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## Dave Walters Appreciates KMA



Dave and Kyle Walters

Dave Walters here and I have been training at KMA for over 13 years. My oldest son Derek trained here for several years, and my youngest son Kyle trains here and has attained the rank of Red Belt. We have been lucky to know KMA as a place to build things, such as confidence and friendships that I am sure will last a lifetime.

Being 53 years old and a retired command officer with the Battle Creek City Police turned financial advisor, I continue to learn while at KMA, and not just martial arts techniques. Grand Master Lee and his family welcome us as part of their extended family, and have trusted me enough to be their personal financial advisor, and as a member of the board here at KMA providing financial advice to benefit the school.

When Grand Master Lee approached me about this writing, he wanted to help out by somewhat advertising what I now do as a profession with Merrill Lynch to help grow business, and let everyone that reads this know that there are many people that attend KMA that can provide services to others. If I am able to help someone with financial advice that is a fellow KMA family member, please do not be afraid to contact me and I will offer whatever assistance I can – my phone number is **269-388-8234**. As a newer Black Belt, if I can help in that capacity, please don't hesitate to ask as I have been lucky to have numerous KMA Black Belts help me each and every training session. I am anxious to learn about all of the skills that other KMA students have that can benefit all of us at some time in our lives, and am sure there are some interesting stories as to what specialties may exist among all of us. Thanks to all of you that have helped our family learn and grow, and if I can return the favor, please don't hesitate to pull me aside and let's talk!

Take care, and to quote an old television character Mr. Spock who maybe only us older folks may remember, ***"Live long and prosper"***.

## 2010 Championships Planning Meeting



**Front Row:** Deb Owens, Kelly Boles-Chapman, Deb Droppers

**Back Row:** Dave Walters, Larry Wegener, Master Ormstead, Steve Jessup, Tom Kempton, Grand Master Lee

On January 15, 2009, Master Ormstead (KMA Board Member), Steve Jessup (KMA Board Member), and Grand Master Lee met with Tom Kempton from the Kempton Group (Cincinnati promotion company) to discuss the 2010 World Championships. Mr. Kempton drove through extremely hazardous weather conditions to participate in this meeting. The meeting continued the next day with additional participants: Dave Walters (KMA Board Member), Larry Wegener (Consultant), Kelly Boles-Chapman (BCCF), Deb Owens (V-P, Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce), and Deb Droppers (Event Company, Kalamazoo). One very exciting topic discussed was the likelihood of connecting other local downtown events to the 2010 World Championships, including the "International Festival", "Cruise the Gut", and "Jazzing it Up America". This meeting was extremely productive.

On January 28, 2009, another meeting took place between Grand Master Lee, Tony Spahr (KMA Board Member), Tim Bannister (Banyer Travel), Jeff Lukasak (Premier Sports Events), and Larry Wegener (Consultant). Meeting topics were the official tournament website and accommodations and sight-seeing tours for our visitors.

Grand Master Lee is currently developing the 2010 World Championships committees.



We are thankful that several local organizations are working diligently with KMA to help make the 2010 World Championships a success in Battle Creek, MI, USA.

## \*REVISED KMA Schedule

Mon: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)
Mon: 5:45-6:30pm	Super Ninjas (White thru Green Belts, 7 thru 12 years old)
Mon: 6:30-7:20pm	Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)
Tue: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)
Tue: 5:45-6:30pm	Super Ninjas (Blue thru Black Belts, 7 thru 12 years old)
Tue: 6:40-7:30pm	Demo Team
Wed: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)
Wed: 5:45-6:30pm	Super Ninjas (White thru Green Belts, 7 thru 12 years old)
Wed: 6:30-7:20pm	Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)
Wed: 7:30-8:30pm	Moo Yea (Kum Sool)
Thur: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)
*Thur: 5:45-6:30pm	Super Ninjas (Blue thru Black Belts) Plus Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)
*Thur: 6:40-7:30	'09 Korea Tournament Training – all competitors
Fri: 5:30-6:20pm	Sparring (all ranks, all ages – <b>(everyone must have full gear!!)</b> )
Fri: 6:30-7:30pm	Moo Yea (Kum Sool)
Sat: 9:30-10:15am	Super Ninjas (all ranks, 7 thru 12 years old)
Sat: 10:30-11:30am	Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)
Sat: 11:30-12:00	Black Belt Class

**\*\*Reminder that all KMA students must bring their sparring gear to every KMA class\*\***

On Gup Promotion Saturdays, **we will have the Super Ninjas Class as scheduled, but no other classes. Gup Tests begin at 10:45.**

**KMA's 280<sup>th</sup> Gup Test is February 21, 2009**

## KMA Business Card Case

KMA has many talented students and family members – outside of the world of martial arts. If you have a business you would like to advertise, please give your business card to Grand Master Lee to be placed in the Business Card Case in the KMA lobby.



## KMA Bookshelf

KMA has several books and magazines available for everyone to enjoy. Friends and family members are welcome to read while waiting for their students and everyone is welcome to take books home any time. Please return the books when you're done so others can read them too. The magazines in the lobby are free to anyone who wants to keep them. Two new books to KMA are...

### ***"The Screwtape Letters"***

*by C. S. Lewis*

"The most engaging account of temptation – and triumph over it – ever written."

### ***"What in the World is Going On?"***

*by Dr. David Jeremiah*

"Events unfolding in today's world are certainly unsettling, but they need not be confusing or frightening. Now you can know the meaning behind what you see in the daily news - and understand what in the world is going on."



## Welcome New Students!!

Andrew Bryant	Scott Miller
Chloe Bryant	Justin Pazder
Rosie Bryant	Shana Pero
James Evans	Antonio Ramos
Alicia Freudenburg	Alex Schumacher
Joel Leatherman	Ian Thomas
Brendan Madej	Joshua Whitney
Tucker Marden	



## Happy February Birthday Wishes!!

Tyler Canada	2/1	Beverly Tyler	2/14
Emily Bard	2/2	Tommi Burbank	2/15
Heather Todd	2/5	Scott Ashley	2/16
Joshua Whitney	2/6	David Thomas	2/17
Kristina Leslie	2/7	Jared Burdette	2/20
Lisa Piper-Owens	2/7	Alexander Grogg	2/20
Jacque Tomlinson	2/8	John Charon	2/25
Rodrico Blackman, II	2/9	Jacob Pestun	2/25
Bradley Harris	2/9	Michelle Charon	2/27
James Daily	2/10	Brent Elyea	2/27
Haydn Farkas	2/10	Ben Morley	2/27
Min Schwartz	2/10	Josh Staley	2/27
Sang Woo Cha	2/13	Paul Staley	2/27
Poigemor Kolk	2/13	Cameron Weaver	2/27
Alex Schumacher	2/14		



## Looking for Champions to Compete in 2010!

We are looking for competitors for the 2010 World Championships. You could be one of the many competitors from around the world to win a gold, silver, or bronze medal. Bring your friends to KMA to begin training now for this international event to be held in Battle Creek.

## Thought for the Month

True compassion is love in action.

--Anonymous



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