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FUNDING REPORT January proved to be a super fund-raising month. Over \$5,000 in cash and in-kind contributions were generated during the month for the depot. Much of this money came from the sale of doors, windows and bricks. Only \$3,000 is needed to complete Phase 1 of the project, which includes restoration of the depot exterior.

As of February 1st, there are only three doors and 16 windows left to be sold.

BUILDING UPDATE Work on the new sewer system, which will serve Stow House and the fire station as well as the Depot, is currently in progress. Our old friend, **South Coast Contractors Inc.**, is doing the work. Foundation and structural repair work are still being delayed by the wet grounds.

Mike Glassow and **Bob Hiestand** report that the windows have all been stripped of their original paint and the repair work has now begun. Restoration of the doors has also been started. **Ralph Moore** and **Ernie Thomsen** are assisting **Gene Allen** in this project.

REVIEW COMMITTEE The Restoration and Review Committee has decided that the exterior of the depot will be restored to the period circa 1915. One of the main reasons for this decision is that we have two excellent photographs taken during this period by Southern Pacific. Thanks are due to **Steve Sullivan** for acquiring one of these photos for us.

LAST CALL FOR VALLEY NIGHT The deadline for making reservations to Goleta Valley Night is Friday, February 19th. Call Phyllis Olsen at 964-3008 if you would like to sit with other Depot Friends. The theme this year for the February 27th event is **Goleta Depot - An Excursion Into The Past** and proceeds will go to the depot project.

MUSEUM REPORT A number of items have been donated to the project for eventual display in the Depot Museum. These include a beautiful station clock, donated by **Roger Levenson**, two switchman's lanterns from **Nancy Ried**, an oil can and other items, from **Allan Baisley**. We will also be receiving several pieces of 1930-vintage dinnerware from a Southern Pacific dining car.

The second "Goleta" sign, from the depot exterior, has also been recovered!

Gene Allen (967-2095) is serving as temporary curator for these items until the Museum is ready to accept them.

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

Bill Wallace
Memory of Dariel Hodge
Evelyn K. Bright
Bee and Tee Enterprises
Bob Collinge Agency
Roger Levenson

Linda Cox
Ernest and Metta Thomsen
4-Wheel Drive Emergency Services
Allan Baisley
Ralph Moore

Welcome and thanks to everyone for your support!

THE ASPHALT REGATTA IS COMING The first annual **Institute for American Research Asphalt Regatta** will be held on Saturday, April 24th, 9 am to 12 noon, at Goleta Beach Park. The **Asphalt Regatta** is a fund-raiser to support the programs and activities of the Institute for American Research. The inaugural **Asphalt Regatta** will be a special benefit in which one-half of the proceeds will go to the Depot Project.

The **Asphalt Regatta** is a "WALK-JOG-BIKE-A-THON" with a twist. Participants may select one of these conventional modes or elect to use other simple, non-polluting forms of travel (for example, **Anne Fleming**, manager of **Barclay's Bank** in Goleta, is looking for someone to pull her in a little red wagon! Good luck, Anne.). Costumes are also encouraged. Entrants raise money for the Institute and the Depot by collecting sponsors from the community who pledge to support their participation in the **Regatta**.

There will be prizes for the most original/inspirational entrants, for the youngest and oldest participants, as well as for the most successful fund-raisers. Award categories include adult, youth and organization/group.

Beginning March 1st, entry forms and further information may be obtained at:

Institute for American Research, 5386 Hollister Avenue, Suite C
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, 5902 Calle Real
Barclay's Bank, 5827 Hollister Avenue
or call 964-3008, days

FRIEND OF THE MONTH The Depot Friend of the Month for January goes to **N and M Catering** and its principals, **Nancy Ried** and **Mary Lou Williamson**. After helping to guide the depot to its new home during the wee hours of November 19th, Nancy and Mary Lou were on hand at 9 am that same morning to help recover bricks from the old foundation. N and M helped organize the brick fund-raiser, which has already brought in over \$800, and have been instrumental in the sale of depot doors and windows. They are also helping to organize the Asphalt Regatta and have donated one of the major prizes for the Regatta. To these two fine ladies, congratulations and thank you so much for everything.

DEPOT DISPATCH Because of the recent (massive) increases in bulk mailing postage rates, this will be the last issue of the **Depot Dispatch** that will be mailed to people who have not become official "Depot Friends." We are sorry to have to do this, but our mailing list is now over 400 names and addresses long and this is simply too much of a burden for the depot project to bear.

To become a Friend of the Depot you need to make an **unencumbered** contribution to the depot project - membership is not included with the purchase of bricks, t-shirts, or event tickets. If you are not sure of your status, check the mailing label on this copy of the **Dispatch**. If you are a member of the Friends, there will be a "Y" or a "Y*" right before your name on the label.

We hope that you will decide to stay with us.

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Please enter my name as a Friend of Goleta Depot

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Business/Organization 25 }

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