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The Downtown Lions club meets every Friday at noon at the Petroleum Club,  
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are noted either on the web site or this weekly bulletin.

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**2ND AND PCH**  
**Fred Bruning, CenterCal Prop-  
erties** began his real estate career as  
legal counsel for Sears, Roebuck and  
Company in 1977 and was responsible  
for their real estate portfolio in the west  
which consisted of over 500 assets.  
After leaving Sears in 1983, Mr. Brun-  
ing served as Vice-President of Develop-  
ment for the Torrance Company in Torrance,  
California, then as Vice-President of Development  
for the John Price Development Company in Salt  
Lake City, Utah. In 1985,



Mr. Bruning joined the Alexander  
Haagen Company as a development  
partner. In his 13 years there, he was  
the key executive in charge of the  
acquisition and development of over  
40 retail projects. Mr. Bruning was  
also instrumental in taking the com-  
pany public in 1993, serving as the  
Wall Street spokesperson. In 1998, Mr.  
Bruning along with his partner Mr.  
Wardy, formed their own development  
company, CenterOak Properties, LLC,  
and in 2004 became CenterCal Properties, LLC. In his career,  
he has been actively involved in over 150 major retail develop-  
ments in the western United States.

Mr. Bruning is a member of the California Bar Asso-  
ciation, the International Council of Shopping Centers and has  
served on several corporate and  
charitable boards. He received  
his Juris Doctor from Loyola  
University in Los Angeles and  
his Bachelor of Arts degree  
from Pomona College in  
Claremont, California. His  
hobbies include travel, archae-  
ology, and flying his antique  
Stearman biplane.

Fred is married forever  
to his wife Brandace, who has had a very successful career in  
retail marketing, fashion and modeling.

**Jean Paul Wardy** began his career in real estate while  
attending the University of Southern California. Mr. Wardy  
joined the Alexander Haagen Company in 1990, and by 1993  
had been promoted to Vice President, Acquisitions. From 1993  
through 1998, Mr. Wardy was the executive primarily responsi-  
ble for the successful acquisition of over 20 shopping centers.



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**PETROLEUM CLUB  
3636 LINDEN AVE.  
562-427-7966**  
Presiding: VAL LERCH  
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE  
Program Arranged by:  
PP LINCOLN ODELL

**Guests  
welcome!**

**PP MEL NUTTER  
COD**  
MEL has practiced law in  
Long Beach since 1965 with  
an emphasis on land use,  
environmental, estate plan-  
ning and trust law. His offi-  
cial involvement in environ-

mental matters commenced in the  
1960s as the Chair and the Conserva-  
tion Chair of the Long Beach Group of  
the Sierra Club. Thereafter, he chaired to  
Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter Coastal Com-  
mittee. From 1973 to 1977 he was the  
Chair of the City of Long Beach Citizens



Advisory Environmental  
Committee.  
From 1977 through 1985,  
thanks to appointments  
first by the State Senate  
Rules Committee and  
subsequently by the  
Speaker of the Assembly,  
he was a member of the  
California Coastal Com-  
mission and served as its

Chair during the last three years of his ten-  
ure. As the Commission's Chair, he also  
was on the Board of the State Coastal Con-  
servancy.

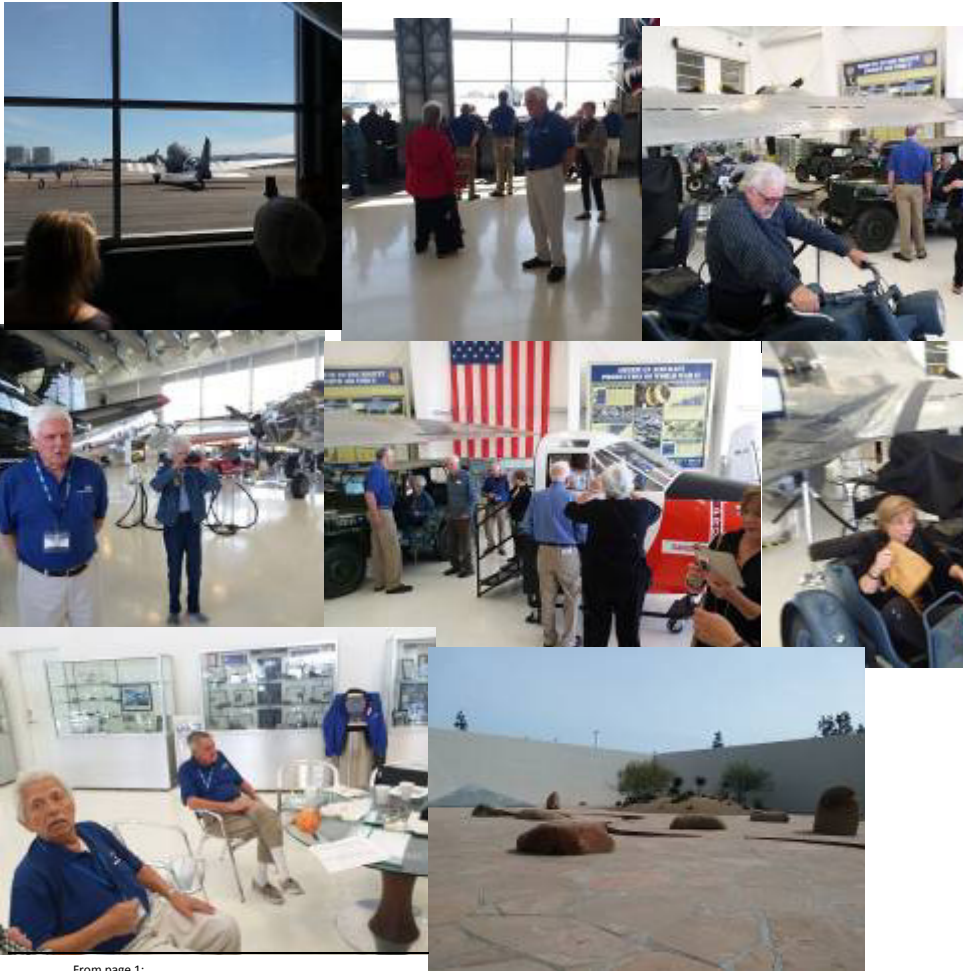
For many years, MEL was the Chair of  
the League for Coastal Protection (a state-  
wide citizen's organization that engaged in  
lobbying, advocacy and litigation). Cur-  
rently, he serves on the board of Amigos de  
Bolsa Chica and the Los Angeles League of  
Conservation Voters.

Currently, he represents clients oppos-  
ing, as well as those seeking approval of,  
projects in California's Coastal Zone.

MEL is also a past president of this club  
(1992-1993) and continues to serve as a  
member of the Charities Committee.

**RETROSPECTIVE, MARCH 10, 2018**

Lyon Air Craft Museum and Noguchi Outdoor sculpture. A fascinating nostalgic tour of WWII gear from a bicycle to a B25. Sorry, no B29. Also featured are a Duesenberg, an Auburn and much more.



From page 1:

In 1998, Jean Paul co-founded CenterOak Properties with Fred Bruning, which became CenterCal Properties in 2004. Since that time, Jean Paul has committed his efforts toward creating successful retail driven projects that both enhance and elevate the communities they serve. In the pursuit of his real estate career, Jean Paul built upon the solid foundation of his family's successful retail background in the Amen Wardy Stores and Amen Wardy Home Stores. Mr. Wardy is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Urban Land Institute, and is a devoted husband and father.

**Mar 30—Sight and Hearing Foundation**

Program Manager— PP LINCOLN ODELL  
 Apr 6—Annual business meeting (No

**COMING UP...**

- Night at the Theater, April 26.
- District Convention, May 19-20
- Chinese Dinner and Auction, June 14.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION  
 MAY 19-20**

Quiet Cannon, Montebello  
 HOLD THE DATES: All Day Saturday, Banquet at Night, and breakfast and

**CLUB BOARD ELECTIONS**

Mar 23: Open nominations  
 Mar 30: Nominee speeches  
 April 6: Annual business meeting, board elections (no guests, please)



**CALENDAR**

**March**

23—Board nominees opened  
 30—Board nominee speeches

**April**

3—Membership Committee  
 6—Annual business meeting \*\* No guests, please\*\*  
 7—District meeting; Student Speaker District contest  
 10—Board meeting  
 26—Night at the Theater

**May**

1—Membership Committee  
 8—Board meeting  
 14—District Student Speakers, Bixby School, 6pm  
 19-20—District 4L2 Convention  
 25—Dark!

28—Memorial Day

**June**

5—Membership Committee  
 14—Chinese Dinner and Auction  
 12—Board meeting  
 29—July 3—International Convention, Las Vegas

**July**

3—Membership Committee  
 4—Independence Day  
 6—Dark!  
 10—Board meeting

**August**

7—Membership Committee  
 14—Board meeting  
 31—Dark!

**September**

3—Labor Day  
 4—Membership Committee  
 11—Board meeting

**October**

2—Membership Committee  
 9—Board meeting

**November**

6—Membership Committee  
 13—Board meeting  
 22—Thanksgiving

**December**

4—Membership Committee