

February 2017 Newsletter
Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Kyokai

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Hello GKK Members, Dojo Leaders and National Directors

By Ed Myers

It is once again time to collect the annual dues and update the active member list. Dan ranks are \$25 and Kyu ranks are \$15.

Dojo Leaders are to send this to your National Director. For example, Frank Matt (Dojo Leader) of the Corinth Goju Dojo in New York will send their dues and active member list to the USA Director, Dwight Scales.

The National Directors are to send the active member list (in Excel or Word) and dues to Ed Myers (CEO) This is all due by April 1st.”

Springfield Goju Ryu Upcoming Seminar

By Kim Barrington

On the weekend of April First, the Springfield Goju Ryu Karate Club will be hosting a seminar. Mr. Ed Myers will be leading the sessions.

Friday evening, March 31st. at 6:30 PM will be a brown and black belt class
Saturday, April 1st. classes will start at 9:00 AM.

Sessions will be held at the First Church of the Nazarene, Springfield, Illinois

For additional information contact Kim Barrington; 1-217-891-6242

Have You Ever Used Your Karate?

By Paul Stetsko

An interesting email came from one of our former students who had left our dojo when work commitments forced him to relocate and it gives an unusual response to the question that Steven Rusche had posed in the January issue – “Have you ever used your Karate?” Here it is:

I never liked ushiro geri. Was never fond of it. I always found myself off-balance and questioning when I would ever need to induce that kick, rather than turnaround and face the opponent (yea yea, if you were also dealing with someone in front of you).

On a business trip this week... leaving my hotel room and I did the very quick scan of my things... wallet, phone – check. And then in that instant I realized: No room key. I could hear the bolt on the door start to latch. I swear to you, all within 3 seconds; I executed the worlds’ most powerful ushiro geri and pushed the door to my room back so hard it hit the wall; Saving me the embarrassment of having to hit the lobby for a new room key. That door will never mess with me again.

I had a laugh over the whole thing. - 8 years of training has proven its worth!

No, seriously, ...it was flawless.

Upcoming Events

From Patrick Hickey
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The 2017 Kwanmukan Symposium will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 10-12, 2017. It will be held at Hickey Karate Center.

Register at SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION. Website at www.kwanmukan.us
Tentative Schedule and Information;

Friday Night – Combative Program 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Saturday – Karate Oriented Program 8:30 to 5 with 45 minute free lunch time (includes kobudo options). Starts with Yoga at 8:45 and Fitness 8:30 am.

Saturday Evening – Black Belt Extravaganza – see below (1 hour break from Programs to report to Banquet location)

Sunday Morning – Fitness 8:30 am followed by Judo and Jujitsu related programing and Fencing. 8:30 am to Noon

Training Place Hickey Karate Center, which allows for 3 training areas and we can include more detailed fitness related programs using a 4th area of training at the same time. In addition, we can accommodate a special youth training program for either the morning or afternoon. Address is 454 Stow Road Stow, Ohio 44224

Saturday Black Belt Extravaganza - Location SYB Hall 4157 Hudson Drive Stow, Ohio 44224

6:00 – All Kwanmukan Workout

7:45 – Dinner (in Gi or otherwise)

8:30 – Awarding of Black Belt Certificates and other awards (No dojo awards will be presented, that program has been eliminated.) This is the ceremony we have been running so since this is the only thing going on, we can make it more meaningful and more symbolic and suitable to a martial arts organization.

Tuition Entire Weekend Cost: \$155 - or \$192 including banquet

Friday Only Night - \$60 (Banquet Separate)

Saturday Only - \$129 – or \$179 including banquet

Sunday Only - \$60 (Banquet Additional)

Separate Banquet Cost \$55 – Children ages 2-10 are 1/2 price (controlled by banquet hall. They charge for each person whether eating or not)

Demonstrations - Banquet attendance is not be required but each demo team would pay a \$50 fee (and more if demo goes over 15 minutes) and has to arrange for their own mats. If interested, contact us.

Extra Event - The USA Jujitsu Alliance will be hosting a Jujitsu and Judo competition Sunday Afternoon to raise funds for its National Team. You are invited to attend and watch, compete or simply be available to help out.

Here is information on a few of our tournaments and our National Championships coming up in the near future. Contact emails for each event are given below.

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