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FINANCIALS


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Contributions  $4,871,310.00

Sugar Plum Total Income  $80,903.00

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- Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands, Past Chair
- Jon Pickard, Treasurer
- Lisa Aurilio
- Tom Cardone
- Charlene Clancy
- Vitta Curry
- John Grafton
- David Jesse
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- Ed Kancler
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- David Wyzynski

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