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The 7th Annual Founder's Day Workout



The 7th annual Founder's Day Workout will be held in Kenosha, Wisconsin Saturday, July 15, 2000 from 12 noon to 3 PM at Lake Andrea. Take Interstate 94 to highway 165, which is south of the two "Factory Outlets". Turn east on 165 then drive approximately 2 miles to Lake Andrea.

Following the workout there will be a family picnic with hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, chips, soda, water, beer, etc. The cost will be \$5 for adults and free for kids. If anyone needs help in finding accommodations please call Ron Zieth at



Itinerary for workout

(These two classes can be used for future ranking)

1 Hour..... Defenses against grabs and how to not
..... get taken down to the ground

20 min..... Question and answer

20 min..... Break

1 Hour..... Ground Fighting

20 min..... Question and answer



From the President

Ron Zieth

Good morning Yin Yang Do! How is everyone doing. I would like to thank the board of directors for the confidence they have shown in me by requesting that I become the president of this fine organization. Roots of this organization go way back to such fine men as Tim Hillary, Dick Bruno, Elio Covelio, Rudy Buterei, Chuck St Pierre, Al Gomez and of coarse the founder, William H. Foster. Over the years this organization has experienced many ups and a few downs. I hope, with all of your support, this organization will go forth upward, sort of like the stock market, and continue to grow into a nationally recognized karate organization based on all

the principles that we have been taught by our founder and farther, William H. Foster. I feel it appropriate that we take some time to recognize the retiring president, Mr. Richard (Dick) Bruno. Ever since my involvement with the YYDKA, Dick has been one of the guiding lights, the glue that bonded personalities together. Dick has worked hard over the years, directing, offering guidance and leadership in ways many of us will never know except for the fact that we still have a very vibrant organization. Dick was one of those members that "walked the talk" He never asked anyone to do anything that he had not or would not do. He was always present at all the YYDKA functions, participated in the



two annual events we had every year and attended workouts on a regular basis. Very rarely did I ever attend an event that Dick was not present at

Dick was one of William H. Foster's most trusted advisers. I remember W.H.F. meeting with Dick on many occasions, to ask for his advise, his thoughts or just instructing Dick to "handle it", which of course Dick always did. For those of you who manage people, you can understand the difficulties when trying to resolve disputes, when asked by your Sensei to "handle it"

Dick has always been the calmness amongst the turbulence in our organization. He has tried to defuse many many situations between domineering personalities, without alienating either party, with great success.

I personally would like to thank Dick for his instruction, guidance and leadership that he has personally given me over the years. For being my karate "Roll model" and for being my friend.

Dick, because you have exemplified honor, dedication, and trustworthiness, you truly are a "Karateka"

Thank you Dick!

In the next issue of the YYDKA newsletter, I will discuss some to the ideas the board of directors has concerning the direction of our association, some of the plans we have, and why we feel it important to grow our association.

I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all at the summer work.

The YYDKA Needs Your Help!

Tim Hillary

The YYDKA Board of Directors are all people with families, careers, and other obligations -- just like you. They are all volunteers who give of their time and expertise, sometimes traveling great distances at their own expense just to attend board meetings. Most of the officers have held their offices for many years. None of them ask for compensation for it is a labor of love that compels them to do this. Love of karate, the association, and the people of the association. They try to make a difference in the association you belong to. Many great ideas have been batted about during board meetings only to be sidelined because we don't have time to work on them all. We need your help!

As you know, when a student is being considered for promotion to or within the dan ranks, service to the art & association is

required. Technical knowledge and skill are not enough. The projects we need help with will provide opportunities for that contribution while helping the association become more viable. Please don't be bashful or feel you have nothing to contribute. We can find something where your help and input will be vital. Maybe you can infuse the association with some new and fresh ideas or viewpoints. We need you.

The association badly needs an historian to commit to writing & preserve the history of the association. We are already losing institutional memory as older members move or pass from this plane of existence. Measures must be taken to preserve this history. Old photos, movies, newspaper articles, videotapes, etc., should be duplicated and preserved for posterity.

We need an up-to-date registry of all YYDKA black belts -- a yudanshakai which should minimally contain their name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, present occupation, offices held within the organization, and a chronology of martial arts history including 1) date entered karate/other martial art, 2) styles studied



[when & where], 3) date of rank, 4) name of sensei, etc.

An association-wide student handbook has long been needed. Perhaps we could assemble some of the handouts our individual member dojos use into one universal handbook to establish continuity throughout the association. This informational booklet might contain karate information & history, origin & history of style, association philosophy, instructional aims, sensei information, protocol & dojo etiquette, rules & guidelines, dojo kun (creed), ranking requirements, board of review information, glossary of terms, names & purposes of kata, explanation of association crest, copy of YYDKA

constitution & by-laws, dues & fees information, etc. We also need a sensei handbook.

An organizational chart of the association & a chart of affiliated dojo would be nice, too. And there are many more ideas floating around out there to help make our organization better. Maybe -- just maybe -- you have the best one of the bunch. Please consider volunteering to help the board of directors in some capacity. Contact me

I urge you to pursue a commitment to help the organization grow & flourish.
Thank you.

From the Treasurer

Al Ferguson

We have the following items available to members:

Patches	\$5
Double Ax (Yudansha)	\$3
Kyu Certificates.....	\$10
Dan Certificates	\$25
T-shirts	\$10
Yin Yang Do Silver Anniversary Booklet	\$10

The Second Annual Founder's Day workout T-shirts are available in black and white, large and X-large. They have the Yin Yang Do Karate Association symbol and printed with "W.H. Foster 1913 - 1994". (\$15 each plus postage.)

Send application and order to:
Al Ferguson

Editors Note:

Al Gomez

The next Newsletter will be out during the month of December. Please have your articles or any notes of general interest to me no later than December 3, 2000. If possible please type your article. I can read Microsoft Word, Word Perfect, or text. If you E-mail you can reach me at: algomez@wi.net . Please "pour" your article into the body of the message, do not send an attachment. Put something regarding Karate in the subject area so I will not delete your message by mistake!! I receive too much junk mail.

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