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LET'S MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER

OUR GOAL: PACIFICA MUSEUM CENTER – open to all – ready for use 2010

100 years ago The Little Brown Church (LBC) building was built and used as a church, meeting place and school. Recently it was the home of the Pacifica Police Department for twenty years. In 2001, the City leased the building to the Pacifica Historical Society (PHS). The PHS took it on to preserve and renovate to become a MUSEUM CENTER for all Pacificans and visitors. The PHS has undertaken this huge task with a few dedicated volunteers having numerous fund raisers, grant writing, and spending countless hours working to find ways to make the Pacifica Museum Center happen. The PHS has been diligent stewards of this historic City property.

If you have been by the LBC building on Francisco Boulevard you may have noticed a sign with a thermometer. (see also the PHS ad in today's paper). This "living sign" shows the progress of the funds currently projected to complete the Pacifica Museum Center. Since 2001, the PHS has raised and spent almost \$200,000 as indicated by red on the thermometer. This money went towards securing the LBC building so it would be safe to enter and work on essential projects. The green on the living sign represents approximately \$12,000 in funds raised at the recent rummage sale for projects currently in progress. An estimated \$250,000 remains TO BE RAISED as indicated in yellow. We want the temperature to reach the top by 2010.

It was necessary to hire an historical architect, Garavallia & Associates to discuss and make plans for designing, constructing and preserving the historic integrity of the building. Along with the foregoing we consulted and continue to do so with two local contractors, Dave Blackman and Rick Lee, who have contributed their professional skills pro-bono. We are all indebted to these civic-minded contractors supporting us in accomplishing the work which has been completed. Their generosity enabled the PHS and the LBC Building Restoration Committee to obtain City approvals and permits for a new roof, partial electric work, securing the building foundation, replacing building materials, tenting, removal of beehives, and guiding the volunteers over multiple work parties in demolishing and cleaning out debris left over the years.

There is still a great deal to be done.

The PHS will continue partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and Council Members. We will also be partnering with student activity and leadership advisors at Oceana High School and Terra Nova High School for the youth of Pacifica to join us in community service hours for the restoration effort. We want all Pacificans to have pride in restoring this historic building and making the Pacifica Museum Center a treasure for the city. Other local professionals have made offers for pro-bono support when funds for materials are available. The community support being generated is inspiring!

The PHS is announcing today a city-wide partnering campaign with all Pacificans.

It is our hope and goal that ALL PACIFICANS will contribute in the effort in the creation of the PACIFICA MUSEUM CENTER. When we mark the anniversary of the original construction of the LBC building we can make history together with its restoration!

We are reaching out to all local shopping centers, schools, organizations, businesses, restaurants and individuals in the community to raise funds to complete this project.

Be a part of history by joining the effort!

YOU can make an impact by taking ACTION.

ATTEND fundraisers sponsored by the PHS visit www.pacificahistory.org for upcoming events.

VOLUNTEER email info@pacificahistory.org or call 650-359-5462

DONATE online today by visiting www.pacificahistory.org

DONATE by mail by sending checks to:

Pacifica Historical Society

P.O. Box 752

Pacifica, CA 94044

The PHS is a 501C non-profit organization so your donation is tax deductible.

Everyone will be talking about the LITTLE BROWN CHURCH PACIFICA MUSEUM CENTER (LBC PMC). Tell them how YOU HELPED and encourage your friends and neighbors to join the effort. We look forward to celebrating the GRAND OPENING of the Pacifica Museum Center with ALL PACIFICANS.

Together we can do this!

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