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Shinte Dojo Promotions

By Ed Myers

I would like to congratulate Andreas and Christian Salchow of the Shinte Dojo in Germany. They were promoted to Go-Dan. Here they are proudly showing their certificates. The Shinte Dojo joined the GKK in 2010 and currently has 23 members.



Andreas Salchow



Christian Salchow

Onaga Yoshimitsu Sensei Seminar in Carrolton, Kentucky

Mike Galose and Matt Loiselle

We traveled to Carrolton, KY to attend a seminar where Onaga Yoshimitsu sensei was teaching on Saturday, October 14th and Sunday the 15th. This was a rare and possibly once in a lifetime opportunity because Onaga sensei will be 80 years old next summer and this may have been his last visit to North America.

Onaga sensei is the president of the Shinjinbukan: 神人武館. Shinjinbu means way of god, way of man, and way of warrior. Please visit this site for a little more detail on Onaga sensei's background: <http://okinawakaratedo.com/Onaga.aspx>

Approximately 35 karateka from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Florida, New York, Ontario, and Quebec attended the event which was organized and hosted by Devorah Demetrich sensei.

Onaga sensei began the seminar with a short summary of what he planned to teach, and explained the difference between typical karate and Ti. Our understanding of his explanation is that typical karate is often compartmentalized and often tends to focus on static points, whereas Ti is continuously flowing through those points. He used an analogy of steps to describe the typical progression upwards through rank, and contrasted that with an analogy of an ever-widening circle to describe the infinite process of learning and training Ti.

Onaga sensei taught formally for approximately 12 hours over the weekend, using a combination of lecture, solo drills, and partner drills.

The weekend was filled with valuable insights and opportunities to meet and train with many exceptional karateka.

If Onaga sensei returns to North America to teach again, we highly recommend that everyone who is able attend.

Springfield Karate Club Fifteenth Anniversary

By Trish Ballweg



The Springfield Goju Ryu Karate club celebrated its 15th Anniversary at the First Church of the Nazarene on September 18, 2017. Past and current members, as well as their families, were invited to enjoy a light dinner of soup, chilli and sandwiches. After dinner the current students participated in a light workout. It was particularly exciting to catch-up with some of our inactive members especially Sheila Leggett. A great big thank you goes to Cris Connor, Sally Bacon and my mother Barb Ballweg for providing some of the food that was enjoyed. Black belts in attendance were Dave Shaneman, Gary Mazzotti, Kim Barrington, Trish Ballweg, Shelia Leggett and Morley Peura.



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