

Welcome Marta Egan

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After retiring from the telephone company, she was in Real Estate for over six years. She has served on several boards and committees, and most recently was invited to participate on the Board of Advisors for the Evan Haymond Group, Financial Planning Services.

Marta served as a volunteer with AARP as the Community Coordinator for the East San Gabriel Valley and then Associate State Coordinator for Community Operations for L.A., Ventura & Kern Counties. Here she was heavily involved in developing and implementing programs, recruiting volunteers, and budgets, just to mention a few. Prior to joining us, she was the Volunteer Coordinator for the Boys & Girls Club of Capistrano Valley. Her accomplishments included establishing a database that included 45 full time and 150 part time volunteers. Here again she became involved in writing procedures for a Crisis Management Plan, a Board of Directors Manual, and participated in several of the clubs fundraising events.

There is some enjoyment to retired life as well. Marta bought a small RV, and with her little dog, traveled for several months at a time over a three-year period. She became friends with many of the folks she met along the way. She visited all the states on the continent, plus parts of Canada and Mexico. Quite an accomplishment for a single lady.

One of her greatest assets is her outgoing personality and ability to bring the best out of people. She has a wonderful sense of humor and can turn the worst of jobs or situations into fun. If you've spent any time with Marta, you can bet it was enjoyable and humorous. She has a heart of gold that is demonstrated by her generosity of sharing her time, knowledge, and experience.

We are pleased to have Marta working with us. With her help we can continue the effort to establish a sound foundation and unity to the FRRS, and the Portola Railroad Museum.

Help Wanted

By Kerry Cochran

Would you like to become a member of the Portola Railroad Museum Operating Department Train Crew?

If you are interested ask any crew member for information, see one of the train crew supervisors who are Don Nelson, Pat Brimmer and Paul Finnegan or contact me directly either at the museum or by phone at (650) 952-7127.

Requirements are; 18 years of age, active membership (\$30.00) or above, leather gloves and Leather footwear that protects the ankles

Portola Railroad Museum
(530) 832-4131

Society News Bits

By Jan Breitwieser and Norman Holmes

Winter Rail, Stockton:

This event brings out the best in rail fans. I would like to thank Gail & Rod McClure, Steve Habeck, Marta Egan, Eugene Vicknair & Hank Stiles for all their work in making the booth possible. We wouldn't have been able to be there if it were not for all their support. Gail & Marta are naturals at sales. Also thanks to all the members and attendees who shopped at our booth.

WPR Historical Convention, Yuba City:

WP definitely lives at this event. Attendance was up and Tom & his support team did a great job. Thanks to Tom for letting us be there with very little notice. We had a great time.

Again my thanks to Marta Egan who did most of the sales. She's a good friend and representative of the FRRS. It was quite a challenge keeping up with the fast schedule of this event. We both were exhausted. Our new line of embroidered garments with the WPRHS, FRRS, & WP logos made especially for the event were well received. We were very happy with our sales and will continue the line in our gift shop at the museum. I apologize for the delay in getting the orders made at the show out. Again, thank you to all our members and attendees for supporting us.

Gift Shop, Portola RR Museum:

Consideration is being given to moving the gift shop into the beanery area. This will give the gift shop better exposure, and will enable us to re-open the beanery as a snack shop. The plus would be we could run both using the same staff. The logistics are still being worked out. Approval by the health department and labor to make it happen is the next step. As with all changes it will take some adjustment. Hopefully it will be done for the 2002 summer season.

We need volunteers to keep our doors open for longer hours and more days. Barbara & Norm Holmes, Lollie, and others were the heart beat of these shops in the past. Thanks to Norm, the RAL Engineers, Department Heads, Board Members, Gayle Anderson, and Marta for keeping the gift shop running. If you can volunteer, or know someone who would volunteer, please call the museum on 530 832-4131, or Jan at 530 832-6322.

Election Report:

Ballots were mailed on Friday, April 19th. What teamwork! Thank you to Ken & Missy Iversen, Norm & Barbara Holmes, Marta Egan, Debbie Lieblad, and George Breitwieser for making it happen within the established timeline. Thank you Judy, Tom, Gary, and Kerry for providing the how to information, and a very special Thank you to Eugene for putting the mailing list into label format after a late night call for help.

707 Builders Plate Comes Home:

Steve Schmollinger discovered he had one of the builders' plates for our WP GP7 No. 707 in his collection. Steve offered to sell it to our organization for a very reasonable price. Now we have one of the original builders' plates for this locomotive. Thanks Steve.