

ROTH IRA DIRECT DONATIONS

It has come to our attention that a new IRS law was enacted in 2006 that allowed anyone with either a traditional or Roth IRA account who is 70 1/2 years or older can designate all or part of their required annual distribution to be given directly to a qualified charitable organization. Our Feather River Rail Society meets that qualification.

Normally IRA distributions are taxed as earned income (you didn't pay tax on the IRA contribution when you put the money in.) This distribution qualifies as a deduction from your gross income for the year. This is a tax savings for you and a benefit for our organization.

If you would like to make this donation to our organization you should consult with your IRA custodian for the appropriate forms. This donation does not affect your regular itemized or standard deductions.

The FRRS tax ID number is 68-0002774.

ADOPT A PROJECT

- Eugene Vicknair, FRRS Director

As a member supported, volunteer driven organization, the FRRS relies on the dedicated help of those who have joined us in working to preserve the history of the Western Pacific. We receive no public funds and very little corporate support to aid in our mission.

There are many things that keep the society moving, from large, flashy work such as restoring cars and locomotives, to smaller, unsung "back office" projects that are critical to keeping the Society operating.

There are many such projects that need your help. If you would like to get more involved in aiding the Society, please contact any of the directors listed in the masthead on page 2. There are even projects that do not require you to be local to the museum. Assisting in elections, the WPRRHS conventions and fundraising are examples of things that many members work on from home.

A few of the projects currently needing support are:

- Extension of the Volunteer Area Deck
- Repair of the Diesel Shop
- 2008 Members Day set-up
- Museum grounds clean-up and improvement

Also, the various museum departments, including Operations and Mechanical, are always looking for new people to join their teams.

For the ambitious, there are many restoration projects with a variety of skill levels. Some of the equipment waiting for an advocate include WP 483 caboose,

Tidewater Southern 0565-H bunk car, WP 3051 U30B locomotive and WP 320 passenger coach. If you want to join in restoration projects, contact Restoration Manager Steve Habeck for more information.

Finally, there are committees and annual events that always need volunteers. Coming up this year are Portola and Dunsmuir Railroad Days, Railfan Day and the Santa Trains. Looking forward to 2009 we have the Board Elections and some planned special events.

And if you just have something you want to do that you feel would benefit the Society, just ask and we can help connect you with someone that will give you the information you need to make it happen.

The FRRS only grows with your help. Thank you for keeping the legacy of the Western Pacific alive!

