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2006 is almost finished, and the NMZNA has finished another successful year. As the year winds-up, we'd like to take time to recognize our outgoing officers and directors, and to welcome in our new officers and directors. Bob Brudd has been President of the club since its inception, and has decided to step down and take a break for awhile. He's also involved in publishing the US ZNA Newsletter, which keeps him busy. Our heart-felt thanks to Bob for his many years of service. Gail Nolen, who has also been on the board since the inception of the club, has also decided to step down. In addition to Gail's help in all aspects of starting-up the club, she is active in her own financial consulting business, and in helping the kids in her area in developing into young adults. Please see the article on Gail and Margueritta's efforts to help local kids develop life-long learning habits. Finally, John Suich is stepping-down as Treasurer of the club. As everyone who knows John can attest, he has always responded quickly and efficiently to any requests for assistance.

We've also settled on dates and location for the 2007 fish show. We'll be holding the show the weekend of July 28 and 29th, 2007 in the Indianapolis area. Dick, Chester, Tamara, and Mark have been scouting locations in the area, and presented a number of alternatives to the club at the Christmas meeting. The Indianapolis area has many great locations, as well as outstanding hotels and other outdoor attractions, which will help to attract additional visitors to the show. Dick Thomas has volunteered to be Show Chairman for 2007. The group discussed the possibility of including goldfish in the show for 2007, which would also help attract additional visitors.

We also discussed possible locations and topics for the annual seminar, and currently plan on

2007 Meeting Dates

- Mar/Apr
- June
- Sept/Oct
- Dec

The following people have been nominated for office, and were endorsed at the Christmas meeting. Bob will be sending out an email to all members to confirm their nominations, within the next several days. President: Dick Thomas; Treasurer, Mike Pfeffer; Board seat, Tamara Skaggs. The VP role is currently open. Peter Ponzio has been nominated as Koi Person of the year.



holding the seminar in March or April. We'll keep everyone posted as to the time and location in future editions of the newsletter.

One of the final pieces of business to attend-to from the 2006 show, was presenting Ken Terrill with his plaque for winning Grand Champion at the show. Bob presented Ken with his plaque, direct from Japan, at the Christmas meeting; congratulations, Ken!

Our 2007 dues have been set at \$85.00; we have increased the dues slightly to give us a little reserve in the Treasury to accommodate any special situations that might arise in 2007. Our current Treasury balance is approximately \$1200.



LENDING A HAND

Many things can impact the life of a child, and unfortunately, we hear about many of the negative impacts, and rarely hear about the positive things we can do to help. Recently, Gail and Margueritta decided to make a positive difference in children's lives by organizing a book drive, and by inviting kids from a local school to see their home and pond, and learn about goldfish and koi. As you can see from the attached pictures, Gail and Margueritta, along with help from the NMZNA, brought new meaning to our slogan "Friendship through Scales." Many thanks to all the club members who helped to make this event special for a number of kids.



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT KEVIN'S HOUSE

Well, another year, another Christmas party at Kevin's. Our final meeting of the year is traditionally in the form of a Christmas party, and has been held at Kevin's house for the last several years. Our thanks to Kevin and Gail for being such good hosts!



Happy Holidays to Everyone at NMZNA!

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MEETING

The October/November meeting was held at Kevin's house to discuss the status of the 2006 show, try to improve on next year's show, and to discuss locations for the 2007 show. After the meeting was adjourned, Kevin and Gail provided us all with a good meal, and a view of Kevin's indoor swimming pools (Oh, they're ponds!)



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