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KIDS' ART CONTEST, 2017

As our loyal readers well know by now, the **Taekwon-Do Kids' Art Contest** is judged to rigorous and exacting standards. This year Conference Room 1457 rang with passionate shouts of approbation and exultation for the work product of budding Rembrandts, Picassos and O'Keefes. The ten-person Art Projects Subcommittee of the

Graphics Committee went through sixteen pizzas, 11 gallons of coffee, and 2 days and nights of heated debate to arrive at its conclusions. Due to space limitations we can publish only a select few of the hundreds of submissions. However, all who "took the plunge" and submitted work are to be commended for their participation. Images in this issue.



Grand Master **Mike Winegar** conducted the first USTF Technical Seminar in Thornton, Colorado, on Saturday, July 22nd. The 110 participants -- the largest seminar GM Winegar has ever taught -- broke neatly into nearly even groups of "Stripes" (IV Dan and up) and Gup 1s through III Dans. The event was a great success and much appreciated by all who attended. Thank you, GM Winegar, for an excellent day! [Photo: James Sroykum. More photos, page 3.] *Roselyn Romberg, D.F.S.*

Sr. Grand Master **Charles E. Sereff** announced the appointment of Mrs. **Marianne Armstrong** as USTF Regional Director for USTF Region 3 and Master **Denise Moormeier** as Regional Director of Region 5 on July 23. Congratulations are in order. Pictured, from left, Grand Master Renee' Sereff, SGM C.E. Sereff, Master Mooremeier, Mrs. Armstrong, and GM Mike Winegar.



UPCOMING EVENTS

On September 9 there will be a Black Belt test at Broomfield, Colorado. It will include 3 Grand Masters, 4 Masters and several students going to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Dan.

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.

A USTF Breaking Seminar will be taught by Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** at Kirksville TKD, Kirksville, Missouri, on October 7. Promoter: Sr. Master Stephenson.

On October 8, a USTF Referee Course, promoted by Master **John Murphy** and to be taught by GM **Louis Reyes** at **Concord School of Taekwon-Do**, Maynard, Massachusetts.

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 Stan 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 USTF Referee Seminar will be conducted at **Fox Valley Taekwon-Do**, Neenah, Wisconsin on November 11. The instructor will be Grand Master **Earl Weiss**.

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



A few images from the Technical Seminar. Above, moving the walls out to accommodate 110 students; below, one or two folks get into the fine details; right, the instructor GM Mike Winegar demonstrates flying twin side turning kick, nailing it (of course).



The **Grafton Academy of Martial Arts** performed a combination demonstration and school play at the Mequon, Wisconsin, Lakeshore Chinooks Baseball Game at Chinooks Stadium on August 7. Actors and support personnel were: Ms. **Valerie Locklair** (Woo King Poy), Miss **Alyssa Jankowski** (Kyu Ti Won), Dr. **Rick Bauman** (Lord Yukkiyama), Mr. **Nick Moralez** (Oh Wow), **Brandon Kelley** (Trikkimoto), Mr. **Patrick Jankowski** (Tschaikovjankowski), Mr. **Kevin Friede** (Baroku Man, Mayor and father of Kyu Ti), Mr. **James Pals** (Senior Villager), Villagers, Dying People, Flowers, Village Elders **Zachary Kelley, Gabe Pals, Noah Friberg, Sophie Wall, Liam Wall, Shantanu Chaudhuri, Shaunak Chaudhuri, Connor Maehl**; and Mrs. **Julie Jankowski**, Property Manager, Mr. William TrembleLance, Playwright, Mr. Vincent Van Gone, Artwork, and Cecil B. de Heck, Director. F.M. Van Hecke narrated. Above right, from left, villains Lord Yukkiyama, Trikkimoto, and Oh Wow display their moustaches. Below, major league pattern. [Photo credits: Kathleen Van Hecke.]



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

AROUND THE COUNTRY

A combined Black Belt/Colored Belt test was hosted by **Marquette Taekwon-Do**, in the U.P., on July 22 at their new facility.

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

On August 9 Dr. **Steve Osborn**, 6th Dan, hosted a Black Belt test at **Cadillac Taekwon-Do**. Dr. Osborn: “After ten years of training, maturing in attitude, motivation, commitment and skill Ms. **Faith Knoth** put forth an outstanding effort and performance. Ms. Knoth leaves next week to begin the collegiate phase of life an will bring with her the confidence, respect, and focus that grew through her Taekwon-Do experiences.”

On August 26 a Taekwon-Do Tournament was held at Kirksville, Missouri. Sr. Master **William Stephenson** was the Promoter. Sr. Master

Ricky Todd was Tournament Director and Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**, Chief Referee.

On July 31 a gup level testing was held at the **Academy of Martial Arts** in Grafton, Wisconsin. Presiding were Sixth Dan **Mike Van Pietersom**, Third Dan **Kevin Friede**, Second Dan **Valerie Locklair**, First Dan **O.J. Locklair** and F.M. Van Hecke, Eighth Dan. At the corner was First Dan **Rachel LaPorte**. Testing for Gup Nine were **Sunnie Manchandani** and **Adi Manchandani**, for Gup Eight were **Sophie Wall**

and **Eric Wall**, and for Gup Seven **Tessa Locklair**, **Ben Lorenz**, and **Brandon Kelley**. **Ivan Huang**, **Jason Huang** and **August Schultz** tested for Gup Six. **Zachary Kelley** tested for Gup Five, **Noah Friberg** for Gup Four, and **Sevastyan Belousov** for Gup Three. **Yash Jha** tested to Gup One.

FROM THE EDITOR

Be aware that the Flash for November will not be published until the middle of that month due to its being very tired.



Sir,

The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance** (formally known as USTF-Utah), held its 29th annual summer camp August 4-6th. The camp was held at East Canyon Reservoir in Utah. We were very honored to have Sr. Master **Joe Bosse** as our guest instructor this year. Throughout several classes over the weekend, participants worked hard on sinewave, chambering, falling, throwing, sparring, breaking, patterns, conditioning, defense against attackers while blindfolded, and much much more. Campers were split into three teams (to represent the three kingdoms of Korea) and performed skits on Saturday night. In a performance that is sure to be remembered for years to come, one team decided to act out Sr. Master Bosse's life from utero to old age (Go team two!). This year, campers were surprised to receive a visit from "Trevor-saurus Rex" who performed an epic pattern to music, and delighted/terrified the wee ones during our dance party. We can only hope he returns again in the years to come. We are already looking forward to camp next year on August 3-5th. [Above, the sort of pictorial chaos that can only be centered about SM Bosse.]

Corinne Sroykum, Stringer

On Thursday, August 10th **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted a quarterly promotion testing. Twenty-two 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. Ms. **Brianna Grant**, 1st Dan served as the testing director.



The following students were promoted to the indicated black belt ranks: 3rd degree: Mr. **Keith Buckley** and Mrs. **Sharon Buckley**. 2nd degree: Mr. **Zachary Ostrander** and 1st degree: Ms. **Marie Lutzová**.

The following gups were promoted: Red Belt: **Jack Blasey**, **Paul Grgas** and **Cassy Kribel**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Anthony Garber**, **Dameon Garber**, **Paul Shawan** and **Anniyah Simone**. Green Belt: **Alysia Garber** and **Nate Moore**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Gryphon Colon**, **William Fleming**, **Noah Moore**, and **Micah Moore**. Yellow Belt: **Andrew Callison**, **Leilani Param**, **Dan Linder** and **Jilli Linder**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Tyler Jensen**.



A majority of students at **Axe Taekwon-Do** are either military or military families. We have some turnover with people moving away. Ms. Marie Lutzová was with us working in the United States from the Czech Republic and is a student there under the ITF. Sadly, her time in Nebraska ended and I tested her for 1st degree black belt prior to her moving to the state of Georgia where we hope she can continue training with Mr. Manera prior to her returning home to Europe. Above, group, left upper Mrs. Buckley, right, Ms. Lutzova, left lower Mr. Ostrander.

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



At the New England Regional Black Belt Test in May, many of younger students who came to watch were awed by the flying and jumping kicks of the candidates testing for higher Dan ranks. When Master Murphy, head of **Concord TKD**, assured them that they, too, would one day leap and land such kicks, they were incredulous. To inspire them he served up a

special training session on jumping and flying. Of course, it quickly turned into a contest, complete with excellent displays of athleticism, riotous laughter, and some spectacular "crash and burn" failures. Photos: All of the above (note the "giraffe antlers" headband sported by Leapin' Lea!)--Submitted by R. Romberg



An Honorable Mention in this year's Taekwon-Do Kids' Art Contest for "Taekwon-Do Sunset" by Gup 1 **Shantanu Chaudhuri**, the Old Man in the competition at 14, of the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, Wisconsin. A significant observation on this work: "*Observe la fuerza de la presencia física, la confianza en hombros y los ojos. Uno piensa inmediatamente en trabajos de Valquez.*" --Ramon Eduardo Fernando Menudo, Director Ejecutivo, Museo del Pradorado. Oh, Doctor Menudo, we could not agree with you more!

To the right, Third Runner-Up, “The King and his Castle,” by Gup 3 **Shaunak Chaudhuri**, age 8, brother of Shantanu. *“We are delighted to find such a novel and nuanced representation of a timeless theme, the monarch before his royal domain. This artist captures all the symmetry and grace of the Pre-Raphaelites (see image below), even slyly integrating a common blue-and-green color scheme, but in a wholly original way.”*-- Prof. Victoria Albert, Curator, Tate-Retot Museum, London





Saturday STKD Park Workout August 12, 2017

What is better than celebrating the end of summer and beginning of a school year than a park workout, especially when you get to do something extra special with Mr. **Jason Rose**'s permission like water ballooning the black belts after class in the park? From patterns, sparring, squirrels in the house and water balloon target practice punching and kicking, this was a class to remember, August 12! Thank you Mr. Rose, Ms. **Caitlyn Fitch** for instructing and to the black belts and color belts that made this class a success! We are thinking: perhaps a park workout in the winter to comply with General Choi and Sr. Grand Master cold waterfall requirements?

Grand Master Renee' Lovell, D.F.S.





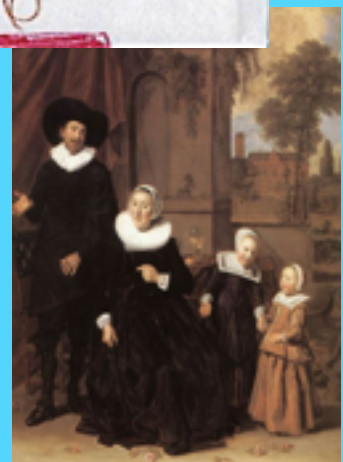
Above, **Lyly Hardin**, age 10 Gup 3, definitively captures Second Runner-Up with her strong entry, "Working at Our Art." Lyly is a student at Bodystrong Taekwon-Do, *Ecole des Beaux Arts* of the Northwest. Frau Doctor Else Himmelfarb of the Altesneuesmuseum of Berlin refers to this work as "Breughelian," citing "Fight Between Carnival and Lent," image below. As Dr. Himmelfarb so aptly put it: *"Die Ehrerbietung zur Welt des Gymnasiums ist vollkommen. Im Vordergrund des Anstriches, duellieren Kämpfer in sparring Anordnung. Das Auge schnell wird zur Energieabbildung gezeichnet, die oben für einen Brettbruch. Die einsamen (und vielleicht einsam?) Abbildung zu einer Seite konzentriert ruhig sich auf Pushups. Eine anderen Foki versessen auf der Arbeit zur Hand, Haupt weg gedreht, einen langen Schatten werfend. Die hohen lochenden Beutel tragen leisen Zeuge zur Szene."*



Anderson Williams, age 5, Bodytrong Taekwon-Do, Transition Class Red Tag’s delightful work, “In Class,” delights the eye and captures First Runner-Up. “ *We are exceptionally fond of this obvious tribute to Frans Hals and the Dutch Masters. [See the Hals “Family Portrait, c. 1634,” below.] The glowing smiles and cheerful countenance of the figures in the foreground, with lovely reminders of home and country as the backdrop, speak volumes to the artist’s care for the subject. We admire the attention to costume, and to period details such as hairstyle. The care taken in portraying hands and feet – so often neglected by lesser artists – marks a talent in the making. The repetitive ovoids populating this work bespeak a true Taekwon-Do family. This is truly a lovely work.*” – Dann Thijs Van Heckeberg, Beheerder, Rijkshuismuseum, Den Haag



By the way, we note that in event of the incapacity of the Grand Prize Winner to perform the duties thereof, it will fall upon the First Runner-Up to substitute in his or her stead.





The Grand Prize Winner for the 2017 Taekwon-Do Kids' Art Contest goes to **Elizabeth Linder**, Gup 1, age eleven, a student at Axe Taekwon-Do. Of this vibrant and colorful montage of disparate but harmonious elements, Vladimir "Sonnie" Chung of *Pacific Arts Forum* observed: "상당한 예술적인 노력. 그리고 나는 실제적으로 그것을 의미한다." Certainly we can all agree with these well-spoken sentiments.

[Thanks also to an adult entrant, Mr. **Fakir Al-Sorani**, for submitting the 3 images below.]

Congratulations to all our entrants, for they all, truly, are winners.

