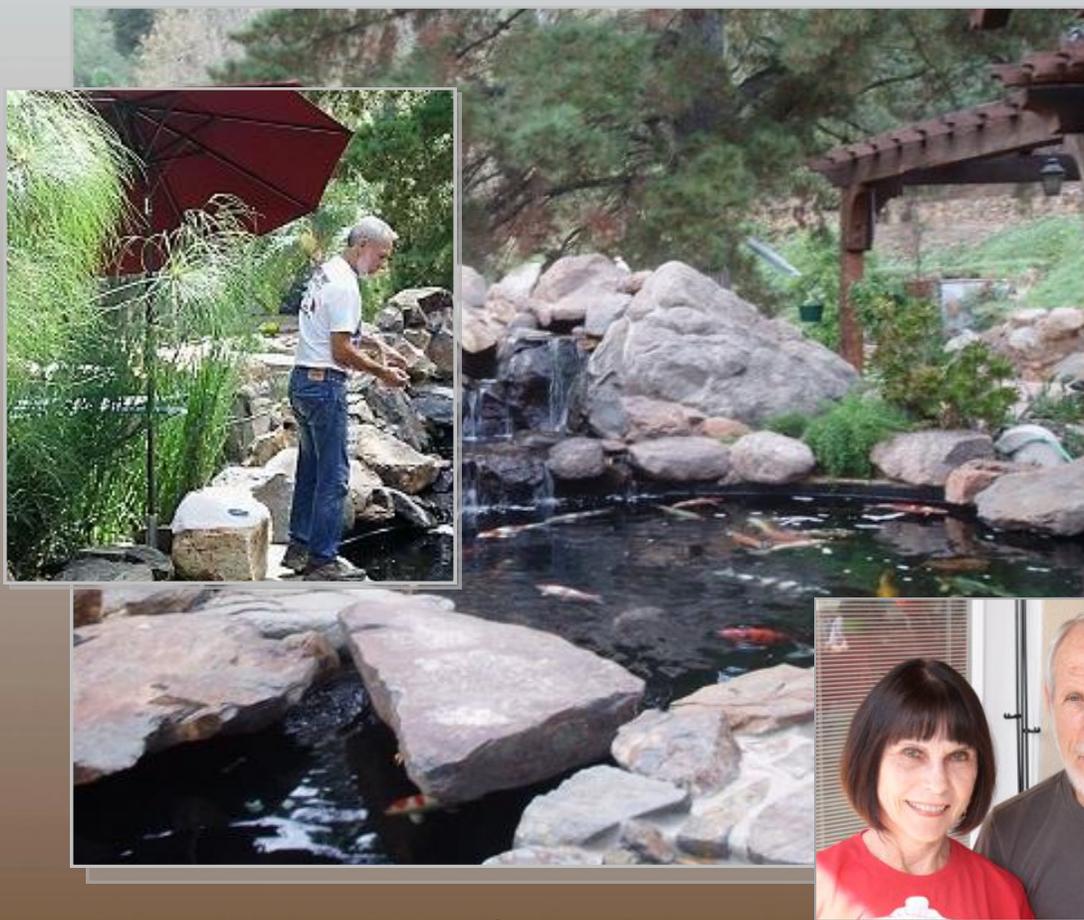


# *The Inland Koi* *Connection*



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**Enclosed: 2017 Renewal Form**



IKS General Meeting  
Annual Thanksgiving Feast  
2:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Sunday, November 20**

**Jerry & Pat Mall**  
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The IKS Board meets monthly, generally on the Wednesday evening following the Sunday regular meeting of the club. The meeting begins at 7:00pm and is open to any interested members.

The November 2 meeting was held at the Milfelds' home and Peggy served dinner. We discussed:

- **A turnout 50 on Oct. 23** at the Ramirez's in Claremont, even with rain predicted (and misting). George's landscaper helped with the pond talk, and Spike Cover was thorough discussing preparing the pond for winter, adding info about K.O.I. as well. Great use of George's carlift: at mid-level was a great buffet table!
- **Confirmed** plans for November 20 at the Malls in Temecula, then dark in December. Rob had tentative sites and speakers for 2017:
  - **Jan. 22** at Leveretts' with a skype presentation from K.O.I. Need to borrow at least a 6-foot screen; does anyone have one??
  - **Feb. or March 26** at the Johnson's, neighbors of Mac McClain.
  - **Option**— for Feb., substitute a bus trip the following Saturday, March 4, to San Diego Koi Show (Spring Home Garden Show at same location; separate entry fee).
  - **April 8-9** will be Riverside Flower Show & Garden Tour.
  - **June 3**, Saturday, is IKS Koi Auction & Used Equipment Sale.
  - **August 27** at Mark Corser's in Corona, with BBQ.
  - Looking for volunteer hosts for other months...call Rob Fales.
- **Under 40 sign-ups** from November mtg. Malls provide tables and chairs for all. Elections and games, then dark in December. RSVP
- **Elections:** Openings for President, Secretary, and two Directors. Interested members can still call Tom Wright or Ed Kushner.
- **Koi Auction June 3, 2017:** Nick & Larry co-chairs. Second QT pool is set up at Theo Zoetemelk's. First meeting will be Feb. 8 at Nick's, 7 pm; three more, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/24. Volunteer sign-ups begin in January. Will reprint one of Norma's T-shirt designs, to be selected by members at a meeting.
- **Next Board meeting** will be **Wed., December 7** (a week later than usual) at the **Kushners' home; 7pm** for dinner.

Peggy Milfeld, Secretary Pro tem ☺\_('.)\_☺

\*Members wishing to attend a Board mtg. should let the host know.



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• **Remember that phone advice is given based on your input; the ultimate responsibility for treatment remains with you.**

Who hasn't fallen in love with all that the Malls have done to their hilltop retreat overlooking the Temecula valley? I suppose only those who have yet to take the winding roads to the top, to wander around the property... those who have yet to enjoy the warm hospitality of these wonderful hosts. We relax at this, the last meeting of the year, and breathe in the peace we find on the mountaintop; we gather with a family of choice to celebrate Thanksgiving before returning to the coming craziness of the holiday season.

Ever the gracious hosts, **Jerry & Pat Mall** have welcomed us since 2010 or earlier, claiming it's the only thing they do for the club. That's enough in our book: we love coming here! Their pond is 12,000 gallons with about a 5 foot depth; it took 1½ years to build and was designed by one of Jerry's employees. The pump house has state-of-the-art equipment, Lim Pumps, ½ hp and 1 hp, 2 Nexus filters, 2 bubble bead filters, and 2 large UV sterilizers. There are four air pumps, two for the Nexus filters and two for the domes on the bottom drains. Their fish are a beautiful collection, including their 2010 IKS Koi of the Year that was then selected AKCA Koi of the Year.

Married for 43 years, the Malls grew up locally; they have six adult children who all live locally, plus grandchildren. Jerry and Pat had been living in Bloomington for about 25 years when they felt it was time for a change. They wanted to move to a place where there were more trees and more privacy. When they came upon this twenty-acre avocado-and-citrus-grove property in Temecula which met both criteria, they purchased their dream. Even though they have lived here for 17 years now, Jerry will insist it's still a "work in progress..."



Tancho Showa

For the guys, Jerry has a six car garage and some great cars inside—you just never know what!—and one of the bays is also a curtained car wash. And next to the garage is a full indoor racquetball court.

Jerry and Pat were owners of **K&N Filters**, which is heavily involved in nearly every form of motorsports from off-road and power sports to drag racing, stock cars and road racing. Jerry had a racing team and he drove a Racing Dodge Viper. In one race eight years ago, he had been doing over 220 mph, but when he was slowing to 170 the motor blew. The car flipped several times, yet Jerry was unhurt! Although he said he was tempting fate, he has since backed off. He spent 3½ years interviewing companies who wanted to purchase K&N., and now that his company is divested, Jerry has retired comfortably.

Get up and explore the fantastic garages, the game room, the pond and its filter room... Wander outside a lot if the weather is clear, as we hope it will be. Enjoy each other in this relaxed format, and be prepared to vote for new leadership. Better, seriously consider becoming part of that leadership! Last but not least, bring your Renewal Form and get it turned in early.

This is a sit down dinner, with Pat & Jerry providing turkey and gravy and supplying tables and chairs, so you don't need to bring chairs this month. But do make reservations so we have enough seats. And turkey. Please check the list at right and call Peggy Milfeld at 951.780.7395 if you're not on it! Besides your side dish, you might want to bring a jacket and maybe your camera. We'll not get together again until January.

**"FAMILY FEAST" MENU IDEAS**

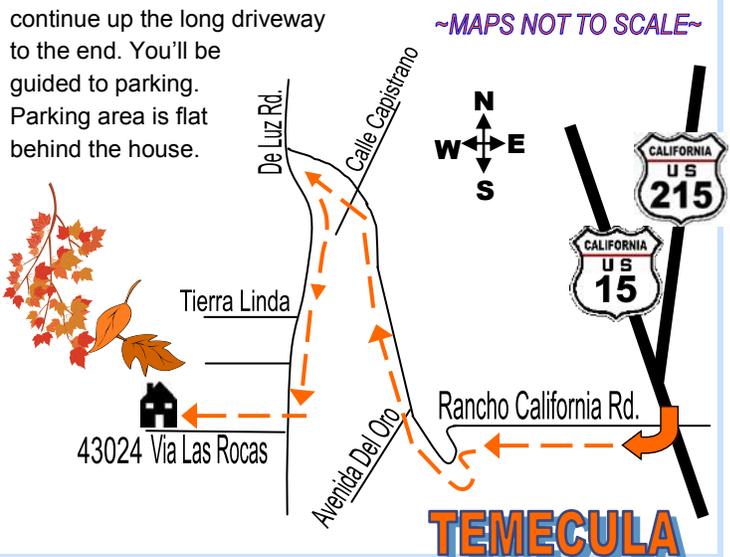
We have 40 members signed up for the Nov. 20 meeting, but last year we had 68. Check the list if you're still deciding what to bring, and yes, changes of mind are allowed! Choose a new recipe you want to try (*we're great guinea pigs*), or an old family favorite. And call in to reserve your seats so we have room for everyone at the tables.

- **Stuffing or Potatoes ~ mashed, yams, cheesy...**  
 Ramirez ~ Potatoes                      Henry ~ Stuffing  
 Fales ~ Garlic Mashed
- **Vegetable Dishes ~ all the family favorites...**  
 Wolf ~ Veggies                              Haumann ~ Veggies  
 Leverett ~ Succotash                      Cover ~ Sweet Potatoes
- **Salads, any kind ~ green, fruit, molded...**  
 ??? ~ Green Salad                          Milfeld ~ Applesauce
- **Muffins, Rolls, Breads...**  
 Huizar ~ Rolls  
 Zoetemelk ~ Hawaiian Rolls, Butter
- **Desserts, any kind and all the favorites!**  
 Hanson ~ Dessert                          Richardson ~ Dessert  
 Leever ~ Birthday Cake                      Hoffman ~ Dessert
- **Other Items, including Appetizers...**  
 Mall ~ Turkey & Gravy                      Hunter ~ Devilled Eggs  
 Leever ~ Ham                                  Kushner ~ Relish plate

*If you're not on the list, call Peggy ASAP to sign up!  
 We need a count for seating and ordering  
 the all-important turkey!  
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**IKS Elections 2016**

*When you read this, the big election of 2016 will be over and the new year will start on uncertain footing, whichever way it went. But in the Inland Koi Society, the new year will be a smooth transition from the old, and the election process will not frustrate anyone.*

Oh, it will be a big election nonetheless. Several of the 12 Board positions have come up for grabs. There's no competition for top offices, which is a sad situation in any organization. Our VP and Treasurer are up for re-election, but we need members to step forward for President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor, unless you will accept a much condensed newsletter in the future. If someone else would like to do the newsletter, Peggy Milfeld has permission to do only Secretary, although there should be some new hand trying that, too. As for the seven Directors, only two Directors – Ed Kushner and Larry Leverett – will continue in unexpired terms; Deanna Fales, Jack Marrin and Tom Wright are game for another term, and that leaves two seats open.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Ed Kushner and Tom Wright, has found few interested in stepping up, and those who are cannot at present do so because of work distance and schedule conflicts.

Elections will take place at the November meeting, with one vote allowed per member family. Nominations (or volunteers) will be accepted from the floor before the vote. If you plan to nominate someone, check with them first to be sure they will accept the nomination; if you plan to volunteer, check with your spouse or significant other. Installation of Officers and Directors will take place at our Annual Meeting in January.

The slate of nominees recommended by the committee is as follows:

- |                               |               |                               |                |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| • President (1-yr term)       | —OPEN         | • Director (second 2-yr term) | —Deanna Fales  |
| • Vice President (third 1-yr) | —Rob Fales    | • Director (second 2-yr term) | —Jack Marrin   |
| • Secretary (2-yr)            | —OPEN         | • Director (third 2-yr term)  | —Tom Wright    |
| • Treasurer (second 2-yr)     | —Nick Milfeld | • Director (first 2-yr term)  | —Linda Kushner |
| • Newsletter Editor (2-yr)    | —OPEN         | • Director (first 2-yr term)  | —OPEN          |

**Excerpt of IKS By-Laws  
Article VI — Officers**

**Section A** — There shall be five (5) officers of the Society: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. The Officers shall be members of the Board of Directors.

**Section B** — The President and Vice President shall be elected by the membership for a term of one (1) year with one extension. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor shall be so elected for terms of two (2) years with a maximum of three (3) extensions. Should no replacement candidate be available for any given office, the incumbent officer may serve an additional term. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

**Section C** — Members who are owners of Koi-related businesses shall not be eligible to serve as officers.

**Article VII — The Board of Directors**

**Section A** — The Board of Directors shall consist of not more than twelve (12) members including the five (5) Officers and no more than seven (7) Directors. The President shall act as Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

**Section B** — The Directors shall be elected by the membership for a term of two (2) years, with a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms. A vacancy among the Directors may be filled by the Board of Directors making an appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

**Inland Koi Society  
Club Membership  
Renewal Time**

All members were sent this month's newsletter by mail with a pre-printed Renewal Form enclosed.

Orville Hanson, Database Manager, respectfully asks that you return the printed form, with any corrections or additions carefully made on it. They can be turned in at the November meeting, or mailed back before January 1, 2016.

**If you will not attend this meeting, please put the form with other unpaid bills so it will not be lost, and send it in as soon as possible. Thank you!**



The general meeting was held at George & Juli Ramirez's home. Upon entering their back yard, you are not only welcomed by this extremely warm couple, but by the creativity that helped to breathe life into this space. The cement work is awesome with stepping stones and individual patio spaces that ultimately focus on the tropical koi pond area. The mature Elephant Ear plants that frame the fish pond stop you in your tracks as they say *Hello!* and *Welcome!* as the breeze creates a gentle momentum through their enormous leaves. George and Juli's creativity does not stop there! They didn't have sufficient tables to serve the food and dessert, but they did have a carport where George houses two treasured automobiles on a car lift. Evaluating the car stacking unit that stores the cars, they decided to use it as their food table. Brilliant!



Rob opened the meeting with a riddle, introduced visitors Jack Blair and Beverly Heiberg, guests of Ed & Louise Broomfield; and George & Frances Ramirez, George's parents, and his brother Joseph; and Eric Huizar and Andy Herriman, new members at their first meeting. Spike & Ginger Cover donated a large EZ-up which they could no longer use, and it was set up over the new patio and fire-pit. It was perfect for the day, because it started to rain during Spike's lecture. Thank you; you kept many of us dry! With the car-stacking unit protecting the buffet, the covered back porch patio was available for additional protected seating.

Dave Fontaine of Pond Builders, who did most of the hardscape and some of the landscape, spoke before George about low pond maintenance and koi health. He recommends a gravel bottom pond because the nooks and crannies help to maintain water clarity ["Fish poop in the pond is a working filter."] He mentioned the following practices to achieve this goal:

- keep clean bio-filters
- perform frequent water changes
- grow traditional aquatic plants
- install an efficient mechanical skimmer
- maintain efficient aeration for good bacteria build-up



George continued the pond talk: The pond is three and half years old. Eric Triplett designed it and the surrounding gardens, changing the location of the pond so that they could see it directly from their family room. The pond and the two waterfalls are most beautiful after dark when they are all lit up! There are 200 pounds of lava rock surrounding the waterfalls, and they also brought in 12 tons of rock to create the pond. Maintenance is low, needing only to trim back the plants, especially the elephant ears. Julie had loved them framing Eric's pond, so he gave her some, and they're so happy where they're planted that George and Juli had bagged several small plants to give away. The pond is self-contained; it

does not have ultraviolet lights, but George cleans the algae off the waterfalls organically with a bit of hydrogen peroxide. The small pond in the front yard is the sacrificial pond. It is stocked with gold fish and it distracts the raccoons from the main pond, where the gourmet food is stocked! We loved it, George and Juli!



[I noted last month that no raccoons had been seen bothering the pond out front for at least four years. Wouldn't you know that one would show up the week before this meeting, taking about 10 of the goldfish and making a mess of things! ~Peggy]



Spike Cover thanked George and Julie for welcoming him and Ginger. Spike had several tips for maintaining good koi health during the Winter, all based on maintaining healthy fish going into Winter. Year-round good health is based on providing koi with a clean environment and good water quality; low stress levels with minimal netting and moving of the fish to a tub; and good nutrition from high-quality food.

Minimal feeding is allowed during Winter to keep their systems active and help sustain the fish, especially in SoCal, as water temps rarely go below 50°F — except in certain areas and higher elevations; in the IKS, Yucaipa is notable for the exceptions. Iso-enzymes help koi digest food in lower temperatures, it just takes them longer to do it. On the other hand, the common winter fasting has positive benefits, too: healthy fish will lose excess fat and females will be able to reabsorb eggs that were not released. Basically, you keep doing whatever you're doing if it works for you and your fish.

A brief discussion of salt in the pond followed. The addition of salt helps to produce a healthy slime coat and helps to induce a balanced osmosis of water, for fish constantly absorb water. Just remember, on the down side, salt can promote resistance in bacteria and parasites, and is generally harsh on pond plants.

Spike provided handouts for everyone -- a great resource, as is the K.O.I. website. And he encouraged people to call him, day or night, with any serious questions or problems (949.855.2371). Spike is our go-to guy for health questions, and was one of the founders of Koi Organisation International. The goal of K.O.I. is to get more fun out of the koi hobby by providing an on-line source for everything you need to know about koi keeping! They teach better success for greater enjoyment.

As Spike finished his lecture, the rain came down heavily and he said, "I'll move under the EZ-up to dispel the rumor that I, an engineer, don't have enough sense to come in out of the rain!" Spike and Ginger's sense of humor is wonderful!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Norma Marrin, IKS Secretary

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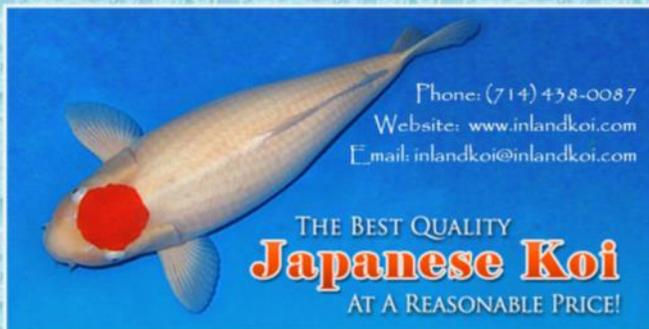
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**Reporting** in the CCKS newsletter earlier this month, **Rosimeri Tran** told of a club member who lost almost all their koi after a routine water change. Nothing done differently, no new koi, no changes except the use of a new garden hose. The water tested ok with no ammonia, nitrite or nitrate, and the pH was okay. Could it be something inside the hose was the cause of the koi deaths.

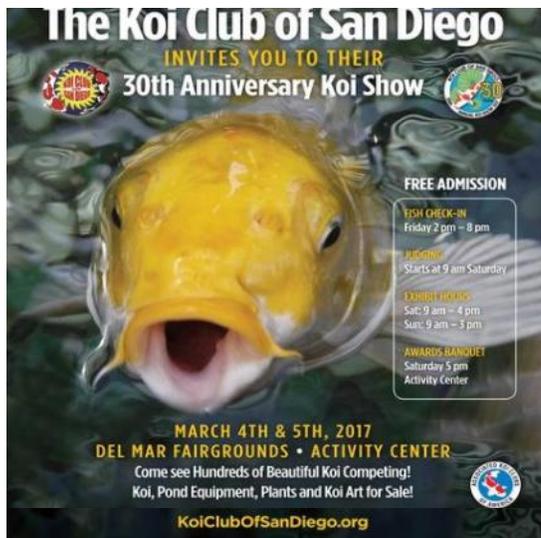
**Doing some investigating**, Rosimeri found that not all garden hoses are meant for koi ponds or even for us to water our vegetable gardens and fruit trees. Some hoses contain lead which is to prevent the inside of the hose from breaking down; they are treated with chemicals which are harmful to humans and koi.

A **2013 study** made by the Ecology Center tested 21 hoses purchased from Home Depot, Lowes, Target and Walmart; one third of those tested positive for high levels of one or more chemicals such as lead, cadmium, bromine (a flame retardant), chlorine (which indicates the presence of polyvinyl chloride, or PVC, phthalates and bisphenol (BPA). More than half were made of PVC, a significant source of exposure to chemicals known as phthalates, used as plasticizers; their phthalates were known to be banned from children's toys from the Consumer Product Safety Commission. *Do kids still drink from garden hoses?* A good portion of the hoses contained brominated flame retardants; this chemical has been linked to cancer, reproductive problems and impaired fetal brain development.

**Assuming your hose** is made of toxic plastic chemicals, as it sits in the sun those chemicals concentrate in the water. When the Ecology Center researchers tested water from a hose that was left out in the sun for two days, they found •BPA levels of 0.34 to 0.91 ppm, three to nine times higher than the safe drinking water levels used by the National Science Foundation, and •DEHP (a phthalate) levels of 0.017 ppm to 0.011 ppm, which is two times higher than federal drinking water standards.

**In 2012**, the researchers found even worse results when they tested 90 garden hoses, including BPA levels of 2.3 ppm and DEHP levels of 0.025 ppm. Be careful to read both sides of labels and purchase "drinking water" safe hoses. Store hoses out of the sun: heat increases leaching of chemicals into the water left inside. Running water until it's cold will reduce the chemicals added to your yard.

<b>N O V</b>	20	<b>IKS THANKSGIVING FEAST</b> ~ 2-5pm / Hosted by Jerry & Pat Mall, Temecula. IKS provides the turkey; we bring the rest! Elections.	
	24	<i>Celebrate your Blessings with Family &amp; Friends!</i>	
	22-27	<b>Festival of Trees: for the love of a child</b> ~ Riverside Convention Center. Info at 951.486.4213 or RUHealth.org/Foundation/SpecialEvents.	
	25-1/7	<b>Festival of Lights</b> ~ Mission Inn, 3649 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside ~ Switch-On Ceremony 11/25 at dusk. Awesome!!	
	30	<b>IKS BUSINESS Meeting</b> ~ 7pm /Members welcome! / Hosted by Ed Kushner, 1556 Vandagriff Way, Corona 92883 ~ 951.520-0092 / Dinner	
<b>D E C E M B E R</b>	3-4	<b>Annual Streets of Bethlehem</b> ~ Free outdoor event: re-enactment of First Christmas, 5-10pm both nights. / Explore streets of Bethlehem; children's choir; live animals. Captivating! / Indoor performance also, limited seating and cost is \$3 <i>general</i> or \$6 <i>priority</i> for ages 5 and up. 3730 McKinley St., Corona 92879 / Info <a href="http://www.streetsofbethlehem.net">www.streetsofbethlehem.net</a>	
	2-4	<b>Feast of Lights</b> ~ University of Redlands / Fri-Sat 8pm; Sun 4pm / a celebration of the birth of Christ / Tickets 909.748.8116 / Beautiful!	
	10-11	<b>The Nutcracker</b> , Inland Pacific Ballet ~ Fox Theater, 3801 Mission Inn Ave. Riverside / Sat. 1 & 6:30pm; Sun. 1pm. / 951.779.9804	
	11, 18	<b>A Christmas Song in My Heart</b> ~ true stories behind the greatest carols / LifeHouse Theatre, 1135 N Church, Redlands / 909.335.3037	
	21-23	<b>It's a Wonderful Life</b> ~ LifeHouse Theatre, Redlands	
	25	<i>Blessed Christmas to all!</i>	
	31	<i>Out with the Old, In with the New!</i>	
<b>J A N</b>	22	<b>IKS POTLUCK MEETING</b> ~ 2-5pm / Hosted by Larry & Debby Leverett, 5349 Jasper Lane, Riverside 92506 ~ 951.781.3887	
	25	<b>IKS BUSINESS Meeting</b> ~ 7pm /Members welcome! / Host TBD	



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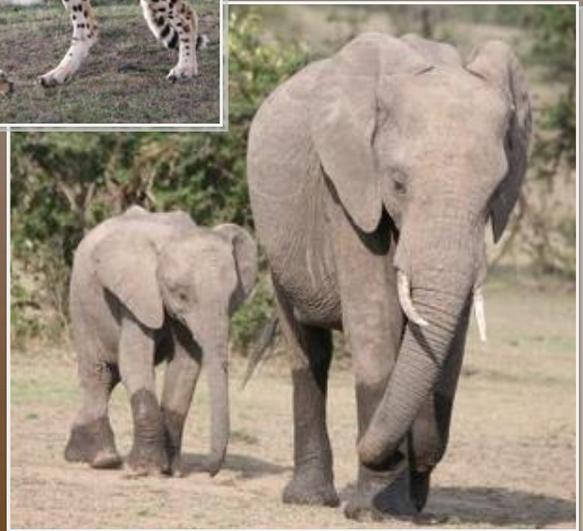
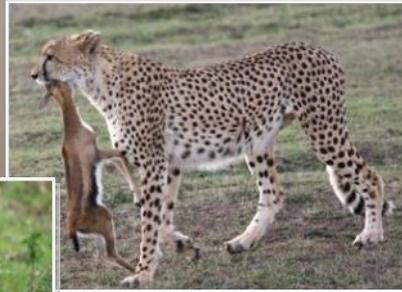
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