



President's Message

Greeting Friends of Travel Town!

It's the most wonderful time of the year! My family and I love the holidays, and this year should be extra special. Our volunteers are getting close to finishing the interior work on the 100-year-old Union Pacific dining car. As the project nears completion, I'm working on two 'big ticket' finishing touches: replacing the 12 window shades and reupholstering the 36 dining room chairs. I just received a quote for reproducing the missing window shades – super exciting because the original manufacture, the Adams & Westlake Company, is still in business and can still



produce the vintage-style shades! Of course, less exciting news is the cost – a little over \$11,500. BUT, the other good news is that we have had some fantastic generous donations this year, so we're almost halfway to securing the funds needed for the window shades! Now, I'm still working to find a good vendor to do the repairs and re-upholstering of the 36 chairs. I don't yet have a cost for that work – but I suspect the amount will be substantial... So, if you feel that giving spirit around the holidays, please consider helping us complete this great project. You can make a contribution by scanning the qr code below, checking out this on-line link: <https://traveltown.networkforgood.com/projects/89800-union-pacific-diner-369> or just talking to Sandy at her Membership Booth at the museum on any Saturday. We'd be honored to have you as a partner in this wonderful historic preservation project!

With the Holidays right around-the-corner, please don't miss our upcoming Member's Only *Polar Express Holiday Party* on December 7th. (Be sure to RSVP with Sandy!) I'll be there, along with a very old friend of mine from the North Pole. Can you still hear the bell?

Happy Holidays from Travel Town!

GREG GNEIER
President



We've been working on the Railroad

Sprucing up those locomotives!



Pictures are worth 1000 words. Thanks to our restoration team of Bob Frein and F.G. Vincent for their hard work on the LAHD #31, and to Steve Garbade and all the volunteers who worked on the S&F #7!



Giving Tuesday is coming soon!

Please help us by making an extra donation to the Dining Car Project – the link is:

<https://traveltown.networkforgood.com/projects/89800-union-pacific-diner-369>

Or visit our website at [Traveltown.org](https://traveltown.org) and click on the **yellow DONATE button** on the right!

By the way, if you need to renew your Foundation Membership, visit our membership page at:

<https://traveltown.networkforgood.com/projects/89794-memberships>

Or visit the website at [Traveltown.org](https://traveltown.org) and click on the **Green JOIN button** on the right!

The next Members-Only Event is on December 7th

Please watch for all our e-mail announcements and be sure to reserve your time slots for the various activities as we do anticipate a fantastic turn-out for this popular event!

Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect. Leave Sandy a message at 323-668-0104, ext.17.

**TRAVEL TOWN MUSEUM
FOUNDATION**

Member's Polar Express Party with Santa!

Dec 7th, 5pm sharp!

5:00 – 6:30 Doors open – Activities include:

- Special evening train ride around the Museum
- Visiting the gift shop (10% discount applies on everything in the store!)
- Coloring and writing letters to Santa
- Free cookies, popcorn and Hot Chocolate!
- Other finger foods available for purchase for a light dinner.

5:30 to 6:30 Santa Claus will be here for pictures!

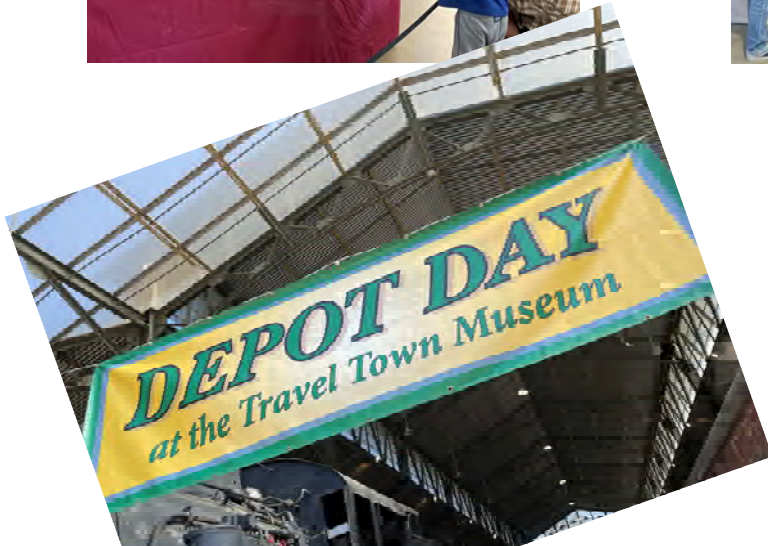
6:30-- Showing the Movie "The Polar Express" (1hr, 40 minutes)

Gift shop will remain open until 8:30 pm.

Food and hot chocolate provided until they run out, or 8:15.

8:15 Movie will end. Parking lot locked at 9pm.

Depot Day 2024





New and Renewing Members (Since Sepetember of this year!)

Don't forget your donations to us are tax deductible – so if you need that extra write-off, remember the Travel Town Museum Foundation at the end of the year and on Giving Tuesday! Give through paypal (you can use a credit card if you don't have a paypal account!!! by clicking here: [CLICK HERE FOR PAYPAL PAGE](#))

Restoration Partners:

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Do you need to renew your membership?
You can do it online!



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There are so many ways to support Travel Town Museum Foundation!

❖ ***Did you know you can link your Ralph's Club Card with our foundation?*** It takes only a moment and it plays a big part in our fundraising! First, register your Club Card on www.ralphs.com. Then sign in and click on your name in the top right corner. Click the "Community Rewards - Enroll" link. Next simply fill in the required information: the *NEW* Travel Town NPO is GK464. Be sure to click the circle next to Travel Town to select it and click "enroll". It's that easy! Now every time you make a purchase at Ralph's, they'll make a donation to Travel Town!

❖ ***Try Raise Right.*** You can donate to Travel Town without taking time out of your day, or going out of way! We've teamed up with **Raise Right (formerly Benefit)**, a mobile app that allows you instantly purchase digital gift cards for use online store, at retailers like Walmart, Target, The Home Depot, Amazon and many more!! When you buy the app, retailers contribute up to 20% of your transaction back to the Travel Town Museum Foundation - **each E-card only costs 29¢**
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Special Thanks to the Yoder-Hall Family for providing our Halloween Costume Contest prizes!

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