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11<sup>th</sup> KOI POND GARDEN TOUR

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010 • 10am - 4pm**



Hello IKS,

There were over 120 members and guests at our meeting at the home Norma and Jack Marrin. Everybody enjoyed touring the gardens on the property. This was a koi club meeting, but we're wondering how many people even looked at the koi ponds. Norma and Jack helped keep us well fed by providing us with hamburgers to go along with the pot luck. Thank you, Norma and Jack, for hosting the meeting, and for the hamburgers.

Jack Chapman was the speaker, and he talked about pond water and how the temperature of the water affects the fish and their environment. Now I have to buy a thermometer that works! Jack Chapman also brought some koi food for the raffle, and Jack Marrin called out the numbers for the raffle prizes. I guess this meeting wouldn't have amounted to much if we didn't know Jack.

The Riverside flower show was held last month at the Elks Club in Riverside. This year, as we do every year, IKS set up a display that consisted of a small pond with some small koi that were donated by Inland Koi. Milfelds' Nursery provided us with the plants we needed to surround the pond and enhance the display. We also had flyers on display that promoted our pond tour and also provided information for people interested in joining the Inland Koi Society. Thank you to Inland Koi and Milfelds' Nursery. Helping to set up the display on Friday, and to take it down on Sunday, were Nick and Peggy Milfeld, Larry and Debby Leverett, Dennis and Dorothy Lynaugh, Tom and Zuma Ross, Orville and Sandy Hanson, and Bob Henry. That's a lot of people for a little pond. You will also see all those people working on the pond tour, and maybe you'll meet a few new members who learned about IKS from the display at the Flower Show.

We don't have a meeting this month but some of our members will be going to the AKCA meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. They just can't let a month go by without going to a koi meeting. I know that Kelly Houston, Orville and Sandy Hanson, and Theo and Jeanne Zoetemelk will be going. One of the trips at the convention will be a trip to the Grand Ole Opry. So if you run into the Dutchman trying to sing country, you'll know why.

Our May meeting will be the June 6<sup>th</sup> Pond Tour. If you haven't volunteered to help on the tour, come and visit it. There are four dollar-off coupons for the tour in this newsletter; give three away and save one. Then you can save a dollar, visit the ponds on the tour, and plan on spending hundreds of dollars to improve your pond by using the ideas you get from what you've seen.

See you at the Pond Tour.

Mark

Mark Krakower, IKS President



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Tom Wright (in blue) on the left, "The IKS Koi Person of The Year 2010" and Jerry Mall (in white) on the right, owner of the IKS "Koi of The Year 2010"



He usually wears a pony tail, a beard, and a silent twinkle in his eye. He was elected the **2010 IKS Koi Person of the Year** by club members at the February General Meeting because of all his volunteering, involvement, attention to details and always being the first to help! If you don't know Tom, mention koi to him and he's all ears. He's on the Board of Directors and is a valued club member!

Congratulations, Tom Wright



Jerry and Pat Mall own this striking 4-year old Showa which was voted **2010 IKS Koi of the Year** in February. It will be only days before we know whether other clubs attending the AKCA Seminar think as highly of the Showa as we do. If so, it could be voted **AKCA Koi of the Year**, would get a trophy, be on the front page of Koi USA, and beat out all of America's best Koi! Good luck to the Malls. Keep your fingers crossed for this beautiful koi in the Inland Koi Society.

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Thx nxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your participation with us isn't nxxdxd or carxd about, rxmxxbxx and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy mxmbxr in our club, thxrx is much I could add, and many othxrs would likx to know mx."

~~ Pxggy Milfxld

~ Update on Mary ~

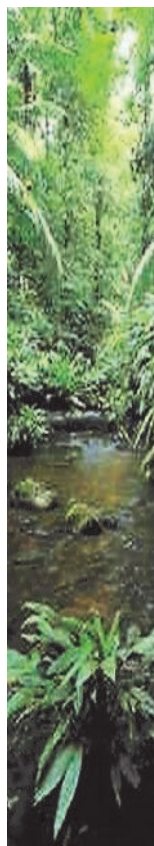
Back to her second home (St. Bernadine's). She felt so good after coming off dialysis, she couldn't resist trying to go back to doing her everyday stuff (i.e., doing twice what she should). So she waited until her Husband, (me), was in the shower; went into the kitchen, passed out, and dove face first into the sink and then the concrete floor. She was still disoriented, dizzy, etc. but conscious when I found her (probably less than three - four minutes later) sitting up.

The left side of her head was swollen so bad I could not see her left ear. Called medics (9-1-1) and 4 minutes later she was back in her chauffeur-driven limo with the lights and siren. NOT LIFE THREATENING! Turns out her heart has (and probably has had) trouble with synchronizing between the upper and lower chambers. She will be getting a permanent stand-by pace-maker installed some time this week.



She has an external temp installed now, and is doing OK. She claims "Fine" but looks, with bruises, like she was kissing the bumpers of passing diesels on the 10 freeway!

Love to All, =Carl Leever=



**Attention!  
Parents & Students**

**Scholarship Funds  
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Inland Koi Society is offering a **\$500 scholarship** to children of current club members, being high school seniors or college students, who have been accepted for the coming college year.

Interested students should obtain and submit an application by July 31. Applications are available on-line from [genemaingot@inlandkoi.org](mailto:genemaingot@inlandkoi.org) or from [markkrakower@inlandkoi.org](mailto:markkrakower@inlandkoi.org), and will require a written statement from the student.

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IKS GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010 REDLANDS

We had a grand garden party at Jack and Norma's. The glowing description in the newsletter did not exaggerate one bit. In fact, to adequately describe the house and grounds is like taking a picture of a Redwood. The pictures and words do not adequately describe the experience. Jack and Norma are very humble keepers and restorers of what I can describe as a life-long project. The gardens are relatively new, very well designed, and beautiful. Some are still in progress. The house is an architectural and historical treasure which has been preserved in its original state as much as possible. Did I mention we had a good time? Imagine this; a huge table, no several tables full of salads, entries, desserts, in a large room with windows all around. The house has full covered porch areas around all sides, and balconies on the second floor so the view out was through the covered veranda to the garden area on one side, and to the Roman style pool with spa and the Koi ponds on the other side. A bar-b-que was going full blast on the side walkway. All the coolers were full of water and sodas. The whole ground floor was full of people talking, with Jack graciously giving guided tours and explaining the furnishings, and the history of the house. Several portable shade covers were set up in the front grass for the chairs. We all wandered around, and enjoyed ourselves immensely. Then I heard a voice in the background mention something about food. The line was already well formed by the time I got there. After an excellent meal, we all settled in for the meeting.

Mark opened the meeting and welcomed all the members and visitors. We had a total of 128 people at the meeting. This included 28 visitors. I hope everyone had a good time and felt welcome. Next, Jack talked about the house and property. When he and Norma purchased the house, the last owner had passed away and the house was in receivership. Jack described the last owner, as a widow, living alone, perhaps overwhelmed and driven crazy by the house and the demands for maintenance. Both the house and the gardens had been neglected for years. Jack and Norma purchased the house in 1986. The house is now fully functional, a Roman style pool was constructed at the rear of the house, the gardens have been extensively renovated, and construction is on-going on an Italian garden, and a Japanese garden with large Koi pond. A French garden has been constructed at the entry-

way. The newest completed garden feature is a fountain with cascading waterway that flows in a straight line from the front of the house through the lawn. We all sat on both sides of this water feature and admired the Art Deco statue at the start of the feature. Dennis then talked about the upcoming Pond Tour which will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Kelly then talked about the ballot for the AKCA which is our umbrella organization. We voted for the candidates as a club. Mark then explained the relationship between the Inland Koi Society and the AKCA. Inland Koi Society belongs to a national club, the AKCA, or Associated Koi Clubs of America. The AKCA is the organization that enables and provides background funding for the annual seminars, and publishes the magazine Koi USA. Mark then had several announcements: ●Our annual trip will be to Little Tokyo this year. We will ride in a bus to Los Angeles, see the Japanese Cultural Center, and Koi ponds, then go shopping and restaurant crawling, and reluctantly get back on the bus to go home. Water will be provided on the bus. This event will be on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. ●Our next Board meeting will be 4/28. ●On 5/15, the Corona Lobster Fest will happen at the Fender Museum. Now it's time to go to sleep, right?

Our speaker was Jack Chapman who quickly let us know he was going to keep us awake! Jack gave us a dynamic and entertaining presentation about spring and what is going on in our ponds. He talked about temperature and what was going on in the fish and in the pond/filter system. At about 40 degrees F, the fish are basically hibernating. As the water temperature rises in the spring, the fish immune systems and the pond/filter bacterial systems wake up and start functioning. The bacteria start growing before the fish immune system wakes up. At about 45 to 50 degrees, the bacteria are growing at an exponential rate while the fish immune system is only half awake. The best thing to do at this point is to keep the water as clean as possible, and as stable as possible. Until the water temperature gets to the ideal level for the fish immune system which is about 77 degrees, keep testing the water for ammonia, and nitrates. Water changes, salt, and potassium permanganate to reduce organics are some of the treatment options. After Jack's excellent and very dynamic presentation, the raffle was done by Mary Leever and Jack Marrin, with Jack calling the numbers and Mary distributing the prizes.

Respectfully submitted by Zuma Ross, IKS Secretary



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## 'Man with the Golden Arm' saves 2 million babies in half a century of donating rare type of blood

By [Mail Foreign Service](#)

Last updated at 1:43 AM on 23rd March 2010

An Australian man who has been donating his extremely rare kind of blood for 56 years has saved the lives of more than two million babies. James Harrison, 74, has an antibody in his plasma that stops babies dying from Rhesus disease, a form of severe anemia. He has enabled countless mothers to give birth to healthy babies, including his own daughter, Tracey, who had a healthy son thanks to her father's blood.

Mr. Harrison has been giving blood every few weeks since he was 18 years old and has now racked up a total of 984 donations. When he started donating, his blood was deemed so special his life was insured for one million Australian dollars. He was also nicknamed the 'Man with the Golden Arm' or the 'Man in Two Million.' His blood has since led to the development of a vaccine called Anti-D.

He said, *'I've never thought about stopping. Never.'* He made a pledge to be a donor at age 14 after undergoing major chest surgery in which he needed 13 liters of blood. *'I was in hospital for three months,'* he said. *'The blood I received saved my life so I made a pledge to give blood when I was 18.'*

Just after he started donating he was found to have the rare and life-saving antibody in his blood. At the time, thousands of babies in Australia were dying each year of **Rhesus disease**. Other newborns suffered permanent brain damage because of the condition. The disease creates an incompatibility between the mother's blood and her unborn baby's blood. It stems from one having Rh-positive blood and the other Rh-negative.

After his blood type was discovered, Mr. Harrison volunteered to undergo a series of tests to help develop the Anti-D vaccine. *'They insured me for a million dollars so I knew my wife Barbara would be taken care of,'* he said. *'I wasn't scared. I was glad to help. I had to sign every form going and basically sign my life away.'*

Mr. Harrison is Rh-negative and was given injections of Rh-positive blood. It was found his plasma could treat the condition and since then it has been given to hundreds of thousands of women. It has also been given to babies after they are born to stop them from developing the disease. It is estimated he has helped save 2.2 million babies so far.

One of the mothers he has helped is Joy Barnes, who works at the Red Cross Blood Bank in Sydney. She has known Mr. Harrison for 23 years but has only just told him that she is one of the countless mothers he has helped. Ms Barnes, who miscarried at four and five months before having treatment, said: *'Without him, I would never have been able to have a healthy baby.'* Speaking to Mr. Harrison on an Australian TV show, she said: *'I don't know how to thank you enough.'*

His own daughter, Tracey, also had to have the Anti-D injection after the birth of her first son. She said she was proud of her dad for continuing to give blood, even after the death of her mother after 56 years of marriage. Mr. Harrison said: *'I was back in hospital giving blood a week after Barbara passed away. It was sad, but life marches on and we have to continue doing what we do. She's up there looking down, so I carry on.'*

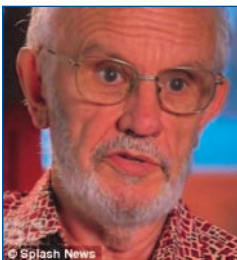
Mr. Harrison is expected to reach the 1,000 donation milestone in September this year.

[Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/worldnews/article-1259627/Man-golden-arm-James-Harrison-saves-2million-babies-half-century-donating-rare-blood.html#ixzz0nsbWt1UK>

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**The truth is that more than 500 donations of lifesaving blood are needed each day to meet emergency and ongoing patient needs in Southern California. In fact, every 3 to 4 seconds of every day, someone needs a blood transfusion.**

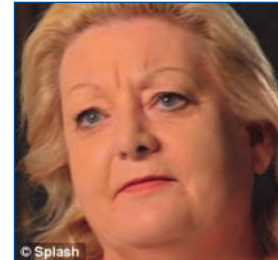
**If you are a healthy person (with no infections or illness and no history of Hepatitis from age 11 or older), at least 17 years of age (15 or 16 years with a signed LifeStream parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds, we need you! Give blood for the Inland Koi Society.**



*Life-saver: James Harrison has donated his rare blood nearly 1,000 times*



*Mr. Harrison, dubbed 'the man with the golden arm', is still donating every few weeks at the age of 74. He is thought to have saved 2.2million babies.*



*Grateful: Mr. Harrison's friend, Joy Barnes, is one of many mothers who have been able to give birth to healthy babies thanks to his donations.*

## Shasta Koi & Watergarden Club

Zip a Dee do Dah, spring has sprung and it's a beautiful day !

This time of year is gorgeous as the trees and flowers start blooming and waking up from the dreary days of winter. If your fish are like mine they are up and swimming and act as if they are starving to death. Don't be fooled, until the water temperature is at least 55 degrees their metabolism is not up to the challenge of digesting food. If you must give in, feed once very sparingly with Plain Cheerios every 3 or 4 days just to give them something to put in their slurpy little mouths that they can digest easily. Do not begin feeding regular food until temperatures reach at least 60-70 degrees and start slowly, gradually increasing amounts and frequency.

Since they are up and about and the water temperature is getting a little warmer, this is the perfect time to give a spring cleaning to the pond. Remove any leaves, branches or debris that may have blown into the pond during our last storms and dump the skimmer baskets. Rinse your pre-filters thoroughly and check your bio-filter for debris. If you have a layer of muck in your bio-filter you may want to rinse your filters lightly in a

tub of water from the pond. This helps to keep the good bacteria in your filter.

Increasing the oxygen levels in your pond can help your fish and your filter bacteria to get activated. This can be done by adding an air pump and air stones to the pond.

By providing your fish a clean, well filtered and well oxygenated pond to start the spring, is a big step in preventing disease and problems with water



quality. Remember over-feeding and over-crowding are major causes of poor water quality causing the fish stress and stress causes disease by lowering the efficiency of the immune system.

Be sure to test for Ammonia and Nitrites during the spring and do water changes of either 10% per week or 25-30% per month to correct any problems you have in the area of water quality. If you have a problem with nitrites, salt may be added at a 0.1% ratio or 1 lb. per 100 gallons to prevent harm to the fish, along with regular water changes as noted. There are products available to help remove ammonia and nitrites from your pond, see your local pond or water garden dealer.

Adding Koi Clay is a big help to your spring time pond as it helps the fish by supplying minerals and nutrients that the fish need as well as absorbing toxins and improving the water quality. It also helps to keep algae in check.

By incorporating the above advice in your pond you should have good water quality and healthy fish. If you have problems despite implementing all these ideas, remember the club is here to help you, let us know and we will do what we can to help.

Here's wishing you Crystal Clear Water and Big Fishy Kisses!

~ Marilyn Swanson

## Swallowed a stone, no way!

A friend of mine was having troubles with one of his koi. He claimed that the mouth was stuck open and something was stuck in it. I told him he was crazy but he should catch the koi and look for a sore on the mouth or something else.



I have seen koi get mouth rot and this made them keep their mouths open. I have seen koi also get a dislocated jaw where their mouth would temporarily stay open

I have seen koi get an infection in the jaw joint and need injectable antibiotics in order for them to heal up so they could close their mouths. From the picture above it does look like the koi's mouth is stuck open. I



have seen koi suck up and spit out stones a hundred times. One time while I was attaching an airline around the inside of a wooden tank I accidentally dropped one of the brass tacks I was using to hold the airline in place. 10 different koi sucked up and spit out the tack before I was able to remove it from the tank. At first it seemed like they were playing keep away from me and I was losing. This is a first for me. I have never seen a koi swallow a stone or should I say a stone so big they couldn't spit it out. Well there is a first time for everything.

The next time someone tells me their koi might have swallowed a stone I'll have to be more open minded!

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Inland Koi Society**

*IKS hopes you enjoy an informative and fun association with our club! Members get the advantage of having years of experience (mistakes and lessons) available to them, while at the same time there are enough new hobbyist members that no one feels they are the only one who is clueless on a subject. Ask questions!*

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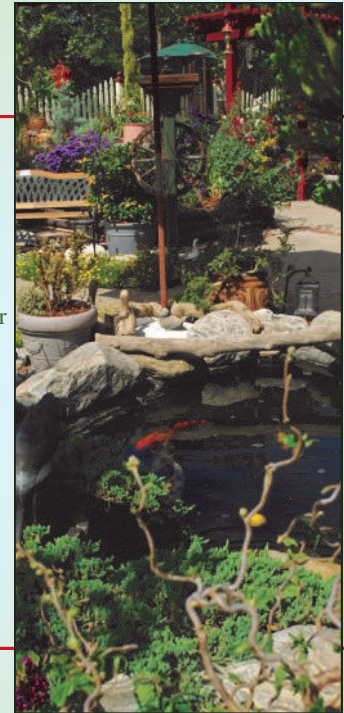


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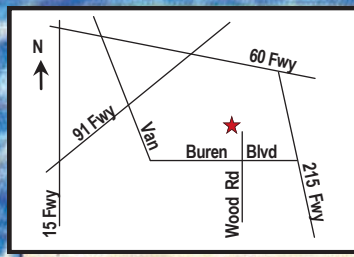
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**INLAND KOI SOCIETY  
PROGRAM PLANNING CALENDAR 2010**

REGULAR MTG 4th Sunday	HOSTS Address	PROPOSED PROGRAM Speakers	BOARD MEETING Wed. after Mtg
June 27 <i>Father's Day 6/20</i>	<b>Orville &amp; Sandy Hanson</b> 5710 Via Cervantes Riverside 92506	Topic: <i>Solar Technology.</i> (Specifics to be determined)	Wed., June 30
To Be Announced...			

**See ~ R & F Railroad Open House ~ on calendar date of May 22-23**

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IKS volunteers take apart the koi pond display at the end of the Riverside Flower and Garden Show on April 11, 2010. Shown here: Orville Hanson, Dennis Lynaugh, Larry Leverett, Mark Krakower, Bob Henry in back and Nick Milfeld in front. Great job guys!! Thank you for volunteering your time.

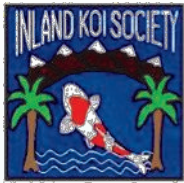
**F. Y. I.  Cherry blossom parties**

From April through May, cherry trees start blossoming across the Japan, and lively parties are held underneath the pretty blossoms. The most famous are in Ueno Park in Tokyo and Maruyama Park in Kyoto. Wish we were there! It must be beautiful!

2010		Coming Events
01-31		<b>JAPANESE AMERICANS IN THE MILITARY</b> ~ Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, Balboa Park, San Diego / <a href="http://www.veteranmuseum.org">www.veteranmuseum.org</a> / (619) 239-2300
15-23		<b>SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FAIR, VICTORVILLE</b> ~ (760)951-2200; <a href="http://www.sbcfair.com">www.sbcfair.com</a>
18-Jun 20		<b>OLD WORLD RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL</b> ~ Travel back in time to the romantic period / Crossroads Riverview Park / 14600 River Road / Corona, CA 92880 / (951) 735-0101 / <a href="http://renaissanceinfo.com/">http://renaissanceinfo.com/</a>
19-23		<b>AKCA SEMINAR</b> ~ 28th Annual Seminar in Nashville, Tennessee. Have Fun and Enjoy Koi!
22-23		<b>R &amp; F RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE</b> ~ See invitation at the left or <a href="http://www.rfailroad.com">www.rfailroad.com</a>
26		<b>IKS BUSINESS MEETING</b> ~ 7 pm / <i>All members of IKS welcome!</i> — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Mark Krakower at (951) 371-2223.
27-31		<b>NATIONAL ORANGE SHOW</b> ~ Thurs.-Fri. 1pm-10pm, Sat.-Mon. 11am-10pm / \$5 adm / \$5 park / 689 South East Street / San Bernardino, CA 92401 / (909) 888-6788 / <a href="http://www.nationalorangeshow.com">www.nationalorangeshow.com</a>
28-31		<b>GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL</b> ~ annual festival including a huge carnival with games and rides, a parade, arts / Garden Grove Festival Grounds / Euclid and Main Street / 92842 / Fri. 1pm-10pm, Sat. 10am-10pm, Sun. 10am-8:30pm / Free / (714) 638-0981 <a href="http://www.strawberryfestival.org/">www.strawberryfestival.org/</a>
31		<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> ~ Remember and Be Proud to Be American 

**No IKS General Meeting in May**

JUNE		Events
01-20		<b>TANAKA FARMS STRAWBERRY TOURS</b> ~ Irvine / (714) 653-2100 ext.2 / <a href="http://www.tanakafarms.com">www.tanakafarms.com</a> 9am - 5pm / We have Strawberry Tours in the Spring, Watermelon Tours in the Summer
05		<b>CAMELLIA KOI CLUB POND TOUR</b> ~ Tour will be centered around the Lincoln area. 11 ponds / 10am-4pm / <a href="http://www.camelliakoi.org">www.camelliakoi.org</a>
11		<b>AKCA BOARD MEETING</b> ~ 6pm / 529 W. Blueridge Ave., Orange, CA 92865 / Call Kelly Houston at (909) 885-2503 for more information.
11-13		<b>RIVERSIDE HOME AND GARDEN SHOW</b> ~ 10am - 7pm / Riverside Convention Center / 3443 Orange Street / Riverside, CA 92501 / (800) 358-7469
20		<b>Father's Day</b> ~ Remember your strong Papa with a hug for a while, because he loved you, and gave you that smile!
27		<b>IKS GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK</b> ~ 2:00-5:00 pm / Hosts will be Orville & Sandy Hanson in Riverside / For more information, contact Kelly Houston (909) 885-2503
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Debby Leverett, Bonnie Henry, Dennis Lynaugh, Bob Henry, Tom Ross, Nick Milfeld, Sandy Hanson, Jack Marrin, Zuma Ross, and Orville Hanson. Not pictured: Larry Leverett & Mark Krakower



IKS volunteers set up the koi pond display on April 10 with advertising flyers for the 2010 IKS Pond Garden Tour, during the **Riverside Flower Show/Garden Tour** at the Riverside Elks Club.



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