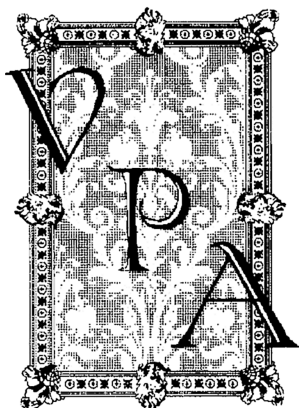


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**VPA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND SILENT  
AUCTION**

*by Hullene Salomon*

**Date:** Wednesday, January 18  
**Time:** 7:30 PM  
**Place:** San Jose Fire Museum  
201 N Market Street  
San Jose, CA 95110

January is here again and time to make plans for the New Year. VPA does this the third Wednesday of January and this year we will be meeting on January 18, 7:30 PM at the San Jose Fire Museum. The museum has generously offered to host VPA this year.

The museum serves to preserve the history of San Jose's fire department (established in 1854) and educate the public on its history through displays of fire-fighting equipment and memorabilia. Museum volunteers restore and maintain vintage fire engines and other apparatus. Learn more at their website, <http://www.sjfiremuseum.org/>.

We have many plans for this evening. Our board will bring to the membership a slate of officers for the coming year, we'll review our past year and take note of what worked and what could be improved upon. Then we will share our ideas for the coming year. VPA will provide the wine and water and the board is asking VPA members to bring a special dessert to share with our members.

While we are enjoying these sweet treats, VPA will be conducting our silent auction. Past auctions were very exciting and a huge hit with participants, especially the winners of some great 1 items! So, look around your home for an item another VPA member would find useful and willing to bid on. It could be a picture frame, book, hardware, a light fixture, memorabilia, collectible...you name it. This is not a white elephant auction, so bring something that will be of value to a fellow VPA member and will benefit the VPA general fund. Near the end of the evening, we will close the auction, announce the winners who will pay the treasurer and take their "find" home! Purchases as well as donation of items qualify as a charitable tax deduction and receipts will be provided.

The museum is in Old Fire Station No. 1 on North Market Street at St. James Street (next door to the active Fire Station No, 1). Parking is available at the rear through the gate on N. San Pedro Street.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Marcus Salomon

A new year is finally here! And as every year past, I begin with low expectations which means every small victory will be heralded as a major success. Owners of old houses look at the wanted and needed projects of their property and at the new year we plan to finally do the work and complete the project. I must admit that hosting the VPA Christmas Party this year did add a needed "Kick in the Butt" to get things done.

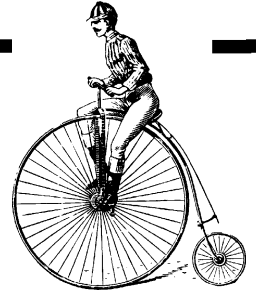
But our work was not without problems and distractions. Of course, the arrival of Waylon and Willie, our unexpected demanding and tyrannical orphan kittens made even the simplest of tasks a monumental undertaking. They wanted to be involved with everything making each job seem like we were taking on the role of Sisyphus. Even now as I write this article, they are taking turns walking on the keys hoping to add their two cents. But before my morning comes to ruin, I remember the good things like it's finally raining and leftovers from Hullene's wonderful holiday meals. My day is saved!

Our first point of business this year for VPA is our annual business meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 7pm. At the meeting I will try to lay out the year for you all and talk more about our fundraising efforts. The Board will be doing their best to add to the membership and make this coming year the best of all.

Lastly, please let me know if you would like to be on the board, host a monthly program or help in any way. We always can use the help. Look forward to seeing you at the Business meeting.

*Contributing to this Issue: Hullene Salomon,  
Sara Bruce & Marcus Salomon*

**Have You  
Heard  
the Latest?**



### VPA Holiday Party Pictures



**NEXT NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE:**

**JANUARY 30**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Once again it's time to remind everyone that it is time to renew your VPA membership. For 2023, VPA dues are \$30 per household. To see if you owe dues for 2023 (some people pay ahead...), look at your newsletter address label. If it says 2023 in the upper right corner, you owe dues for 2023.

Please fill out the renewal form below and return it with dues payable to VPA. You can also pay dues through Paypal at the VPA website at <https://www.vpa.org/join-the-vpa/> (button at the bottom of the page). or give it to any board member at a meeting.

### 2022 VPA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email\_(important!) \_\_\_\_\_

Paper copy of newsletter? (Y/N)

Electronic copy of newsletter? (Y/N)

Do you want to be added to the VPA Yahoo Group? (Y/N)

Special Interests, Expertise, Description of House

Suggestions/ideas for monthly meeting topics

Recommendations for VPA Source Lst:

VPA Address:

Victorian Preservation Association  
PO Box 586  
San Jose, CA 95106-0586



**Vintage Cocktail Corner**  
*by Sara Bruce*

### The Gin Rickey

The Gin Rickey was one of the most popular cocktails in America 100 years ago. The original Rickey was invented in the 1880s at Shoomaker's in Washington D.C. There are numerous legends about whom it is named for (see Wikipedia for an interesting read). In 2011, the Rickey was declared the D.C.'s official native cocktail, and the month of July was declared Rickey Month in D.C.

The Rickey was originally made with Bourbon, but by the 1890s gin had become the spirit of choice. The availability of gin during prohibition may have helped make it so popular in the 20s. It is mentioned in the novel *The Great Gatsby*.

Some early recipes say to muddle a whole lime or half a lime in the glass. Other recipes call for juicing the lime and placing half of the peel in the glass. Most early recipes do not add sugar, but this may be because sweetened gin was popular at the time.

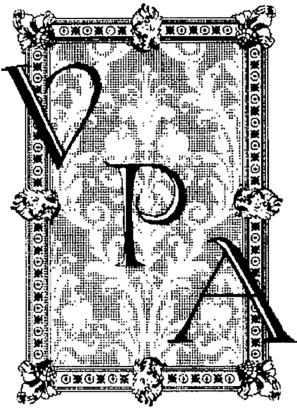
Enjoy this recipe from *Louis Mixed Drinks*, 1906, but feel free to sweeten it to taste:

Take the juice of a whole lime, and

One-half a bar-glass of gin. (~2 oz)

Put a lump of ice and one-half of the lime in a high-ball glass, and when ready to serve, fizz with soda.

Cheers!



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## UPCOMING HISTORICAL EVENTS

Jan. 18 VPA Annual Business Meeting.

## ABOUT THE VPA

Members of the Victorian Preservation Association of Santa Clara Valley, a nonprofit organization, share an interest in the older buildings of our community, especially turn-of-the-century homes. Membership is open to anyone interested in learning about building and conservation techniques, architecture, decoration, and historic preservation. Meetings are usually held in members' historic homes, but being an owner of one of these homes is not required for membership. Membership is \$25 per year per household. To join the club, go to [www.vpa.org](http://www.vpa.org) and click on the "Join the VPA" button.

### Officers

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Secretary	Mike Tierney
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Past-President	Keith Shukait

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