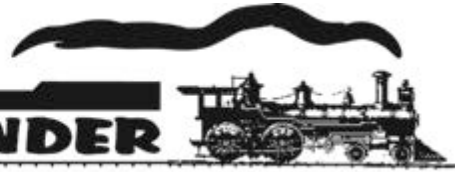


The Travel Town TENDER



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President's Message

Greeting Friends of Travel Town!

Happy Birthday Travel Town! Did you know that on December 14, 2022, Travel Town will be celebrating it's 70th birthday? Our Foundation will mark the event by offering complimentary cupcakes to the first 100 visitors to the gift shop! Satisfy your sweet tooth and celebrate with us on Wednesday! Also, that weekend, we are very excited to announce that we will be giving docent-led tours THROUGH the historic passenger cars once again! The City has decided to open the cars and buildings at Travel Town, expecting everyone to follow the protocols that are in place throughout the rest of the City of Los Angeles. Masks are still encouraged inside.

**Sleeping Cars
Open Again for
Tours Dec. 17th!**



GREG GNEIER
President

Executive Directors Message

Thank you all for coming out on Depot Day this year and participating in our fun Costume contest! We appreciate the participation from all of our vendors and our judges, the food trucks were yummy and the music was great! Please see the photos on pages 4-5.

As Greg mentioned above, we are excited to start our passenger car tours again this month, we will be offering tours through our sleeping cars, the Nugget and the Diner are still undergoing some restoration work – and we are always happy to give special walk-around tours to anyone interested ! Hope to see you on the 17th, for a tour, and all volunteers are welcome to learn the scripts and become docents as well! There will be a special sale in the Gift shop on all Fisher-Price items (aka wooden Thomas!) so please come do some Christmas shopping with us at the store and help restore the trains at Travel Town at the same time! Happy Holidays!

Nancy

On the Platform – The Teti Brothers!

This article acknowledges two fantastic volunteers that have worked at Travel Town for a number of years, Mike and Gary Teti. Mike started volunteering with us back in 2007 and soon brought his brother Gary, along and into the fold. These two have very different personalities, but have both contributed to Travel Town's projects, often working together, but also working independently as well. The Tetis together have volunteered over 4,770 hours!



Gary is a retired engineer from Boeing. Over his years of service, he not only contributed many, many hours of service, but also applied to the Boeing Charity Foundation and scored some donations from them for the Museum. Gary's wife Anna has been

very supportive of his working and we get to see her when we have our volunteer awards. Thanks Anna! Gary is a great planner, - he figures things out, comes up with a system and then executes that system. This strategy is really important when you have 19 windows that all need to have hinges installed the same way! Gary also is a model railroader, and he has helped maintain and clean the engines and tracks that run in our gift shop. He has donated a couple of engines just for that purpose too!

Mike has been a carpenter for us at Travel town and has helped build and repair many things at the Museum. He is creative and comes up with unique solutions to some of our woodworking problems – He is currently repairing and replacing the Mexican mahogany veneer in the dining room of diner 369. His careful assessment and removal of the damaged wood, while maintaining as much of the original fabric of the car has been excellent. Mike has taken photographs for us for Depot Days and is always fun to work around. He is also our volunteer “Yoda” – everyone is able to chat with Mike and he has a relaxed, calming and supportive view of life and our work here. Sometimes it tickles me when the two of them bicker in the diner – they truly are brothers who know exactly how to irritate each other!



Mike and Gary's dad has been an avid hiker here in Griffith Park for many years as well. It is wonderful to have such a supportive family involved in appreciating and honoring Travel Town, Griffith Park and their Los Angeles community. They remember running around here as kids, and are happy to give back and make a difference here at the Museum. Thank you again, guys – you've truly made a great difference here at the Museum!!



The December Member Event is happening on December 17th

Holiday Happenings!
An Exclusive Members-Only Event



The Holiday's are upon us and as is our tradition we are hosting a terrific fun-filled day for our Travel Town Museum Foundation Members on **Saturday, December 17th, 2022.**

Along with our regular train play tables and the like, we will have holiday craft tables set up for age-appropriate art, a table for letter writing to Santa and we may even get a visit from the big man himself, providing great photo opportunities for you to share with family and friends!

We will have coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, and popcorn available.

All members will also receive 20% off any one gift in our Gift Shop all day on December 17th while enjoying your typical 10% off everything else and there will also be an additional 5% off all Fisher Price (aka Wooden Thomas) items that day! What a deal!!

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!

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

Giving Tuesday is coming soon!

Please consider making a donation in addition to your membership – the link is:
<https://traveltown.networkforgood.com/projects/89366-mainline-general-funds>

Or visit our website at Traveltown.org and click on the **yellow DONATE button** on the right!

But, if you need to renew your membership, visit our membership page at:
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Depot Day 2022



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Councilperson Nithya Raman gives an award to one of our Costume contest winners! She and Lily and Phil Lierness from the Los Angeles Breakfast Club graciously volunteered to Judge our contest! Thank you!



New and Renewing Members

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](#))

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FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING**

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

1. Holiday Shopping online at Amazon? Shop through AmazonSmile and help raise funds for the Museum! NO COST TO YOU! And if you're an Amazon shopper, please click the Amazon.smile link found on our website, on the left hand column, or choose "American Southwestern Railway Association" as your Charity.

2. 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!

3. *You can donate to Travel Town without taking time out of your day, or going out of your way!* We've teamed up with **Raise Right (formerly Benefit)**, a mobile app that allows you to instantly purchase digital gift cards to use online or in-store, at retailers including Walmart, Target, The Home Depot, and Amazon and many more!!!. When you buy using the app, retailers contribute up to 20% of your transaction back to the Travel Town Museum Foundation — **each E-card only costs Fifteen cents!**

Download the app and use it for your everyday purchases
<https://www.raiseright.com/shop> – use our name

"Travel Town Museum Foundation" as your Beneficiary!!



Travel Town Birthday Sale! (From December 14-18)



Members get 15% off ALL Fisher Price Items – NO LIMIT!!

See Sandy for a 20% off one item coupon, too!!!!

General public gets 10% off Fisher Price,
but Members get 10% off everything anytime you shop!!



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