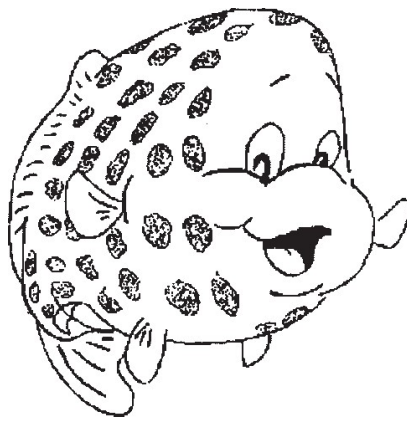


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Our Mission Statement

The Society, established in 1958, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish; both at the beginner and more advanced levels.

The January meeting of The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society, (SCAAS) is going to be held on Monday January 5, 2026, at Our Lady of Scapular Hall at 6557 Thorold Stone Road in Niagara Falls. The doors open at 7:00 PM and the meeting will be starting at 7:30 PM.

SCAAS is a charter member of the **Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs Inc.**, (CAOAC, www.caoac.ca).

More news and information about SCAAS can be found on our website: www.scaas1958.ca

We also have a Facebook page under **The St. Catharines Area Aquarium Society 1958** where you can ask aquarium related questions and post photographs of your aquariums and fish, plants, etc. Unfortunately, due to Facebook policies we are unable to post fish for sale ads using our club page.

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Horticultural Award Program	OPEN	N/A	N/A
Program Director	OPEN	N/A	N/A

Jim's Presidential Message



Hello everyone, hope all is well!

Happy New Year, I hope everyone had a great Christmas as well. We have Peter DeSouza speaking on Monday, a very well-known speaker on betta fish! Looking forward to it! Our auction for May 16/26 is in the books, and we will be canvassing suppliers for donations. Hope to see all who can attend .

Jim Chalmers President

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Editor's Note



It was great to see so many members at the Christmas meeting in December. The pizza and the desserts were so good. Thanks to the executive for putting this on.

Please I need your aquarium related articles, and photos for future editions of the SCAT. Wanted or for sale ads are welcome too.

Please send them to me by email at pshriner17@gmail.com by the 20th of the month to be included in the next SCAT edition.

Special thanks to all those who contributed to the previous SCAT newsletters.

Thank you.

Pat



Treasurer's Report for December 2025

What a year's end. We brought the year to a close with a wonderful club social of pizza and sweets followed by an entertaining video presented by Fluval. The evening was even topped off by an extra raffle for a tank or a mystery prize. Much to my surprise, I was the lucky winner of the mystery prize, a filter. The evening was filled with festive conversations and an air of promise for the year coming. As reported, we started the meeting with a cashbox balance of \$455.50, our meeting brought the following changes:

11-03-25	Balance carried forward			\$455.50
12-01-25	50/50 Raffle	\$25.00		\$480.50
	Raffle	\$82.00		\$562.50
	Fish Auction - club share	\$33.60		\$596.10
	Prize raffle - tank or filter	\$165.00		\$761.10
	Purchase - pizza/sweets		\$231.91	\$529.19
	Grace/Gratitude	\$0.01		\$529.20
				\$529.20
	Total			\$529.20

Our bank account did have a few changes. These were all because of our members, all our work to grow our bank account allowed us to prepay for the spring auction rental fee so we could lock in our date and, most importantly, bring some joy to the community we support with donations to the church here and to Community Care. As reported the bank account was at \$8228.08, the following changes were:

December 1, 2025	OLOTSC - Dec. Rent	\$100.00	\$8,128.08
	cheque thirty		\$8,128.08
			\$8,128.08
December 1, 2025	OLOTSC - spr. Auc.rent	\$350.00	\$7,778.08
	cheque thirty two		\$7,778.08
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December 1, 2025	OLOTSC - xmas donation	\$100.00	\$7,678.08
	cheque thirty three		\$7,678.08
			\$7,678.08
December 1, 2025	Com.Care - xmas don.	\$200.00	\$7,478.08
	cheque thirty five		\$7,478.08

As the year ends both cashbox and bank account are in such great standing. An extremely big thank you to all our members for supporting us so well. I am so proud to be a member of such a wonderful club. Here is to a wonderful new year and the promise of even a greater success to come to us in the 2026 season.

Kandys Mattatall - Treasurer



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026



BETTAS WITH PETER DESOUZA



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MONDAY JANUARY 5TH

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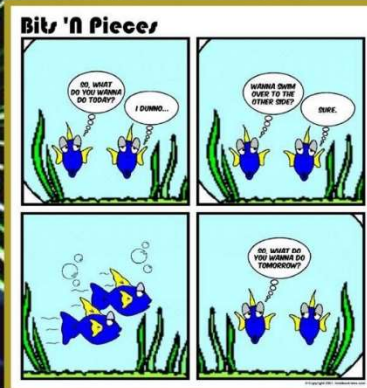
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THE FISHY FUNNIES

- Where Do Fish Sleep? In The Riverbed
- How Do You Make An Octopus Laugh? Give It Ten Tickles
- Why Do Fish Swim In Schools? Because They Don't Know How To Walk.
- Why Did The Fish Blush? It Saw The Ocean's Bottom.
- Why Did Batman Stop Taking Robin Fishing? He Kept Eating The Worms.
- Why Did The Fish Get Bad Grades? It Was Below Sea Level
- What Kind Of Fish Eats Mice? A Catfish





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**OUR FIRST MEETING OF
THE NEW CLUB SEASON
IS ON SEPTEMBER 9TH**

Club meetings resume in September.

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**THE ST. CATHARINES AND AREA
AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

About Us

Welcome to the St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society. The Society was established in 1958. It is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish and plants both at the beginner and advanced levels. We hold our monthly meetings in the months of September to June on the first Monday off every month at 7:00 pm at OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR, 6657 THOROLD STONE RD, Niagara Falls Ontario. At the meetings we start off with welcoming new members and discussing club business. After that we have a presentation/speaker who will speak on a specific topic in the aquarium hobby.

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Our December 2025 Club Meeting





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Upcoming Events

May 16, 2026

St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society Auction
Our Lady of the Scapular Parish Hall





AQUARIUM FISH AUCTION

SATURDAY MAY 16TH

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CLUB YEAR AT A GLANCE 2025-2026

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SCAAS MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER 8TH	FEBRUARY 2RD
OCTOBER 6TH	MARCH 2RD
NOVEMBER 3TH	APRIL 6TH
DECEMBER 1ND	MAY 4TH
JANUARY 5TH	JUNE 1ST

HOLIDAYS

September 1 - Labour Day
October 13 - Thanksgiving
November 11 - Remembrance Day
December 25 - Christmas Day
December 26 - Boxing Day
January 1 - New Years Day
February 16 - Family Day
March 17 - St Patrick's Day
April 3 - Good Friday
April 5 - Easter Sunday
May 18 - Victoria Day
July 1 - Canada Day

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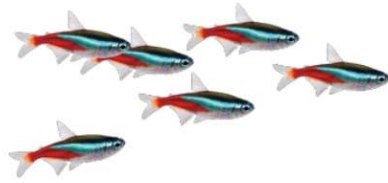


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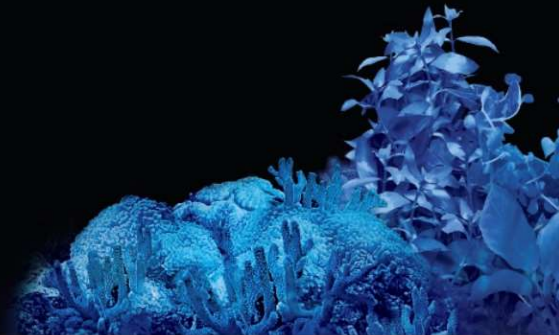
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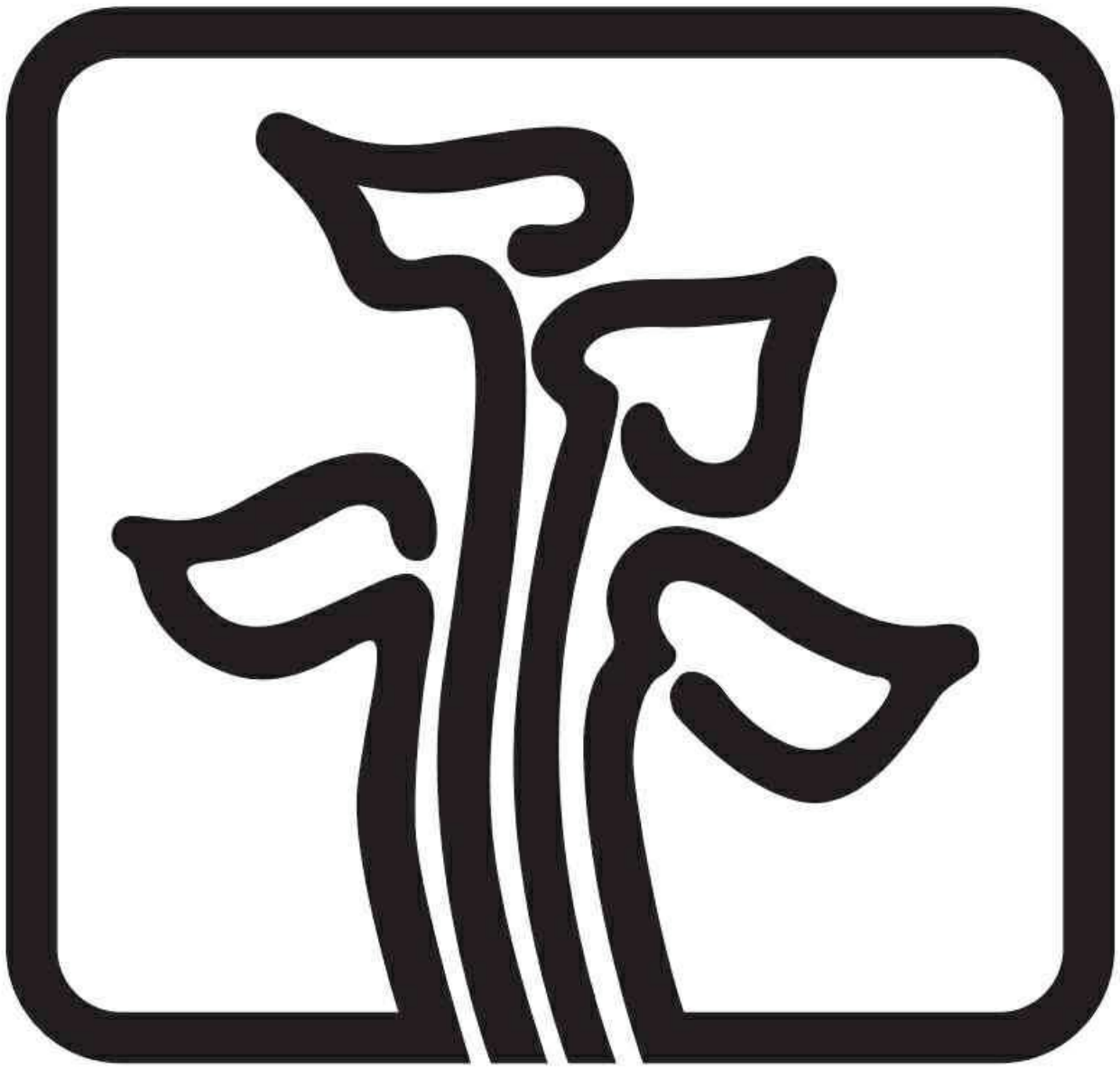




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