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THREE GENERATIONS OF HAP KI DO

By Bob Ricker



I had always wanted to take a martial art. Never had I seriously checked it out though before my son, Jason tested for his Black Belt. Seeing my son test and just how much he liked it and the fact that he was gaining proficiency and confidence from it made me want to try it even more. I saw it also as a good way to be a part of my son's family since not only was he doing it, but so was his son, Stewart (my Grandson), and his wife, Melissa (my Daughter-in-law). That is how we have come to be only the first of what I expect will be many three-generation families that will eventually enjoy taking classes from Master Lee and his cadre of accomplished Black Belts.

I am stunned at just how much this school and the instructors have become a part of my life. It did not start out that way. I started out meeting the people that have now become in so many ways family when Master Lee inquired if I would like to help direct the painting of the Black Belt Lounge. During that time, I met many of the Black Belts, enjoyed some laughs and joined in doing something for the school right off. I felt right away a part of something bigger than myself.

Since that time, I have truly come to enjoy the training - challenging myself to perform the techniques to the best I can with my 51-year-old body. One of the most unique things about taking a martial art I have noticed is the understanding that is gained by the young people involved. Where else would a 51-year-old man ask 12-year olds how to correctly do anything? The young people I have encountered in the school grasp and can demonstrate the things they have learned. This is truly a testament to the instructors. Moreover, they learn things like honor, humility, wisdom, respect, and common sense - things that it seems our school systems have relegated to a lesser

status. Many young people will never learn these virtues. Hap Ki Do is something that will serve them all their lives.

Hap Ki Do has become a huge part of my life. I can envision the time when I will have trained long enough and hard enough to attain the rank of Black Belt. I started out to simply live longer by whipping my body into shape. Now I can not see a time when Hap Ki Do will not be a part of who I am. Master Schreiner once told the class that all he can do is to give away the things he knows. It is up to us to make these things our own. This I endeavor to do. One day I may be blessed enough to give away these things that Master Lee and the Black Belts have given to me.

November Demo Team Practice

For the month of November, there **WILL BE DEMO TEAM** practice **every Tuesday** at the regularly scheduled time, **7:35-8:15pm**. Please disregard the info printed in the October newsletter.

KMA Korea Trip - 2007

Our next planning meeting is December 12, 7:35pm. All travelers need to plan to attend. All 50 people who are signed up to travel must have at least two months worth of payments turned in to Grand Master Lee by this meeting. **Hungry Howie's Pizza Fundraiser** - Michele Weaver is coordinating this fundraiser. We are actually selling certificates to people, which they can turn in for pizzas at Hungry Howie's. Order forms and money is due to KMA by November 11, 2006. These are great Christmas gift ideas for coaches, teachers, mail carriers, refuse collectors, and others. If you have any questions, please call Michele Weaver at 781-8330.

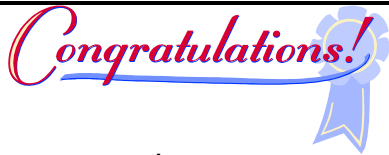
KMA Receives Letter from the Governor

In honor of National Martial Arts Day, October 14, 2006, Grand Master Lee and Master Ormstead delivered one dozen roses to Governor Granholm at the Capitol Building. While they did not meet with the Governor personally, Governor Granholm sent KMA a letter thanking us for the flowers stating, "I was more than happy to support Martial Arts Day in Michigan. As the proclamation states: it builds strength, character, focus, flexibility, and coordination while enhancing performance in other sports, in the workplace, at home, and in school; all qualities that are essential in making healthy and productive citizens of our great state." In her letter, the Governor also stated, "...many thanks and best wishes as you travel to Seoul for the International Hap Ki Do Federation Championships in 2007."



KMA Ski Club

Come join your KMA friends at Bittersweet Ski Resort in Otsego, MI (only about 45 minutes northwest of Battle Creek). Sign-up sheets are available in the office for all students and family members to join the KMA Ski Club. **The KMA Ski Club card only costs \$10 per adult and \$12 per each child under 18. This card entitles you to huge discounts on lift tickets and equipment rentals. It also includes two free ski or snowboard lessons for kids.** This is a fun activity the whole family can enjoy together – join today!



KMA's 265th Gup Promotion

On October 21, 35 students were promoted. Congratulations to everyone as follows:

3 rd Gup	Justin Gorton, Marcus Quinlan
4 th Gup	Adam Johnston, Denise Patterer
5 th Gup	Haydn Farkas, Chandler Klein, Nathaniel Micklatcher, Tanner Micklatcher, Stewart Ricker
6 th Gup	Noah Barry, Chris Micklatcher, Katherine Pestun
7 th Gup	Trent Lem, Regan Miner, Crystal Perez, Cameron Weaver
8 th Gup	Brady Craig, Geoff Craig, Max Craig, Jaden Sarachick, Jeremy Shaw, Shiane Tidwell
9 th Gup	Lindsey Barry, Tyler Grossman, Conor Lohman, Quintin Lohman, Bryer Magnuson, Phillip Martin, II, Tara Patterer, Tina Pestun, Bailey Tyler, Beverly Tyler, Edward Tyler, Kira Tyler, Jalen Watkins

The next Gup Test is scheduled for December 9, 11:40am.



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.

A-Team

Attention all students of every age!! If you want to earn your "Academic" or "A-Team" patch, you must have either straight "A's" or one "B" - or your school's equivalent. Then, to maintain your patch, you must bring your report card in after each marking period to show Grand Master Lee or Master Schreiner that you are maintaining your grade point. If your grade drops below the one "B" level, you must remove your patch from your uniform and turn it in to Grand Master Lee or Master Schreiner privately.

If you don't have your "Academic" or "A-Team" patch yet, please work hard to earn one. We know you can do it!



Happy November Birthday Wishes!!

Christa Dobberteen	11/1	Tristen Woodruff	11/15
Raymond Rivera	11/1	Dan Dredge	11/18
Spencer Bagi	11/3	Dave Walters	11/18
Jack Chipman	11/4	Conner Livingston	11/22
Caleb Leslie	11/6	Jessi Charon	11/27
Stone Culver	11/13	Brandy Brown	11/30
Tristan Rahn	11/15	Jarid Clark	11/30

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

The joy of living comes from a heart of thanksgiving.

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