This year, we focused on four key goals set by our board of directors:

1) Strengthen our partnerships with other organizations.
2) Expand our role as a community resource.
3) Continue our successful programs & events.
4) Expand our funding sources.

This annual report will tell you how we did in meeting those goals. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to another successful year to come!

- Nomi Trapnell, President 2014-15

OUR MISSION:
History inspires imagination, stimulates thought and transforms society.
The Los Altos History Museum preserves and shares our local history to enrich our community and to shape a more informed future.
Goal 1: Strengthen our partnerships with other organizations.

- We assisted the Los Altos Historical Commission with the essay contest, research and awarding of historical plaques, and saw one of our board members join the commission.
- Oral histories are flourishing as we continue to work with the Los Altos Hills History Committee.
- Among others, we partnered with the California Historical Society, local schools, Foothill College History Dept., Los Altos and Mountain View libraries, GreenTown Los Altos, Los Altos Community Foundation, Los Altos Stage Co., and local artists.
- We coached a U.S. State Dept. Tech Woman on starting a museum, with help from the Computer History Museum, Tech Museum and Exploratorium.

Goal 2: Expand our role as a community resource.

- Inspired by tech pioneers, we launched a Lean-In Circle for professional women to network and support each other.
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Thank you to all our Museum volunteers!

Board of Directors
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160 volunteers reported nearly 9,000 hours.

Volunteer Awards
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Ginger Summit, Oral Histories
The Education Committee
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Mark Perry, Facility & Rentals Manager
Faustino Carillo
Gardener

A large audience enjoyed dromes, robots and tales of a young entrepreneur at Young Minds @ the Museum family day.

300 guests came to our first MoonFest!
Goal 3: Continue our successful programs & events.

- We continued popular programs like Ohlone Day, the holiday Smith House tour and authors’ event, Volunteer Recognition Party and a second successful coffee to recruit more volunteers. Train Days had its highest attendance to date.

- Another successful set of education programs served 1,330 students with curriculum tours and an essay contest capped by the annual Ice Cream Social.

- We hired a full-time Collections & Exhibitions Manager.

- Four exhibits in the Smith House gallery included black & white photographs, vintage toys and games, “tintypes” made during Reflect + Create, and Annie Knapp Fitz paintings depicting the Ohlone.

Three original new exhibitions debuted in the main museum:

**Pedal Power:** from Wacky to Workhorse (4.10-10.5) featured an Electric Bike Festival and a Historic Bike Tour.

**Silicon Valley:** The Lure & the Legends (10.28-4.19) explored the stories of over 140 local innovators and featured programs on 3D technology, the hidden military history of Silicon Valley, the connections to Stanford, a film night and a visionaries panel.

**Reflect + Create:** Where Art & History Intersect (5.7-10.4) exhibited works by local artists inspired by artifacts in our collection.

New record: 22,308 visitors!

Goal 4: Expand our funding sources.

We spent less than budgeted, but also earned less, leaving a significant deficit. This reflects a growth course charted by the board as well as some planned benefit events which were canceled or delayed, and a change in the timing of revenues compared with previous years.

- We inaugurated a Board Designated Fund which will provide a long-term source of museum funding from gifts such as bequests, life insurance, charitable remainder or lead trusts, pooled income funds, retirement accounts and other planned giving vehicles. Many gifts were given in memory of Bob Grimm, who is greatly missed.

- In a new and improved venue, the Crab Feed generated increased net revenue.

- We continue to explore avenues like online giving and are developing a new easier-to-use website.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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| Net                  | ($82,998) |

**BALANCE SHEET (as of 6.30.15)**

| Cash                 | $256,211  |
| Invested Savings     | 743,767   |
| Board Designated Fund| 48,047    |
| **Liabilities**      | 0         |

Our completely revised chart of accounts now aligns with IRS form 990. In-kind gift values are not included above (cash basis accounting).
A toast to our donors!

Major Donors
Brent & Kris Beagle
Neil & Karen Banke
Christian & Nancy Bremmie
Craig & Lindsay Carpenter
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Diane & Bob Claypool
David & Ann Crockett
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Faye Yoe

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We're grateful to over 750 individuals, organizations and businesses who contributed to the Los Altos History Museum so we could Inspire. Explore. Celebrate.