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Student Holiday Party at Dojang



The Youth Holiday Party was held on Saturday, December 21 thanks to the excellent preparation and organization of Leanne Harwood and the many parents who brought delicious dishes and goodies for the food table. As always, the get-together was full of Yule-tide spirit and this year was no exception. Special thanks to all those adults and parents who played a role in its success as everyone had a great time. Festive songs and games, and fun gifts got everyone in the holiday spirit. A special visit by one of Santa's helpers made the afternoon complete as he helped give out the gifts the students brought to the party.

Dan Member Meeting



There will be a mandatory meeting for all Dan members on Wednesday, January 15 in place of our usual Dan Class. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and all Dan members are encouraged to attend. This will be our annual gathering in which we will discuss the 2003 calendar as well as crucial information for those who are teaching classes

on a monthly basis. If any Dan member is unable to attend, please let Master Harwood know in advance.

Self-Defense Course

A women's self-defense course will be offered to mothers of students from the studio. The course will be held on Friday evenings beginning on January 24th at 7:30 PM. (See Master Sudak for details.)

Kinder Karate Class



Beginning with the 2003 calendar year, the Wednesday afternoon 4:00 PM Pee Wee class will no longer be a combined class with Kinder Karate students. Instead, all 4 and 5-year-old Kinder students will be asked to return to their Saturday morning class held at 10:30 AM.

Studio Team Weekend

The U.S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation will once again host the 2nd Annual Studio Teams Demonstration weekend. This weekend is offered to all Federation students regardless of age or rank. The weekend will be held at the Sheraton Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey on March 28-30. This proved to be an excellent event last year and is expected to gain more interest this year. Although the intention of the event is to have pre-arranged teams from each studio, it is acceptable for any student to attend and create a demonstration with other practitioners while there. Studios can register as many teams as are interested. In fact, teams registered with Headquarters before February 28th may qualify for Free Team registration. Anyone interested can see Master Harwood for registration forms.



Pictured here with Kwan Jang Nim was our team from last year consisting of Gregg Harwood, Gordie Greenberg and Glenn Boudreau. They were also voted "Best of the Best" for the weekend event.

BULLETIN: Kwan Jang Nim's Vision Tour Moved to Jan. 11, 2003

Due to snow predictions in Wallenpaupack, PA, the Kwan Jang Nim's January 4th visit has been postponed to January 11. If the original date wasn't good for you, here's your opportunity to be with our NEW Kwan Jang Nim for his first USA Tour. *The tour is opened to dan members.*

JANUARY - 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Upcoming Events Monday, Feb. 17 - President's Day (Studio Closed)		1 New Year's Day Dojang Closed  Fernando Sousa	2	3	4  Kathryn Hill
5 Hyung	6	7 Gup Retest 6:30 pm  Derek King	8	9	10  James Lawrence	11 Kwan Jang Nim's Vision Tour Hawley, PA <i>Event was postponed from Jan 4.</i>
12 Il Soo Sik	13	14 Red Belt Evaluation 5:45 - 7:00 pm No 5:30 Red Belt Class  Daniel Sullivan	15 Dan Meeting 7 PM No Dan Class  Leah Stammer	16  Edward Romagnoli	17	18  Taylor Bambury
19 Sparring	20 Martin Luther King Day No Classes  James Decoulas  Michael Hourihan	21	22	23	24 Pee Wee Test 3:30 pm No 4:00 Pee Wee Class  Kelly Houten  Tyler Barras	25 Gup Test (Worcester) 10:30 am - White/Orange 12:00 pm - Green/Red <i>Regular classes in Middleton</i>
26 Ho Sin Sool	27 Kyo Pa (Board Breaking) Day  Abigail Henry  Wili Russell	28	29	30	31	

Schedule Change

The Karate Center's weekly schedule will change slightly to accommodate the make-up of our current membership. This change will begin with classes on Thursday, January 2 and is intended to offer students a wider variety of training options while creating a classroom that is more conducive to each student's progress. The changes will affect only the classes on Tuesday and Thursday as follows:

4:00-5:00 PM - Youth Beginner Class

This class will primarily focus on white belt requirements and is open to white belts only.

4:45-5:45 PM - Youth Intermediate Class

This class will be offered to orange and green belts and will focus on requirements for these levels.

5:30-6:30 PM - Youth Advanced Class

This class will focus on advanced level requirements and is open to 4th Gup green belts, red belts and Dan members.

Dan Promotions



Congratulations to Miss Ginamarie Talford and Mr. Thomas Hill who were recently promoted to the rank of E Dan. They received their rank, and promotion certificates after a recent Dan class at the studio.

Cambridge Class

Master Steyer's once-a-month classes will be held Saturday 1/18, 2 pm - 4 pm at the Cambridge YWCA.

A portion of the \$15 fee will benefit the Region 1 International Tournament Fund.

The class is opened to gup members over 11 and all dan members. To attend, you MUST ask Sa Bom Nim Harwood by the Wednesday preceding the class.