

# ACLC Newsletter

February 2026



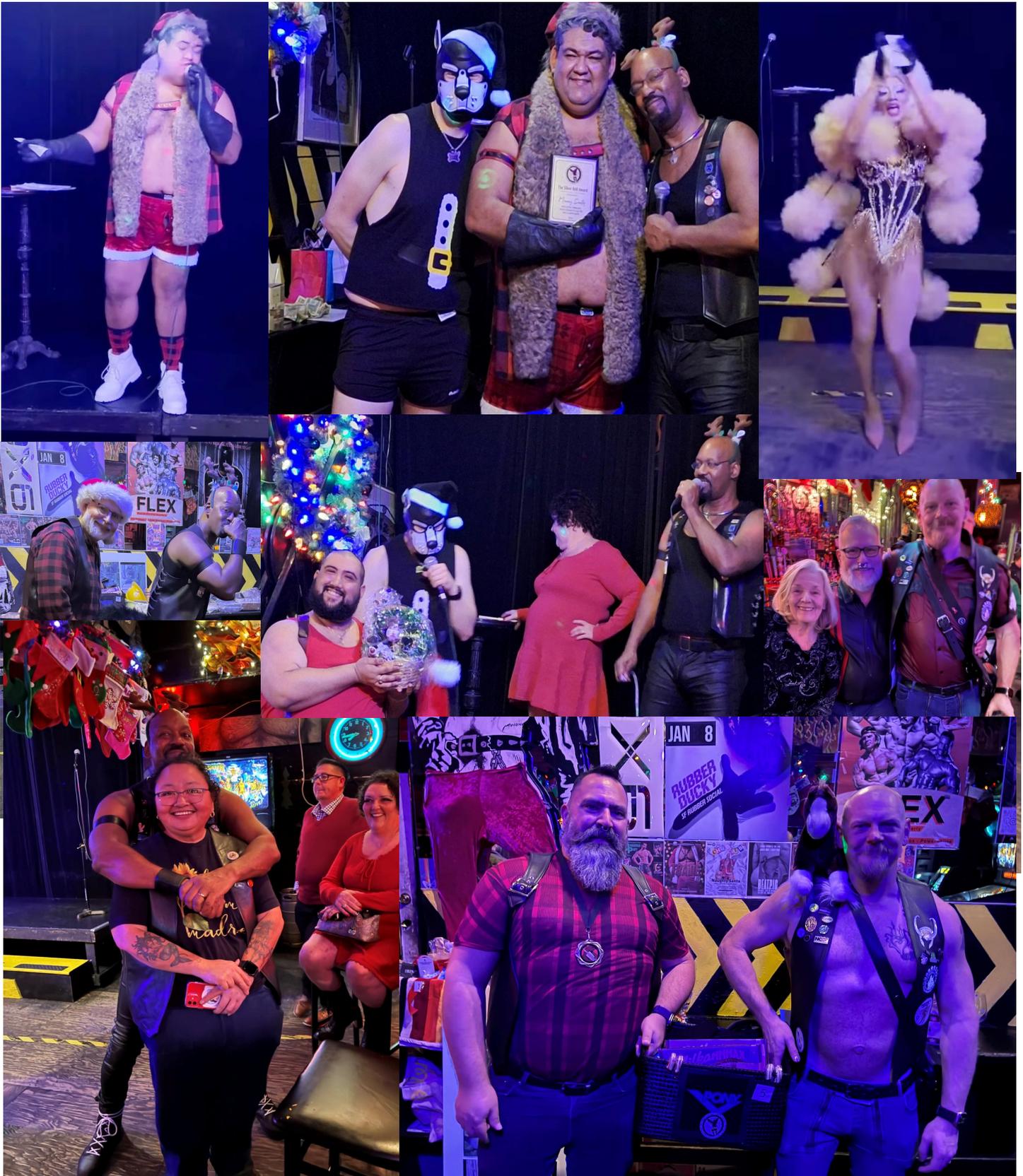
## Santa's Service Auction

*Naughty, Nice, and Sold to the Highest Bidder!*

It was quite a night on December 13th at the Powerhouse when ACLC hosted our annual Santa's Service Auction. Thank you all for bringing Season Beatings, high bids and community cheer. Dozens of services were offered and bid on for this successful fundraiser. Performers, presenters, winners and everyone made this ACLC tradition a great night.



# Santa's Service Auction, continued





## President's Report

*Nyna Kaiser*

Welcome to 2026! January 2026 begins the second quarter for this year's ACLC board. I am proud to serve ACLC as President once again and to announce that Sam Campbell has joined the board as Vice President as of January 2026. Welcome Sam!

We held a successful event at the Powerhouse bar in SF in December called Santa's Service Auction. Huge thanks to Pup Spencer Loadz and Pony Marc Owens for emceeing in addition to everyone that donated services, items, and participated in the event. We enjoyed performances by the SF Grand Duchess Josefina, SF Grand Dux Menorah Manishevitz and Alameda Royal Grand Duke 28 Manny Santos.

We are off to a great start this year with many events planned in 2026. ACLC will host another Dog and Pony Show and a Pride Pancake Breakfast in Sacramento at The Bolt Bar and an SF Eagle Beer Bust on May 31, and more! Please join the events committee or show up and be part of the excitement. We welcome your input and especially your participation.



**ACLC**

### Board of Directors

President

Nyna Kaiser

Vice President

Sam Campbell

Treasurer

Andrew Johnson

Secretary

Joan Norry

Member at Large

Pup Loadz



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## President's Report, continued

Thank you to Sam for writing our education piece for this newsletter and Tomo for editing and producing our newsletter last year and this year. To quote a famous woman "it takes a village". I am grateful for everyone that works together to keep the club active, engaging and enjoyable.

The ACLC Board of Directors will be working on club policy updates this year and will be forming a committee to assist with this task. Please consider joining one of the ACLC committees and contributing to the inner workings of our club.

Our on-going zoom social continues on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. It is a great way to stay connected in between in-person events. Hop on and chew the... well, you know, talk on zoom with us! I am excited to see all of our club members, associates and friends out and about in 2026!

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## Welcome Sam Campbell!



Sam has joined the ACLC Board of Directors as Vice President. Sam brings many years of Leather Community participation and experience to our board and we are thrilled to welcome him.



# Treasurer's Report

Andrew Johnson



## Financial report

### January 2026

As of 12/31/2025

Starting Balance \$3,537.04

Income \$1,241.00

Event Revenue \$1,216.00

- 25.00 Dues

Expenses (\$129.65)

- \$88.35 Storage Space

- \$30.00 Raffle Registration Fee

- \$11.30 Square Credit Card Fees

Ending Balance \$4,648.39

Transactions since end of month: None

### Current Balances as of 1/6/26

General Fund 4,648.39

Mendo Pride 1,359.00

SF Bear 1,703.00

Total Cash 7,710.39

## YOUR ACLC DUES ARE... DUE!

Annual Membership dues are currently due. Thank you to all who have already paid.

Full membership is \$25 per year and affiliate membership is \$10 per year.

Dues can be paid through:

- Venmo (go to [www.venmo.com/u/ACLeather](http://www.venmo.com/u/ACLeather))
- Paypal (go to [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and search "Alameda County Leather Corps")
- Use one of the QR Codes below
- Send a check to

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## Education

### Your health and safety in the Dungeon and Elsewhere

by

***Sam Campbell, RN***



Hello, I'm Sam Campbell and I've been an RN for over 30 years with a focus on ER and Critical Care. I've been in the gay, leather, and BDSM community for just as long. In my experience I know a little about a lot of things, but not everything about anything. My goal for this column, keep you, and our community, healthy, and playing hard safely! I'll give you the best guidance I can for a healthier, and safer, experience in the dungeon.

Let's start with something you'd think would be pretty easy to do, wash your hands! The number one cause of acquired infections in hospitals, poor handwashing. It's a healthcare facility, and World Health Organization, and public health, holy grail just to get everyone to wash their hands regularly. Our environment is filled with bacteria, fungi, and viruses, many of which we live with peaceably and are beneficial to our health. These organisms live everywhere, on surfaces, in the air, water, and soil. Some are pretty damn tough living in hydrothermal vents at the bottom of the ocean, or inside of wrecked nuclear reactors!



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## Your health and safety in the Dungeon and Elsewhere

*(continued)*

The human body has an amazing, and complex, immune system that can fend off the greatest majority of infection causing organisms. Yet when our bodies are repeatedly challenged, without sufficient recovery, is when we get sick. When this happens, we become walking petri dishes and spread even more of these organisms. Even when you aren't sick, you leave behind, and pick up, organisms that have the potential of making you, or someone you pass them onto, sick. This is called cross contamination and kinda gives you a new level of creepiness when you see your coworkers leaving the bathroom without washing their hands!

These organisms can enter our bodies through our mucous membranes, nose, eyes, mouth, urinary tract, and broken skin. We touch our faces hundreds of times per day. Hands to mouth, bathroom butt to mouth, or if someone didn't wash their hands their butt to your mouth! Common surfaces we come in contact with are tables, phones, door knobs, hand rails, are all contaminated to one degree or another. How do we improve our chances of staying well?

Frequently wiping down high traffic surfaces with an approved cleaner, hand washing with plain, nothing special, soap, and running water, hot or cold doesn't matter except for your comfort. Antibacterial soaps aren't really necessary, and some studies have suggested it may, in some situations, lead to further development of resistant bacteria. Why soap works. Cell walls of living organisms contain a fat, lipid, layer as part of their structure. It also makes them sticky. Soap disrupts this fat layer so the bacteria can be washed away. Soap and water are the most effective methods of cleaning your hands. This is especially true for households experiencing a diarrheal episode of illness. Alcohol based hand sanitizer, at least 60% isopropyl alcohol, are good when soap and water are not available, but are not effective against some diarrheal causing organisms. As the alcohol evaporates from the skin, the bacterial cell walls dry up and break down.

So, to stay healthy, wash your hands often and frequently!

<https://www.cdc.gov/clean-hands/about/index.html>



## Know Your History! 1995

We posted the Mr ACL 1995 Ken Meyer profile in the May 2025 issue, but left off his title wife Thumper. Our apologies! Since our title is held usually July of one year until June of the next, we officially count both years as the anniversary. Here is Ms ACL 1995 Thumper's profile and history .



I ran for the Ms ACL title because I wanted to try and make a difference in the community, and help bring folks together. My year was a blast along with my sash husband (Ken M). We chaperoned a gay youth prom dressed in full leather. ACLC got a community award. It was a big anniversary for IMSL also. During that year there wasn't going to be a contestant from SF competing and I couldn't let that happen so me and a few folks created the first Ms Golden Gate Leather contest, and if I remember Beth Downey won it. I was question at IMSL as to why I did that because it created a competitor for me and I told them, that with this anniversary there had always been a contestant from SF at IMSL and didn't want there not to be

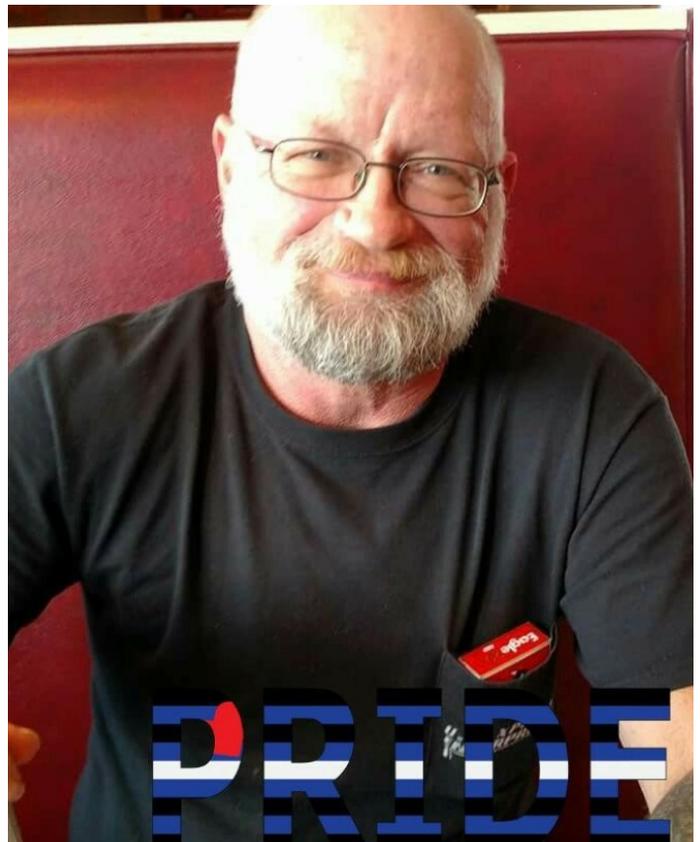
one. That year at IMSL there were 19 contestants and I made the top 10. I was truly proud to represent my community and group. And if I remember correctly ACLC was nominated at the Pantheon Leather Awards. I MC'd lots of events and judged some too and had a complete blast during my year. After I stepped down with a bit of prodding I completed for SF Dyke Daddy 5 and won and continued with the work in the community. I did teach some classes on fire play for some events.



## Know Your History! 1995 contined

Your kind of getting my life history...lol...after the end of my year as Dyke Daddy and having a partner that lived in Arizona, I moved there. After living there a year I had been have female trouble and had to have a complete hysterectomy....after which my surgeon asked if I knew I had extra parts, and a big light went off and explained a lot of questions that I had about my sexuality. So at the age of 31 I began my transition to male, I was sad at one point due to lots of my friends who I thought were friends called me a traitor to the lesbian community. It hurt for a while but other friends said it made complete sense to them and still to this day appreciate who I am. At that time I came to become a valued member of the crew for IMSL for a long time and had a blast becoming whom I am today. After my relationship ended in Arizona, I moved to Atlanta, Ga. And became an active member of the community there. The year I had my surgery to remove my breast the community thru me a party where we made a wax cast of my chest and auctioned it off. I moved a few more times and ended up in Nebraska and started driving trucks over the road and eventually met my wife at US Xpress whom I drove for. They accepted me and knew I was trans. After my training which just happened to be a gay man....lol...I was upgraded and met my wife, we were together for 16 years and split, but we stay in touch with each other often. I've been living my life as a guy since around 31 years old. This year I turn 61. I currently live in Alabama my home state which doesn't have much of a community and its cool...I've not been to an event in a long time. I'm a single guy with 3 dogs. My family was very supportive during my transition. I work for FedEx delivering packages which I truly enjoy. Most folks don't know, but a select few do. And they say they would have never guessed. If anyone saw my walking around they'd think I just some old guy...lol.

***Ms ACL 1995, Christian Murray  
aka Thumper***



# Know Your History! 1996 (30 years ago!)

## Titleholders:

**Mr ACL:** Roger Luttrell (The Rookie of the Year Award then named after him)

**Ms ACL:** Victoria M. Rose

**Alameda County Cheek's N Chaps:** Pat Harrold and Mark Ingham

**ACLCL President:**1995-1996 Lil Cooper

## Honorary members:

Robert Coffee, Steve Gaynes from SF and Larry Gray.

Larry became a full member and owner of ACLC's home bar, the world famous Turf Club in Hayward.



Ms ACL Victoria M. Rose and Mr ACL Roger Luttrell



# Upcoming Events!

Get your calendar out!!! The ACLC Events Committee has been hard at work planning many events for 2026!

4/18 (Tentative Date) Dog and Pony Show, Bolt Bar, Sacramento

5/17 (Tentative Date) Picnic and Photos, Mendocino

5/31 SF Eagle Beer Bust

6/13 (Tentative Date) Pride Pancake Breakfast, Bolt Bar, Sacramento

July 28 Dore alley ACLC Meet-up

September 12-13 (Tentative Date) ACLC Camp-out, Mendocino

September 27 Folsom Street Fair ACLC Meet-up



## Standing events:

ACLC Virtual Board Meeting - 1st Tuesday of each month

Monthly ACLC Zoom Social - 3rd Tuesday of each month

September - ACLC Board Elections

October - ACLC Anniversary

