)

Program Chair—PP AL WEINGARTNER  
Greeter—PP MARILYN BITTLE  
Apr. 15—Dark! Chinese Dinner

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The Chinese Dinner and Auction will be on April 14 at the Petroleum Club. Theater night is April 21. The Interservice Club Meeting is May 18. The 4L2 convention is May 19-21.

### CHINESE DINNER AND AUCTION

We gather again this year on April 14 at the Petroleum Club, 6pm. Adult beverages are available from the bar. MARILYN has personally taste tested the cuisine and deemed it excellent. We do need your gift items (and/or) checks! Don't miss the fun!

### SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 29

Thanks to CLAUDIA HARDEN we go "off campus" for a special meeting and lunch at the Aquarium of the Pacific. For the first twenty who sign up, ten will get a special "pre-meeting" tour of the Aquarium with CLAUDIA and another 10 will get a "post-meeting" tour. Everyone else has the full Aquarium to explore. Included for all is an excellent buffet lunch of sandwich, veggie wrap and salad plus desert! Be among the first to sign up. Cost: \$24. Parking is not paid.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING— CANDIDATE SPEECHES

At our next meeting, April 8, we will elect a new board. All those nominated are welcome to give a BRIEF speech (two minutes or less) today. These are absolutely voluntary.

To recap: nominees were presented March 25. Speeches are today and the elections are on the 8th.

## CALENDAR

### April

- 5—Membership Committee
- 5—Charities Committee
- 8—Business meeting (no guests please)
- 12—Board meeting
- 14—Chinese Dinner & Auction, Petroleum Club
- 19—Zone A meeting
- 21—Night at the Theater (Around the World in Eighty Days)
- 27—CSAC

### May

- 3—Membership Committee
- 3—Charities Committee
- 9—Board meeting
- 17—Zone A meeting
- 18—Interservice Club Meeting, The Queen Mary
- 19-21—District 4L2 Convention
- 20—Dark! 4L2 Convention
- 25—CSAC
- 27—Dark! Memorial Day
- 30—Memorial Day

### June

- 7—Membership Committee
- 7—Charities Committee
- 14—Board Meeting
- 21—Zone A Meeting
- 22—CSAC

### July

- 1—Dark, Independence Day
- 5—Membership Committee
- 5—Charities Committee
- 12—Board meeting
- 19—Zone A meeting
- 28—CSAC

### August

- 2—Membership Committee
- 2—Charities Committee
- 9—Board meeting
- 24—CSAC Meeting
- 31—Dark! Labor Day

### September

- 5—Labor Day
- 6—Membership Committee
- 6—Charities Committee
- 13—Board meeting