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**ROSES AND LEMON
AWARDS BREAKFAST**

Thursday, April 11, 2019
Crystal Ballroom
Millennium Biltmore Hotel
Los Angeles

The Downtown Breakfast Club is an organization of professionals whose main purpose is to recognize, foster and encourage the orderly and planned growth of Downtown Los Angeles. The group consists of individual representatives of all the major fields of development, from real estate, banking, international investment, architects & engineers, urban planners, investment brokers, insurance, development organizations to governmental agencies. Meeting on a bi-monthly basis, the group maintains a profile of current business activity through featured guest speakers as recruited by its members. This type of professional interface encourages and supports sound principles of developing a better quality of life for downtown Los Angeles.



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LOW RISE: AXIS on 11th • Topaz

HIGH RISE: 888 AT Grand Hope Park • Circa LA • The Griffin on Spring

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I'M GORGEOUS INSIDE

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WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Barbara Bundy & Nate Nusbaum, Presenters

DAMA • INKO NITO • Rappahannock Oyster Bar • Shekarchi Bar & Grill

DOWNTOWN'S ROSE GARDEN

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MyFigueroa Streetscape Project

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Praise for Some, A Kick in the Pants for Others at Roses and Lemon Awards

By Sean P. Thomas

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As Downtown Los Angeles continues to grow, a number of projects deserve praise and admiration. Then there are those things that merit a stern kick in the pants.

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Both praise and disapproval were dished out at the 39th annual Roses and Lemon Awards last week. The event hosted by the Downtown Breakfast Club took place before about 500 people on Thursday, April 11, in the Millennium Biltmore Hotel's Crystal Ballroom.

A vertical rectangular graphic with a blue border. At the top, there are several colorful Easter eggs in shades of blue, yellow, and pink. Below the eggs, the word "Easter" is written in a large, blue, cursive font. Underneath "Easter" is the text "BY PATINA" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Below that is the text "Celebrate at home with a spring meal and treats for the kids!" in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is the Patina Restaurant Group logo, which consists of the word "PATINA" in black, with a yellow egg shape behind the "I" and a yellow egg shape behind the "A". Below the logo is a blue rectangular button with the text "VIEW MENU + ORDER" in white, sans-serif font.

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The organization, made up of several dozen Downtown business leaders, awarded “Roses” to a collection of area residential, restaurant, retail and municipal projects. Yet the event’s highlight is always the presentation of the Lemon, which this year went not to a single project or entity, but to a combination of issues wrapped under the banner of “Pedestrian Experience Downers.”

“The sidewalks of Downtown L.A. are some of the most vibrant in the world, but our enjoyment of them is hindered by a host of Pedestrian Experience Downers, large and small,” Lemon presenter Hal Bastian said. “There is a growing list of problems that make walking in DTLA a pain in the you-know-what.”

The designation jabbed a number of issues, including public marijuana consumption, broken streetlights, dockless scooter clutter, sidewalk trash dumping and the homeless encampments that sprout on city sidewalks.

Pedestrians distracted by their phones were also included under the umbrella (that issue received its own Lemon two years ago). Previous Lemon “winners” include construction traffic and the loading zone at the Music Center.

Financial District Traffic Gets the Lemon Award

“The lemon is about what sucks in Downtown,” Bastian quipped, with a bright yellow lemon dangling from a necklace around his neck. “In the past the Lemon was given to something that could be remedied, but we’ve kind of given up on that.”



The Lemon followed positive recognition for numerous efforts. The Rose Garden Award, which highlights large-scale developments, went to the MyFigueroa streetscape project, a recently completed \$20 million slate of improvements to the Figueroa Street corridor that included the addition of dedicated bike lanes and upgraded street lights; the \$350 million Banc of California Stadium in Exposition Park, the home of the expansion Los Angeles Football Club; and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, which recently celebrated its 100th year with a massive CicLAvia event and concert.

Additional Roses were given in the food and beverage sector. Clayton’s Public House, a Victorian-themed pub in the Spring Arcade Building, took home a Rose in the Shaken Not Stirred category, as did Shekarchi Bar and Grill, which recently moved from its home of 33 years to a new location at 920 S. Olive St.

The Home Sweet Home award, which highlights residential developments, was split between two categories: high- and low rise buildings. The Griffin on Spring, a 24-story, 275-apartment tower on Spring Street from Holland Partner Group, was lauded for taller projects. Topaz, Jade Enterprises' 159-unit addition to the Historic Core, won for shorter structures.

The DBC also recognized a trio of hotels: the Mayfair Hotel from ICO Group in City West, the upgrade of the Hotel Figueroa in South Park, and NoMad Los Angeles, Sydell Group's upscale project in the Financial District.

City National Bank's office design in 2 Cal Plaza on Bunker Hill and Nordstrom Local were awarded Roses in the office design and retail categories, respectively.

Also honored at the event was Carol Schatz, who was recognized for her decades of work and advocacy for Downtown with the Central City Association and Downtown Center Business Improvement District.

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