



**PRESERVING OLD LA VERNE'S
ENVIRONMENT:
MAKING HISTORY FOR THE FUTURE**

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Happy New Year and welcome to 2022! Glad that 2021 is behind us, but we're beginning the year with caution and cancelling the January 10th LVHS Member/Community meeting. It seems incautious to meet in person, and the presenter options did not work out for Zoom. So, I am looking forward to our March meeting but will continue to be guided by L.A. County health bulletins for gathering, masking, seating, etc. For now, we'll keep informed through our newsletter, which is attached.

We have made great progress with the International. The frame has been sandblasted and is now at Erik Chaputa's house, being welded. He sent me multiple images of cracks in the frame, one of which was included in the newsletter. Erik guesses that Inman Conety really drove that truck hard with little regard for upkeep unless absolutely necessary. Now the LVHS is paying the price for Inman's frugality. Once welded, the frame will go back to Bonita High School for powder coating and parts assembling.

We have been busy although it may not seem so when we were used to so many public events. For several months I have been compiling a directory of materials and resources for home restoration. Many of you, like me, have turned your attention to home improvement while waiting out the virus. Sometimes it is hard to find the perfect material and/or expert to help get your projects completed. The directory will continue to expand, based on YOUR input. Please send me names of people who have performed restoration for you and/or great materials you have discovered. We are only using references from folks recommended by LVHS members, so this is not some type of Yelp search. I look forward to hearing from you.

January marks the beginning of our annual membership drive. If you are a life member you can ignore this paragraph. If you joined the LVHS or renewed your membership since July 2021, you can also ignore this paragraph. However, if you waiting to hear from us about renewal, or have a friend who'd make a great new member, this is the month. Your membership dues are going primarily to restore the 1938 International and to get display cases into elementary school libraries in the BUSD. The display cases will be filled with LVHS artifacts and stories about their contents. The contents will be rotated among schools. I will be working with Peggy Redman to provide a narrative booklet for

each display, which we'd like to duplicate as classroom sets to be used by district teachers. Your membership contribution truly enhances the experience of living in La Verne and brings us all closer together. The LVHS board will meet in February to discuss these and other projects.

I know we all hope for the days we once took for granted – when we could come together safely, attend group events, ride the bus, provide refreshments at lectures, and engage in so many activities from which we are now restricted. The LVHS will keep moving forward and we welcome your enthusiastic participation whenever possible. There will be six annual newsletters and a monthly President's message. We still hope for a "B" Street cemetery tour. We also hope for our much-loved International to represent the LVHS in the 2022 Fourth of July parade. Won't that be grand!

Stay safe and healthy, my friends! Attachments – January 2022 newsletter, resource directory, 2022 membership form.

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