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Happy 2009 from Grand Master Lee!!

God has been good to KMA this year and I want to thank everyone for sharing your blessings to help make 2008 a fruitful year. Here are some of the year's highlights:

On July 11-12, KMA raised over \$10,000 for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, bringing the total raised for this event by KMA to over \$53,000.

On December 13, we hosted our Annual Christmas Party at the Han Mee Presbyterian Church. Thank you, Pastor Jang, for allowing us to use your beautiful church! With party admission being one can per person, we were able to deliver two large shopping carts full of food to the Haven of Rest Rescue Mission, which was so very much appreciated due to the "increased number of residents and the decreasing amount of donations", according to Haven staff.

On December 22, KMA delivered a huge load of Christmas gifts to Inasmuch House for two families in the "WIN Program". Your generous donations will help these families build a new life.

On December 26, KMA hosted our 4th Annual Red Cross Blood Drive. We collected 41 life-saving pints of blood in honor of Master Schreiner. **Special thank yous to Lisa Schreiner, Mrs. Munnely (President of the Korean-American Association), Colonel Munnely, William Munnely (all coming from the Kalamazoo area), Mrs. Jang, as well as Kyle, Kaleigh, Dave, & Barb Walters, and Master Ormstead** – these folks all volunteered their time and energy to help make this a successful blood drive, driving on **the** most hazardous driving day of the year.

During 2008, a total of 305 promotions (including Black Belt promotions) took place at KMA.

Also, during 2008, KMA raised a total of \$1,509. This money will be added to the \$42,000+ personal contributions account, held at Battle Creek Community Foundation (BCCF), which will be used to send our team of athletes/ambassadors to Korea in the summer of 2009 to compete and promote the 2010 Championships. Currently, there are over 20 students and chaperones committed, but we'd love to have more participants – see Master Lee. Thank you to everyone who participated in these fund raisers. By the way, if you would like to

contribute toward the 2009 tournament, please make checks payable to the KMA Community Project Fund, and mail to BCCF, One Riverwalk Centre, 34 W. Jackson Street, Battle Creek, MI 49017-3505. Your contribution will be tax-deductible, as this is a 501(c)3 organization.

Last, but not least, the KMA Advisory Board pressed forward with planning the 2010 Championships, including hiring the The Kempton Group for promoting the event. This group was highly recommended to KMA by the Kellogg and Disney Companies. We are also using the consulting services of Larry Wegener. KMA is very grateful that the BCCF is taking an active role in oversight efforts for the event. KMA Board members continue to volunteer their time and effort to ensure the event is a success.



Grand Master Hee Kwan Lee, Brenda L. Hunt (President and CEO of Battle Creek Community Foundation), Thomas E. Kempton (CEO/President of The Kempton Group), Kelly Boles Chapman (Vice President-Programs, Battle Creek Community Foundation), Master Mike Ormstead (Vice President of KMA)

We are so thankful for a great year at KMA and look forward to an exciting new year. My family and I wish you and yours a very blessed 2009!

KMA 2009 Calendar

- Dec 31-Jan 1 – KMA Closed (Happy 2009!)
 - Feb 21 – Gup Test
 - Apr 18 – Gup Test
- May 25 – KMA Closed (Memorial Day)
 - Jun 6 – Gup Test
- Jun 27 – Black Belt Test
- Jul 4 – KMA Closed (Independence Day)
 - Aug 22 – Gup Test
- Sep 7 – KMA Closed (Labor Day)
 - Oct 24 – Gup Test
- Nov 14 - Black Belt Test
- Nov 25-26 KMA Closed (Thanksgiving)
 - Dec 5 – Gup Test
 - Dec 19 – KMA Christmas Party
- Dec 24-25 – KMA Closed (Merry Christmas)
- Dec 26 – KMA Blood Drive (10:30-4:30)
- Dec 31-Jan 1 - KMA Closed (2010 is Here!)

KMA's 279th Gup/Little Ninjas Promotion

On December 6, 2008, KMA held its 279th Gup Promotion, which included the Little Ninjas. A total of 27 students were promoted as follows:

2 nd Gup	James Kolar
5 th Gup	Paige Dredge
7 th Gup	Noe' Rizo, Jalen Watkins
8 th Gup	Jack Dexter, Luke Dexter, Bryan Lahusky, Andy Nguyen, Kevin Schmitt
9 th Gup	Jadzia Almendral, Rodrico Blackman, II, Kaylynn Budreau, Bailey Bush, Alaura Cattell, Sarah Cha, Andrew Cutshall, Jaylon Daniels, Dylan Fausey, Ryan Hopkins, Keegan Killian, Raven Lewis, Sean Marvin, Lilly Moss, Devon Njonjo, Gabriel Rizo, J. Noe' Rizo, Kylon Wilson

Congratulations to everyone who was promoted!
KMA's 280th Gup Promotion is scheduled for 10:45AM February 21, 2009.



The Little Ninjas class is going very well. Congratulations to each one of you on your promotion to the next level.

KMA Students Compete in WMU Invitational



Two students from Hee Kwan Lee's Korean Martial Arts earned medals at the WMU Karate Invitational on November 22, in Parchment, Michigan. Kaylynn Brown, a 2nd Degree Black Belt, took 1st Place in Weapon Forms, 2nd Place in Free Sparring, and 3rd Place in Forms in her division. Jeremy Smith, a Blue Belt, took 1st Place in Weapon Forms, 3rd Place in Free Sparring, and 3rd Place in Forms in his division. Thank you to KMA Assistant Master Instructor, Rick Brown, for training these students and taking them to compete.

These students are training hard preparing for the Summer 2009 National Hap Ki Do Tournament in Seoul, South Korea, as well as for the 8th Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships, to be held in Battle Creek in 2010. For more info about KMA and how you can become involved in the martial arts, please visit the KMA website, koreanma.com, or call KMA at 269-963-KICK(5425).

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, 7 thru 12 years old)
Thur: 6:40-7:30pm	Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)
Fri: 5:30-6:20pm	Sparring (all ranks, all ages – (everyone must have full gear!!))
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.

Happy January Birthday Wishes!!

Alex Lee	1/2	Colton Tebo	1/18
Marjorie Jaszcz	1/4	Hayley Brown	1/19
Keith Emery	1/5	Kaylynn Budreau	1/19
Ashley Todd	1/7	Scott Metzgar	1/20
Olivia Gary	1/7	Trent Lem	1/21
Rey Brown	1/10	Denise Patterer	1/21
Stewart Ricker	1/12	Benjamin Boyer	1/22
Roberto Gonzalez	1/13	Stephen Jessup	1/22
Brendan O'Boyle	1/13	Shon Nelson	1/22
Jeremy Shaw	1/15	Samantha Daily	1/23
Peyton Andrews	1/17	Synthia Sumpter	1/24
Ian Geiger	1/18	Kevin Schmitt	1/27
Dharia Piper-Owens	1/18	Cindy Wagner	1/29

Thought for the Month

A small light can dispel great darkness.
Anonymous



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