



THE DEPOT TELEGRAPH

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Happy New Year!

Recent happenings at the Depot:

NOVEMBER 27 - OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, November 27th the Depot opened to the public for the first time in 43 years. This event coincided with the Julgranfest holiday tree-lighting ceremony, drew hundreds of visitors, and resulted in many new members.

DECEMBER 5 - MODEL TRAINS AT THE DEPOT

On Saturday, December 5th the Depot hosted a model train event on Santa Lucia day. Jim Boswell and his son set up a large model train layout in the Office and operated it to the delight of many visitors. This event was so popular that model trains at the Depot will become a holiday tradition.

JANUARY 6 - FREIGHT HOUSE DONE!



Rehabilitation of the Freight House was completed on January 6th after 11 weeks of work. Those seen on the job were Gary Blasingame, Steve Britton, C.J. Brock, Jan Chalepah, Larry Esau, Jake Lumsden, Mel Manley, Paul May, Ron Numerick, Brandon Palsgaard, Pete Querin, Lennis Scheline, Larry Shipman, Don Smith, Richard Tauscher, and Lorin Weidman. This work was privately funded by

donations. The Freight House is the largest space in the Depot. It will be the site of the Leon S. Peters Learning Center for students in the months of March, April, September and October. In other months the Freight House will be available on a reservation basis for public and private events.

JANUARY 11 - FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends 2016 annual member's meeting was held Monday January 11th in the newly completed Freight House. Refreshments were served, and incumbents Gary Blasingame, Larry Esau, and Lennis Scheline were reelected to 2-year terms.

VOLUNTEER PERKS



The perks of being a Depot volunteer hit a new high on December 31st when Brandon Palsgaard and his family served the volunteers a lunch of barbecued chicken kabobs, rice pilaf and salad. It was delicious and greatly appreciated.

SECOND-STORY APARTMENT

Work has begun on the apartment, the last space needing rehabilitation at the Depot. For more than 90 years the 5-room apartment was home to Southern Pacific station agents and their families. Work is progressing Monday - Saturday.

CURRICULUM

A committee of active and retired educators is creating curriculum that will be used by docents, teachers and students during field trips to the Depot. Please contact Shirley Esau at 559-859-4441 if you wish to participate.

MEMBERSHIP

Our goal is 300 members in 2016. If you are reading this and not yet a member, please join us soon and encourage your family and friends to do the same. Your membership strengthens FHKD and insures a secure future for the Depot. Annual dues are still just \$25. Please make your check payable to FHKD, include your name, address, email and phone number, and send to FHKD, Box 646, Kingsburg CA 93631.

SHARES CARDS

Shares Cards produce income for the Depot. They are honored at any California Savemart, Food Maxx or Lucky store. Every time you present your card at checkout, the store donates 3% of your purchase to FHKD, and it cost you nothing. To request cards, email president@kingsburgdepot.org or call 559-341-1978.

KINGSBURG DEPOT ON THE WEB

Check out our website www.KingsburgDepot.org. It's still under construction, but content is growing weekly, and the goal is to make it useful, educational and interesting to folks of all ages.

FACEBOOK

Friends of the Historic Kingsburg Depot is on Facebook, thanks to Jolene Polyack who updates the page regularly. Become a friend on Facebook and keep up with activities at the Depot.

CALENDAR

Saturday, Jan 16	Private party, Freight House
Monday Feb 12	Board meeting 5:30pm
Monday Mar 9	Board meeting 5:30pm
Saturday Mar	Depot Grand Opening
Monday Apr 11	Board meeting 5:30pm

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