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26th Annual KMA Black Belt Test

The 26th Annual KMA Black Belt Test was held on September 16. Congratulations to the twelve students who earned their Black Belts as follows: Rick Brown - 3rd Dan; Tony Spahr, Jason Ricker, Dr. Mike Blankinship, Scott Ashley, and Nathan Drass - 2nd Dan; Sang Woo Cha, Brandy Brown, Kaylynn Brown, Dustin Ledbetter, Scott Metzgar, and Charles Celli - 1st Dan.

Grand Master Lee, Master Schreiner, and Master Ormstead are very proud of all testing participants for their dedication to KMA and the art of Hap Ki Do. The Black Belt is not freely given – it is earned through determination and effort. These students are now entering a higher level of training and we congratulate them.



Front row: Katie Lee, Rick Brown, Rob Gillson, Master Robert Schreiner, Grand Master Hee Kwan Lee, Master Mike Ormstead, Alex Lee, Carly Dickerson. **Back row:** Sang Woo Cha, Brandy Brown, Dan Dredge, Kaylynn Brown, Shon Nelson, Scott Metzgar, Eric Hiner, Jason Ricker, Dustin Ledbetter, Scott Ashley, Nathan Drass, Dr. Mike Blankinship, Ian Geiger, Nathan Celli, Charles Celli, and Tony Spahr.



KMA Korea Trip – 2007

At our Traveler Meeting, September 26, we covered many important issues as follows:

- Reminder: This is a work in progress and is subject to change.
- **If you've decided you and/or your family want to go, but haven't signed up yet, there is a possibility of an opening for you as a result of cancellations. Please see Grand Master Lee - these will be filled on a first-come basis.**
- It was decided the travelers need to meet bi-monthly – every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30 (next meeting is October 10). **No Demo Team practice on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of each month.**

- The number of travelers signed up to date is 51.
- We have raised \$1,045 through fundraisers to date.
- The first personal deposit payment was due 9/26, checks payable to KMA.
- At this point, all money donated as a gift and money raised through fundraisers will go into the KMA Community Project Fund. A separate account will be established for all personal deposits, with the understanding that it will be refundable. All private donations (money donated as a gift) are non-refundable, but tax deductible. **Your personal deposits are NOT tax deductible.**
- The KMA Community Project Fund is being established by the Battle Creek Community Foundation (BCCF), which is a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. KMA is NOT a non-profit organization.
- Our goal is \$169,000. If this goal is reached through grants, fundraising, or donations, your personal deposits will be refunded. Again, this is a work in progress and we are in the process of attaining additional information for the BCCF. As information becomes available, we will share it with you.
- Remember that none of this money will personally benefit Grand Master Lee in any way, other than sharing in a successful trip to Korea with all travelers.

KMA Black Belt Test Bake Sale Fundraiser

KMA held a bake sale fundraiser for the Korea trip during the Black Belt Test on September 16 - **we raised \$265**. This brings the total amount raised through fundraisers to **\$1,045**. **Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased the delicious goodies!**

More Fundraising for Korea Trip

Due to lack of interest, we have cancelled the T-Shirt, Recipe Book, and Pop Can fundraisers.

We are still planning to do the Wall Calendar, which will include KMA photos and the KMA schedule for 2007. We need someone to coordinate this. Please see Grand Master Lee if you can help out. 100% of this money will be donated to the trip fund.

Grand Master Lee is planning to sell copies of the Black Belt Test DVDs for \$25 each. 100% this money will be donated to the trip fund.

KMA will hold a tournament for all KMA students some time during the winter. This tournament will be for White Belts thru Black Belts – all students, for an entrance fee of \$28 per student. We will follow the same rules as we need to follow in the Korean tournament – this will be great practice! 100% this money will be donated to the trip fund.

Passport Fair at USPS, 10/7

The US Postal Service is having a Passport Fair at the Post Office on October 7, from 8am to 3pm. This will be a convenient time to get your passport if you don't already have one. Pick up your "Passport to the World" flyer to know what you will need to take with you when you apply. After your application is approved, it will take up to six weeks to receive your passport in the mail, so it's good to get it now. KMA has some flyers available on the drink table.

KMA Establishes an Advisory Board

We have established an Advisory Board to assist with the decision-making processes at KMA. Officers are: Hee Kwan Lee, Founder and President; Bob Schreiner, Vice President in Charge of Technical Skills, Information Technologies, and Consulting; Mike Ormstead, Vice President in Charge of Finance and Legal Affairs and Student Advisory; Rick Brown, Information Technologies; Jim Dickerson, Consultant; Stephen Jessup, Consultant; David Walters, Chief Financial Advisor, Chris Micklatcher, CPA/Legal Counsel, Rob Gillson, Secretary/Treasurer; and Katie Lee, Student Advisor. Thank you to everyone who has accepted this important position.

We are very honored to have this group of top-notch individuals on our board.

No Demo Team on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

There will be no Demo Team Practice on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of each month, due to trip planning meetings.

Brown Belts Join Instructor Classes

As of September 18, all Brown Belt students and higher are encouraged to attend all Instructor Classes, which are held every Monday (7:35-8:15) and Saturday (11:40-12:10). These students (Brown Belt and higher) are encouraged to assist teaching during every White Belt class, Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:30.



KMA Blood Drive

KMA will host our annual Red Cross Blood Drive on December 29, 2006, from 10:00 to 4:00. Please tell your friends and family members to plan ahead to participate.



Welcome, New Students!!

Emily Bard	Matt Boshier
Raymond Rivera	Earl Roberts, IV
Matthew Weaver	Tristen Woodruff



Happy October Birthday Wishes

Nathan Celli	10/1	Jason Ricker	10/12
Robert Ricker	10/4	Robert Soper	10/13
Carrie Allers	10/6	Brandon Barnes	10/15
Eric Clark	10/6	Chaz Wilkey	10/20
Mark Pestun	10/6	Sallie Meyer	10/22
Ethan Charon	10/9	Richard Engelhart	10/24
Elizabeth Barnes	10/11	Edward Tyler	10/24
Eric Hiner	10/11	David Lavasseur	10/31

Gup Test - October 21, 2006

KMA will conduct our next Gup Test on October 21. If you plan to test, please ensure you are pre-tested within the next two weeks and turn in your application to Grand Master Lee by October 14.

Weather Policy Reminder

For the safety of our students, **KMA will be closed during "Tornado Watches" and "Tornado Warnings"**. If a "**Tornado Watch or Warning**" is announced in advance, to be in effect during KMA class hours, KMA will be closed.

If a "**Tornado Watch**" announcement is made during KMA class hours, class will be stopped and students will be sent home. For students whose transportation is not at KMA, Class Instructor(s) will stay at KMA until student transportation arrives. Parents – please stay posted on weather advisories.

If a "**Tornado Warning**" announcement is made during class, everyone inside the school will take cover in the Girls' Locker Room until the warning has expired. We can be reached by calling 317-0552, 830-3107, or 209-7316, or 269-580-0402.

If KMA must close for any reason, it will be announced on WBCK (AM 930), KEENER (FM 103.3), WOOD TV (Channels 8 & 41), and WWMT (Channel 3).

Thought for the Month

Success is not to be measured by the position someone has reached in life, but the obstacles he has overcome while trying to succeed
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