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Winter Workout

On January 20, 2001 we will have a Holiday Workout at the Danish Brotherhood in Kenosha, Wisconsin. There will be a workout from 2 PM to 3:30 PM, a board meeting from 3:30 to approximately 4:30 PM and then an informal gathering after the meeting. As Yin Yang Do Karate Association members, you are invited to attend this meeting and give your input!



From the President

Ron Zieth

I would like to start by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. December is a time to reflect on the past year as well as make plans for the upcoming year. This past year brought a number of changes within our organization. A new president, a few new board members, new membership cards, new due structures, a great summer work out held at Lake Andrea, directed by Joe Ferarro, and numerous board meetings to try and reorganize and grow our association. With 2001 just around the corner, we need to determine what the membership is looking for from the Yin Yang Do karate Association. We presently only have two formal events planned for the upcoming year, a post Holiday workout with informal get together on January 20, at the Danish Brotherhood in Kenosha Wisconsin and our summer work out and party tentatively planned for July 1, 2001, location to be determined. For January our plans are to have a work out from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, a board meeting from 3:30 PM to 4:30 or 5:00 PM, and an informal gathering after the meeting. All Yin Yang do karate members are invited to attend this meeting, and will be asked for your inputs. Start thinking of things you would like the board to consider such as: dates of events, event topics, is there an interest in instructional kata video tapes, additional events, cost of events, location of events, are any of the northern or southern dojos interested in hosting events, etc.

We as board members want to offer programs that are of interest and will generate a larger

participation of the membership. Our main concern with the present events is the lack of participation; we need to know why the membership elects not to participate? On January 20th will be an opportunity to voice your opinions. Please make arrangements to attend. If any out of the out of town members require a place to sleep for that Saturday evening, please contact myself and I will make arrangements to house you in one of our members homes.

Starting in February, the Danish Brotherhood Karate club will be hosting an Association work out at the Danish Brotherhood lodge in Kenosha WI, on the second Thursday of each month. Starting at 6:00 PM and going until 7:30 PM. A different instructor will be assigned for each work out. If you are interested in teaching one of these workouts, or if you have any comments, requests, or concerns with the Association, please feel free to contact me at:

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Let's all work together to have a great karate year!

Ron Zieth
A proud Member, Yin Yang Do Karate Association

Recognizing Unsung Heroes

Tim Hillary

Day after day, month after month, year after year certain individuals give of themselves so that others may benefit. For the most part, the extra effort these people put forth is taken for granted – or at least goes unrecognized. I think it is high time the rank and file members of the YYDKA take the time to thank them!

First of all we have the Board of Directors, past and present. These folks have other jobs, families, school, obligations, and lives beyond the Board. Many of them drive great distances, losing family time in the process, to attend Board meetings in hopes of providing meaningful experiences and

services to YYDKA members. Of course they pay their own expenses. These folks take on additional duties voluntarily like publishing your newsletter, maintaining Association books, documenting our history, writing articles, etc. Do you even know who your Board members are? Next time you see Bob Brown, Dick Bruno, Rick Cesario, Al Ferguson, Joe Ferraro, Jim Frederick, Al Gomez, Tim Hillary, Don Jambrek, Tom Mellonig, Ulf Muntzing, Sharon Olszewski, Chuck St. Pierre, Mike Stancato, Bob Tondi, Marc Travanti, Scott Warren, or Ron Zieth, please take the time to thank them.

Next we need to recognize the individual Sensei of our Association. Although too numerous to mention in a newsletter article, they are the lifeblood



of our organization – giving so freely of their skills, time, and talents. Thank you all for your dedication.

Too infrequently, individual dojo secretaries or other members of a dojo who go beyond just training and practicing are not recognized. These wonderful people are providing service to their fellow karateka and have learned some of the lessons karate has to offer beyond fighting.

Spouses and significant others who encourage and support us in our endeavors certainly need to be thanked. Most of us would not be living the karate way of life without their blessing. Thank you.

I would certainly be remiss if I neglected to thank the parents of our younger members. Their permission, encouragement, and trust to deliver their precious children to our Art, Association, and Sensei

takes a leap of faith. The Moms and Dads who launder filthy gis, the parents who provide transportation, those who financially support their kid's karate habits, and especially those who give of their time to be with their children when they train and compete. We thank you and know you won't be disappointed in the results.

To those folks I have inadvertently missed, I apologize. I'm sure there are many. The upshot of this article is that we all need to take the time to count our blessings and to thank the individuals who go above and beyond to help those blessings to happen.

New Promotions:

On November 16, 2000 at the Danish Brotherhood, a board of review was held and the following people were promoted.

Name	Rank	Age
Art Fulleylove	Brown	75
Rudy Hayranek	Brown	73
Clifton Peterson	Brown	73
Ken Stein	Brown	71
Gladys Peterson	Brown	61
Carol Barribeau	Brown	54
Nancy Bose	Brown	47

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 June. 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.

Mail to:
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Bob	Brown	
Dick	Bruno	
Rick	Cesario	
Al	Ferguson	
Joe	Ferraro	
Jim	Frederick	
Al	Gomez	
Tim	Hillary	
Don	Jambrek	
Tom	Mellonig	
Ulf	Muntzing	
Sharon	Olszewski	
Chuck	St Pierre	
Mike	Stancato	
Bob	Tondi	
Marc	Travanti	
Scott	Warren	
Ron	Zieth	



Instruction Time



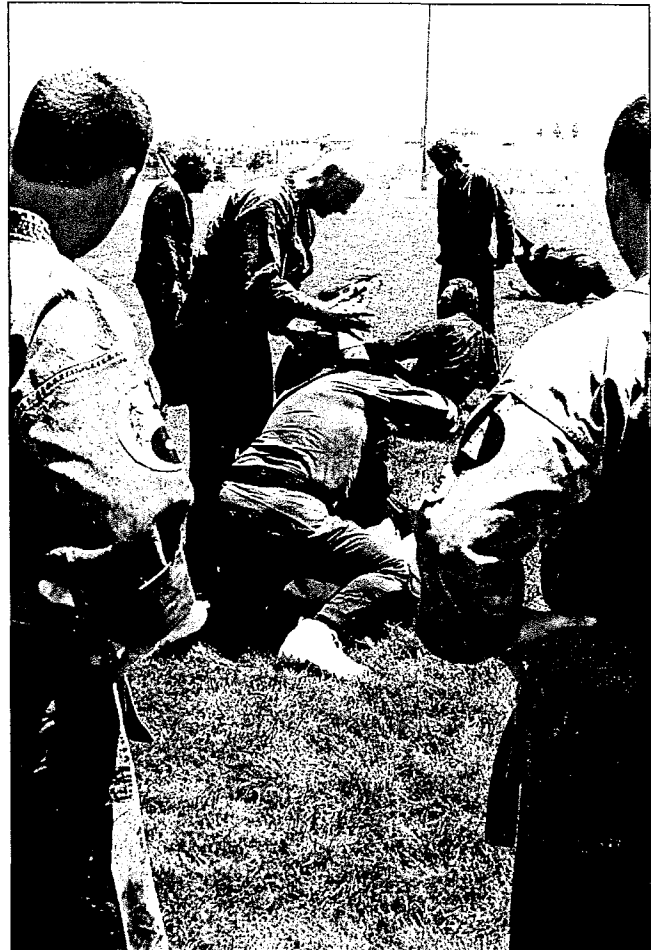
Practice Time



More Practice on the ground



Joe and Helmut demonstrating



Joe giving some tips