Happy New Year!

2018 is shaping up to be another good year for Camellia Koi Club and the koi kitchy membership. Even the Rose Parade featured a float of koi made entirely of flowers. In case you missed it New Years morning, Pauline grabbed a couple of shots for us. I wonder if any of the flowers were camellias?

Elsewhere in this issue are the beginnings of our plans for 2018. Some things we’ll do as we’ve always done and some things we’ll do differently as we strive to improve.
January 28 Meeting at Lorenzo’s Restaurant

The board meets at noon and anyone is welcome to sit in and participate. The general meeting starts around 1pm. This won’t be our usual potluck so you'll be able to order lunch at any time. Ordering lunch is not mandatory.

The Original Lorenzo’s is at 3883 Taylor Road, Loomis. Nearest cross street is Sierra College off of I-80

The menu is a combination plate of 1 item $9.95, 2 items $12.25 or 3 items at $13.25 plus tax and gratuity. Soda, Wine and Beer are also available.

Your choices include Taco, Enchilada, Tamale, Taquitos, Flautas, Tostada or Burrito which are served with rice and beans.

Separate menu’s will be available to mark your choices and you will each be billed separately.

No need to RSVP, just show up for the meeting, fill out your choices and enjoy!

January’s agenda will include discussions of the September Koi Show, Filling out our calendar, discussions about koi husbandry in a Sacramento winter, and our usual questions and answer sessions. It’s all about the fish.

KP 101, “Workin’ Onna Winter Water Change”, by Bob H.

Sung to the tune of “Winter Wonderland”

I’m a big proponent of regular water changes, probably because I have a small pond. A sort of general rule would be that the smaller your pond, the more it needs regular water changes. As I write this, we’ve had a very ‘warm’ January. Based on my pond temperatures, I’m still feeding the boys a little every day. The weather people are promising that it will soon get cold and I will adjust the feeding accordingly.

The hope is that my pond temperatures will drop to the low 50's. At that point, I'll stop feeding altogether because the pond, the fish, and the filter will all slow life down a lot in a natural reaction to survive the winter.

Is the song “Workin’ Onna Winter Water Change” rattling around in the back of your head by now? Just because it’s cold and the pond may be in a state of topor (Not hibernation, but an analogous slowing down of the biology), this doesn’t mean that we should not continue the regular water changes.

Winter is the perfect time to flush out some of the stuff that has accumulated in our ponds over the year. ie: TDS, Total Dissolved Solids are stuff in the water that is too small to filter out. Also, stuff like phosphates, salt, and all of those trace elements that come with the new water but never leave because they don’t evaporate.

Seemingly harmless nitrites can also build up over time. These are suspected of causing shimmies, those random and tiny black spots that show up in Kohaku and spoil an otherwise perfect show fish.

Bottom line is that it’s a good idea to work out a winter water change schedule so you can start the spring with a fresh pond.
**Christmas Party, 2017**

We installed our 2018 officers. L to r are: Chuck Cottam, V. P., Sam Neibank, President, Juliet Lokhoff, Director, Michelle Cardenas, Secretary, Bob Haugland, Director, Georgia Vonk, Treasurer, John Gerson, Director, Jack Lochoff, Director, Jean Jahr, Director.

**Pizza & Presents**

There was unlimited pizza, enough that some even went home in boxes. Salad and hordourves too.

The White Elephant Gift Exchange went off well. Fewer fist fights than in the past.
From Anonymous to Anonymous,
Thank You for the Harry London Holiday Party Pack

John

New Member Special Gift
A special drawing was held exclusively for the new members of 2017 that attended the party. A gift box that contained koi essentials like koi clay, potassium permanganate, water test kits and much more.

Michelle ended up with some sort of fish hat. She looks well pleased with herself.


**Meeting Sites**  The entire 2018 schedule is up for grabs. We want to see your pond and we know you want us to see it so pick a date.

The contact is our VP, Chuck Cottam  408-691-6431  cottamcm1@aol.com

January 28………………………..………….Sacramento Winter Care……………………………….….Lorenzo’s, Loomis
February 25……………………….…..
March 25...........
April 29.......
May 27...........................................
June 24............................................
July 29..............................................
August 26.......................Koi Auction & Ice Cream Social........Duane & Melody Carlson..........Granite Bay
September 1-2.................................Koi Show.........................................................Old Sugar Mill, Clarksburg
September 30.......................
October 28.................................
November 11............................
December 2.................................Christmas Party..........................

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**Koi Health Advisors (KHA)**

Problems with your Pond? Fish? Both? These guys are here to help.

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Presidents Message

Camellia Koi Club Members,
Welcome to 2018

We have an exciting year ahead as we plan for and hold our 2nd Koi Show in 2 years. Last year’s Koi Show “A Taste of Excellence” was a huge success and we are hoping to follow that up with an even more successful show in 2018. In addition, we will begin planning for our 2019 Pond Tour. We will be needing lots of help to ensure that the show and tour are successful. We will be discussing in our meetings how each of you can be helpful in planning and holding each event.

Thanks for a great 2017 and hears to a great 2018,

Sam Niebank
President CKC

Financials...Georgia Vonk, Treasurer
Beginning Balance: $7873.32.

Expenses: 873.81 $152.84 Holiday gifts and raffle, $81.10 badges, $24 refund Gerberas dinner, $615.87 holiday dinner, 40 attendees

Income: 570.00 $12 badges and $558 dinner and renewals

Ending Balance: $7569.51

Editor’s Note

Actually, this is an apology. First, this issue is late, so I apologize for the inconvenience. I have had some computer issues. That’s not an excuse, just an explanation. Secondly, I’m having difficulty learning the new the new set up so the content of this issue isn’t exactly what I had in mind. I will do better next month.

I must also thank Gus for holding my hand and pushing a couple million buttons for me to get me rolling again. Thanks Gus.

Bob Haugland, Editor