



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – *Jerry Kyle*

Our new Board Director, Dan Alarid said it best at the January meeting when he declared, "We are going to have fun and grow our membership." No public pond tour and no public Koi Show this year. Instead it is all about us. What we love. Seeing ponds, nice Koi, making new friends, learning more about ponds and Koi so we individually can be more successful in our hobby. And, have fun. We are going to have a contest to see who during 2011 brings the most guests to the meetings. The prize will be substantial. We are going to have fun by learning more, eating more, and socializing more with our guests as we learn more about improving what we already have. Remember the old saw –build it and they will come? We will just bring them (guests and friends) and we will see. No pressure to join - they can decide if they are interested or not in what we do and the fun we have. What will we do to have fun?

This month we are invited to Koi Enterprise. [www.koienterprise.com](http://www.koienterprise.com) We will see Koi priced from \$10.00 to \$11,000.00 (really) and enjoy a picnic inside the giant greenhouse where the weather is always nice. Anthony's Mom loves to cook for us. More exciting months will follow. In March we and our guests will go to Auburn to see Betty's pond that many of us have never seen and hear a question and answer session on health issues and concerns of ponds coming out of winter. April will see us and our guests at Pauline and Lilly's home in Roseville for a Pot Luck. I remember when Pauline's pond was featured in Sunset magazine. For May we are invited to Flora Tropicana in Galt for Party Time ([www.floratropicana.com](http://www.floratropicana.com)). Door prizes, a barbeque, and a talk on water plants in the garden in addition to Koi for us and any guests. Marcos said "Let's make this a big whoop-de-do!" The July meeting is in Rocklin at Sacramento Koi ([www.sacramentokoi.com](http://www.sacramentokoi.com)) for a private (store closed) PowerPoint presentation on "Building the perfect pond," and "Common Koi Health Issues." This presentation is exclusively for us and our guests only and will feature cutting edge technology. Ecological Laboratories ([www.microblift.com](http://www.microblift.com)) has offered to send someone to California to talk to us on more "Holistic" possibilities of pond and Koi care. We simply need to find a time and place. On their website click on their newsletter and see some articles I wrote that were first printed in Koi Ahoy. This is all just the start as we follow what Dan said, "We are going to have fun and grow our membership."

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## January's Meeting at Marilee's house

It was a chilly day, and Marilee's Tortilla Soup really hit the spot for members that enjoyed a trip to the foothills of Auburn. The technology she has employed had some simple solutions for rural pond owners taking advantage of natural water sources.



Winter pond with sleepy koi.



Marilee's 2 bubble bead system, pre-filter, and UV (under red tub) was installed by Mamason Koi of Grass Valley.



Small UV with slow water drip into the pre-filter.

Using potentially contaminated irrigation water contributed to a very unhealthy pond as the koi came out of their winter hibernation 2 years ago. Now, using a slow constant drip system to replace water instead of performing 10-20% monthly water changes, made it possible to run the water through a small UV unit; increasing exposure time to pathogens, cost-effective equipment & power, less "traumatic" water changes, and a healthy koi community ever since. *marilee*



This is the summer view of the Marshall pond.



## Next Meeting

### **COME SEE THE \$11,000 KOI & LEARN HOW TO GROW THEM BIG**

Some of us knew Anthony when as a young man he had a pond cleaning business. He had some mentors in the industry and through contacts in Japan would find quality Koi for about a dozen individuals interested in having the best. As a private fish dealer he was respected for finding show stoppers and as his reputation grew so did his business. He also was on the cutting edge concerning Koi health issues. Today he lives in West Sacramento with a new mud pond, numerous outside display tanks, and a huge greenhouse with numerous tanks that holds high quality Koi where strict bio-security measures are in effect. Blood tests for KHV and other possibilities are taken and with Dr. Webber of UC Davis making personal calls, Anthony is known for his quality Koi care.

Anthony's mother will prepare a picnic for us and our guests to enjoy in the large greenhouse while Anthony teaches us some finer points on feeding our Koi for better size and/or better color. He will offer us the opportunity to purchase a Goshiki Tosai from Japanese Koi breeder -- Hiroi T. -- Marusaka Koi Farm for only \$40 for a grow out contest. These are not baby fish but 2009 spawn that are already showing their growth potential. Anthony will teach us and answer our questions on feeding for these and our other Koi and whoever can get the most growth by this summer's end will win a substantial prize to be announced at the meeting. At the conclusion of our meeting the greenhouse, which has bio-security measures in effect to ensure the cleanness of the Koi for the new arrivals, will be closed under strict quarantine until the March imports from Japan are received, blood tests taken for UC Davis to process, and the new arrivals are quarantined for at least into April before being allowed to be viewed. Very few dealers follow this "strict bio-security measures" procedure which is what the tosai we will use in the growth contest went through.

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting location:

Koi Enterprise  
3535 Partridge Ave  
West Sacramento, CA  
(916) 373-0111

Board meeting at Noon –  
General meeting at 1pm

**Picnic lunch provided by  
Anthony's Mom**

**Bring a chair --  
Bring a guest**



## Board of Directors Meeting

### Treasurer Report

By: Georgia Vonk, Treasurer

Financials ending 1/31/11 are:

Beginning balance	\$8374.97	
Expenses	41.17	Host fee and PayPal
Income	200.00	Membership & Holiday Party
Ending balance	\$8533.80	

Please remember to renew your membership and dues are \$30 per year. You may pay thru PayPal or send directly to me at 881 Greenridge Ct. Lincoln CA 95648-8316

### Minutes - CKC Board of Directors for 1/30/11

By Marilee Marshall, Secretary

**Officers attending:** President Jerold Kyle, Treasurer, Georgia Vonk, Secretary Marilee Marshall, Directors Dan Alarid, and Betty Martin.

**Old Business:** Previous minutes were accepted as read.

**New Business:** Discussed having new contests for this year, bringing guests to meetings and a contest for new members. We talked about creating an orientation package and having "Husbandry in the Pond" featured every meeting on a monthly basis. We will flesh out the contests and give ideas of what the prizes could cost or entail? Money, gift cards, prizes, what?

One of the first contests will be a **Bring a Guest Contest** this year to see who brings the most guests. Whether they join our club or not, have a pond or not, or are interested in learning how to build or remodel a pond or not is not important. What is important is we want to have more fun, and new, friendly faces add to our fun. If they get "hooked" on this hobby as we did -- good. If not we still had fun. We will start counting guests this month. If you bring them again next month at Betty's, they will count for you again. We will not repeat the 'who went to a dealer the most often' contest this year. This Bring a Guest will be our contest and we will make the prize substantial. Substantial is more fun. Start the fun by bringing a guest to Koi Enterprise. They will at least get a free lunch out of it and can go home and tell their friends you took them to see an \$11,000.00 fish. If they have a pond, they can even get one of the grow-out fish. It's a good deal all around. Especially if we all have fun.

Brief discussion on ZNA issues, and Jerry will contact their President Gill for clarification, and bring back recommendations if necessary.



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## 2011 Club Calendar (to date)

Date	Topic	Location
February 27	Feeding for color & growth Tosai grow-out contest Picnic lunch - Bring a guest contest	Koi Enterprise West Sacramento
March 27	Q&A Health issues and concerns of coming out of winter Bring a guest contest	Betty M. Auburn
April 17 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)	Pot Luck Meeting Bring a guest contest	Pauline S. Roseville
May 22 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)	Party Time - BBQ - talk on plants with ponds . Bring a guest contest	Flora Tropicana Elk Grove
June 26		Open
July 31	Seminar-- Slide presentation /talk Building the perfect pond Common Koi health issues Bring a guest contest	Sacramento Koi Rocklin
August 28	Potluck	
September 25		Open
October 23		Open
November 20 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)		Open
December 11 or 18	Christmas Party	To be announced



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