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KIDS' ART CONTEST, 2017

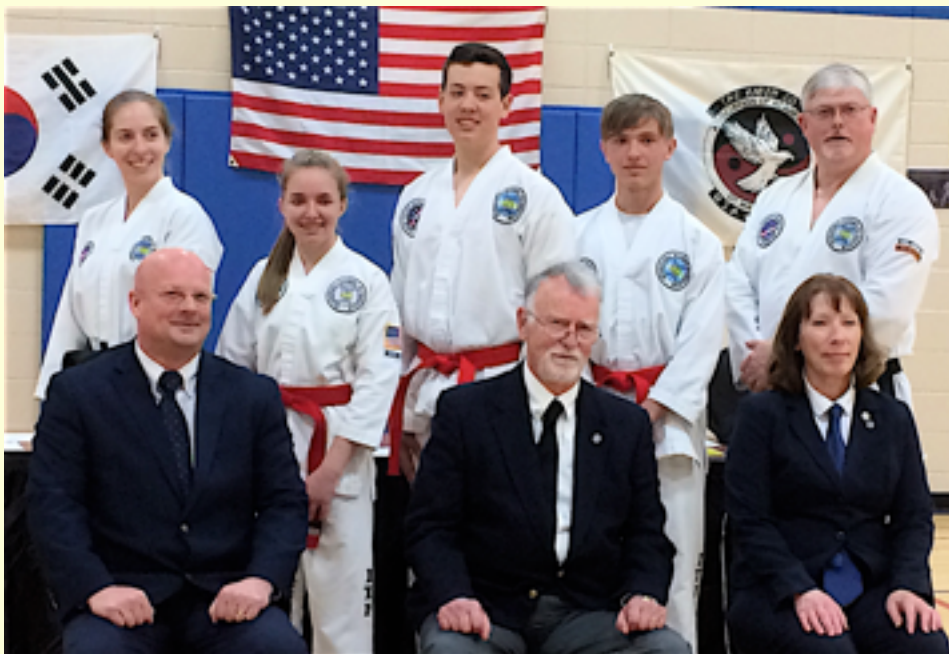
The Flash Annual Taekwon-Do Kids' Art Contest for 2017 is on!

In past years we've had great entries from all over the U.S. And we hope for even more in 2017.

Anybody under 14 is eligible this year. [Older folks may submit and share, but they will only be winners because they are, in fact, winners (but not in the contest).]

How can YOU enter?

Entries may be scanned and e-mailed as attachments to fmvh1@mac.com. In addition, actual original artwork may be



On April 30 The Academy of Martial Arts--Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, hosted a Black Belt test. Presiding were Fifth Dan **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, USTF Wisconsin State Director, Fourth Dan Mr. **Marc Mikkelson**, and F.M. Van Hecke, Eighth Dan. At the Corner was Second Dan **Dan Kelly**. Mr. **Jacob Scholten**, Mr. **Noah Jacoby**, and Miss **Rosalia Johnson** tested successfully for

First Dan, and Ms. **Valerie Locklair** for Second. Pictured here is the group with their panel. More pictures on the following page.



Statements made about the power of Taekwon-Do, April 30, Sheboygan Falls.



submitted to "Flash Art Contest" at P.O. Box 853, Grafton WI 53024. However, original artwork should be submitted with an understanding it may not be returned (unless a suitable container or envelope for return is included).

Along with your entry please submit your name, rank, age, and the name of your school. **All entries must be submitted by August 15.**

Imagine entering and winning an art contest on your martial arts resume'!

Good luck to all competitors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On June 3 the **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance** will conduct its Spring Black Belt Test.

Maestas Taekwon-Do will have a Black Belt test on June 3. One student will test for Sixth Dan, two for Fourth Dan, and one for Third Dan. We'll look forward to a full report in the next issue.

Big Dog Taekwon-Do will host a Black Belt test on June 10 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We'll be eager to hear all about it!

USTF NATIONALS will be held June 24 and 25, 2017, in Broomfield, Colorado. Deadline for Black Belt registration June 1.

On July 29 there will be a USTF Referee Course at **Bodystrong Taekwon-Do**, Sequim, Washington, Mr. **Brandon Stoppani**, Promoter.

The 2017 USTF Technical Course will be taught by Grand Master **Mike Winegar** at Thornton, Colorado.

The 29th **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance** will hold its summer week end Taekwon-Do Camp at East Canyon State Park, Morgan, Utah, on August 4 through 6.

On August 19 there will be a weapons self-defense course at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**. Also, a Belt and Color Belt test at **Axe Takeown-Do**.

On August 26 a Taekwon-Do Tournament will be held at Kirksville, Missouri. Sr. Master **William Stephenson** is the Promoter. Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** will be Tournament Director and Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**, Chief Referee. This popular tournament just keeps growing every year and is ably managed. For information contact mdustinstephenson@gmail.com

On September 9 there will be a Black Belt test at Broomfield, Colorado.



Grand Master **Louis Reyes** conducted a Patterns Refresher at the **Concord School of TKD** on Sunday, April 23rd. Four close to five hours, GM Reyes took high-ranking Dans through the III Dan patterns (Sam Il, Yoo Sin, and Choi Yong) first, demonstrating applications of technique by the step and making minor corrections to form as needed. When everything was thoroughly tired and in a full sweat, he moved on to the IV Dan patterns (Yon Gae, Ul Ji, and Moon Moo). GM Reyes led the group through each of the six patterns one move at a

time initially, allowing for adjustments at a detailed level. After several times through, by the count, the group then practiced each pattern continuously, paying attention to breath and rhythm as well as smoothness of execution. For lower ranking Dans, the session was a special treat, an opportunity to view patterns not often seen in daily training and to appreciate both their complexity and their grace. Thank you, GM Reyes, for an inspiring day!

Roselyn Romberg, D.F.S.





On Tuesday, May 9th and Thursday, May 11th, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted a quarterly promotion testing. Thirty-one students tested for various ranks from 9th gup, White Belt Yellow stripe through Third Degree Black Belt. The testing board was composed of Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** 8th Dan, USTF Region 2 Director, Mr. **Kevin Bushor**, 6th Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director and Ms. **April Bowling**, 5th Dan. Mr. **Sean Toppi**, 4th Dan served as the testing director.

The following students were promoted to the indicated black belt ranks: 3rd degree: Ms. **Kayla Matos**. 1st degree: Ms. **Helen Fleming** and Ms. **Kathleen Fleming**.

The following gups were promoted: Red Belt Black Stripe: **Ryan Chamberlin, Kevin Fleming, Maria Lutzova, Melanie Ostrander** and **Melody Param**. Red Belt: **John Fleming**. Blue Belt Red Stripe: **Cassy Kribell** and **Lizzy Linder**. Green Belt: **Jorja Carleton, Anthony Garber, Dameon Garber, Allison Loftus, Paul Shawan** and **Anniyah Simone**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Alysia Garber** and **Nate Moore**. Yellow Belt: **Gryphon Colon, Kyndall Eagle, Aubry Eagle, William Fleming, Calvin McKoy, Christian McKoy, Lydia McKoy, Noah Moore, Micah Moore** and **Naomi Patino**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Andrew Callison** and **Leilani Param**.

Picture top: Ms. Matos, lower left Mms. Fleming, lower right, the cake.

Sr. Master Ricky J. Todd, D.F.S.



On September 16, the **18th Annual Wyoming Invitational USTF TKD Tournament** will be held in Casper, Wyoming.

On that same September 16 date Grand Master **Earl Weiss** will preside over a major

Black Belt testing event at the **Academy of Martial Arts**, Grafton, Wisconsin. Test candidates will participate from Wisconsin and Illinois, including two Seventh Dan aspirants.

The 10th AAMA Spring Classic Tournament was held on May 6 at Grafton, Wisconsin. Fifth Dan **James Pals** and Fourth Dan **Christen Langlois** were Co-Directors, Sixth Dan **Rick Bauman** Chief Referee. Mrs. **Mary Lubner**, Fifth Dan, served as Chief Bracketeer. Below, some of the hubbub. Three states and numerous schools from about the midwest were involved. Results: next page. And another pic.



The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance Championships** for 2017 will be held in Salt Lake City on October 28.

Also on October 28, a Black Belt test will be conducted at **Wyoming Taekwon-Do in the Armory**. **GM Stay Martin** will preside.

A Black Belt testing will be held November 4 for **Harrisburg Taekwon-Do** and for **Mexico Taekwon-Do** and **Columbia Academy**.

A Black Belt testing will be held at **Axe Taekwon-Do** on November 18.

Also the **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance** will hold its 2017 Fall Black Belt Testing on November 18.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

*Grand Master Louis Reyes conducted a special class at **Concord Taekwon-Do** in Fifth and Sixth Dan patterns. The class was held on May 14.*

*On May 17 a black belt test was held at **Hannon Taekwon-Do**, Leavenworth, Kansas.*

*On May 20 the **2017 Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance Annual Utah Cup Tournament** took place in Salt Lake City.*



Gabriel Peters, fourth generation practitioner, left, and **Zach Kelley**, third generation practitioner, right, would and do make their grandfathers proud. Photo taken at the AAMA Spring Classic. Photo credit: Kathy Van Hecke.

10th Annual AAMA Spring Classic Tournament
May 6, 2017

PATTERNS

Yellow Belt Peewee/Children

- 1st Matilda Van Hecke
- 2nd Anna Hanson
- 3rd Sophie Wall

Mixed Yellow

- 1st William Kolsch
- 2nd Robert Wadhams
- 3rd Xavier Casas

High Yellow Child

- 1st Jacob Taylor
- 2nd Benjamin Bolman
- 3rd Brett Flanagan

High Yellow

- 1st Nayeli Nunez
- 2nd Chloe Juarez
- 3rd Isaiah Betancourt

Green Belt Child

- 1st Isaiah Dubois
- 2nd David Anderson, Jr.
- 3rd Samuel Kuhlow

Green Belts

- 1st Grace Mueller
- 2nd Gabriel Peters
- 3rd Noah Friberg

Green Belt Do-San

- 1st David Anderson
- 2nd Katrina Wolf
- 3rd Quinn Natale

Blue Belts Men

- 1st Jeff Tabak
- 2nd Marcus Agorto
- 3rd Elton Aguilar

Child High Blue/Red

- 1st Riley Holbrook
- 2nd Christian Santillana
- 3rd Alex Ignatov

High Blue Jr.

- 1st Akili Wynn-Beavers
- 2nd Shaunak Chaudhuri
- 3rd Teshi Wynn-Beavers

Red Belts Adult Men

- 1st Kezysuof Pierks
- 2nd Jonathan Waldron
- 3rd Yavor Ignatov

High Red Junior

- 1st Lauren Tradewell
- 2nd Alex McGrath
- 3rd Mason Higgins

High Red Sr.

- 1st Ayra Mudessir
- 2nd Shantanu Chaudhuri
- 3rd Azhaan Mohammed

High Red Hwa-Rang

- 1st Jahlia Evans
- 2nd Kazi Wynn-Beavers
- 3rd Alec Zaccara

Black Belt 1st

- 1st Travis Gonzales
- 2nd Abbey Braker
- 3rd Urszula Ostaszewska

Black Belt 2nd

- 1st Alyssa Jankowski
- 2nd Valerie Locklair
- 3rd Dan Kelley

Black Belt 3rd

- 1st Jonathan Boncan
- 2nd Amy Valin
- 3rd Matthew Thur

Black Belt Advanced

- 1st Tony Mattias
- 2nd Aaron Hadesan
- 3rd Caren Johnson

TEAM PATTERNS

Gup

- 1st Red Diamonds
- 2nd Chung-Mu Greens
- 3rd TKD Duels

Mixed or Gup Div.2

- 1st Bananas
- 2nd Double B
- 3rd Cool Ninja Kids

Mixed

- 1st Golden
- 2nd Legacy Warriors
- 3rd Legacy Team Powerhouse

Black

- 1st BBSG
- 2nd Journey
- 3rd Black Bears

SPARRING

Yellow Belt Children

- 1st Payton Tradewell
- 2nd Brandon Kelley
- 3rd Matilda Van Hecke

Yellow Belt Junior

- 1st Isaiah Betancourt
- 2nd Miguel Hernandez
- 3rd Xavier Casas

Yellow Belt Female

- 1st Daniela Vasquez
- 2nd Nayeli Nunez
- 3rd Melony Vizcarra

Yellow Belt Men

- 1st Benjamin Bolman
- 2nd Coale Karpinsky
- 3rd Brett Flanagan

Reg.+ Green Belt Girls

- 1st Natalie Johnson
- 2nd Aniela Van Hecke
- 3rd Sophie Wall

Green Belt Boys

- 1st Zachary Kelley
- 2nd Gabriel Peters

Green Belt Jrs.

- 1st Noah Friberg
- 2nd Sam Kuhlow

High Green-High Blue Ladies

- 1st Akili Wynn-Beavers
- 2nd Katrina Wolf
- 3rd Teshi Wynn-Beavers

Adult Male Intermediate

- 1st Jeff Taybeck
- 2nd Luis Giraldo
- 3rd Dan Peters

Blue Belt

- 1st Marcus Agosto
- 2nd Sergio Alvarez
- 3rd Elton Aguilar

Blue Belt

- 1st David Clarke
- 2nd Alex Ignatov
- 3rd Jonathan Miranda

Red Belt Men

- 1st Kazysztof Pierko
- 2nd Joevann Grospe
- 3rd Yavor Ignatov

Red Belt Junior Men

- 1st Christian Santillana
- 2nd Mason Higgins
- 3rd Shantanu Chaudhuri

Red Belt Junior Men

- 1st Riley Holbrook
- 2nd Kazi Wynn-Beavers
- 3rd Alec Zaccaria

Red Belt Jr. Ladies

- 1st Lauren Tradewell
- 2nd Jhalia Evans
- 3rd Ayra Mudessir

Black Belt Men

- 1st Matthew Thur
- 2nd Jonathan Boncan
- 3rd Travis Gonzales

Black Belt Women

- 1st Urszula Ostaszewska
- 2nd Alyssa Jankowski

Black Belt Senior

- 1st Dan Kelly
- 2nd Brian Bauer
- 3rd Marc Mikkelsen

On May 20 all the New England schools and instructors came together in Maynard to conduct a Black Belt test that included Mr. **John Murphy** for USTF VII Dan. The test board consisted of Grand Master **Renee' Sereff**, Grand Master **Louis Reyes**, Mr. **Tom Gibbons** of New York and Mrs. **Joanne Haley**, the Massachusetts State Director. Mr. **Frank Gentile** led the testing with Mr. **Karl Huffman** and Mr. **Ramon Colon** supervising the breaking portion of the test. With 20 First Dans, 5 Second Dans, 3 Third Dans, 2 Fifth Dans and 1 Seventh Dan, this was a very busy day and the organizational/logistical skills of Ms. **Roselyn Romberg** were most appreciated by Grand Master Sereff. In addition to Master Murphy's successful test to VII Dan, participants were promoted as follows: **Eric Vining** and **Robert Giorgio** to V Dan, **Brandon Waddill**, **Susan Steele**, and **Alex Useloff** to III Dan, and **Marc Clasby**, **Ranen Leung**, **Alwin Jin**, **Renata Pomponi**, and **Elijah Smith** to II Dan. The huge First Dan class: **Sunny Wan**, **Michael Zhang**, **Jonathan Zhang**, **Erin Albano**, **Rachel Turkington**, **Timothy Colley**, **Lance Bugaoan**, **Ben Dionisio**, **Myra Grossman**, **Sam Grossman**, **Jason Mead**, **Caleb Buttner**, **Ethan Cheung**, **Keith Maloney**, **Sam Andruk**, **Tim Borunov**, **Elizabeth Dionisio**, **Bastian Bauer**, **John Albano**, and **Inesh Pandi**.

This having been the largest test in New England Regional history, you can expect photos and detail in the next issue of the Flash. But to whet your appetite, Master Murphy and his proud instructor GM Reyes, right, and, below, group photo.





To The Flash:

Hi, my name is Lynette Mason. My husband is Master **David Mason**. I thought I would give you my perspective on the USTF breaking seminar **Mountain View Martial Arts & Fitness** hosted conducted by Senior Master **Ricky Todd** on May 20. Schools that attended were **Bodystrong Taekwondo, Axe Taekwondo, Golden Tiger Taekwondo** and **Fairbanks Taekwon-do**, Alaska! It was such a great day getting inspiration and hearing stories from Senior Master Todd. Everyone was so excited to be in line and practice breaks under Senior Master Todd's watchful eye. Sunday, we headed off towards the beach. It was awesome to see Senior Master Todd and Master Mason just stroll together and talk taekwondo everywhere we went. We stopped at the Astoria column. It was so great to watch the students from Axe Taekwondo who'd never seen the ocean this close



take their shoes

off and go running to the water! They actually did the pattern Po-eun in the water. So, we visited the ocean, snow, mountains, volcanos and a sampling of life in Northwest Washington. It was sad dropping our visitors off at the airport but a good feeling that we could have the opportunity to get to know our brother and sisters in Taekwondo! There is nothing better that getting to know fellow USTF students from across the country in both a TKD Format and also in some personal time as well. [Pictures: group, Mrs. Lynette Mason under the supervision of SM Todd, and even the little ones participate as Cora Johnson works on front kick.]



Sir:

On May 20, 2017 **Fairbanks Taekwon-Do** conducted a Black Belt test. Will the summer start... please. We are at the end of spring here in Alaska. The trees have shot out their leaves and the rabbits are changing into their summer coats. This summer will see a lot of people traveling to see the Great Land. In our case, some will be leaving Alaska. This test will not only start a journey for the new Black belts along the path to higher degrees. But also they will begin traveling to their new home in the lower 48. The boys to Colorado, the girls to Florida. They will all be missed greatly. And we wish them safe travel on their way.

Pictured left to right, Front row: **Cade Jones** I Dan, **Gabriella Drummond** I Dan. Second row: Master **G. Williams** VII, **Susan Hicks** IV Dan, Mr. **James Brown** V Dan, next to him Master **M. Lester** VII. Back row: Test director, **MaKenna Drummond** I Dan, **Shay Jones** I Dan, and peeking out **Mattea Drummond** I Dan.

Master Guy Williams, Flash Stringer



An Editorial Note (because I possess the editorial privilege):

We don't often remark on love, and the fact is that love drives so much of Taekwon-Do. Teachers of Taekwon-Do are invested in the success of their students, not only evidenced by their years of devotion to make a Black Belt but also by conduct "on and off the court." Master Williams exemplifies this personal quality in spades, and put together the collage, figured on the right, of students, at White Belt, who somehow got to their Black Belts at that May 20 test. We salute him and all Taekwon-Do instructors and their love for their students.

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