

# SCALES & TALES



*The January meeting will be held at the home of  
Bill & Marcia Torrence  
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*In honor of Winter, Chili will be served.  
Please RSVP and let them know what side dish you will be  
bringing*



**FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Hi Clubmembers and Happy New Year!

Well, our election took place last month at Peggy Morris's who hosted a lovely Christmas party. Your old officers from last year accepted the nominations and are now the new officers for one more year. We are all going try to make this a fun year for the First Coast Koi Club.

All members exchanged gifts and everyone received a gift bag from the club. Dave Majcher was the lucky winner of the 10inch Sanke that the club purchased for this occasion.

Congratulations to Libby Mattingly who was voted Koi Person of the Year. Well deserved I might add. Libby's hard work and dedication made this a better club for all of us.

Winter has finally arrived this month, and all of our fish are feeling the effects. I don't know about you but I am pretty glad that I do not have to do much in the water right now. My pond temp has been running in the 50's so I have been giving my fish a chance to fast and burn off a little bit of the fat stores that they have. It is beneficial when the water reaches below 60 F. that they are given the chance to fast. Fresh fruits and veggies are still ok, but you want to lower the protein content during the cooler months. In the long run, this will produce healthier fish, longer living fish, avoid the common tumors in females and slow down aging.

Our next meeting will be held at Bill and Marcia Torrance's home, Sunday January 17, 2PM. Please bring a side dish and if you have something for our raffle table it would be greatly appreciated.

We will be discussing the upcoming events for 2010, like the plant sale and a possible Spring Auction and or young koi show. So be thinking about places for that event to be held and if you have any extra fish that you would like to donate. We also have a nice presentation prepared.

The meeting begins at 2:00 PM  
Hope to see you all there.

Please remember to renew your membership this month. Either mail your check to Libby or bring it to the meeting.

Thanks

This is an abbreviated version of our newsletter. We need someone to take over the newsletter and be able to spend a little time collecting articles from club members or other sources. Teresa has done the newsletter for the last 3 1/2 years and is ready for a little time off. I try but I really have a hard time between working and babysitting. I feel fairly certain Teresa can give the format for the newsletter or a new one is always welcomed. We hope to see everyone at the meeting. Dues are due in January and are \$30 per household. I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!!

Libby