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Sunday, February 22
IKS General Meeting & Pot Luck ~ 2:00 - 5:00 pm

The IKS Board meets monthly, generally on the Wednesday evening following the fourth-Sunday regular meeting of the club. Meetings begin at 7:00pm and are open to any interested members.

At the January 28 meeting, hosted by Rob & Deanna Fales:

- All agreed the Skype presentation from K.O.I. speaker Karen Pattist was well-received, although a larger screen, dimmer lights, and perhaps a closer or tighter seating arrangement would have made it easier to see. Some of our newest members who could have benefitted most from the interactive talk were not there to participate.
- All thanked Steve & Laura Nyirady and the Fales for cleaning out the Edward-Dean Museum pond two weeks before the meeting. It was spotless; we hoped everyone took the time to visit it. They removed the koi (and a lonely crayfish) and then shoveled mulm from the bottom of the pond until it was clean. Enough algae remained on the sides to feed the fish during this no-feeding season, and the water remained clear and sparkling for the meeting.
- We discussed again the training programs offered by AKCA (KHA) and K.O.I. (CKK); at present none of our members seems interested in taking the training. Our club will pay the registration fees for two members a year to become either Koi Health Advisors or Certified Koi Keepers; purchase of the texts is the members responsibility. Most of the training is done on-line on one's own time; AKCA requires a hands-on Wet Lab, provided yearly at the Annual Meeting.
- Rob reviewed the meeting dates and locations for the year. At present, he needs hosts for August and September, although one of those months may be a club Field Trip, for which suggestions are sought.
- Nick reported on plans for the Saturday, May 30 Koi Auction and Used Equipment Sale, which will be held in Riverside. Twenty members signed up to work it at the January meeting; about 20 more are needed. His committee decided that only members' koi and our rescued koi will be offered, although anyone can sell equipment.
- We reviewed and reassigned many of the random duties shared by club members. The full list will be published as soon as all are verified.

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Nick and Peggy Milfeld have invited us to their home for the February general meeting. We have visited their garden and pond before; they have been shown on three of our Pond Tours and have earned bragging rights as a place to be to enjoy the out-of-doors, even hosting three weddings in one month last May. But February is never the best month for viewing....

Nick, Peggy, and their three children built two ponds at their last home, and a prerequisite for the 1987 move to Riverside was a property that would support waterfalls like in a forest. Nick's 'forest' vision was invisible to three of four landscape architects facing the flat, barren half-acre and the 2:1 slope to a block-wall lot-line left by the developers. But tons of rearranging, and truckloads of topsoil and amendments later, 71 trees were planted and the pond digging began.

The trees thrived. Nick has always said his woodland yard is the result of his inability to move Milfelds' Nursery, his family's wholesale business, to the mountain environment he would have preferred. Instead, when they moved business and home to Riverside from Temple City, he stubbornly brought the forest to his back yard, thus also creating lush microclimates for the azaleas, ferns, camellias and hydrangeas he grows. The front yard, the only area with good sunlight, got the roses and vegetables.

Every few years the garden gets a make-over, with the trees trimmed and laced to allow more sunlight into the yard. Now, 27 years on, many of the redwood trees have been removed—victims of our hot dry inland climate. Several deciduous Dawn Redwoods replaced them, but they too struggle with summer's heat. Be sure to walk up the trail through the trees where you get a view of the terraced waterfalls of both the gunite koi pond and swimming pool and can see the equipment pit and three-chamber filter.

The 12,000-gallon pond, with two waterfalls and an island, is to the left, and a swimming pool, with a spa and waterfall, is to the right; the deck between them makes it look like they are joined. There are two different filter systems for the pond. The original design had two bottom drains and a skimmer, driven by two ¼ hp *Sequence* pumps feeding a pair of pre-filters — rebuilt by Bob Walters — then to a 120 watt UV light, up to a three-chamber up-flow rock-gravel-silica sand filter to polish the water, and then back to

the pond via a waterfall. When tree roots cracked the block walls of the three chambers, a secondary system was installed to bypass it so repairs could be made. Two bottom drains and a ¼ hp *Sequence* pump were added to feed a combination of three *Patio Ponds* vortexes and a 120 watt *Aqua UV*; water returns to the pond through jets. These systems run 24/7. Nick also has a 2 hp pump that pulls water from two other bottom drains and goes straight to the giant waterfall, which runs only when it has an audience.

We will hope for a beautiful clear day on the 22nd. Our first speaker had to cancel on us, so the program will be a surprise. But come with chairs, something yummy for the table, and you know we'll have a good program; we always do!

- ♦ FROM 91 FREEWAY IN RIVERSIDE, EXIT ON MADISON STREET.
- Go approx. 1 mile south to **VICTORIA AVE.**, an old divided street, and turn left.
- Turn right on **WASHINGTON** at the 4-way stop; turn left at signal on **OVERLOOK**.
- Take the first right (**ALTON WAY**), go right at the 'T', and then you are forced left. Go 2 blocks & turn left. It's the second house on the right.



Just a note: Girl Scout cookies came out the day of our January meeting and if you haven't found a neighborhood scout yet, we have a cute one right next door. Rob suggested we invite her to set up a table for our meeting, but I would rather guarantee her business by having cookies pre-ordered so she has them on hand.

Riverside and San Bernardino County scouts belong to the San Geronio GS Council, which means they are selling nine kinds of cookies this year, all from ABC Bakers, the only Girl Scout baker that creates vegan cookies. The nation's #1 selling cookie (eight weeks out of the year)—Thin Mints—is vegan. And this year there are limited supplies of a new GF variety called *Trios*.

If you would like to order cookies and have them delivered to our IKS meeting, give us a call early in the week at 951.780.7395 (a message is okay) or email an order to milfeld@msn.com. Cookies are still \$4 a box, no tax added. The 2015 varieties are:

- **Thin Mints:** crispy chocolate wafers dipped in a chocolaty mint coating; vegan.

- **Peanut Butter Patties:** crispy vanilla cookies layered with PNB and covered by a chocolaty coating; vegan.
- **Caramel Delites:** vanilla cookies coated in caramel, sprinkled with toasted coconut, laced with chocolaty stripes.



- **Thanks-a-Lots:** shortbread cookies dipped in rich fudge, with an embossed *thank you* message in one of 5 languages; vegan.
- **Lemonades:** Savory slices of shortbread with a tangy lemon-flavored icing; vegan.
- **Trios:** real chocolate chips and gluten-free oats in a creamy peanut butter cookie; GF.

I think every child should wake up at least once in his lifetime to the wondrous sight of a snow-covered landscape and then have the chance to build a snowman or have a snowball fight. Last year waited for the last day to give that pleasure to my grandkids in Temecula, with three inches in their yard on the valley floor! Needless to say, I tried to contact our members in snow-prone areas to get their reports.

Jerry Mall sent four pictures from around his home. The pond is fairly well protected by surrounding trees, yet it did get a nice dusting. Obviously, the exposed areas received a heavier layer:



Steve Rhodes sent two photos and wrote that snow in his area is very unusual: "It varied from 6+ inches to none, depending on elevation. The avocado trees in higher elevations had damage from broken limbs, and the lower elevations had freeze damage. The entire area was without power for two days, but he, the Malls, and the Hunters have generators that kept their ponds safe.

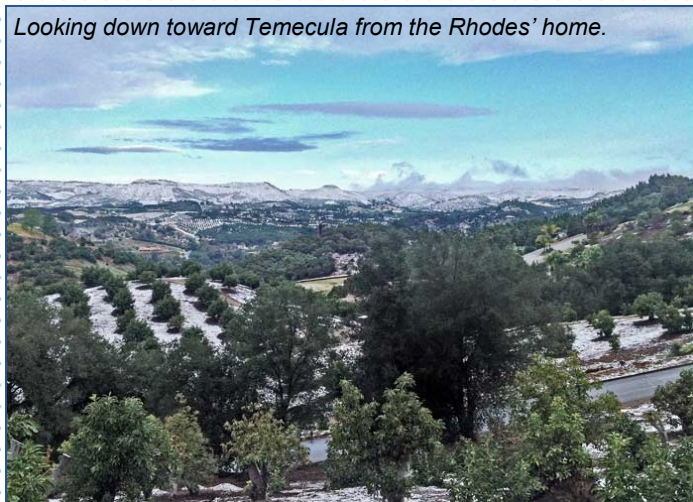


"My pond water set a new low-temp record of 48°F during the storm. Low air temps here at our ranch were only 32°F, but the lower elevations were considerably colder based on the freeze damage I see. Locals say it was the worst they had ever seen, and they've been here 30-40 years.

"We had minor damage and I don't think Phil (Hunter) had any other

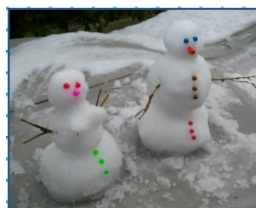
than some temp-sensitive landscape plants. Since then, it has been warmer than usual and my pond is up to 63°F again!"

Looking down toward Temecula from the Rhodes' home.



Steve Nyirady, at the north-Cherry Valley edge of Yucaipa — think Edward-Dean Museum and north a mile or so — admitted to not taking photos: "I wish I could say I took some pictures, but I didn't, since we really didn't get that much snow — maybe an inch to two. I have pictures of the yard and pond from a few years ago when we had two or three times that much snow, so I didn't bother this time."

Miguel Sierra also had snow in Murrieta. All he had to say was, "When we have an opportunity to be creative, we take on full, big and fun projects...." Obviously!



Miguel also shared the morning view at the 215/15 junction, looking toward the De Luz hills where the Rhodes live.



Our koi can't complain: none of this compares to what members **Mike & Carolyn Frady** got this year and last, in Alexandria, VA. Hugs to both; let us know how you're doing!

Our January meeting at Edward-Dean Museum in Cherry Valley had the expected smaller turnout just because of the distance, which was unfortunate because it's such a great place for an indoor meeting. Nonetheless, the 39 of us who made the trek enjoyed as bounteous a luncheon as ever — *with more dessert shares than any of us needed!* — and it was nice to spread out and eat at tables again. Debby Leverett came prepared to make coffee, which was a pleasant addition on a cool day. A couple of dishes stood out as favorites, in particular an Italian salad with beautifully striped bowtie pasta. [*We want to know where to get the pasta...or if it was home-made.*] And for those who asked about the dressing on the Oriental zucchini noodle salad, it was *Feast from the East Sesame Dressing*, which comes in a 32oz bottle from Stater Bros.

It was nice to see **Eve Blais** with Armand this month [*He's a new man, isn't he?*]. **Patricia Hurley** snuck across the street to be with us again [*How could she not, we were so close!*], and **Zuma Ross**, too, came all the way out on her own. **Jim & Marty Layes** of San Bernardino were there, I think for the first time since joining at our Pond Tour last June; good to meet them. And mid-meeting I was thrilled to see **Alan Pollock** come in: Cherry Valley is possibly the closest we will ever meet to his La Quinta home! But he didn't stay, just paid his dues and went home again; "Mom" was in the car and, after having spent the last month in hospital with pneumonia, she had fallen asleep and Alan couldn't bear to wake her.



VP Rob Fales took charge of the meeting, introducing guests, making announcements, and sending us off to eat. We were testing out a new technology with our guest speaker joining us via SKYPE from Hartford, Connecticut, where she was cozily housebound in anticipation of 36" of snow. It took a team to get us set up for the program: Orville had the AV and a screen set up, and Spike Cover was linked in with his laptop to the speaker's computer to relay her PowerPoint thru a projector to the screen, but the museum's Wi-Fi didn't work in the building. Thankfully, Eric Fales had taught his dad how to use his cell phone as a Wi-Fi hotspot, so he saved the day!

Karen Pattist, one of the founding members of K.O.I., is a certified Phish Geek and shared extensively on "Common Problems and How to Solve Them." Through experience, she related the majority of problems back to common issues, water quality, construction issues, and disease, "...but the greatest of these is..." Water Quality. Let's check a few of her key points.

The biggest problem is usually overcrowding; not buying too many koi, but their growth rate. When koi double their size/length, their body mass increases eight-fold! That's 8x more oxygen used, and a whole lot more food! Ten little fish may double in length in two years, but their body mass is like having 80 koi in the pond; in two more years they are the equivalent of 640 fish!

- Tackle the problem first with FPWC (frequent partial water changes), assuming the source water is better. Keep tabs on

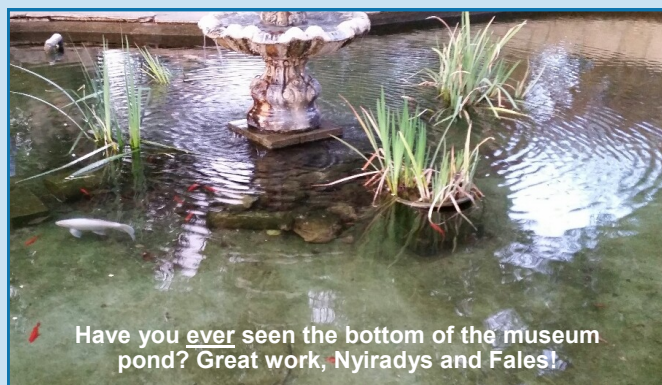
the total alkalinity (KH), a measure of carbonates, which all creatures consume for survival (including fish, algae, and all the bacteria in the filter) so the KH is constantly going down. A couple of dollars worth of baking soda (10#) can be added, but understand the chemistry of this before you do it.

- "Cleanliness is next to godliness." Fish poop, ponds get dirty, dust and debris fall in; the surface layer exposed to air is aerobic, but everything lower is anaerobic and bad for the fish. Rocks on the bottom allow detritus to build up and may block the bottom drains, and the pond effectively becomes a toilet that doesn't flush. So, remove the rocks, add more drains, etc.

- Design and construction may be the problem: lack of bottom drains, insufficient depth, volume, or filtration.

- Location of pumps can create a problem: pumps should PUSH, not PULL water through the system, and they should be as close to the pond as possible.

Karen had so much to share, I can't do it justice here, and it's exciting to know that all the information I available to our members through IKS's membership in K.O.I. It's a wonderful resource for all of us! Take your questions and check it out at <http://koiorganisationinternational.org/>.



Did everyone get out to visit the pond and Edward-Dean? Just a few weeks prior to the meeting, Steve & Laura Nyirady and the Fales thoroughly cleaned it of all the thick mulm on the bottom. Wheelbarrow by wheelbarrowful of debris was shoveled out and dumped elsewhere on the property, and the cement bottom can actually be seen. So can the koi! Thank you to a great team effort!

A wonderful raffle was, as usual, the close of our meeting. Rob & Deanna and even their kids get in on the fun of shopping for us, and they always come up with such interesting things. This month they also had available for sale the new AKCA Koi Identification posters; if you want one, call them and promise to pay the \$10 at the next meeting.



See you in February!

**JOYCE M. GLENN****1928 ~ 2015**

Joyce Glenn passed away on Thursday, January 22nd, 2015 after suffering from the complications of Parkinson's Disease. She was born on June 25th, 1928 in Geneseo, Illinois. She was educated in Illinois, graduating from DePauw University in 1946.

Joyce married a fellow graduate, moved to Glendale, California, and raised four children. She obtained a California teaching certificate and started her teaching career in Glendale. Moving to Orange in 1962, Joyce started teaching kindergarten in the Anaheim Union School District; she went back to school and obtained her Master's from San Diego State University at the remarkable age of 60.

Divorced, remarried and then widowed, Joyce married **Harlan Glenn** in 1997. They relocated to a townhome on the lake at East Lake Village, in Yorba Linda, California. They both enjoyed their Koi pond, were active with the AKCA, and joined Inland Koi Society in July 2000. Joyce was the editor of Koi USA Magazine for eight years and served as a cuddler at CHOC hospital in Orange for 14 years. Her hobby, Chinese brush painting, produced many great pictures that are proudly displayed on her living room walls.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Harlan, her four children, four step-children, 21 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Always cheerful, friendly and happy to be around friends, we will miss her smile and her hugs. Services were private for family.

**MARJORIE HALL****8/5/1929 ~ 1/12/2015**

Marjorie Hall passed away with loved ones by her side after an 8 year battle from a stroke. She was born in Town Creek, Alabama and moved to California to raise her growing family. She was a beautician and owned her own salon; she was also a bus driver for the Redlands Unified School District, but she found her calling in real estate. She became a successful investor in rental properties San Bernardino.

She is survived by five sisters, six children, 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and her beloved dog Peanut. There were no open services as her body was donated to Loma Linda University Hospital for research.

Marjorie joined Inland Koi Society during our Pond Tour in June 1998. She dragged her son, Kelly Houston, to her second meeting, and over the next few years watched him blossom, overcoming by sheer force of will the limitations caused by a diving accident that broke his neck at age 19. Elected president three times, he made mom proud as the "Spirit of IKS" and both travelled with the club to several of the AKCA Seminars. Kelly lives at the beach now near one of his brothers; we have missed both Marjorie and Kelly at our meetings for several years.

AKCA Seminar
June 2006
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**JERRY VANADESTINE****1933 ~ 2014****TONI VANADESTINE****1922 ~ 2014**

Jerry and Toni Vanadestine joined Inland Koi society in January of 2002. We never got to visit their Rialto home, but we enjoyed their company at meetings. They were both actively involved in the San Bernardino Elks Lodge #836 where Jerry held office as 1st Year Trustee; Jerry also served as president of the Rialto Lion's Breakfast Club, named the "Top Small Club" in their district for four years in a row, 2007 to 2011.

Both passed away at home, Toni on July 1, 2014, at 92 years of age, and Jerry, November 19, 2014, at 81. They were married 35 years and are survived by their children, seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. They leave a beautiful legacy.





Koi Auction and Used Equipment Sale

SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, May 30
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Preview 9am

Auction 10am - 2pm

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We can also use help bagging koi from our two auction quarantine pools on the day before the sale. Another place to help will be setting up our display pond at the Riverside Flower Show on Friday, April 24.

The Auction Committee, led by Nick Milfeld and Larry Leverett, has decided upon several distinct changes this year to make this a better Auction.

- For the sake of the fish and all in attendance, we will limit the total number of 'lots' of bagged koi that will be put up for bid.
- To control the quality and health of the offered fish, only club-quarantined and club members' koi will be allowed; no outside fish will be accepted. Anyone may sell equipment.
- We will ask members to "Pre-Register" the koi they would like to sell so we will have a better idea of how many fish will be handled. In listing the fish, members need not identify the variety, but should give approximate sizes or length (as 6-8" or 16-18"). Forms will be provided at our regular.
- There is a suggested limit of six bags of koi per member family, remembering that smaller fish may be combined in one bag while larger ones should be bagged alone. We will provide bags and bands when you pre-register.
- Koi are sold with a 50/50 split with the club up to \$300; anything above \$300 goes to the seller. For equipment, the club receives 25% of the selling price.

What you can do now:

- If you plan to sell some of your fish, start by deciding which ones you want to remove. This is also a good time to take an inventory of what you have...and to take pictures of your *Koi of the Year* entry.
- Consider setting up your quarantine tank (QT) and let it age at least a month out so it will be ready to receive fish. Then, transfer your fish to the QT, even weeks in advance; they will be much easier to bag from quarantine and less stressed than if they are chased around your pond the day before the auction. This will also save a lot of time if you need help from the committee in bagging your koi.
- You can easily move fish between the pond and QT as you make the final decisions as to which to sell. And remember that you shouldn't feed the koi you are selling for several days prior to the auction.
- Make an inventory, too, of extra equipment you might want to pass on. Make sure items are clean and in working order — or make note of what's wrong with them — and consider what price you would like to get and what you will settle for. The asking price will be marked on the item, but the one in charge of equipment sales will know your minimum so he can dicker with the buyers.
- Start saving boxes for carrying bagged koi — for yourself or the club.
- Workers will be wearing their 2014 tour shirts. We'll be selling the shirts from previous years, but will hold the 2014 shirts for members who don't have one. Quantities and sizes are limited.

More info will be forthcoming as the date approaches, but any questions may be addressed to Nick (951.780.7395) or Larry (951.781.3887).

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&
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March 7th & 8th, 2015
**Del Mar Fairgrounds
Activity Center**

Fish Check-in:
Friday 3pm-8pm
Saturday 8am appointment only

Exhibit Hours:
Saturday 9am-4pm
Sunday 9am-3pm

Judging Starts: Saturday @10am
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FEBRUARY

13-22	NATIONAL DATE FESTIVAL ~ 10am-10pm. County Fairgrounds, 82-503 Highway 111, Indio. \$9-\$8-\$7-free.
22	UCR BOTANIC GARDENS docent-led Tour, Noon-1PM, \$5. Walk about 1 mile; comfortable shoes. Meet at Garden Conf. Room
22	IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ 2-5 pm, at Nick & Peggy Milfeld's home in Riverside. 951.780.7395 for more info.
25	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7pm / <i>All IKS members welcome!</i> ~ Location TBA. Call Milfelds at 951.780.7395 for
27-28	CHOCOLATE DECADENCE & PECHANGA WINE FESTIVAL ~Both benefit Habitat for Humanity. <i>Info: pechanga.com/</i>
28-1	ZNA NORCAL KOI SHOW ~ Sat 9-5; Sun 10-2:30. Free. Sheraton Four Points Hotel, San Jose. <i>Info: ZnaNorcal.org</i>

MARCH

6-7	TEMECULA ROD RUN ~ Car Show in Old Town Temecula. <i>Friday Night Cruise, Saturday parked Show-and-Shine</i>
7-8	SAN DIEGO KOI SHOW & WATER GARDEN EXPO ~ Del Mar Fairgrounds. Sat 9-4; Sun 9-3. <i>Info:</i>
7-8	WORLD OF WINE BARREL TASTING ~ Temecula Valley Wine Country offers two days of fine wine samples and food pair-
11	IKS AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING ~ 7pm at Nick Milfeld's.
21-22	ZNA Koi Show ~ Sat 9-5; Sun 9-3. Free. Gardena Civic Center. Koi Auction Sunday at 11am. <i>Info: znasocal.org</i>
22	IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ 2-5 pm, at Aiko Howo's home in Redlands. 909.798.1436 for more info.
25	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7pm / <i>All IKS members welcome!</i> ~ Location TBA. Call Milfelds at 951.780.7395 for more info.

KCSD

Koi Show

T-shirts ~ pale blue with the pin design across the chest (the art only, the blue pin background removed) ~ are \$15.


See them and the directions for ordering or for getting on their

T-Shirt Wish List in KCSD newsletter.

Read it online at

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8th Annual ZNA NorCal Koi Show


Feb 28 and Mar 1, 2015
SAT, 9am-5pm & SUN, 10am-2:30pm

Four Points by Sheraton Hotel
399 Silicon Valley Road
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Free to the public

Koi Competition & Education
Auctions, Raffles, Artists,
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ZNA SoCal Chapter

41st Annual Koi Show



Gardena Civic Center

March 21 - 22, 2015

Open To The Public

No Admission Fee

Beautiful Fish • Entertainment
Koi & Pond Products • Auction

Saturday 9am - 5pm
Taiko drummers in the morning
Koi lecture in the afternoon

Sunday 9am - 3pm
Judges Commentaries 9am - 11am
Koi auction starts 11am
Show Closes 3pm

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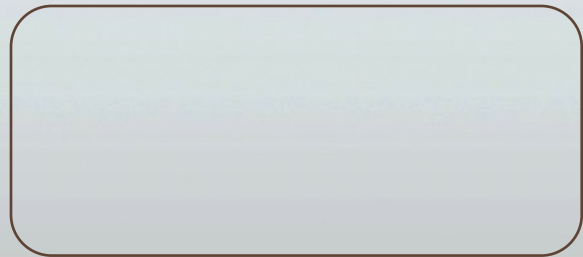
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