

# **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

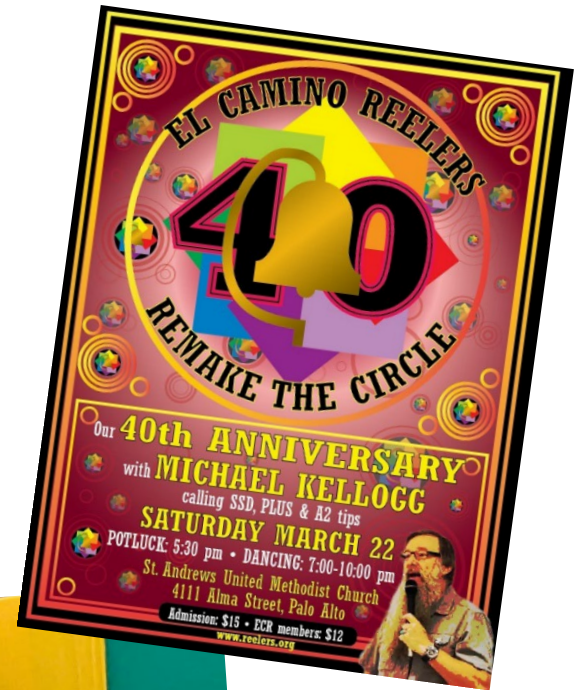






# March 22: Remake the Circle

We celebrated our **40<sup>th</sup> 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



**Follow Your Neighbor  
to El Camino Reelers'  
Walk & Dodge  
Into Spring**

**with Barry Clasper  
calling SSD, Plus & A2 tips**

**Saturday May 3  
7:00-10:00 pm  
St. Andrews United Methodist Church  
4111 Alma St. Palo Alto**

**Admission: \$15 • ECR members: \$12**

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Stickers on the van include: "BARRY ON BOARD", "ECR", "HONK if you love Square Dancing", "MONTREAL 2014", "SQUARE NATION", "KEEP SQUARE DANCING WEIRD", "CALIFORNIA 2011", "REELERS", "10 years old and still Reeling", "FRIENDSHIP SET TO MUSIC", "REAL DANCING REAL PEOPLE REAL FUN", "I LOVE SQUARE DANCING", "CAUTION: STUDENT SQUARE DANCER (SSD)", "MY KID WAS STUDENT OF THE MONTH AT EL CAMINO HIGH", "I BRAKE for PLUS", and a rainbow flag.



# Three Picnics in the Park







# Two Pride events in June

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







# July: Hitch-Hiking the Galaxy



at the 42<sup>nd</sup> IAGSDC Convention in San Francisco





# Aug. 23: DIVE THRU

*Aaah-Ooo-Gaaahh!*

Our nautical-themed summer dance  
with caller Darren Gallina







# Three Friday Potlucks

**EL CAMINO REELERS**  
Friday Potluck  
with **KURT GOLLHARDT**



**HOT DISH**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 3**

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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**EL CAMINO REELERS**  
**FRIDAY POTLUCK**  
with **KURT GOLLHARDT**




**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

Admission: \$10 • ECR Students FREE


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Since 1985

**El Camino Reelers**

**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  
St. Andrews United Methodist Church  
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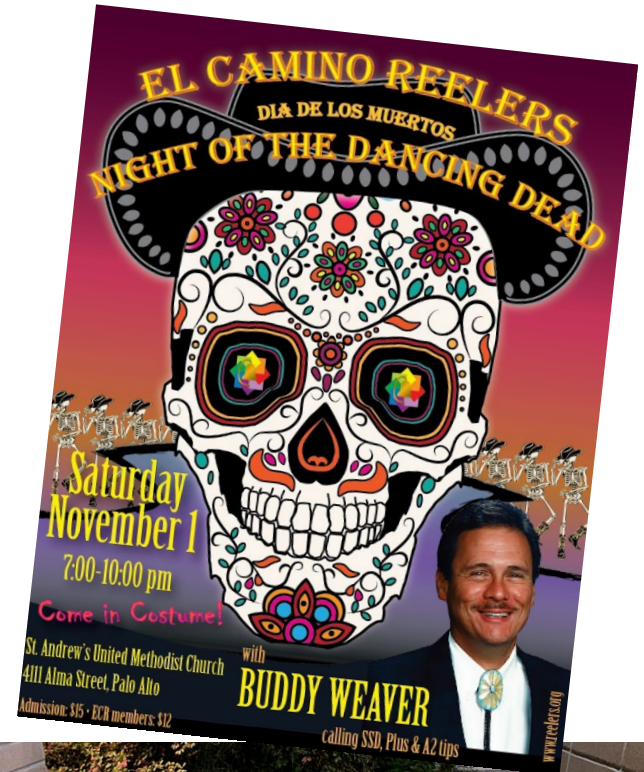
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# Nov. 1: Night of the Dancing Dead

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



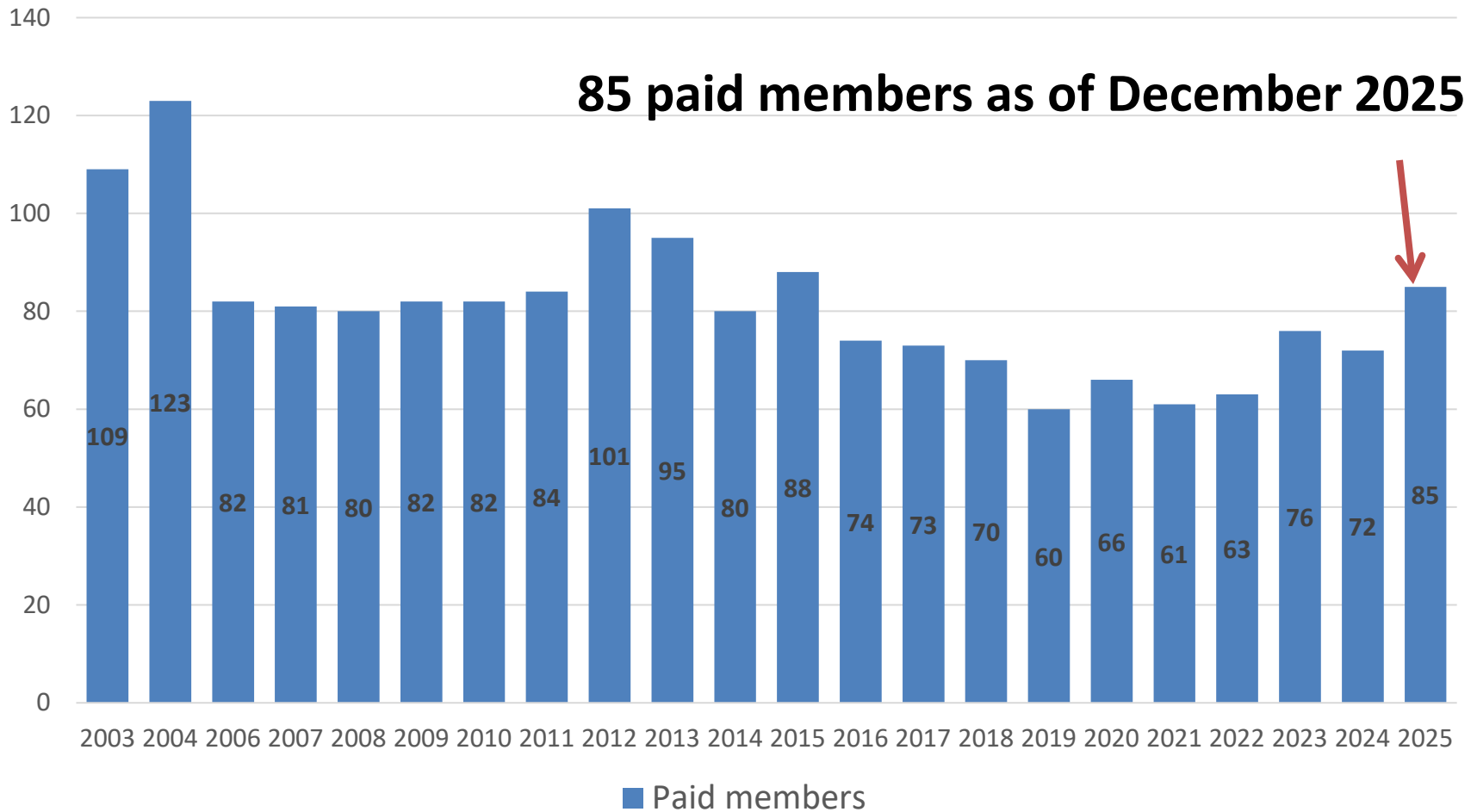


For the 2025 Calendar Year

# **Membership and Financial Summary**



# Membership growing again

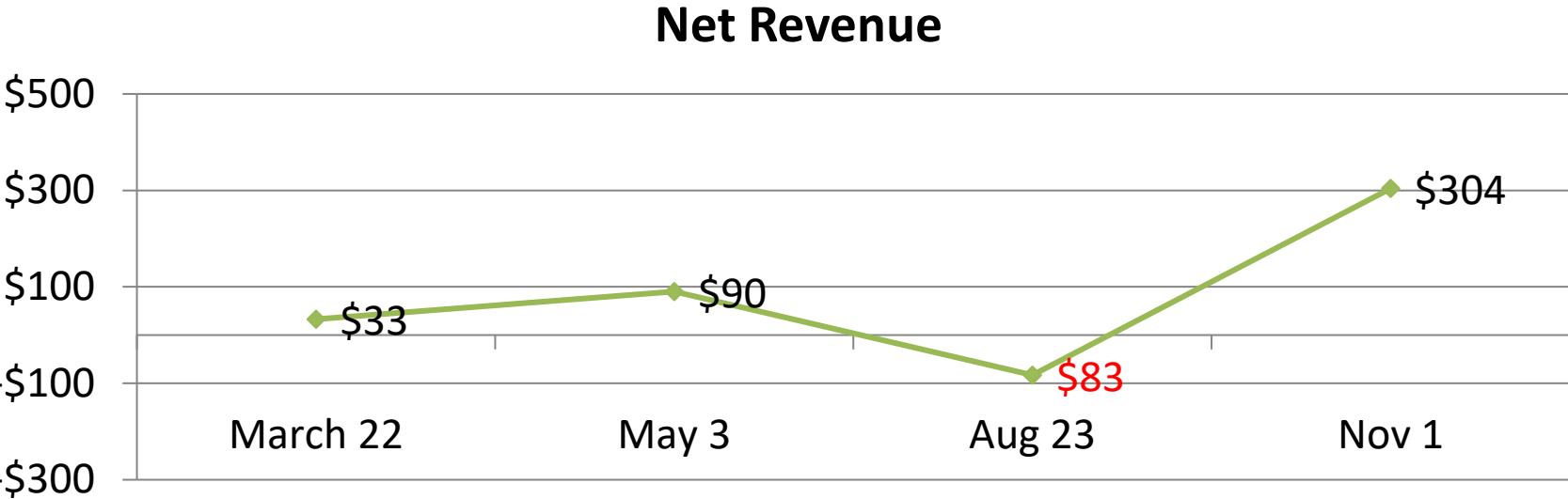
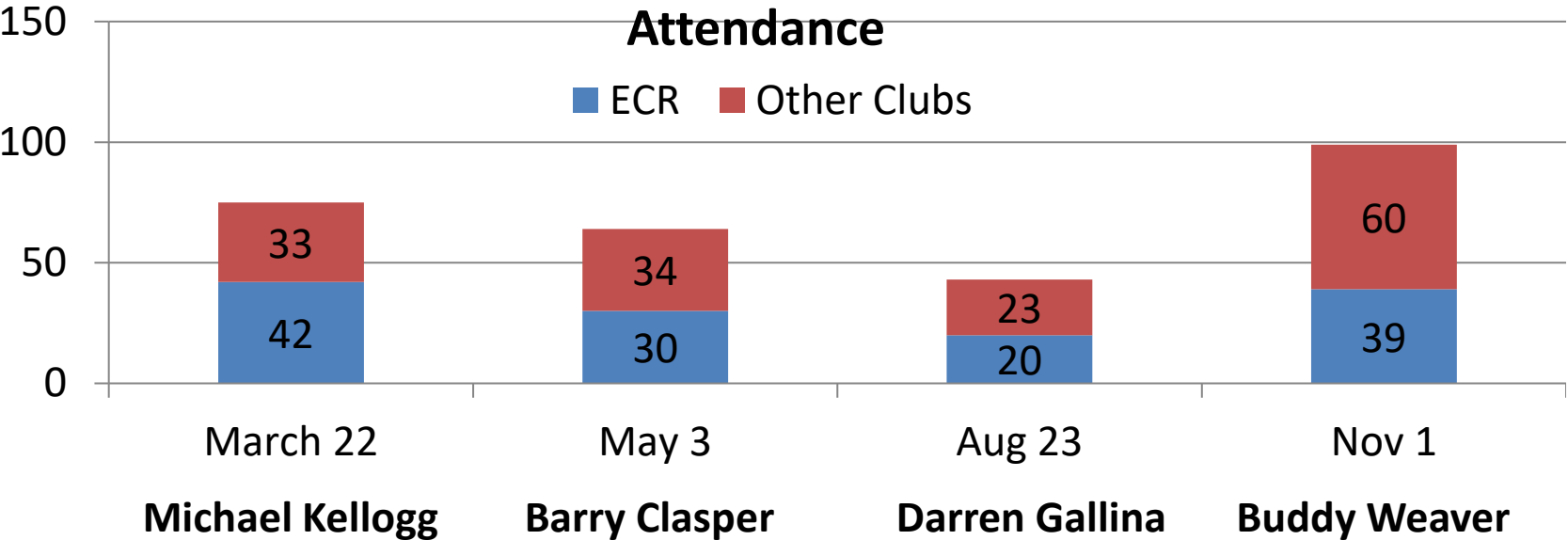








# Quarterly Dances

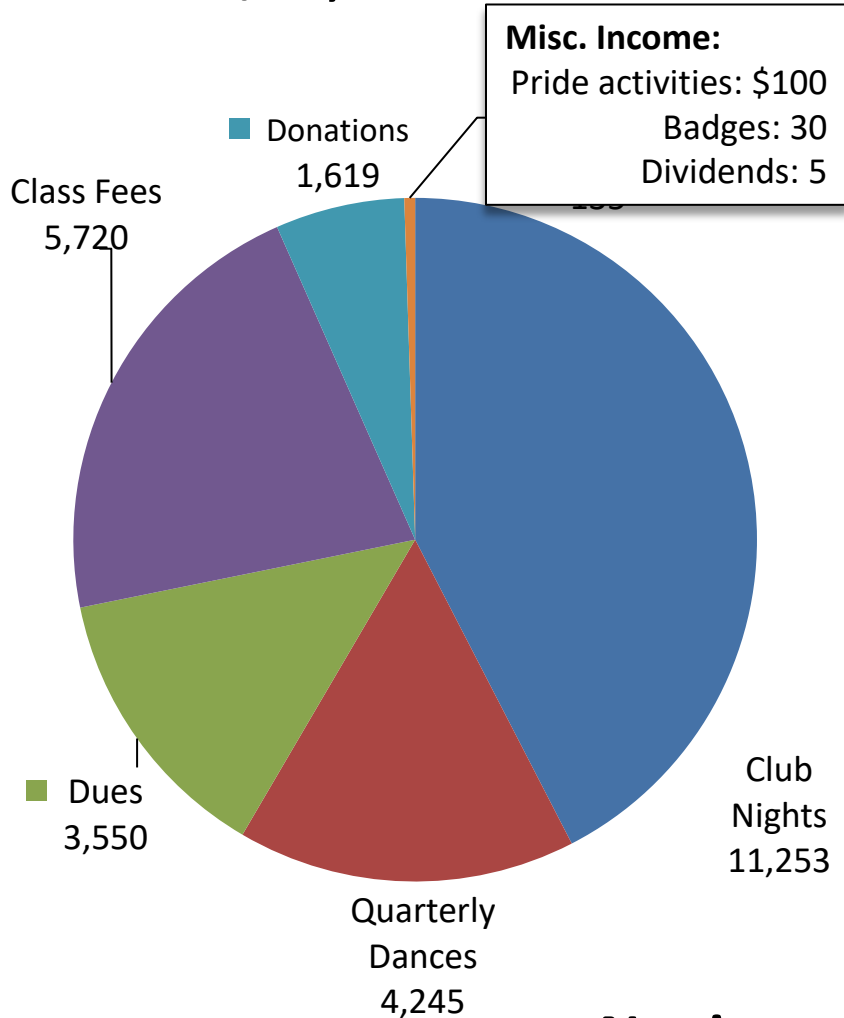




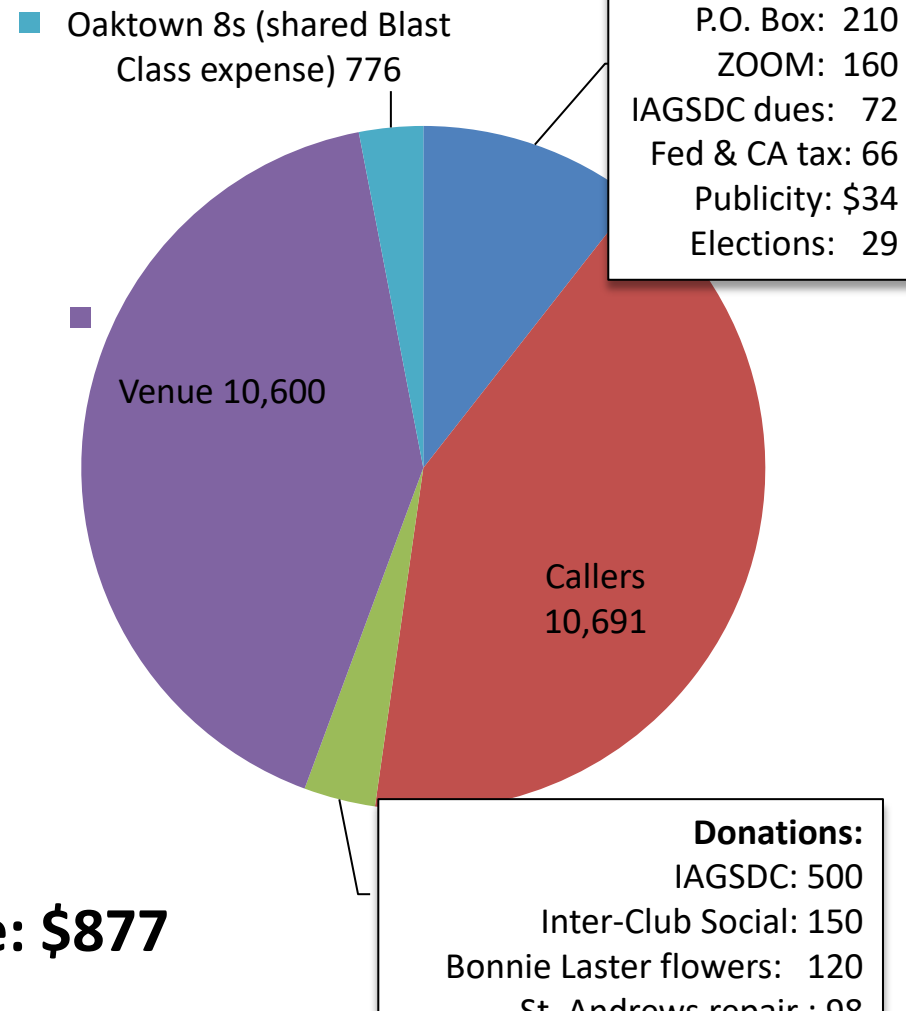


# 2025 Income & Expenses

**Income: \$26,624**



**Expenses: \$25,647**



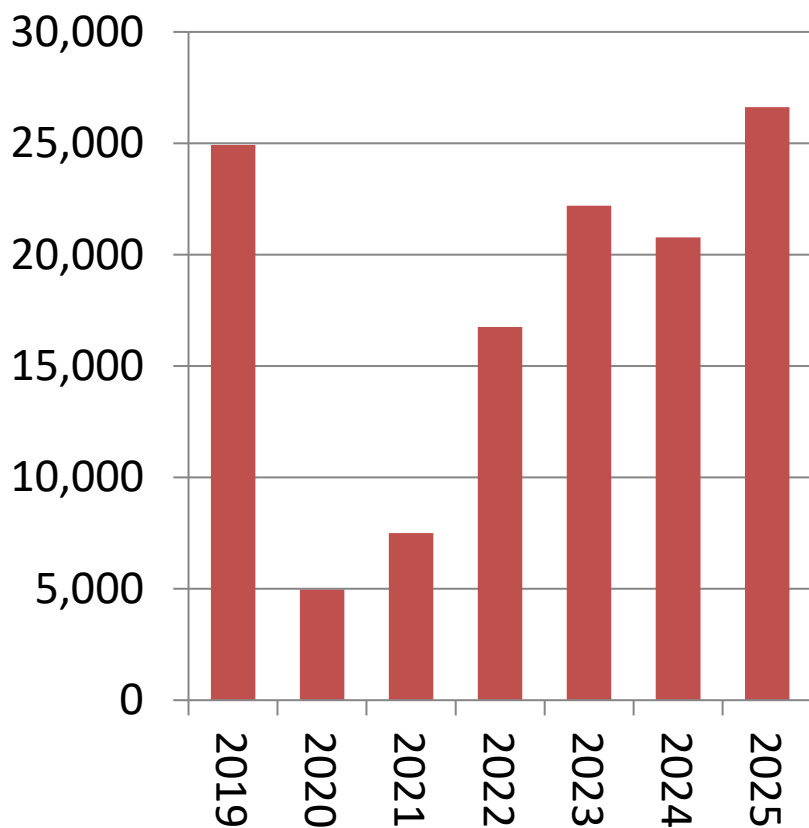
**Net income: \$877**



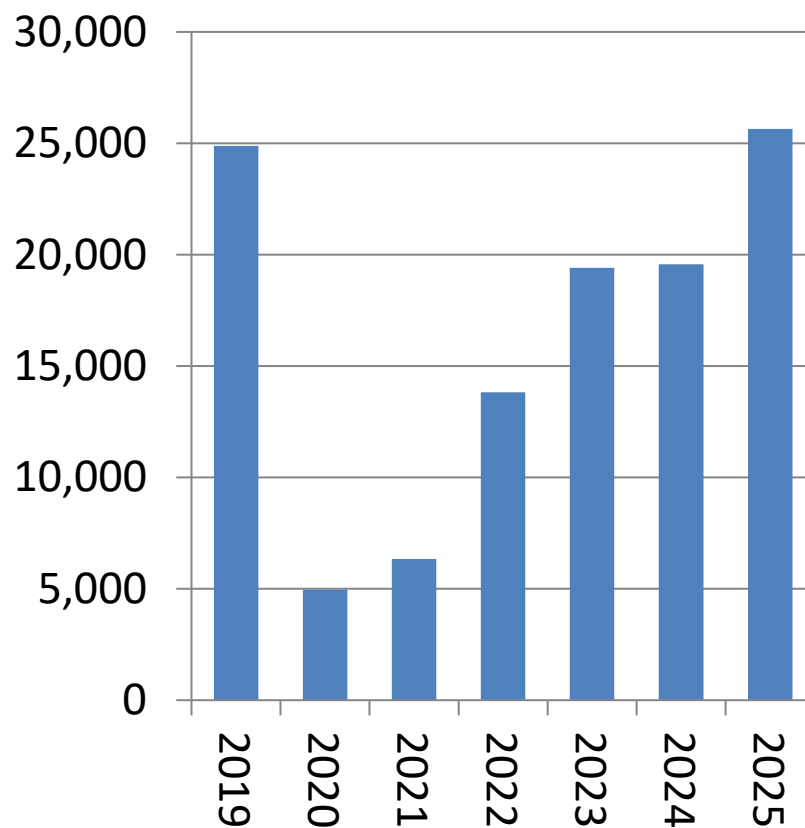
# Income and Expenses

Returning to pre-pandemic levels

Income



Expenses

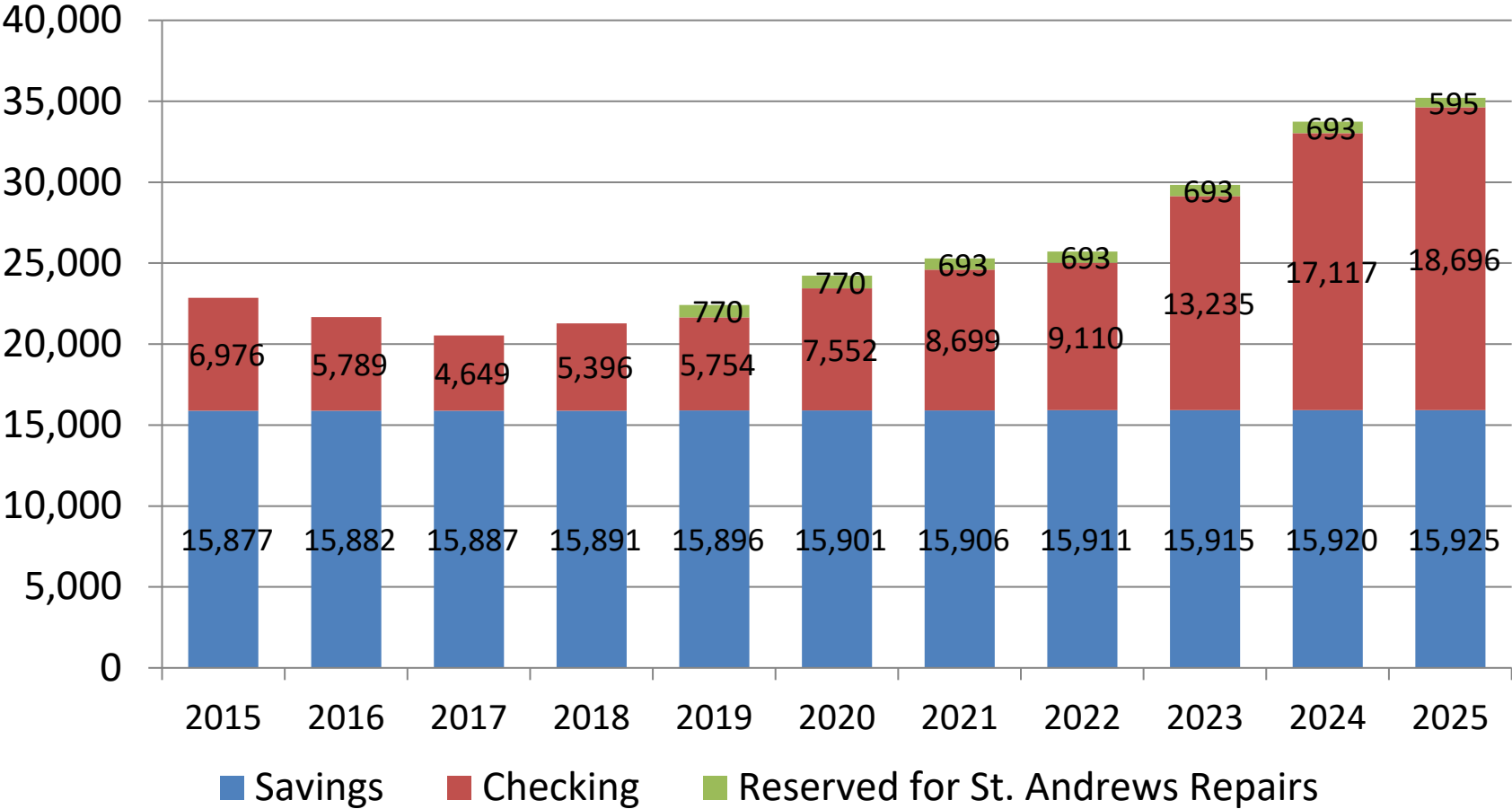






# Balance Sheet

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](http://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](http://www.reelers.org). Prices and items are not final yet.
- Questions? Requests? Contact Mike Keeley at [merchandise@reelers.org](mailto: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 Grieger:** 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

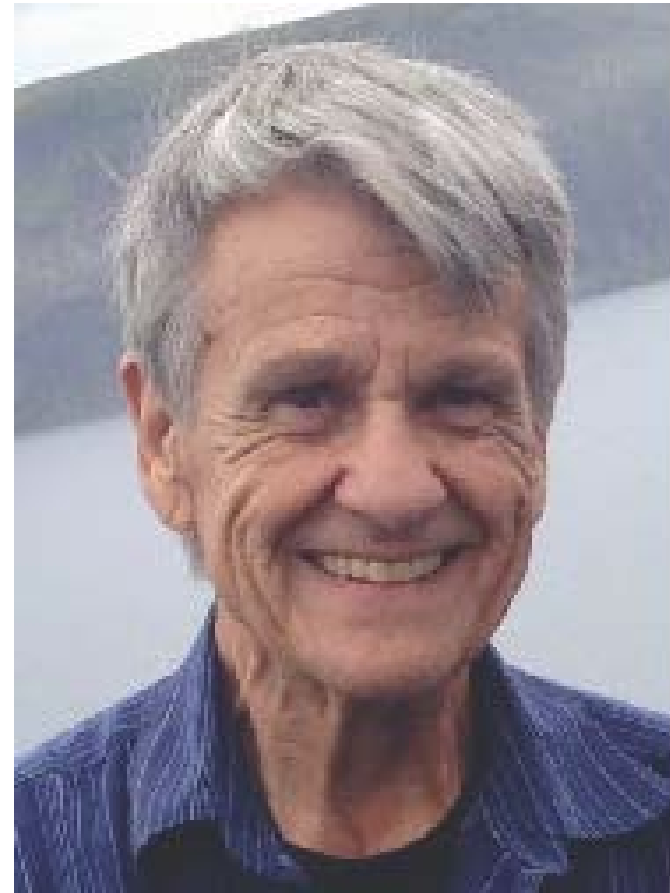




# Mike Laster

- 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!*