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DEPOT FRIENDS MEETING Hope this issue isn't too late to remind you of the Depot Friends meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 18th from 7-8:30 pm at the Goleta Library. We would very much like to see you there. Bring a guest if you like.

LAWN SALE There is still time to donate rummage and collectables to the sale to be held on Sunday, August 23rd on the front lawn of the Goleta Valley Community Center, from 8 am to 5 pm. Items may be left at the Goleta Girls Club, 300 Magnolia Avenue in Goleta, or call Phyllis Olsen at 967-8136, weekday afternoons or 967-6295, evenings. This will be a fun event, with entertainment and refreshments. The Depot quilt will be on display and a limited number of Depot t-shirts will be available for purchase. Please plan to attend.

ITS TOO LATE TO "SAVE OUR STATION" The dictionary defines "station" as a stopping place along a route of travel, such as a railroad station. Thus, Goleta **station** is already long gone, eliminated by Southern Pacific back in the 1960s when the company ceased to use the site as a loading point. "Depot" (which, incidentally, may be pronounced with either a long or short-sounding "e"), however, may refer either to the stopping place itself or to the building that is found there. Thus, Goleta **depot** continues to exist, we hope for many, many years to come.

GOLETA DEPOT MOVED ONCE BEFORE In "Goleta: The Good Land", **Walker A. Tompkins** tells us that the original Goleta depot (and station) was located south of the present site, near what is now the Welch-Ryce mortuary on Ward Drive. The station was moved, and a new, larger depot building (the present one) was constructed back in 1901, when the track was moved to its current location, as a result of the "Hood Survey".

The new route was both straighter and faster than the earlier one. According to **Timothy Dunn**, a UCSB history student, the change was made both possible and necessary by the new breed of locomotives - possible because the new oil burners were able to climb the steeper grades that a straighter route demanded and necessary because the new engines couldn't negotiate the tight 10 degree curves of the original route.

WE NEED YOUR HELP As we approach our target date for moving the depot to its new home, it becomes increasingly important that everyone with an interest in the project do whatever they can to put the fundraising effort over the top.

Those of you out there who enjoy the **Dispatch** and are rooting for the project but who haven't sent in a donation, please give us a hand. If you have already made a contribution, you can help even more by buying a quilt ticket, getting a friend or relative to make a donation, offering a few hours of your time to the project, attending the rummage sale ... You would not believe how much every little bit that you do helps this project.

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GOLETA BEAUTIFUL STARTED DEPOT PROJECT The depot project was begun by Goleta Beautiful Inc back in the early months of 1980. Incorporated in 1974, Goleta Beautiful is a nonprofit organization, comprised entirely of volunteers, that is dedicated to fostering and promoting the beautification of the Goleta area, in cooperation with individuals, businesses and governmental agencies. Other Goleta Beautiful projects include periodic tree planting, community clean-up activities, the promotion of freeway landscaping, and efforts to revitalize the Goleta downtown area.

For further information, contact Goleta Beautiful Inc., c/o Chamber of Commerce Goleta Valley, P.O. Box 781, Goleta, CA 93116.

SURPRISE CONTRIBUTION Stiff competition for foundation support is making it more and more difficult each year to obtain grants in support of projects such as ours. We were not especially surprised, therefore, when we met with only limited success in our applications to local and regional foundations. The Fundraising Committee was quite taken aback, however, when a grant of \$1000 was received just recently from the **Mericos Foundation** of Los Angeles. The surprising part was that the committee had not approached the Mericos Foundation and are still not sure how the foundation even learned of the Depot Project! If any **Dispatch** readers have further information about how the grant came to be, please contact Gary Coombs at 964-3008, days.

We all want to extend our sincerest thanks not only to the Mericos Foundation but to anyone else who was instrumental in making the grant a reality.

FUNDING UPDATE The \$60,000 mark has now been passed!!! That is 67.6% of the Phase I goal. \$29,000 in cash or kind is still needed to complete Phase I which includes moving costs, building stabilization, protection from the elements and vandalism, site work and utility installations, and restoration/rehabilitation of the depot exterior.

FRIENDS OF GOLETA DEPOT Here are the names of the latest Friends of Goleta Depot:

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| Mid-State Bank | Lanny Ebenstein |
| Shari L. Mills | Blanche Rich |
| George G. Retherford | Covert Iron Works |
| Ann Ruether | Aircraft Forging Die Company |
| Mericos Foundation | Schulte Ranches |
| Robbie and Linda Lucas | |

Thanks to these and the many other fine individuals, families and organizations that have donated their energies and money to help make the depot project a reality.

To become a member of the Friends, make a one-time tax-deductible contribution of \$10 or more (\$5 for students and \$25 or more for businesses) to the Goleta Beautiful Depot Fund, P.O. Box 781, Goleta, California 93116.

No donation is too small. Contributions of labor and materials are also needed. For further information on the project and how you can help, call 967-5429 or 967-8136.

DISPATCH COPIES Extra copies of the **Depot Dispatch** are available at the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, Goleta Library, Santa Barbara Savings (State and Valerio), Institute for American Research (5386 Hollister, Suite C), and the Goleta Valley Community Center. Back issues may be obtained by calling the Institute for American Research at 964-3008. We encourage you to distribute these to family and friends, as a way of spreading the word about our efforts.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Be sure to read the next copy of the **Depot Dispatch**. We expect to be able to make **two very important announcements** at that time! See you then!

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