

# Koi Ahoy

Camellia Koi Club  
Sacramento  
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## Thank you All for a Successful 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration from Pauline & Lilly Sakai

We had a terrific turn-out for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, around 62 by my count. From what I could tell a fun time was had by all. The food, fun & games, gifts and especially the visiting was an enjoyable time for members and guests, old and new.

Several guests were in attendance, making the day even more special: **Grant Fujita**, (noted koi expert and former importer/dealer of Japanese koi), **Jack & Juliett Lohhoff**, (were active members who held several offices in the club), **Fred & Mutsuko Tonai**, (former local koi breeder "Golden State Fisheries" and friends to the club), **Fred & Mary Toreson**, (old friends/members of the club, participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> pond tour).



Past Presidents in attendance were: **Ken Gray** (1982), **Jim Richardson** (1983), **Ron Brown** (1984), **Tom Nishimura** (1986), **Wilbur Van Cleave** (1987), **John Gerson** (1989), **Pauline Sakai** (1990), **David Lake** (1991, 1998-1999), **Garry Chin** (1992, 2001- 2004), **Claudia McElroy** (1994), **Georgia Vonk** (1996-1997), **Carolyn VanHoecke** (2000), **Jerold Kyle** (current president).

We would also like to acknowledge

**The koi:** thankfully, they did not spawn the day of the event. They did spawn the week before causing some anxiety.

Contacting Special Guests & Past Presidents – **Tom & Judy Nishimura, Ken & Jeannie Gray, Pauline Sakai.**

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Chairs, Tables, Umbrellas – **Mary Beth Avila, Duane & Melody Carlson, Bob & Jeanenne Pershing, Carolyn Stoop, Pauline’s friends (several)**

Special name tags for Past Presidents and special guests – **Dennis & Ellen Ragasa**

Ice Chests, Ice, Sheet Cake – **Ken Gray, Tom & Judy Nishimura, Marilee Marshall**, who had to un-order the 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet cake.

Carving the Ham, Fun & Games distribution - **Bob & Jeannene Pershing, Duane & Melody Carlson**

Parking area – Pauline’s neighbor, **Bill Nolte** (age 96) who let guests park at his place next door.

Set-up & Cleanup – **Tom & Judy Nishimura, Ben Riordan, Carolyn Stoops**

Food – Thank you all for the bringing yummy food and your appetites.

Game & Raffle Prizes Supplied by – **Jerry Kyle, Pauline Sakai.**

Donation - \$100 gift certificate from **John Hansen** of “Nimbus Pond Supplies” (we are saving this for the Koi Show in October).

## President’s Message by Jerry Kyle

Congratulations to Sandy Sylvester. It will be announced at this year’s AKCA Seminar in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that Sandy has been chosen by the Camellia Koi Club membership as our choice for Koi Person of The Year for her outstanding support and contributions toward the continuing success of our club. Thank you, Sandy, for all your hard work.

Thanks to all you Camellia Koi Club members who showed your support by attending the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Pauline and Lilly’s home last month. Pauline’s pond and Lilly’s gardens were a perfect setting for the get together and pot luck. I felt much pride at being the president of our club at this milestone gathering and getting to meet some of the old timers who were the vanguard of our organization. Ken Gray, who was one of the founders and is still active and supportive introduced the past presidents and guests and gave us a bit of a history lesson. Thanks to you, Ken, and to all the past presidents. You all did good!

I will not be at this month’s meeting as I, along with some others from our club, will be attending the AKCA Annual Seminar in Tulsa and going on a Pond Tour of the best that Tulsa can provide. Jason has arranged for the Rocklin Library for this month’s meeting. Thank goodness it has a good air conditioner. You newcomers plan on bring your questions as the library meetings always end up being educational.

*“Thank you, very much. I have named the cloisonné koi, which is the “Koi Person of the Year Award”, ‘Cloi, the Cloisonne Koi’. Look for her in future editions of Koi Ahoy.” Sandy Sylvester*

## Ramblings by Jerry Kyle

A 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party is a very big deal. This year the Camellia Koi Club celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> year of organization. A potluck was held in May and all the past presidents were invited. The club honored the founders and past presidents who had the vision to organize and support the CKC so many years ago. The founders and past presidents were pleased and proud to see what their efforts have produced.

With a membership that is approaching the 200 mark the club is receiving national recognition within the national organization, the AKCA. The Associated Koi Clubs of America is holding its annual seminar this month in Tulsa, OK. A number of Camellia Koi Club members will attend to support the idea of promoting this hobby of raising and showing koi.

From a few friends who gathered to share knowledge, the club has grown to an organization that reaches out into the community to support good koi husbandry. Through the AKCA supported Koi Health Advisor Program, we have members who have been trained by some of the highest regarded Veterinary instructors in the country. These members are available to give competent advice concerning the proper construction and care of koi ponds. We know koi health starts with healthy water and if a koi does have a problem we know better how to recognize it and we work with Vets to find solutions. Part of our agreement with AKCA for this education provided at no cost to us is that we will not charge those we help. It still is all about friends sharing knowledge.

From a few friends who had a koi show with 4 tanks with koi in them the club has grown to having shows with dozens of tanks full of varied and beautiful koi for all to admire and the shows are still free to the public. This year our fall show will once again be presented by our clubs hobbyists with the help of our newer members who joined to learn how to build a pond or raise or show koi and who stay to learn more and have fun while doing so. Joining and volunteering to help is the best way for so many to learn about this great hobby of ours just as it was when it all started 25 years ago.

The ideals and ideas that began with the founders of this club haven't changed much at all in the last 25 years. It is still about friends helping friends, making new friends, learning from each other, sharing, supporting, and inviting others to come join us. Come learn with us, teach with us, and help us reach out into the community and support this fascinating hobby of ours.

**The May Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$8,987.02 with expenses for the month of \$251.64.**



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## Club Calendar

### Next Meeting on Sunday

**General Meeting : Sunday, June 26 from 1:00—3:00**  
**Rocklin Library**  
**5460 5th St, Rocklin, 95677**

**Speaker : Jason Sargeant**  
**Topic: “Why a STABLE pH is important  
and how to get it!”**

**Jason has prepared a fascinating  
and informative audio-visual pres-  
entation using data from Dr.  
Strange’s lectures.**

**July, August, and September Meetings to be announced.**

**October 1-2, 2005 Camellia Koi Club Koi Show**  
**Green Acres Nursery**



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