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## From the Editor:

Well it seems everyone is taking a break from their fish and enjoying their summer. My fish are being fed, but not much on the water changes. But they seem to be doing ok, as I am still have some spawns with all this crazy weather we are experiencing. Hope to hear or read about fish tales from other people, so that we can have some fresh articles for the newsletter. But for now enjoy the summer and your fish.

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## President's Message

In reviewing our exchange newsletters I ran across a very interesting President's Message from the [Colorado Aquarium Society](#). It was so close to the situation in the MCAS that I figured let's just cut, paste, edit, change a few names around and Bingo, perhaps this viewpoint just might get the results we're looking for. It goes, something like:

I've had a bit of difficulty trying to figure out how to present the following bit of news and in the end there is no way to do it but to say it: several persons have resigned from various positions in the MCAS. During their tenure, all were motivated to work for the club and tried to make things work. However, as we all know, due to a myriad of family responsibilities, including health, financial and job obligations our priorities must change from time to time. And so, with those members vacating their positions it leaves the MCAS with a few "empty seats" to fill.

I know that I can count on some support but we're going to need all we can get. I've heard a saying that 95% of people who quote statistics are making them up. Further, that in any given club 5% of the members do 95% of the work. If you look further on in this newsletter you'll see a heading entitled MCAS Contacts. There you'll find a list of names of the 5% for this club and you'll notice that there are several names that are repeated as having more than one job. If your name isn't on that list; how about speaking to one of them and offering to help out on their job if you can and at least saying thanks to them if you can't.

One thing that holds people back from volunteering or helping out is a reluctance to make a commitment that you might not be able to keep. I understand; it's only recently things in my life have made it possible for me to be more involved than I usually am. However, even if you do have such concerns don't let that hold you back. If things get to where you can't keep up there are others who can pick up where you left off. It's better to do something than nothing at all. You don't have to be an expert and you just may find that it can be a rewarding experience in its own right.

Perhaps many of our non-volunteers might offer one or more of the following myths which are "holding them back"

#1: I'm not good at anything;

#2: They don't need any help I can give;

#3: I don't have the time;

#4: I pay my dues, can't I just glean what I need from the club;

#5: I'm too *(insert your best personal excuse here)* to volunteer!

As we hope you can appreciate, the MCAS board has made many changes to our scheduling and is continually working on ideas to provide more benefits to being a member. The remaining executive, directors and chairpersons need just a few more hands to keep up with the benefits our members are currently enjoying. And so, we're looking for a simple question from a few good men and women: "How can I help?"

*Thanks to Kevin Thurston, President of the Colorado Aquarium Society for his input into this apparent ubiquitous matter.*

To give our volunteers a break, our August General Meeting is a social meeting only. With the exception of our monthly raffle and mini auction, there'll be no programs, just come and enjoy the comradery of a dozen or so persons with similar interests.

Hope to see you at the General Meeting. We're looking forward to your "questions".

*Vic Bondi*

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## MCAS T-Shirts for Sale

The Motor City Aquarium Society has logo T-shirts for sale. Please contact Gary Damm to purchase at meeting or auction.

Prices are: \$12.00 for M-XL and \$13.00 for larger.

## 2011/2012 Bowl Show Categories

<b>August:</b>	<b>No Bowl Show</b>
<b>September:</b>	<b>Goldfish, Angelfish, Killiefish</b>
<b>October:</b>	<b>Guppies, Plecos, Gouramis</b>
<b>November:</b>	<b>Dwarf Cichlids, Corydoras, Tetras</b>
<b>December:</b>	<b>No Bowl Show</b>
<b>January:</b>	<b>African Cichlids, Rainbows, Synodontis</b>
<b>February:</b>	<b>Danios, Swordtails, Favorite Fish</b>
<b>March:</b>	<b>Barbs, Bettas, Gobies</b>
<b>April:</b>	<b>Loaches, Livebearers (AOV), Albino Fish</b>
<b>May:</b>	<b>Aquatic Animals, Plants, North American Native Fish</b>
<b>June:</b>	<b>No Bowl Show</b>

### Bowl Show Final Standings for 2010 -2011:

<b>1st place</b>	<b>Mark Allar</b>	<b>380 points</b>
<b>2nd place</b>	<b>Randy Stier</b>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>3rd place</b>	<b>Chuck Riffenburg</b>	<b>95 points</b>
<b>4th place</b>	<b>Bob Kanas</b>	<b>65 points</b>
<b>5th place</b>	<b>Ron Tichansky</b>	<b>55 points</b>
<b>6th place</b>	<b>Pat Piekarz</b>	<b>45 points</b>
<b>7th Place</b>	<b>Chris Simpson</b>	<b>25 points</b>

**Don't forget you can win our monthly \$25.00 gift certificate by entering monthly in one of or all of the BAP, HAP, bowl show, or submit an article for the Tropiquarium. (1 ticket for each of the categories) We try to get a gift certificate to a different pet shop in the area every month. Winner of this month's gift certificate to Ocean's and Seas was Mike Zajac.**

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**Betty Campau**  
**Beloved Friend and Fellow Hobbyist**

*After a long and painful battle with her cancer, our long time member and good friend, Betty Campau passed away on August 1, 2011 at the age of 76 years.*

*Elizabeth is survived by her husband of 53 years, Donald.*

*She also left behind two children, three grandchildren and a brother.*

*Friends may visit Thursday, August 4, 2011, 3-9 pm at*

*Kaul Funeral Home, 27830 Gratiot Ave Roseville MI 48066 (586) 775-1911*

*Funeral will be Friday, August 5, 2011, 11 a.m. at the funeral home.*

*You may also share a memory with the family at*

*<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/macombdaily/obituary.aspx?n=elizabeth-j-campau-betty&pid=152844904&fhid=3521>*

*Betty was also a major force in the Motor City Aquarium Society. She billed herself as an “almost, but not quite, a founding member” of the MCAS.*

*Betty and her husband Don have contributed in so many ways to the MCAS since the late 1960’s.*

*Their real involvement began in 1971 when they joined the Board of Directors of the MCAS.*

*That lead to virtually every other position and or chair within our organization. From secretary/treasure to publishers of our*

*TropiQuarium; librarian; MCAS's first and only female president, etc., etc.*

*Betty is responsible in many ways to our friendship we enjoy today with clubs throughout the country via her efforts as our Exchange Editor.*

*In Betty's words, there have been many changes in the hobby throughout the years and we always seem to do well ...(due to persons such as) Betty Campau, just an "Old fashioned Hobbyist".*

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In response to our message of Betty Campau's passing, we received the following responses:

Tri County Tropical Fish Society wrote: Vic, nice tribute to your late member.  
Jackie/TCTFS, Peoria , IL

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Brooklyn Aquarium Society wrote: I am so sorry for your loss.

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Ray Kingfish Lucas wrote:

Vic, I am so sorry for the loss of a Friend and Hobbyist  
Please tell Don I am so sorry and I shall pray for his healing,  
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Dave Ayres      Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society wrote:

... so sorry to learn of Betty's passing. I met Betty and Don in the seventies and visited them in their home once - such gracious people. I can't say I saw Betty in person that many times but I got to know her through her exchange column. She was the kind of member every club wishes they had but very few do. People like Betty are what make the organised hobby work . She will be missed by her many friends.

## ***2011 Tropical Fish Auctions, Shows, etc***

Sept 24 - Great Lakes Cichlid Society, Swap & Auction  
([greatlakescichlidsociety.net](http://greatlakescichlidsociety.net))

Sept 24/25 - Michiana A S, Show & Auction, Concord Mall, Elkhart IN

Sept 25 - Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society, Auction. [www.gpasi.org](http://www.gpasi.org)

Oct 2 - Columbus Area Fish Enthusiasts, Auction  
([www.columbusfishclub.org](http://www.columbusfishclub.org))

Oct 15 - Greater Detroit Aquarium Society, Auction Royal Oak , MI

Oct 15 - Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society, Auction  
([www.swmas.org](http://www.swmas.org))

Oct 16 - Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society, Auction  
([www.yatfs.com](http://www.yatfs.com))

Oct 22 - Michigan Cichlid Association, Auction, New Baltimore , MI

Oct 29 - Greater Cincinnati Aquar Soc, Auction, Hamilton OH  
([www.gcas.org](http://www.gcas.org))

Nov 6 - Greater Akron Aquarium Society, Auction ([www.gaas-fish.net](http://www.gaas-fish.net))

Nov.18-20 - Ohio Cichlid Association, Show & Auction  
([www.ohiocichlid.com](http://www.ohiocichlid.com))

Dec 10 Motor City Aquarium Society, Auction  
([www.motorcityaquariumsociety.com](http://www.motorcityaquariumsociety.com))



## Motor City Aquarium Society

### Final MCAS Program Standings 2010 / 2011

#### Author of the Year

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Randy Stier**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Tim Mousseau**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: -----

#### Bowl Show

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Mark Allar**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Chuck Riffenburg**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Bob Kanas**

#### Breeder Award Program

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Mark Allar**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Gary Damm**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Yener Yeni**

#### Horticultural Award Program

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Mark Allar**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Mike Zajac**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Gary Leung**

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- \*box sales of livestock
- \*vendor tables
- \*raffles
- \*speakers
- \*pizza party/hospitality suite w/keynote presentation of The Breeders Challenge by Mike Hellweg and Ted Judy
- \*livestock auction on Sunday

Date: October 29 &30, 2011    Location: Madison, WI

For full information and registration, please visit:

[http://madisonaquatichobby.com/fall\\_fish\\_fest/](http://madisonaquatichobby.com/fall_fish_fest/)

WANT TO GET IN FOR FREE????

Our speaker lineup will be a little different. We do have keynote speakers ( =Mike Hellweg, Matt Pederson, & Ted Judy), but we want to fill out the schedule with mini-talks from YOU. If you are willing to give a 20-minute presentation on an aquarium topic, we will give you a weekend pass with pizza party for the event. For more information, please contact Ted Judy at [tjudy@tedfishroom.com](mailto:tjudy@tedfishroom.com). We need to have the lineup in place by mid-September, so if you want to be part of the fun please act fast.


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Christopher Simpson 586-573-3919

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## MCAS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 2011

The Board Meeting was held June 1, 2011 at Chris Newell's house in Sterling Heights.

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Vic Bondi at 8:20 PM. members present were Juergen Kasprick, Gary Damm, Chuck Riffenburg, Chris Newell, and Mike Zajac. Visitors present wer Mike and Chris Simpson.

The May minutes ere read by Mike. The motion to accept was made by Chris, seconded by Gary. Motion passed.

Juergen gave the Treasure's report for April and May. A separate line should be noted in the report for black worm sales. A motion to accept was made by Gary, seconded by Chris. Motion passed.

Chris would like to thank the board for the later start.

Vic gave the President's report. We are in need for Volunteers for Board Positions for 2011-2012. Vacant positions include Treasure, and Vice President. Plaques will be ordered for the first place winners of, BAP, HAP, Bowl Show, and Author of the year. Second and third places will be given a certificate. Don gave a Vic a contact for Business cards. Chris hoped that we would have a box of plants for the June Banquet, if not we would have a plan B. Chris Simpson will be bringing a large box of manufactures donations.

Juergen hoped that in the future we could rotate meeting sites, so he could see other members fish set-ups.

Chuck gave an update about the Shop Hop. We will be meeting at Randy's house at 7:30 am.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Chris, seconded by Gary. Meeting adjourned at 8:58.

Submitted by Mike Zajac

# **Motor City Aquarium Society Program Schedule**

August 11	Social Event With Pizza and Pop
September 8	TBD
October 13	TBD

## **Upcoming Events**

## **Websites of Fish Interest**

Grand Valley Aquarium Club  
[www.grandvalleyaquariumclub.org](http://www.grandvalleyaquariumclub.org)

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[www.greatlakescichlidsociety.net](http://www.greatlakescichlidsociety.net)

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[www.greaterdetroitaquariumsociety.org](http://www.greaterdetroitaquariumsociety.org)

Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society  
[www.gpasi.org](http://www.gpasi.org)

Michigan Aquatic Plant Group  
[www.miapg.com/forums](http://www.miapg.com/forums)

Michigan Cichlid Association  
[www.michigan.cichlid.freesevers.com](http://www.michigan.cichlid.freesevers.com)

Michigan Guppy Breeders  
[www.michianguppybreeders.com](http://www.michianguppybreeders.com)

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*To be held on*  
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**7:30 PM**

**At**  
**Saint Gertrude Education Center**  
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**Saint Clair Shores MI 48081-1339**  
Doors open at 7:00 PM

*Free admission and plenty of free parking  
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auction and serious fish talking.*

For additional information about MCAS please visit our  
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