

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Langley Alumni Association



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## 2025 in Review

2025 was a fantastic year where the LAA gathered together to host informative speakers and to volunteer sharing our expertise and support at the Langley Youth Day and Career Day events. Through all of these activities, we partnered closely with NASA Langley Research Center strengthening our working relationship. We continued to expand our membership and our treasury, allowing us to better support our mission. Also, we improved our membership and badging process, restructured our website, and added a new [LAA Facebook](#) page and a [YouTube channel](#).

## Programs for 2026

You won't want to miss any of our speakers and programs planned for 2026. We elected new officers and board members during our Annual Meeting in January, and guest speaker **Amy Radford** shared photos and stories of her trip to Ireland. Upcoming presentations for early 2026 include **Trina Dyal** with the State of NASA Langley; an update from the Quesst project on the X-59; an overview of the Artemis missions; and **Rick Ross** will be speaking on protection from scams. Let us know your suggestions—we are always looking for new ideas!



LAA information table at the 2025 Director's Social



Good food and fellowship at the 2025 LAA Picnic

## 2025 Programs & Events

| Month | Activity or Topic                                                                                           |
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| Jan   | Annual meeting; Chris Carter, VA Space Grant Consortium                                                     |
| Feb   | Dawn Schaible, J. D. Reeves, Langley Is the Future (LIFE)                                                   |
| Mar   | Mike Fremaux, David Storch, Flight Dynamics Research Fac.                                                   |
| Apr   | Bradley Weidenhammer, Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel                                                           |
| May   | James Doe, Steve Sanford, Entrepreneurial Experiences                                                       |
| Jun   | Linda Bangert, The Ninety-Nines; Chief Bright, Security                                                     |
| Jul   | LAA picnic at the NASA Langley Cafeteria                                                                    |
| Aug   | Walt Engelund, Frank Taylor, Sierra Space Dream Chaser                                                      |
| Sept  | Jennifer Inman, SciFli; Neyda Abreu, Emeriti Langley Assoc.                                                 |
| Oct   | Dave Throckmorton, Katrina at Stennis & Mishoud; Kim Ward, Volunteer at Virginia Air & Space Science Center |
| Nov   | Roman Paryz, Alaskan Cruise; Jill Marlowe, Japan-South Korea Cruise                                         |
| Dec   | Winter luncheon/Foodbank collection at Surf Rider; CFC Chili Cookoff, Director's Social                     |

## Membership

In 2025, we had a net increase of 31 annual and 30 lifetime members, totaling 148 annual and 154 life members. Membership Chair **Dave Hinton** attributes this increase in part by the federal staffing reductions and the Deferred Resignation Program (DRP). Approximately two dozen new members joined after accepting the DRP. Dues are \$10 per year (due in January) or \$100 for lifetime membership. The calendar year in which you join is free for new members.



LAA receives high honors at the CFC Chili Cookoff 2025

## Treasury

The LAA Treasurer, **Ray Rhew**, reports we had another strong year for the LAA treasury, largely due to an increase in membership. We developed a five-year budget for 2026–2030.

We started the year with \$16,459 and ended 2025 with \$19,982. Major expenditures included the website, SCC fee, souvenir mugs for speakers, and some donations. Our primary sources of income were \$3,200 in life memberships (nearly double the 2024 amount!) and \$610 in annual memberships, including some for multiple years. Thanks to **Yvonne Dellapenta** for performing the successful audit on our 2024 financial records and for agreeing to perform our 2025 audit!

## Secretary

Our Secretary, **Mary DiJoseph**, thoroughly documented our monthly meetings and promptly posted the [minutes](#) on our website.

## Communications

Our Communications Officer, **Dick Hueschen**, manages our email notification system and informs members with timely communications.

## Langley Partnership

The LAA received excellent support from our partnership with Langley and continued to strengthen our relationship with the LaRC Office of the Director. Thanks to our Langley Representatives, **Jessica Friz** and **Mariya Georgieva**, for your support! We also continued to receive excellent technical support for our hybrid meetings from **Donald Edgerly** and **Josef Dumler**.

## Hall of Honor

Our new Hall of Honor Chair is **Mary Beth Wusk**. There will be opportunities for others to participate in the Hall of Honor process during 2026 and beyond.

## Website & Publications

LAA webmasters **Rick Ross** and **Amy Radford** frequently update our [website](#) with news bulletins, meeting minutes, and upcoming speakers and events. Our newsletter editor, **Rick Ross**, publishes the Annual Report and quarterly [newsletters](#) with in-depth news articles and member contributions.

## Information Technology

The LAA IT Committee Chair, **Roman Paryz**, manages technical issues for our monthly meetings. **Rich Antcliff** set up a new [LAA YouTube channel](#) for our videos, linked through our [website](#). Rich also set up a new [LAA Facebook](#) page with over 60 followers.

## Nominations

**Susan McClain** chaired the Nominations Committee, which sought candidates for incoming officers, committee chairs and assistants, and the Class of 2029 Members-at-Large. If you have enjoyed our meetings and social events, *please* consider giving back by joining our LAA leadership team.

## Leadership in 2026

Our leadership team for 2026 features two new officers, the Class of 2029 Members-at-Large, and new committee heads and assistants. The incoming Vice President and Programs Chair is **Susan McClain**, and **Jill Marlowe** is our new Secretary.

Our Class of 2029 Members-at-Large consists of **Mike Fremaux**, **Wes Goodman**, **Jill Marlowe**, **Neil O'Connor**, **Amy Radford**, **Ray Whipple**, and **Dave Young**. Our new Membership Chair will be **Amy Radford**. Finally, **Mary Beth Wusk** will chair the Hall of Honor Committee.

We are grateful to our incoming leadership team for your willingness to support the LAA. Thanks to last year's officers, committee chairs, and the Class of 2026 for your service and contributions!

## 2025 Officers & Board

### 2025 LAA OFFICERS

#### *President*

Kathy Ferrare

#### *Vice President and Programs Chair*

Charlie Dunton

#### *Treasurer*

Ray Rhew

#### *Secretary*

Mary DiJoseph

#### *Communications Officer*

Richard Hueschen

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS & OFFICIALS

#### *Membership Committee*

David Hinton

#### *Nominating Committee*

Susan McClain

#### *Hall of Honor Committee*

#### *Website and*

#### *Publications Committee*

Rick Ross

Amy Radford

#### *IT Committee*

Roman Paryz

Dan Palumbo

Rick Ross

Geoff Tennille

#### *Langley Representatives*

Jessica Friz and

Mariya Georgieva

#### *Past President*

Dan Palumbo

### LAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### *Class of 2026*

George Allison

Wayne Richie

Kathy Ferrare

#### *Class of 2027*

Rich Antcliff

Tony Pototzky

Mary DiJoseph

Ray Rhew

Susan McClain

Geoff Tennille

Craig Ohlhorst

#### *Class of 2028*

Mark Ballin

Roman Paryz

Charlie Dunton

Liliana Richwine

Odilyn Luck

Eric Rissling