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

**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

Team and has lived in Long Beach for the past 12 years. He has a Masters in Public Administration from the USC Price School of Public Policy. Over the years, he's led multiple change-management projects throughout the City, serving as the Animal Care Services Bureau Manager, Business Operations Manager for the Parks, Recreation & Marine Department, and CFO for the Po-

**Guests welcome!**

lice Department. 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.



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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.

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Each one, reach one



## Retrospective April 8, 2016

The Petroleum Club, PP AL WEINGARTNER presiding. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Song/spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: Election ballots were distributed by the Election Committee (PPs MEL NUTTER and GARTH PHILLIPS.) CLAUDIA HARDEN outlined our outing to the Aquarium Apr. 29. Sign up now! Prepay, please. MARILYN reminded all of the Chinese Dinner and Auction Apr. 14. YOURS TRULY encouraged all to go to the Theater Night, April 21. PE JERRY CALIGIURI hoped all would sign up for the baseball game May 3 between the CSULB Dirt Bags and UCLA at Blair Field. PDG DENNIS DRAG encouraged participation in the District Meeting April 9. This is also the next stage of the Student Speaker contest. DENNIS delivered MELVIN JONES Awards to MYRA KREMEN, Al and LINDA WEINGARTNER (3rd each), himself (7) and LESLIE DRAG (3), JUDY POWELL (3), VICKI PHILLIPS, MERLIN THIMLAR (2) and GENE JOHNSON (7) and recognized the April birthdays. JERRY announced that Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell has nominated our own MARILYN as a Woman of Distinction. She will be recognized at Keesal Young and Logan on April 22. Come honor our own. YOURS TRULY recommended booking a room for the 4L2 Convention, May 19-22. DENNIS also noted that GEOFF GATLEY was in the hos-

pital. (We talked to GEOFF at home on Thursday. He is doing okay.) HAPPY BUCKS were given by PP JIM HARDEN (son's visit, baseball starts soon); MARILYN (granddaughter is 16); PP GENE JOHNSON (granddaughter took him to lunch); DENNIS (received video of grandson); CHARLIE QUAIFFE (granddaughter engaged); YOURS TRULY (luck with hip operation); MEL (moving to home office) and IPP LINDA WEINGARTNER (Cubbies are expected to win it all). The 50/50, run by LINDA and MYRA KREMEN, was won by PCC ROGER POWELL. DENNIS gave insightful reviews of the finances of the Club, Charities and the Investment Committee. MARILYN reported for the Membership and BBQ Committees. She also thanked the Chinese Dinner basket committee (GARTH, LEANN, DENNIS and NANCY VIOLS.) JERRY reported for CSAC. JERRY also noted that we have a very active Facebook page. Check it out. JERRY also reported for the Fundraising Committee. Many interesting options are being pursued. The election winners were announced: MARILYN, STEVE HUHTA, PP GEORGE MILLER, BARB HALLER and PP MERLIN THIMLAR. The new board will be: JERRY, MARILYN, DENNIS, SANDY GJONOVICH, BARB, CLAUDIA HARDEN, STEVE HUHTA, GEORGE, GARTH PHILLIPS and ROGER POWELL

### DIRT BAG/UCLA BASEBALL GAME

On May 3 we gather at Blair Field to watch two strong squads go at it head to head. Don't miss it! Depending on tickets sold the price will range from a "dirt" cheap \$5 to an exorbitant \$7. Bring a friend! Your family! The grandkids!



## Apr. 29—Aquarium visit/lunch

Program Chair—PP AL WEINGARTNER  
Greeter—PP MARILYN BITTLE  
May 6—TBA

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Theater night is April 21. The Interservice Club Meeting is May 18. The 4L2 convention is May 19-21.

### 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 included.

### NIGHT AT THE THEATER

We go theater tripping on the 21st. The theater is the LB Playhouse on Anaheim. The play is Around the World in 80 Days. The cost is \$25/per. See Myra Kremen for tickets this Friday!

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2	JOE ANN GATLEY
9	CHARLIE QUAIFFE
9	PP MERLIN THIMLAR
12	PAT SABOL
16	PDG DENNIS DRAG
16	PE JERRY CALIGIURI
16	MYRA KREMEN
24	GRANT UBA
33	PP RYAN HIROTA
35	PP COY HERRING
47	PP JIM HARDEN

## CALENDAR

### April

19—Zone A meeting  
21—Night at the Theater (Around the World in Eighty Days)  
27—CSAC

### May

2—Membership Committee  
2—Charities Committee  
3—Dirt Bag/UCLA baseball game  
9—Board meeting  
12—Scholarships (Thursday evening)  
13—Dark!  
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

### October

4—Membership Committee  
4—Charities Committee