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**FUNDING REPORT** As of April 7th, 24% of the \$100,000 needed for Phase II has been raised. Phase II covers all interior restoration and rehabilitation. \$76,000 is still needed to complete the fund-raising effort.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE** Much has happened at the depot since the March issue of the **Dispatch**. Carpenters have made repairs to several spots on the floors in the baggage and waiting rooms and in the railroad office. Construction also has been begun on the divider wall which will convert the baggage room into the building's restrooms. This wall also serves as added structural support for upstairs rooms. The freight room is being prepared for the installation of new panelling and the northern end of the building (originally the eastern end) is being readied for the placement of new exterior siding.

On the second floor, drywall has been removed from the walls in the dining room and adjacent bedroom, to expose the original beaded, tongue and groove paneling, which will be refinished.

If you are interested in getting involved, we certainly could use your help. Volunteers are needed Saturday mornings, beginning at 9 am. Contact George Adams at 967-4618 if you would like further information. Everyone is welcome!

**DEPOT MUSEUM** Two rooms in the depot, the waiting room and railroad office, will become the museum portion of the depot building. In the office, our objective is to recreate the atmosphere of a functioning railroad station, through the use of authentic furnishings and items which would normally be found in an active railroad office. The waiting room will be restored to historic standards as well, but it will serve also as a meeting room and a display area for museum artifacts that are not suited to the railroad office.

**MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS SOUGHT** The depot committee is seeking major contributors to underwrite the depot museum and other Phase II construction costs. As a means of achieving this, we will be placing a special, commemorative plaque in the depot museum which will acknowledge those individuals, families or organizations that have donated \$7500 or more to the project. The plaque will read: "**Major Restoration Funding provided by**" followed by the names of these major contributors. If you are able to help in this special way and for further information, please contact Phyllis Olsen at 964-3008 afternoons or 967-6295, evenings.

Past donors who are interested in becoming one of the depot project's major contributors may add to their existing contribution to reach the \$7500 amount.

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**PIANO DONATED** To help in the fund-raising effort, we have received a beautiful piano, donated by **Mr Vincent Tobkin**. It is an 85-key upright, in Carribean mahogany, which was manufactured by Strauss Brothers of New York at the turn of the Century. Repairs are needed to bring the piano to playing condition. We are now accepting open bids. To view the piano or make a bid, please contact Phyllis Olsen (see reverse for phone numbers and times).

**MARINE VETS GIVE US A HAND** In February, members of the **244th Marine Dive Bomber Squadron**, which served in the Pacific during World War II, had their 40 year reunion here in Goleta. The unit was stationed at the marine base located where UCSB and the airport are today. The 244th was the first unit to leave for overseas duty, shipping out by way of Goleta depot in early 1943.

Members heard about the effort to save the depot and decided to help out. During the reunion, chances were sold on a 10lb Hershey Bar, bringing in \$235 which were donated to the project. Thanks to the men of the 244th Dive Bomber Squadron and their families for their thoughtfulness and valuable assistance.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY** The fund-raiser at the **Cattlemen's Restaurant and Saloon** on March 15th was a big success, generating nearly \$300 for the project. Our thanks to **Marc Rose** and everyone else who helped to make the event possible.

**VALLEY NIGHT** The proceeds from **Goleta Valley Night** totalled \$1500. Thanks again to the **Goleta Lions**, the **News-Press** and all of the others responsible for this profitable fundraiser and most memorable occasion.

**MAIL BOX** **George Adams** has installed the depot mail box. Our address is 300 No. Los Carneros Road, Goleta 93117. Why not write the depot a letter? (Contributions, however, still should be sent to our post office box address: Goleta Beautiful Depot Fund, P.O. Box 781, Goleta 93116.)

**FRIENDS OF GOLETA DEPOT** Here are the latest additions to the Depot Friends:

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| Bank of America Foundation        | Bill Johnson        |
| Merryle C. Beckham                | Phyllis H. Fletcher |
| Santa Barbara Emblem Club #403    | Marc Rose           |
| Cattlemen's Restaurant and Saloon | Philip J. Badone    |
| Nick Dumas                        |                     |

There are now more than 400 Friends! Let's try to make it one thousand!!

If you would like to become a member of the Depot Friends, just make a one-time tax-deductible contribution of \$10 or more (\$5 for students and \$25 for organizations) to the Goleta Beautiful Depot Fund. All Friends receive the **Depot Dispatch** and the names of all Friends will be listed in the restored depot.

If you are already a Depot Friend, please encourage your relatives, friends and associates to join.

**ASPHALT REGATTA** It's not too late to participate in the First Annual Institute for American Research Asphalt Regatta on April 24th. Wouldn't you like to be able to tell your children and grandchildren that **"I was there when it all began"**? Entry forms and further information may be obtained at **Barclay's Bank** (5827 Hollister) or the **Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce** (5902 Calle Real).

**STEERING COMMITTEE** Members of the Depot Project Steering Committee are: **Gary Coombs** (Chairman), **Ray Baird** (Facilities), **Phyllis Olsen** (Fund-raising), **Gene Allen** (Review) and **George Adams** (Project Coordinator). Sub-committees are organized under these respective chairmen.

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Please enter my name as a Friend of Goleta Depot

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