

May 2019 Newsletter
Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Kyokai

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**Annual Business Meeting, Black Belt Testing
and Spring Seminar**

By Dwight Scales

Our annual business meeting, black belt testing and Spring seminar will be held the weekend after Mother's Day, May 17 and 18, in Toledo Ohio. Black belt testing and seminar will be held at the Imagine Clay Community School 1030 Clay Avenue 43608.

Black belt testing will be Friday May 17 beginning at 6:00 PM. School leaders please submit the pertinent information for your candidates to Sensei Myers and Scales no later than May 1.

Saturday, May 18, Yamaha Shihan will honor us with his wisdom and knowledge as he conducts an all rank seminar beginning to 11:00 AM. The black belt seminar will begin at 1:30 PM. Cost for Yamakura Shihan's seminars will be \$15.00 per person

Our business meeting and banquet will be held at Club 300, 3304 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo Ohio. Cost for the banquet will be \$15.00 per person

Don't miss this opportunity to learn and practice our art.

See you in Toledo Ohio May 17 and 18.

Northwest Region Gasshuku

By Carol Gittins

Shihan Yamakura will offer classes in Seattle, and all GKK members are invited to attend.

The classes for the 2019 gasshuku will be Thursday, May 2, 7-9 pm; Saturday, May 4, 10:15-1:30; and Sunday, May 5, 2:30-5:00. All classes will be at the Meadowbrook Community Center. The cost will be \$25 per class for black belts, and \$15 per class for non-black belts.

We are still working on the social events schedule.

Ryuko Tomoyose 1929 - 2019



Ryuko Tomoyose was born in 1929. He lived in Okinawa with his grandparents. At the age of 13, while attending school, he was instructed in Shorin-Ryu. He noted that "I would see my father's Karate, and it looked very different. So I wanted to do a different style from school." This led him to study Goju Ryu with the founder Chojun Miyagi. His teaching came about after a brief question and answer session where it was discovered who his father was. (his father Ryuyu Tomoyose, studied Uechi- Ryu under Kanbun Uechi) He began his studies and trained for about 18 months in 1942. In 1946 when Kanbun Uechi returned to Okinawa was when his training in Uechi Ryu began. This was at the Futenma Dojo.

During the 1950's Ryuko began to lead a number of classes for U.S. Military personnel stationed in Okinawa. Ryuko Tomoyose began to teach George Mattson who was the one of the first to introduce karate to America. Ryuko Tomoyose offset his martial studies with that of calligraphy. He became a very accomplished calligrapher and much of his work can still be found.

In 1999, after the split in Uechi Ryu, Ryuko Tomoyose was awarded KyuDan in Shohei-Ryu Karate. In 2000, he had the honor bestowed upon him of being "Recognized as Intangible Cultural Asset holder in the Field of Okinawan Karate and Martial Arts with Weaponry by Okinawa Prefecture."

From The Cutting Room Floor

Some Unpublished Pics From Last Year's Annual Event



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