

EL CAMINO REELERS



**GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**



Agenda

- **2025 in Review (Michael)**
- **Membership & Financial Summary (Ed)**
- **Board Elections & ways to help (Mike)**
- **Coming in 2026 (Pete)**
- **Acknowledgments (Mike)**



2025 in Review

What did we do last year?

At the "Hot Dish" potluck, Jan. 3



Growing the club

Growing our membership

was priority #1

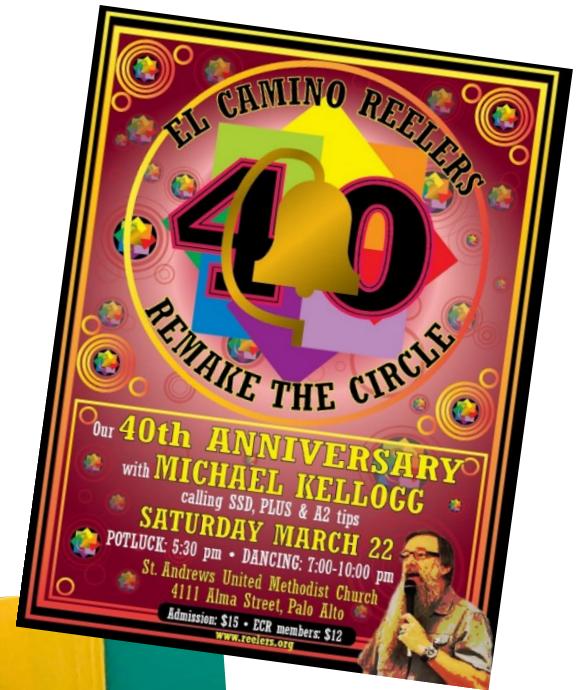
- Open House nights in April, July and August
- Recruiting at Pride events
- SSD-to-Plus Blast Class: *(follow-on to last year's beginner class)*
- “Indigo” Beginner class: September-December
- Focus on class level dancing on Tuesday club nights

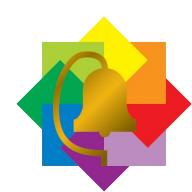




March 22: Remake the Circle

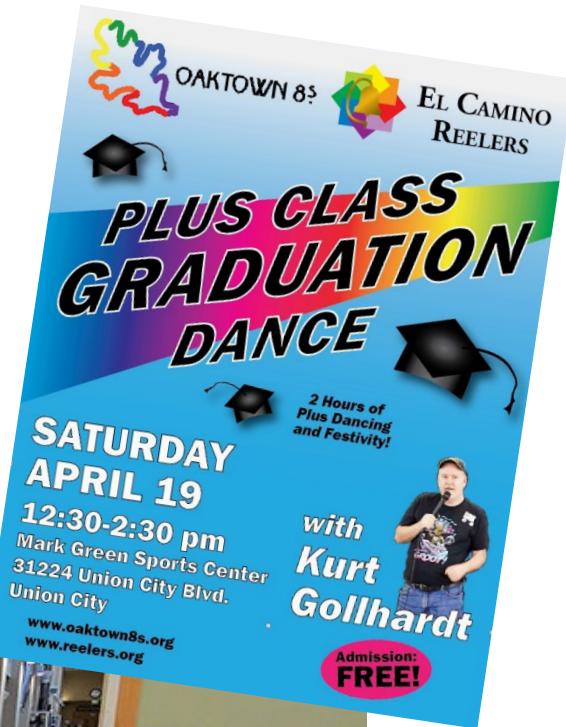
We celebrated our **40th Anniversary** with a potluck and dance featuring caller Michael Kellogg





SSD-to-Plus Class

A joint “Blast Class” with
Oaktown 8’s attracted dancers
from clubs around the Bay Area





May 3: Walk & Dodge into Spring

Toronto's Barry Clasper
calls our Spring dance





Three Picnics in the Park





Two Pride events in June

Staffed a booth and performed at San Mateo County Pride (our 13th) and Mountain View Pride (their first)





July: Hitch-Hiking the Galaxy



at the 42nd IAGSDC Convention in San Francisco



Aug. 23: DIVE THRU

Aaah-Ooo-Gaaahh!

Our nautical-themed summer dance
with caller Darren Gallina





Three Friday Potlucks

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Friday Potluck
with
KURT GOLLHARDT



HOT DISH

FRIDAY JANUARY 31

Potluck Supper: 7:00 pm
A2, Plus, & SSD tips: 7:30 - 9:30 pm
St. Andrews United Methodist Church
4111 Alma St., Palo Alto

Admission: \$10 • ECR Students FREE

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Scrumptious

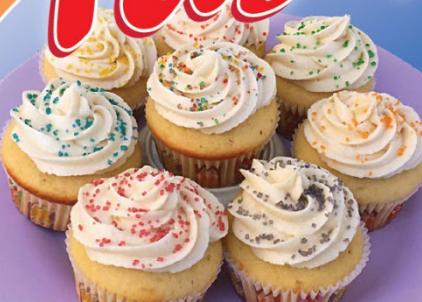
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7

Potluck Supper: 6:45 pm
A2, Plus, & ECR class level tips: 7:30 - 9:30 pm
St. Andrews United Methodist Church
4111 Alma St., Palo Alto

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Tasty!



**FRIDAY
POTLUCK
October 10**
with
Rich Reel

calling A2, Plus &
ECR class level tips

Potluck Supper: 6:45 pm
Dancing: 7:30-9:30 pm

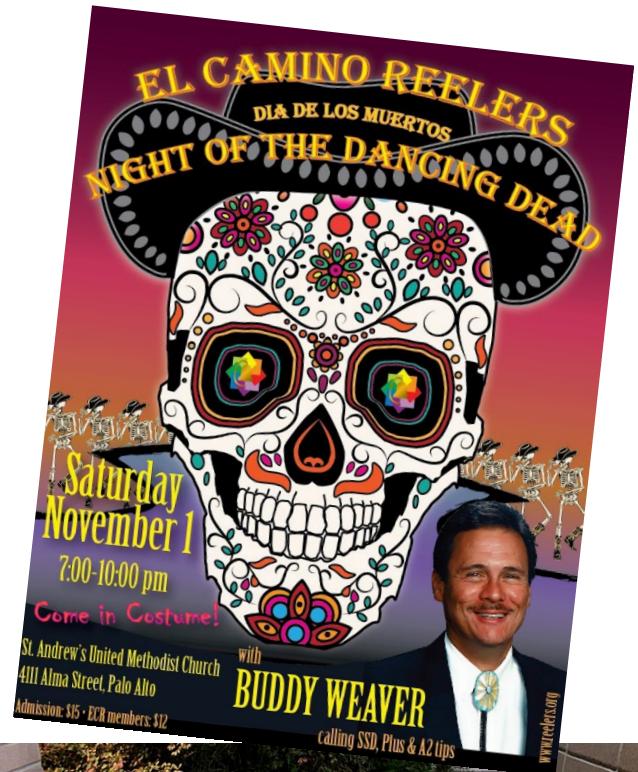
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Nov. 1: Night of the Dancing Dead

Big crowd, great costumes, and fun dancing with caller Buddy Weaver



And... Great Pumpkins!



Fall SSD class



Dec. 16: 15 new dancers get their badges



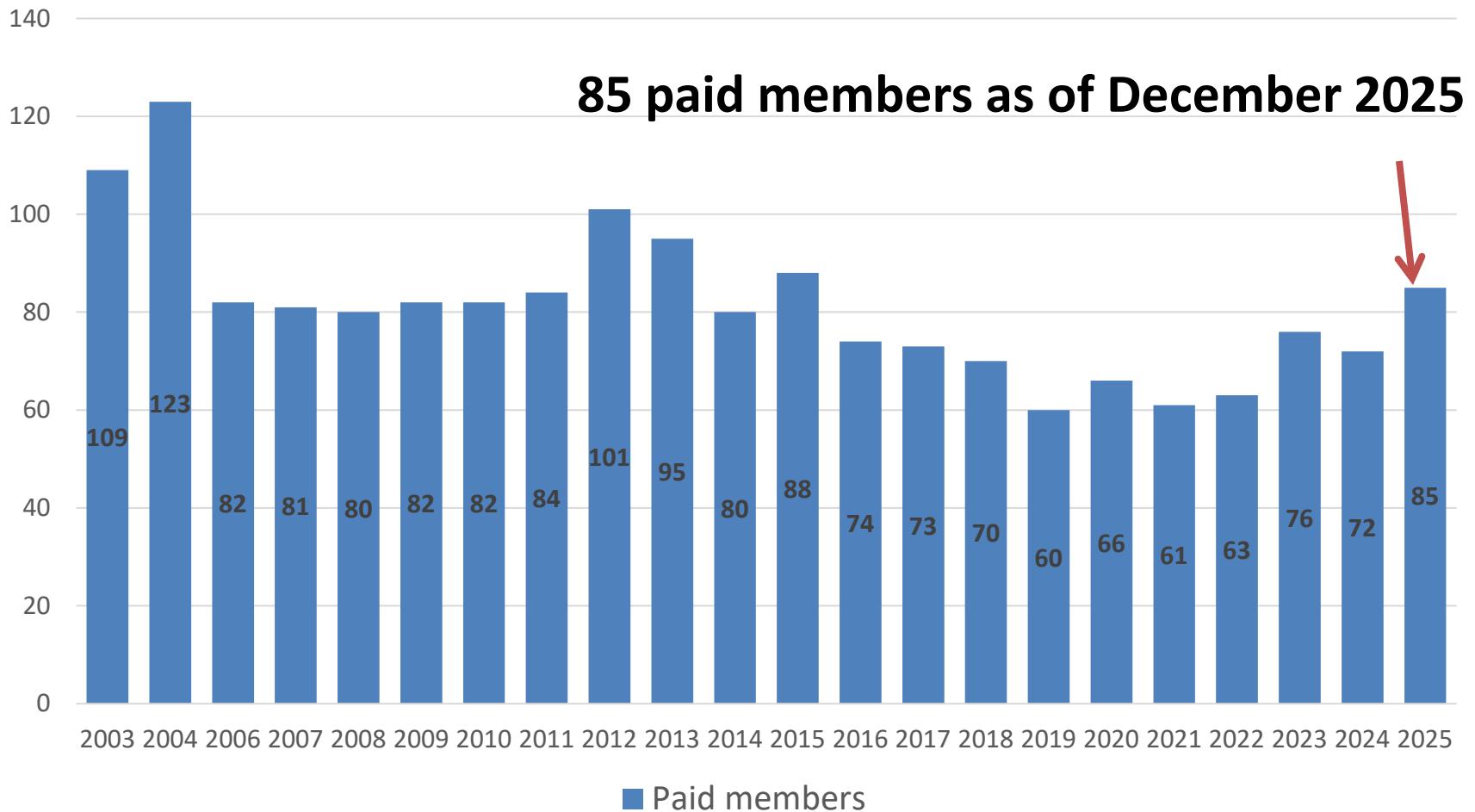


For the 2025 Calendar Year

Membership and Financial Summary



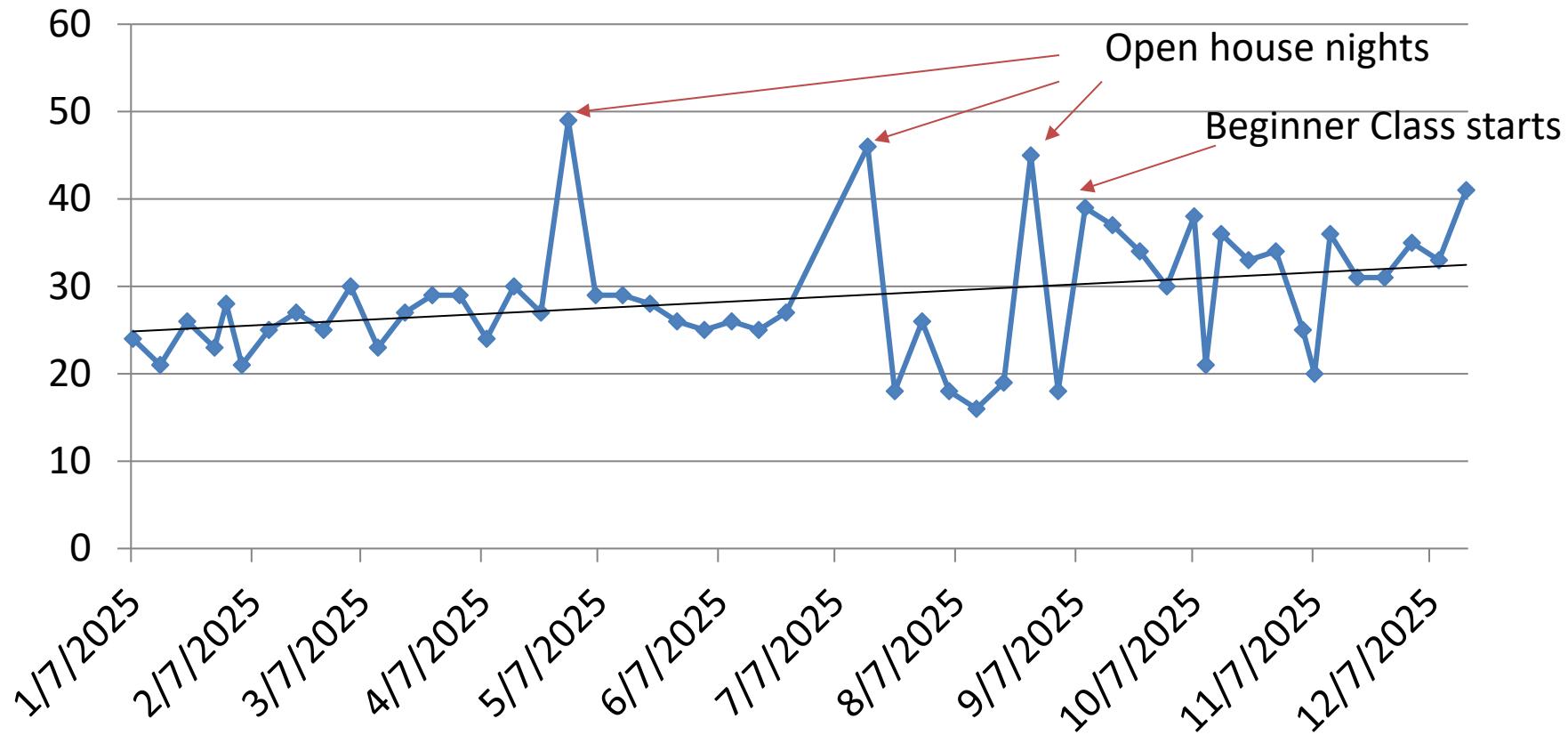
Membership growing again



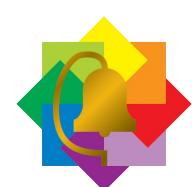


Club Night Attendance

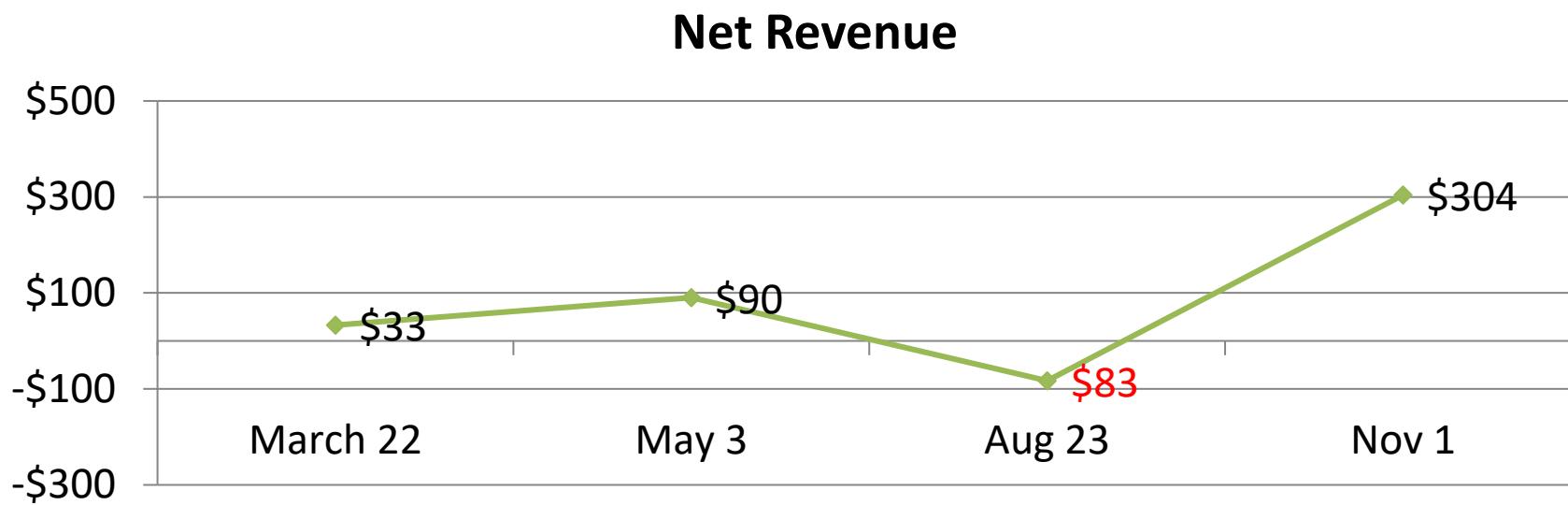
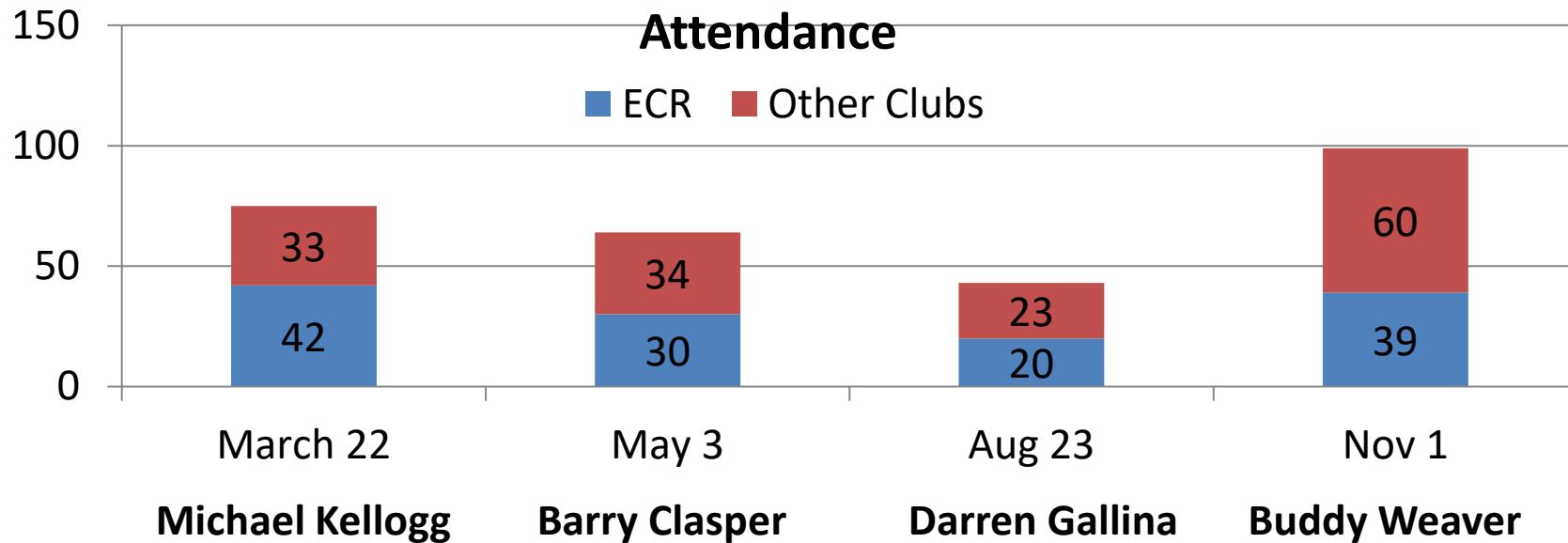
Attendees (including callers)



Attendance grew with the start of our fall beginner class
Now averaging 3+ squares



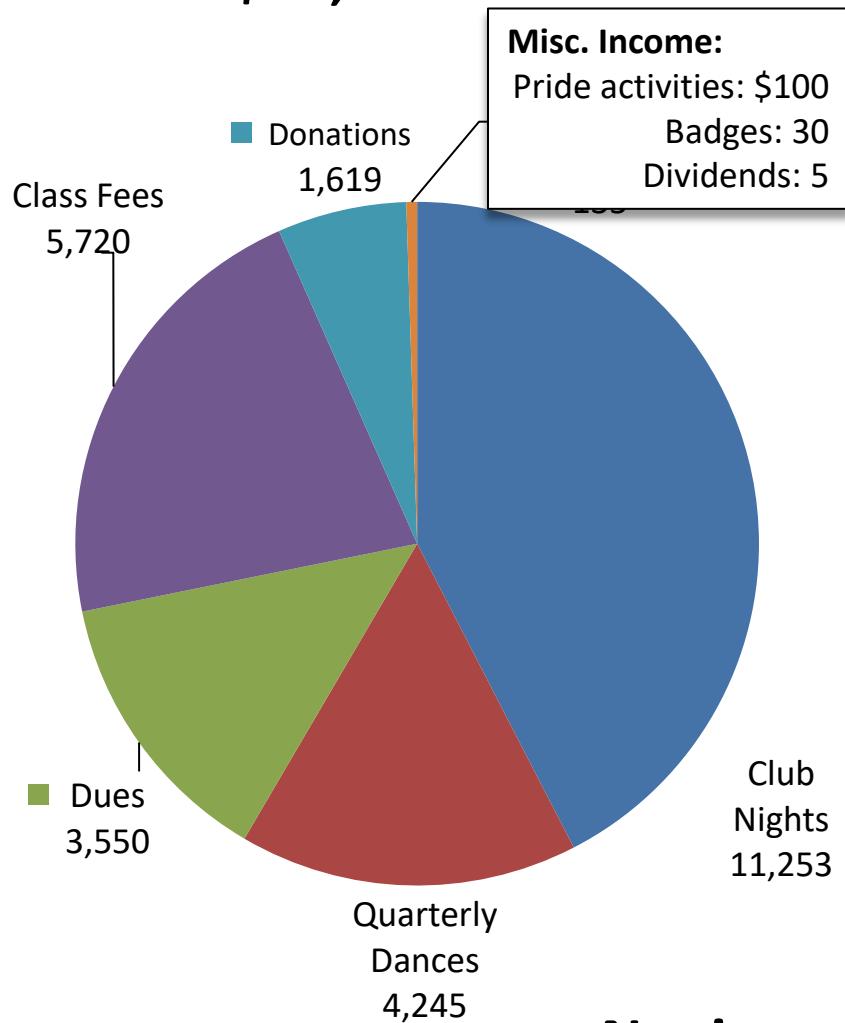
Quarterly Dances



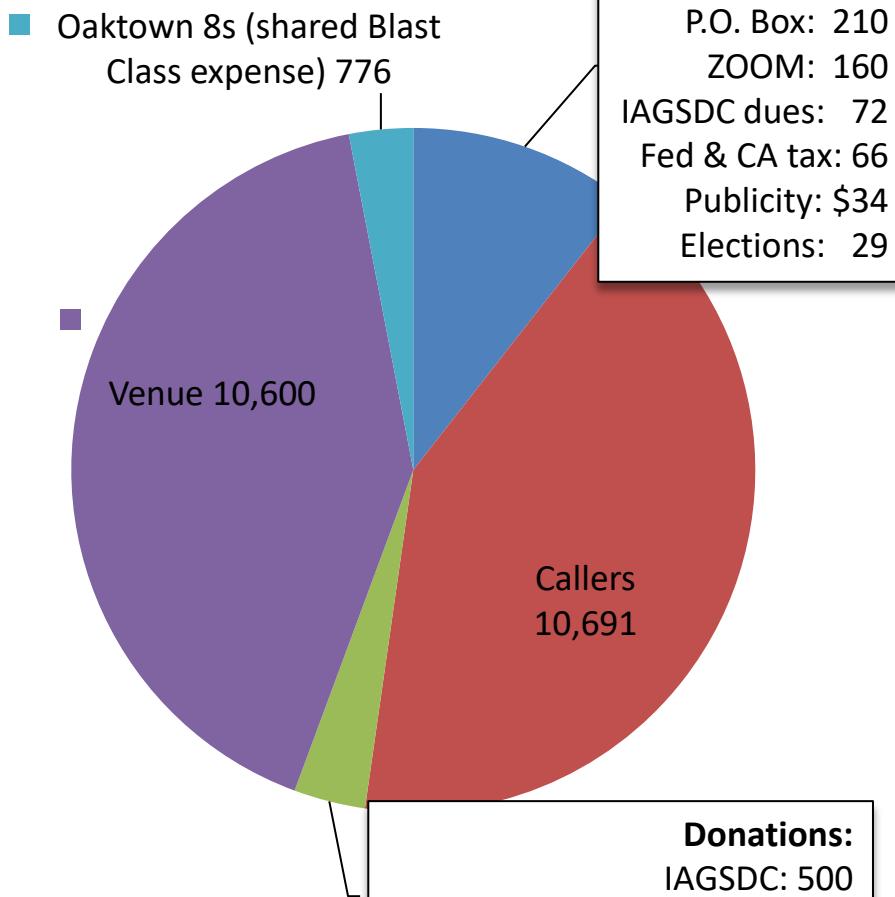


2025 Income & Expenses

Income: \$26,624



Expenses: \$25,647



Net income: \$877

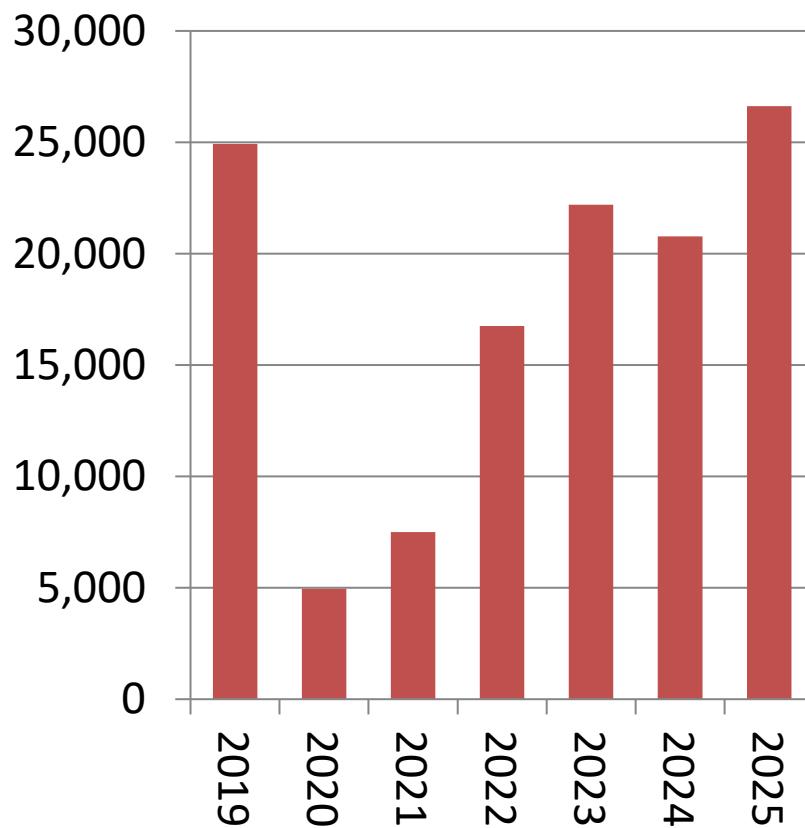
Donations:
IAGSDC: 500
Inter-Club Social: 150
Bonnie Laster flowers: 120
St. Andrews repair : 98



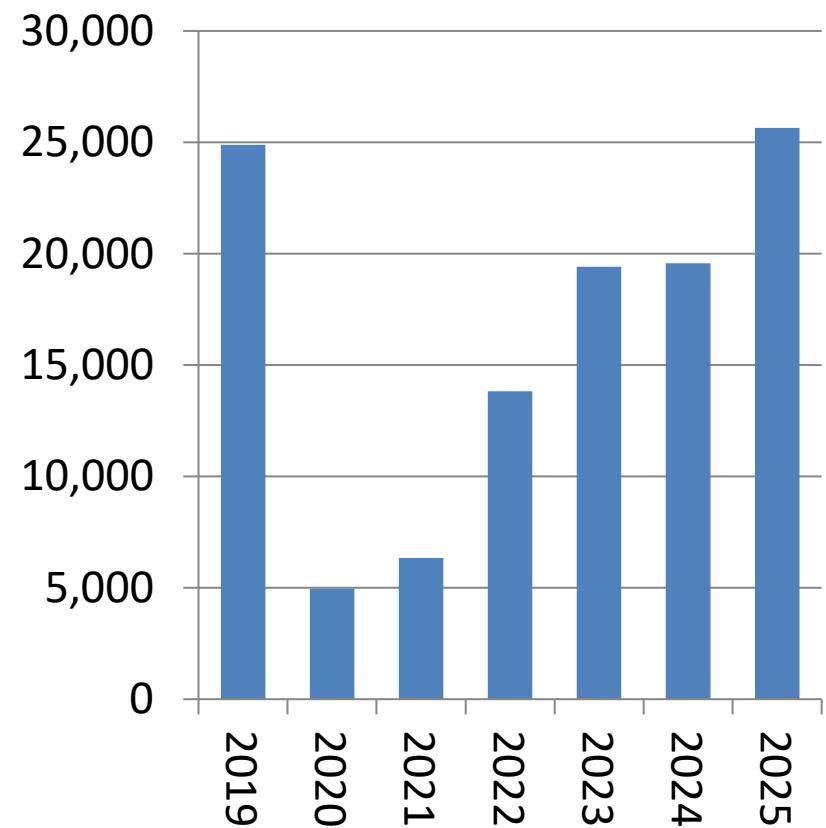
Income and Expenses

Returning to pre-pandemic levels

Income



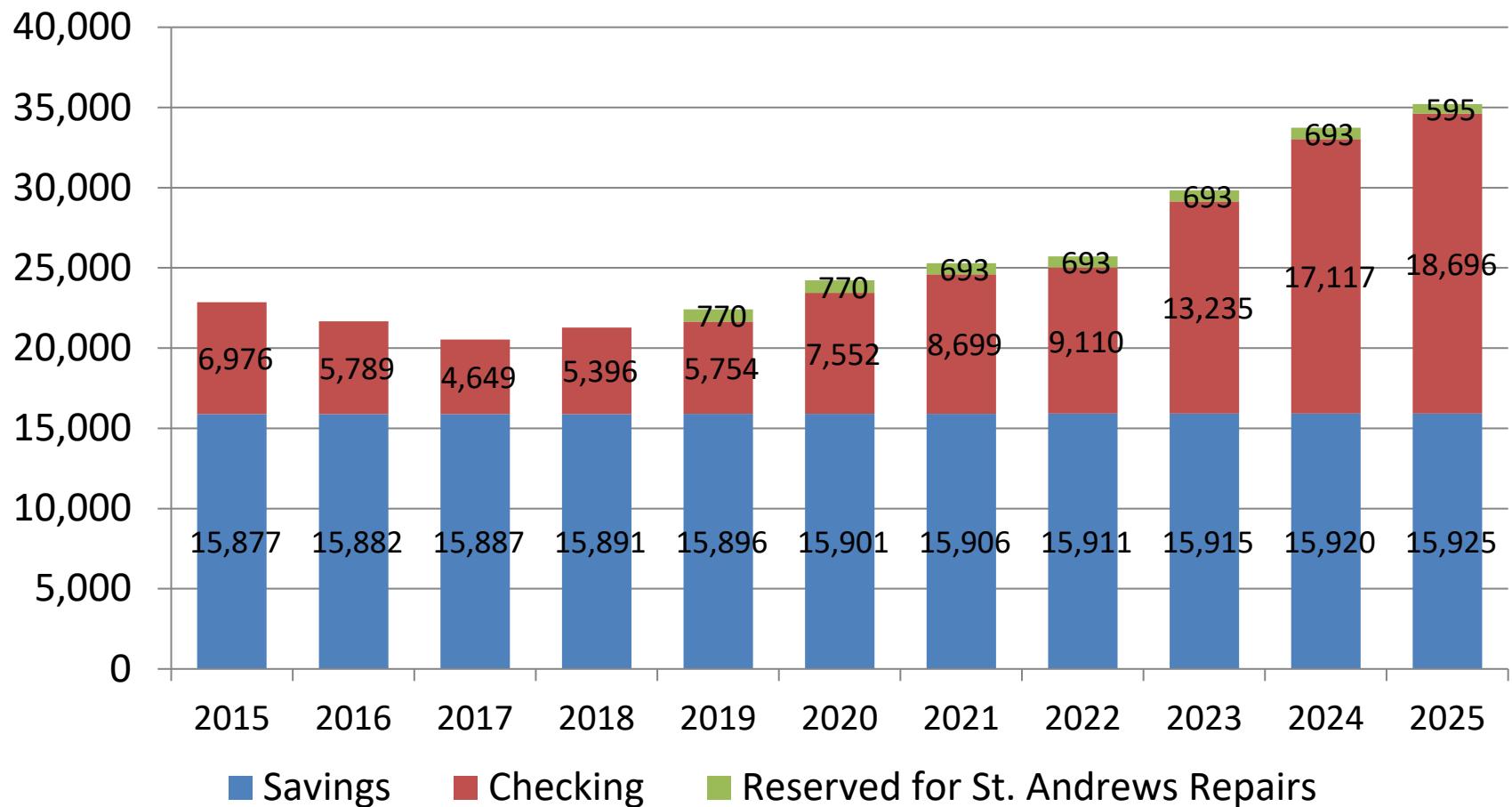
Expenses





Balance Sheet

As of the end of our fiscal year (Sept. 30)



Net worth as of 9/30/25: \$35,216



Every February

Board Elections (and more ways to help)



Current ECR Board

- **Pete Levins** (2024-26): President
- **Rob Howe** (2024-26): Secretary
- **Ed Wilson** (2025-27): Treasurer
- **Mike Keeley** (2025-27): Member at Large
- **Michael Golden** (2025-27): Member at Large
- **Oliver Vogel** (2024-26): Member at Large



About the Board

- Board members serve for 2-year terms
- Monthly ZOOM meetings open to all ECR members – just ask!
- Minutes posted at
www.reelers.org/ClubInfo/ECRBoard.html
- All ECR members can vote and are encouraged to run for the Board

Class planning

Dance planning & promotion

Finances & insurance

Venue management

Caller wrangling

Relations with other clubs

Elections & bylaws

Special events

Etc...



Retiring Board Member

- **Rob Howe** is stepping away from the Board – thank you for all your work for ECR!



2025 Board Elections

- **Three seats** open in February
- **Two board members** running again
 - Pete Levins
 - Oliver Vogel
- We are using a secure online voting system (ElectionBuddy.com)
 - Ballot notices were sent out **February 12** to each paid-up member's email address
 - Voting closes **February 26**
 - Results will be announced **February 27**



You can help

There are lots of other ways to help the club:

- Volunteer to help with dances & classes
- Pride events: dance in the parade & onstage, staff the ECR booth
- Follow up with prospective new dancers
- Host an out-of-town caller
- Outreach to LGBTQ community and workplace organizations



More ways to help

- Class coordinator
 - Follow up with students who missed class
 - Communicate issues raised by students
- Club “stepmother”
 - Recognize birthdays etc.
 - Check in with missing members
- Social organizers (for non-dance events)
- And more... just ask!



What's in store for ECR

Coming in 2026



Our Goals

Three main goals for the club:

1. To increase membership
2. To increase the dancing strength of our members
3. To continue the feeling of family amongst our members



Our Classes

SSD-to-Plus class

- 22 weeks: Jan. 27–June 23
- Currently at 17 students

Fall Beginner class

- TBA for late summer/early fall
- Open House nights (June, August)
- Tell your friends!



Currently considering an Advanced class

(on a different night) – watch for announcements



2026 Dances

- **Feb. 21: Black & White Ball** with Terri Sherrer
- **May 9:** Andy Allemao
- **Aug. 1:** Vic Ceder
- **Oct. 31: Halloween Ball**
with Eric Henerlau

Picnics etc. TBA

NOTE: Due to scheduling conflicts, we no longer have access to the church hall on Friday evenings.





ECR logo apparel

- **T-shirts and other ECR logo apparel** will go on sale in April
- April 30 order deadline
- Delivery in mid-June
- See the Merchandise page on www.reelers.org. Prices and items are not final yet.
- Questions? Requests? Contact Mike Keeley at merchandise@reelers.org



Pride Events

We will be dancing (and staffing booths) at

- June 13: San Mateo County Pride
- June 20: Mountain View Pride
- Other Pride events TBD





2026 IAGSDC Convention

- In Montreal July 1-5
- Special discount rate for first-timers
- Sign up and reserve your hotel room now!
<https://www.montrealmix2026.com/>
- Passport up to date? It's not too late!





The Board would like to thank...

Acknowledgments



Thanks to our Club Callers...

- **Dave Decot**
- **Kurt Gollhardt**
- **Michael Levy**
- **Mike Pogue**
- **Rich Reel**
- **James Thompson**



Special thanks to Kurt for managing the club caller schedule and class communications



And special thanks to:

- **Eric Bier:** Class review sessions
- **Carol Cook & Susan Griege:** Dance decorations
- **The Michaels, Eric Hudson:** Theater outings
- **Eric Hudson:** Club history project
- **Jenny Robertson:** Pumpkin queen
- **Sheri Winkenwerder:** Birthday cakes and general ECR den mother



Club History Project

- We want to acknowledge **long-term members** with an **anniversary bar** to hang from your badge – 5, 10, 15 years...
- If you haven't done so already, **please verify** with Eric Hudson that your membership dates are accurately recorded.



2026 Longevity Awards

30 Years

- Allan Hurst

20 Years

- Gary Collins
- Rick Trushel

15 Years

- Kevin Dickmann
- Jim Maxwell
- Caren Stephens
- Tim Stephens

10 Years

- Michael Golden
- Mike Keeley
- Michael Levy
- Stephanie Reyes

5 Years

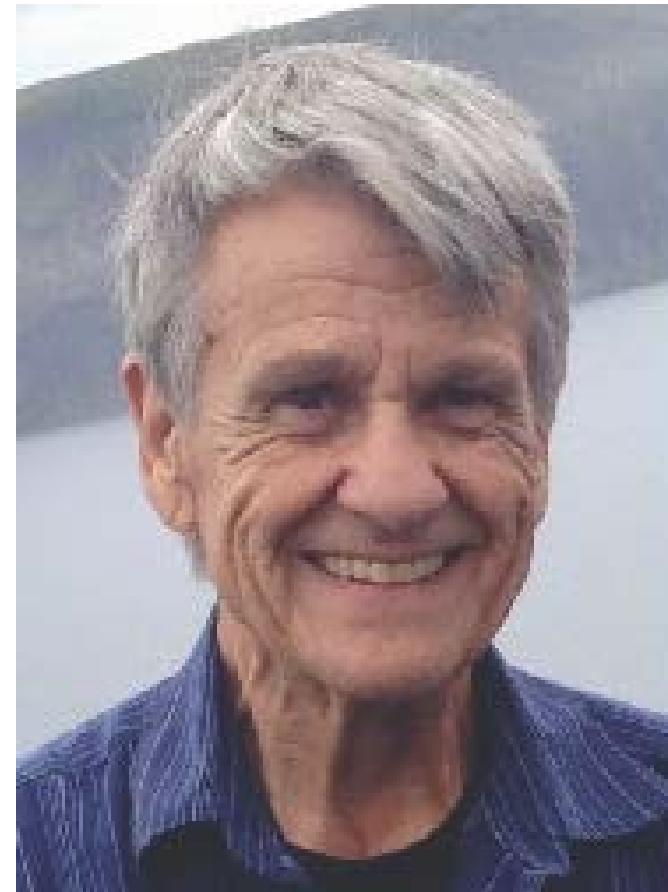
- Jeff Alder
- Sabra Chartrand
- Indra Ong
- Ryan Robertson
- Dawn Strahler



Mike Laster

- Mike and Bonnie Laster joined ECR in 2023
- Mike passed away in November 2025

Bonnie is holding a celebration of Mike's life on Saturday Feb. 28. All ECR folks are invited. See email for details.





And many thanks to...

- Everybody who brings food
- Everybody who helps out at dances (decorations, 50-50 raffle, cleanup)
- Everybody who attends Board meetings (*just ask!*)
- The Election Committee and other volunteers
- All our **generous** donors

... AND ALL OUR DANCERS!



ANY QUESTIONS?

A link to this slide set will be posted on
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THAAAANK YOU!!



Now let's dance!