

**Next Meeting: January 10, 2015 9:00 a.m.**

The January Meeting will be held at the home of Julie Riley

Address 7222 N. 15th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85020

Telephone: 602-390-1577

Please bring your own chair and bags or buckets for any fish or plants that may be available.

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

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### Past President's Letter

Happy New Year GPPS members!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas/Holiday Season and you were able to spend time with your family and friends. I know it is hard to believe but it is already 2015 and I hope 2015 is a great year for all of you! Wait! Why is Dave writing a President's letter for the January 2015 newsletter? Although I am not the club President for 2015, the January newsletter has to be completed and submitted by the 18<sup>th</sup> of December for inclusion in the January newsletter that gets completed and sent out at the end of December, so

technically the 2014 crew is on the hook for the January newsletter.

Well it's out with the old and in with the new...at least for some of the GPPS officers! I hope everyone is looking forward to our upcoming season and working together with our 2015 officers and your fellow members to ensure that GPPS continues to be the best it can be. With all of the GPPS members pitching in I am confident that 2015 will be an outstanding year!

There was a great turnout at the December meeting and the potluck luncheon was wonderful. I would like to thank our gracious hosts Richard and Pet Smith for opening up their beautiful home sharing it with all of the members. We took care of some club business and then got down to the "real" business of enjoying all of the great food! After everyone was done eating those that brought a "gift" for the White Elephant gift exchange picked and swapped until everyone was done. It was a lot of fun!

Every year we look back at what we accomplished the year prior and try to come with ways to improve our club in the upcoming year. Some of our members have been with the club for many years while other are brand new but you all have great ideas so please submit them now. If you are an older member, think back to years past and submit suggestions on any/all of these topics based on your past experiences. If you are a newer member please submit ideas based on what you want out of your club. The key here is that this is **YOUR** club and it is **YOUR** responsibility to submit suggestions to help not only you, but your club, be the best club experience it can be. Please submit any/all suggestions you can think of for the topics below. They are all important topics and they require your input.

1. Ideas for meeting topics – include seasonal ideas such as pond maintenance and plant/fish care
2. Ideas for special meeting locations
3. Ideas for July/August field trips
4. Ideas for club activities
5. Ideas for club growth and improvement

The next/first general meeting for 2015 will be on January 10, 2015. The meeting will be held at the home of Julie Riley. Please come out and enjoy our host's pond, yard and hospitality!

I hope to see you at the January meeting!

Dave Nelson – Past President



**WANDA'S WORLD**



It's been a crazy month. My c.o.'s son in Florida had a serious motorcycle accident and suffered severe head trauma. He is doing better and my c.o.'s are back home and playing catch up with the holiday plans. They did light up my realm and I'm sending some pics to share.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US HERE IN WANDA'S WORLD!**



Key:

Wanda = Weeping Juniper

Robby = Phoenix Robelinnii

Queenie = Queen Palm

Phil = Philodendron Giganteum

Tammy = Taro

Diablo = Spanish Dagger

C-O's = Co-Owners (Jeff & Rita)

GPPS Members:

A member of the Koi club is selling off his show quality Koi. They are black and white and are called Shiro Utsuri.

If you are interested in purchasing one of these beautiful fish, please call 480-330-9855.

Gene Goerke



**It's that time of the year... dues are due!**

2015 Dues are \$25.00 per individual/family and are payable  
by December 31st.

Please send your payment to:

Ed Tunstall  
5439 E. Dolphin Ave.  
Mesa, AZ 85206-2208

## Pond Happenings

### Executive Committee

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### GPPS Newsletter

Monthly Submission Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. Newsletters will be sent out the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month. All submissions are subject to review and all materials become the property of GPPS. Due to space and timing, it is not guaranteed that all submissions will be printed. Submissions can be emailed to [newsltr@phoenixponds.com](mailto:newsltr@phoenixponds.com)

### GPPS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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### **\*\*\*Sale, Trade or Free\*\*\***

FREE Goldfish and Turtles, please contact  
[president@phoenixponds.com](mailto:president@phoenixponds.com)  
Dave Nelson at 480-357-7205

If you would like to advertise an item or service in the  
newsletter, send your submissions to:  
[newsltr@phoenixponds.com](mailto:newsltr@phoenixponds.com)

Have a tip, trick, recommendation or idea? Send it [newsltr@phoenixponds.com](mailto:newsltr@phoenixponds.com)

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Month	Location	
January 2015	Julie Riley	February 2015, TBD

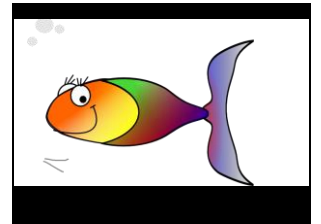
**A request from GPPS Webmaster Dennis Beard**

GPPS has "FAQs" that are listed on the <http://www.phoenixponds.com/archive/gppsfaq.htm> web page. This page is now a link on the left navigation bar titled -- guess? FAQs

I solicit your assistance in helping the club's website. Please write some questions with the answers and send them to the webmaster link on the FAQ page. If you know a good outside source to your answer -- copy the address at the bottom of the supplied answer.

**Time To Rejoin GPPS for 2015**

Membership forms will be on the table at the monthly meetings or contact the treasurer, Ed Tunstall, 5439 E. Dolphin Ave, Mesa, AZ 85206-2208. The cost is \$25 to join or renew your membership. Dues should be received by December 31st.



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