



Koi Ahoy

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President's Message

By Jean Jahr



This will be a short, holiday issue. There will be no meeting this month, instead we'll meet and eat. Wait. That's what we always do. But this time we celebrate the holidays at Umeko's Buffet, Sunday, December 8. Although there is no pond, it will still be entertaining. Festivities begin at 1pm. The cost is only \$10 per person. Make no mistake, this is not a \$10 meal. You pay \$10 (Plus any drinks you order) and CKC will pick up the balance of the tab.

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There will be a short order of business. We will install our new officers for 2014 and I believe an award or two will be presented.

Then the ~~earnage~~, I mean white elephant gift exchange begins. Of course, it's not your normal white elephant thing. Nobody brings any gifts. The club provides the gifts. After a short ~~argument~~, I mean discussion, numbers are picked and gifts begin to trade hands. When the dust settles, everyone goes home well fed and clutching a gift. Merry Christmas to all!

We need to let Umeko's know how many are coming, and we also need to apply that number to the gift exchange. Please let us know if you are attending and how many folks you're bringing. Contact Georgia Vonk right away.

georgiav@earthlink.net or [916-408-0573](tel:916-408-0573)

Umeko's Buffet is at
8353 Folsom Blvd.
(between Watt & Howe)

Look for a comprehensive newsletter in January when we'll begin the New Year with lots of ambitious stuff for all of you Kichi Koi Keepers.

Jean (Ed-Bob)



Carol and Doug's Pond



November 24 found us at Doug and Carol's pond in Lincoln. It turned out to be a bit of a déjà vu for some folks as this pond was part of our 2010 Pond Tour. The ten foot waterfall was indeed at least that in elevation and then cascaded gently down a series of steps into the pond. So the water actually traveled at least 30 feet. It was also impressively quiet and it faced the direction of the sun's path, providing a little more warmth in the

pond, I think.

Professionally built and rocked according to Doug's design, it's impressive. I counted 13 fish in the 2,000 gallon pond. One of them, a Shusui named "Cha-Ching" won best in size at the Young Koi Show last May. Others are special to the Porter's as well. Like "Shamu", their first fish and "Miracle", their



only survivor from a spawn they didn't know happened. So how do we get so emotionally attached to fish?

Do they jump up in our laps and purr? Greet us at the door, wagging their tails and slobbering on our shoes? Kichi!





Photos from the November meeting by Pauline









Holiday Party – December 8

Join us for our Annual Holiday Party at the Umeko Buffet on December 8 at 1:00 PM. Cost for members and their guests is \$10 per person. This will be a lot of fun and should be very entertaining.



Umeko Buffet
8353 Folsom Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95826

[Click for Map](#)

1:00 Eat!





Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: \$7550.32

(That's \$9 better than I earlier reported due to my typo)

Expenses 94.21

\$35.85 Yahoo web account, \$18.36 name plates for awards plaque, \$40 host fee

Income 70.00

1 renewal and 4 Holiday Dinners

Ending Balance \$7526.11

Please remind everyone to RSVP to me georgiav@earthlink.net or 916-408-0573 regarding the dinner. I've only heard from 13 people, including myself and I'm sure more people "assume" I know they plan on attending. You can pay for the dinner and the club renewal dues (\$30) at the party. Please just let me know you're coming so I can tell the restaurant.

Hope everyone had an outstanding Thanksgiving

Georgia



2013 Club Calendar

Date	Topic	Location
January 27	Jim Phillips – Water Quality	Leslie & Gus’
February 24	Anthony Quintero – Koi Show	Michelle’s
March 24 (3rd Sunday)		John G.’s
April 28		Pauline’s
May 19 (3rd Sunday)	Young Koi Show	West Sacramento
June 30	Penn Martin- Plan It Solar	Sharon & Gary
July 28	Iva Gaglione- Ultra Balance Koi Food	Janet & Jose
August 25	Annual Koi Auction / Ice Cream Social	Melody & Duane
September 29	Duane Carlson – Water Forum	Kami & Sam
October 27	Anthony Quintero – Winter Prep	Cheryl & Dan
November 24	Sue Golden – Pond Plants	Carol & Doug
December 8	Annual Holiday Dinner	Umeko Buffet

If you would like to host your pond and house in 2013, please let [Duane Carlson](#) know. We will be delighted to schedule you.



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