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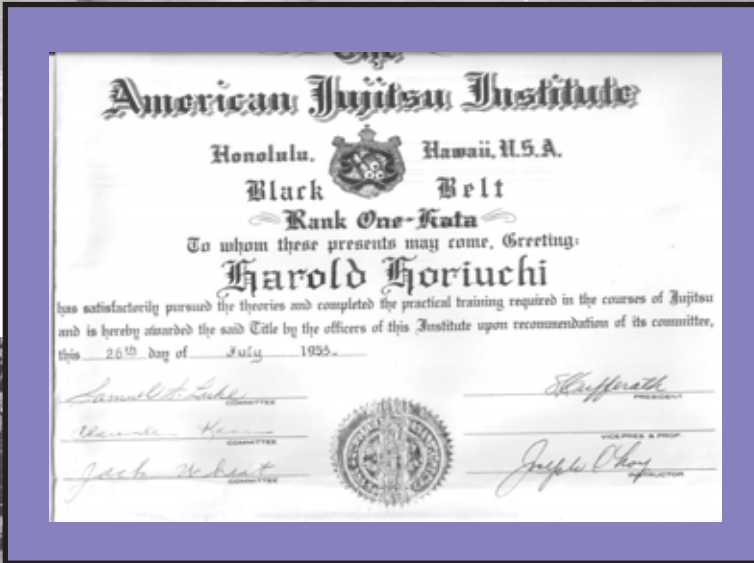
AJI Welcomes "Old Timer" Harold Akira Horiuchi As New Member

The AJI announces the enrollment of Harold Akira Horiuchi, former student of Master Henry Seishiro Okazaki. The Horiuchi family contacted the AJI through their son Scott to reestablish ties with the organization created by his teacher.

Horiuchi was born on June 13th, 1933 and enrolled in the Okazaki Dojo in 1945 at the age of 12. He received his first Kyu promotion in 1949 and his Shodan in 1953. From 1953 through 1957, he taught at the Okazaki dojo handling mostly women's self defense classes.

**AJI's 70th Birthday Party Celebration
July 10 - 13, 2009**

AJI Newsletter, 5-2009 -- 1948 Class Photo



AJI Newsletter, 5-2009 -- 1953 Class Photo



Shown Today (L-R) Scott Horiuchi, Prof. Harold Horiuchi and Prof. Sam Luke.

He was drafted into the military, stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. In 1957, he transferred to Hakaido, Japan where until 1959 he was an instructor at the Hokaido Judo Kodokan.

In 1960, he became the head instructor of the Judo Kodokan of Compton College in Los Angeles, Ca. He was also an instructor the Huntington Beach Police Judo Club in Huntington, Ca. in 1962. He was a Physical Trainer and did Rehabilitation Therapy at Compton College. He also was a Japanese language instructor.

He returned to Hawaii in 1971 and established a home dojo with his sons in 1975.

Son Scott contacted the AJI and got the ball rolling for reestablishing ties to the AJI. Several meetings were held and documents and small gifts exchanged. Accompanying this article is a copy of Shodan Diploma which bears the signature of ex-AJI President Samuel S. Luke, late father of current president Samuel C. Luke, then AJI President Sig Kufferath and ex-AJI President and charter member Jack Wheat.

The AJI will honor Prof. Horiuchi at the upcoming 70th Anniversary Celebration on July 12, 2009 at the beautiful Makaha Valley Golf Resort in Hawaii.





President's Message

By Professor Sam Luke

With all Committees full speed ahead, plans for AJI's 70th Anniversary has been finalized. Just the frosting on the cake to go and we're all set. Meanwhile, registrations and reservations have been a little slow in coming in. Not bad for 3 months out but we are nearing 60 days and we are only 50 % of capacity. I know the economy is not too good, but the plus side has seen travel and hotel prices come down.

Our program and support staff, have gone all out to make our reunion exciting and deserving of your efforts to get here. I just know all those coming will have a grand time, a rewarding experience.

Professors and Sensei, it is not too late to plan on presenting dojo awards or promotions at the Anniversary function. Please contact Prof. Saragosa to assist and or put you on the agenda for the banquet ceremony.

Our prayers continue for the recuperating folks among us. Professors Jennings, Beach and Jones have been battling serious problems with health. With support from loved ones and special friends, we will have all 3 attending the Anniversary celebration.

Special recognition to the Kaito Gakko gang in California for their intense efforts toward fund raising which will help many students defray cost to come for the big Celebration in Makaha. They have been having dojo events almost weekly with guest instructors coming from all over to share different perspectives of the arts. Kudos to Prof. Carlos and Kevin. Also to Sensei Randy and Ramon.

While we're giving recognition, special thanks to Sue Jennings for the last newsletter. A great job, but what is special, is that she did it while having major responsibilities at the Jennings dojo and doing heavy nursing toward Ron's recovery.

Thanks to all Professors, Sensei, students and families for your support of the AJI. Professor Okazaki can be proud of our efforts to make his mission a success.

Aloha,

Prof. Sam Luke
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Promotions Awarded at Wahiawa Kodenkan

The Wahiawa Kodenkan announced the following promotions which took place on December 7, 2008.

Shodan	Jayna Yonekura
Ikkyu	Mindy DeCastro
YonKyu	Bryanna Lagmay

Daniel Saragosa, Chief Instructor
Wahiawa Kodenkan

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Professor Charles Lee and his lovely wife Alyce take time to pose for a photo in front of the beautiful scenery on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada. They have just recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary.

Celebrating Our Golden Years

By Prof. Charles Lee

The month of February must be a very good month. Why? Because Abraham Lincoln was born on the 12th day of the month, my second brother was born on the same day, and Alyce and I got married on that good day. My son Cameron, who is a practicing Oral, Maxillofacial and Implant Reconstructive Surgeon, was born on the 7th day of the February. Also, don't forget that our first President, George Washington was born in February, too.

Alyce did not want any fanfare on our anniversary, but she accepted the long stem red roses as a symbol of our love. She and I spent the afternoon shopping at Ala Moana Center and had dinner at the fabulous Pagoda Floating Restaurant. The menu consisted of many ethnic types of food, but the main course was prime rib and Korean Kal-bi, and the food was quite delicious. The following week we had dinner with our children at a Chinese restaurant and it was gratifying to look at their smiling faces. You hear the expression, "how time flies", and I must agree 100% for this was the 54th year of celebrating our wedding day.

A good number of years following our marriage was spent with AJI and we have seen the enormous growth of this organization. To me, one of the most gratifying feelings was the unification of the Kodenkan Danzan Ryu organizations, recognition as the organization founded by Prof. Henry Okazaki, and the feeling and love of Ohana that was lost for many years.

We like to share our good married life with all of you and wish you the best of luck throughout the coming years.



First Colored Belt Promotional Held at Kaito Gakko LABC Dojo in Orange

By Sensei Randy Carrasco

On Thursday night, March 26, 2009, the Kaito Gakko dojo at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church (LABC) held a special class where three children were promoted. Guest instructors Prof. Kalani Akui, Prof. Carlos Gallegos and Sensei Lee Firestone put the concept of Ohana into action. Prior to the promotion, Prof. Auntie Lil Nuuhiwa expressed that she was pleased about the occasion.



The night started with a reading of James 3:17 & 18 and prayer. Next, Sensei Lee warmed up and stretched out the 20 eager students in attendance. For one child (Garrison Carrasco), this was a stroll down memory lane as he was a student from Sensei Lee's Kid's College class. After the warm up, the class was divided into three groups, each with its own instructor. Proud parents, aunties, uncles and grandparents looked on.

After the lesson & workout, the mat was cleared. Promotional candidates were summoned to the tatami. They demonstrated arts and then received promotions. Amanda Rodriguez and Parker Colton were promoted to white belt 2nd stripe. Garrison Carrasco was promoted to yellow belt. Professor Kalani Akui performed the ritual belt slaps and tying. This was the first colored belt promotion at LABC dojo.

At the conclusion, each guest instructor exhorted the students to: practice their arts with diligence, keep good notebooks, never give up, work hard, be patient, strive to succeed in academics, listen to parents and behave. Lastly, a prayer circle was formed followed by class dismissal and then a pizza party and fellowship with the students and families.



Photos for the Kaito Gakko Promotions

Page 6, Top Photo -- Instruction

Page 6, Bottom Photo -- Testing

Page 7, Top Photo -- Belt Ritual

Page 7, Bottom Photo -- The students newly promoted are:

Front Row: (L to R) Parker Colton, Garrison Carrasco and Amanda Rodriguez.

Back Row: (L to R) Sensei Lee Firestone, Prof. Carlos Gallegos, Prof. Kalani Akui and Sensei Randy Carrasco.



Martial Arts Expo VI

By Sensei Milton Bern

Over 200 people took part in the annual Martial Arts Expo, held on Sunday, March 1. Sixteen martial arts schools were represented from the Reno/Sparks, Tahoe, and the Carson Valley areas, and all proceeds (this year a total of \$1,045.46) were donated to the Carson Valley Community Food Closet.

The Expo began as a neighborhood competition with four local schools participating. As participation grew, the idea to transform it into a fundraiser also came about. "We wanted to keep the cost for competitors low, but at the same time put our resources to good use in the community," said co-organizer Diane Ortenzio-Cooling of Sierra Dojo. "So we decided to donate all of the proceeds to a different charity each year."

"This is the only event of its kind in northern Nevada. It's not a tournament, but more like community goodwill games. There are no trophies to gain, only the recognition by your peers and instructors when you do well. That in

itself has taken the poor attitudes out of the equation and makes a good atmosphere for beginners and veteran competitors alike."

Competitions in kata (forms) were held first, where each competitor demonstrated their balance, focus, power, spirit, and understanding of the techniques of their martial arts system. A panel of 5 judges rated the competitors on a scale of 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest).

The jujitsu division drew many competitors and spectators. The referees were led by Master



James Painter, Richard Lee, and Saint Teresas. Many competitors returned from last year, and everyone had an opportunity to try their skills out even if they were new to the sport. "We wanted to involve those martial artists that work more in the grappling arena. The judging was excellent, and everyone showed great skill and control," remarked Ortenzio-Cooling.

Half-time demonstrations were presented by several area master instructors, including Bill Regan (Tai Chi Chuan), Ed Sumner (Goju-Ryu Karate), James Painter (Jujitsu), Mike Cook and Mick Gianola (Choi Li Fut), Diane Ortenzio-Cooling (Isshin-Ryu Karate), George Fujii and the West Coast Demo Team.

Sparring competitions followed, with point matches by age and skill level. Each competitor had to tag their opponent in a vulnerable area with a competent hand strike or kick to gain a point, with the first one to reach three points being declared the winner. For kids who had not trained long enough to learn sparring, a "Capture the Flag" division was held where each competitor tries to keep his or her flag safe using blocks while trying to reach in and grab the other competitor's flag and win.

"Many, many good people pulled together to help set up, referee, keep score, sell refreshments, and clean up afterwards. When you see people working together, learning, and having fun, it's all worth it. I want to personally thank the martial arts community for their generosity and time," she said.

The Martial Arts Expo is held annually during the first weekend in March.

Expo results by division are:

KATA (Forms)

Basics, ages 7-13: 1st place, Darby McTee. 2nd, Brady Furtado. 3rd, Kayla Clark. 4th, Erik Pichon. 5th, Alexa Field. 6th, Cody Henderson.

Basics, ages 20 & over: 1st, Dawn White. 2nd, Pamela Franco.

Beginners kata, ages 7-9: 1st, Easton Hostler. 2nd, Steven Flanagan. 3rd, Kiana Memro. 4th, Eva Przybyla. 5th, Emily Hicks.

Beginners kata, ages 10-12: 1st, Trysten Duzan. 2nd, Tymon Dozier. 3rd, Ian Lau. 4th, Brianna Memro. 5th, Jared Buchanan. 6th, Jacob Mitchell.

Beginners kata, ages 13-19: 1st, Jordan Arellano. 2nd, Jake Passas. 3rd, Danny Flannagan. 4th, Kylie Memro. 5th, Corinna



Bonham. 6th, Colin Renfro.

Beginners kata, ages 20-39: 1st, Fermin Garcia. 2nd, April McKeegan-Garcia. 3rd, Mathew Hodges.

Beginners kata, ages 40 & over: 1st, Dawn White. 2nd, Pamela Franco.

Intermediate kata, ages 7-9: 1st, Matt McTee. 2nd, Thomas White.

Intermediate kata, ages 10-12: 1st, Taylor Rodriguez. 2nd, Kaylee Soto. 3rd, McCann Patterson. 4th, Joseph Franco.

Intermediate kata, ages 13-19: 1st, Alicia Sveen. 2nd, Angela Lockman. 3rd, Thomas Smith. 4th, Rebecca Mattox.

Intermediate kata, ages 40 & over: 1st, Erick Soto.

Advanced kata, ages 10-12: 1st, Sean Zarata.

Advanced kata, ages 13-19: 1st, Edward Rodriguez. 2nd, Brian Rienstram. 3rd, Kevin Duarte. 4th, Lucas Soto. 5th, Bailey Furry. 6th, Jessica Furry.

Advanced kata, ages 20-39: 1st, Jeanne Lawson. 2nd, Dennis Przybyla.

Black Belt Kata, ages 13-19: 1st, Brenda Jobe. 2nd, Kevin Vees. 3rd, Christian Hart. 4th, Conner Jobe.

Black Belt Kata, ages 20 & over: 1st, Joselio Ramirez. 2nd, Mick Gianola. 3rd, Michael Cook. 4th, Charles Duarte. 5th, Bill Regan. 6th, Chris Duarte. 7th, Chris Curtis.

Weapons Kata, ages 7-12: 1st, Wyatt Hicks. 2nd, Sean Cornell.

Weapons Kata, ages 13-19: 1st, Brian Rienstram. 2nd, Alicia Sveen. 3rd, Bailey Furry.

Weapons Kata, ages 20 & over, beginners: 1st, Collin Blount.

Weapons Kata, ages 20 & over, intermediate & advanced: 1st, Bethany Lund.

Weapons Kata, Black Belts, ages 20 & over: 1st, Charles Duarte. 2nd, Michael Cook. 3rd, Mick Gianola. 4th, Chris Duarte. 5th, Bill Regan.

JUJITSU

Beginners: 1st, Frank Raschilla. 2nd, Michael Courneya. 3rd, Christian Hoyt.

Advanced: 1st, Justin Freeman. 2nd, Fermin Garcia. 3rd, Kayla Pressburger.

Overall Grand Champion: Frank Raschilla.

SPARRING

Capture the Flag: 1st, Steven Flanagan. 2nd, Darby McTee. 3rd, Erik Pichon. 4th, Kayla Clark. 5th (tie) Kianna Memro & Brianna Memro.

Beginners, ages 7-9: 1st, Matt Dellavella. 2nd, Brandy Furtado. 3rd, Easton Hostler.

Beginners, ages 10-12: 1st, Tymon Dozier. 2nd, Alexis Mauser. 3rd, Sedona Ewbank. 4th, Ian Lau. 5th, (tie) Jacob Mitchell & Trysten Duzan.

Beginners, ages 13-14: 1st, Jake Passar. 2nd, Colin Renfro. 3rd, Corinna Bonham. 4th, Danny Flanagan.

Beginners, ages 13-19: 1st, Jordon Arellana. 2nd, James Daly. 3rd, Michael Courneya.

Beginners, ages 20 & over: 1st, Fermin Garcia. 2nd, Matthew Hodges. 3rd, Tamela Jensen. 4th, April Garcia.

Intermediate, ages 7-9: 1st, Audie Dellavella. 2nd, Matt McTee. 3rd, Thomas White.

Intermediate, ages 10-12: 1st, Taylor Rodriguez. 2nd, Joseph Franco. 3rd, Angel Collier.

Intermediate, ages 13-19: 1st, Sam Burbau. 2nd, Milton Scott. 3rd, Thomas Smith. 4th, Rebecca Mattox.

Advanced, ages 7-12: 1st, Wyatt Hicks. 2nd, Audie Dellavella.

Advanced, ages 13-19: 1st, Alexander Azzam. 2nd, Edward Rodriguez. 3rd, Jessica Furry.

Advanced, ages 20 & over: 1st, Dennis Przybyla. 2nd, Eric Soto.

Black Belts, ages 20 & over: 1st, Joselio Ramirez. 2nd, Martin Amba, 3rd, Ross Briggs.



Participants are shown above for the ShoshinRyu Winter Classic Sumo Shiai held in Anaheim, California.

It Only Happens in a Kid's Shiai

By Sensei Randy Carrasco

On February 29, 2009 the 4th annual Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Winter Classic Sumo Shiai was held at the beautiful new East Anaheim Community & Police Gymnasium. Contestants ranged in age from 5 to 17. For Kaito Gakko, the day started off with a huddle then a prayer by Prof. Carlos Gallegos which was followed by a group photo.

At least six Southern California dojos were represented at the event. The following Professors and Sensei served as officials & judges: Kevin Dalrymple, Carlos Gallegos, Ramon Gallegos, John Jacques, Jim Lambert, Ed Bederov, Casey Bui, Randy Carrasco, Steve Davis, Judy Davis, Lee Firestone, Peter Goss, Donn Hearne, Dan Kveen, Patrick Lee, Phillip Lee and Ed Townsend.

Plenty of girls showed up to take on the boys. For a few kids, this was their first contest. A good number of competitors were blind. Officials, judges and parents observed courage, fighting spirit, clean throws and techniques in even the youngest divisions. The bigger kids and teens displayed even more power, with some throws having the audience "ooh-ing" and "ahh-ing". In all divisions, technical ability accompanied with austerity, self-control and respect was a fine commentary on the status of our next generation of martial artists in the Kodenkan/Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Ohana.

After the matches were finished, two Special Guest Rikishi of the California Sumo Association took the floor. The men set up a sumo ring and demonstrated training methods and techniques, customs, rituals and matches. They fielded questions from the kids and accepted "challenges" from several of the smaller contestants. One of the men grabbed the back of a "challenger" and with one hand, hoisted him overhead by his belt. The little one giggled and appeared to love every minute of it. Afterward, both rikishi handed out and autographed Sakura Co. sumo notebooks.

One of the funniest moments involved a Kaito Gakko student, something that could happen only in a kid's shiai. Immediately after Garrison Carrasco's division was finished, his mom got him changed into his "other" uniform, then rushed him off to his little league baseball team photo event. After the photos were taken, she rushed him back to

the gym to watch the awards ceremony. At the moment he made his way back in, his name was announced over the loudspeaker. He quickly took off his cleats and went up to the winner's podium to accept his gold medal. There was mumbling and giggling in the audience. The boy stood on the podium with a bit of a deer--in-the-headlights look. Why? He was dressed in a baseball uniform while flanked by two boys in judogi. The presenters, officials and judges clapped and suppressed their laughter.

2009 Winter Sumo Classic Shiai Results for Kaito Gakko

Jesus Ayala, 1st place (6 & 7 yrs) Braille Institute/Akita
Garrison Carrasco, 1st place (7 & 8 yrs) Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church
Raymond Carrasco, 1st place (16 & 17 yrs) Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church
Tyler Crockett 2nd place (11 & 12 yrs) Braille Institute/Akita
Louis Do 2nd place (14 & 15 yrs) Braille Institute/Akita
Sharon Hastings, 1st place (11 & 12 yrs) Braille Institute/Akita
Zane Hastings, 2nd place (9 & 10 yrs) Braille Institute/Akita
Brandon Iligan, 3rd place (12 & 13 yrs) Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church
Erika Iligan, 3rd place (8 & 9 yrs) Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church
Claire Keech, 1st place (12 & 13 yrs) Fullerton Kid's College
Kimberly O'Campo, 2nd place (12 & 13 yrs) Braille Institute/Akita
Brian Robles, 2nd place (13 & 14 yrs) Braille Institute/Akita
Christian Salas, 3rd place (8 & 9 yrs) Braille Institute/Akita
Adrian Vasquez, 1st place (13 & 14 yrs) Braille Institute/Akita

First-time competitors Malia Carrasco and Nathan Bissonette faced mostly larger opponents and fought hard. Although both children won bouts, neither of the two stood on the winner's podium. In the class following the shiai, Malia and Nathan received the "Sensei's Award". In accepting the award, they made a promise to "Never Give Up".



The Awards Ceremony for the event was special and will be memorable.

What's Happening in the Pacific Northwest

By Sensei Sue Jennings

Like Prof. Charles Lee says in his article, "time flies". Wow, does it ever! It's been 5 1/2 months since my husband, Ron, had triple bypass heart surgery. He's mending nicely, but it's been a challenge obeying the doctor's orders. Ron likes to be active, so remaining more sedentary so his body can heal has been difficult. I think the biggest challenges for him were not lifting anything over 10 lbs. for the first three months following surgery so his wounds could heal properly, and not driving for the first six weeks or so. Now that he's been released from the cardiologist, he's preparing to have both knees rebuilt later this month. So, while we are planning to attend the AJI's 70th Birthday Celebration in July, he will only be about 6 weeks out of surgery. It will be a challenge, but we're looking forward to attending if at all possible. After all, his specialty is teaching cane techniques to those who have limited mobility.



Classes at the college have shifted, for the time being, to our home dojo, while the college irons out their financial woes and does a little reorganizing of their leisure education program. We hope to be back there again in the Fall. Summertime classes are always held at the home dojo due to reduced hours in the college's recreation center.

KaishinKai Dojo is pleased to announce the following promotions: Eric Lewis - Gokyu (2nd Degree Blue Belt); and Tasha Glen and Vesper Aeon to Gokyu (3rd Degree Blue Belt).



We've enjoyed a good turnout at our February Regional Jujitsu Clinic at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, which I hosted. Approximately 40 were in attendance, and even Prof. Jennings presented a segment at the clinic, though he did follow doctor's orders and not do anything very strenuous, nor lift much weight. Aren't we fortunate that yawara allows us that opportunity through jujitsu?

Most recently in April we attended a Regional Jujitsu Clinic in Salem, Oregon hosted by the Salem Budokai. Jujitsu America President Scott Merrill and Sensei Richard Bunch were guest instructors at the event. Following the clinic we all attended a BBQ at Sensei Bob Parkson's house.



Our next Regional Clinic will be held on June 6 in Hillsboro, Oregon sponsored by Sensei Paul Bedard of Portland, Oregon. In lieu of the August Kamp KaishinKai this year, we are holding weekend workouts for kyu ranks, brown and black belts, and then a Nidan and above clinic as well. No dates have been formally established yet, but will be publicized when they are set.

So for now we look forward to seeing all our AJI friends in Hawaii in July, and some good classes in the meantime.



Top Two Photos - Olympia, WA - Prof. Jennings demonstrates arm differences with Solomon Ossa; Next to Top - Sensei Paul Bedard, who videos all Pacific NW Regional Clinics, shows Keenan Wiggans-Moore a little about kazushi while Prof. Jennings mans the camera for him; Bottom Two Photos - Salem, OR -- J.A. President Scott Merrill shows an art on Chris Eller; and Bottom - Group Photo attending the April Regional Clinic in Salem, OR.

Are You Seeking Rank or Knowledge?

By Prof. Ron Jennings

After some recent serious health issues, I began reflecting on my many years as a martial artist and my early years in DanzanRyu. I thought some of those memories were worth sharing with our members.

It was in the spring of 1962 when I went to a DanzanRyu dojo to sign up for lessons. I had just bought my own car and could now drive to an adjoining city where the dojo was located. The first class I watched included a promotional ceremony which included two really old guys who were getting their first promotion. One was in mid-fifties and one was mid-sixties. To a teenager, they were beyond old; they were ancient. I was so impressed by these "old guys" getting their first rank I resolved to join and catch up with them. It was a challenge I never met.

Classes at the dojo were very structured and focused on learning a few techniques very well before being introduced to others. You weren't shown much above your rank level until Sensei felt you were ready. As a green belt I remember going with my Sensei and others on a visit to a town about 30 miles away where someone had a workout room in his house. When asked what he would like to cover, he said "Oku". Sensei said "No" because they had a green belt with them (me). At our dojo you didn't get to work Oku until you were brown belt. I was so disappointed. As it turned out, Sensei finally relented and we actually got to work the first three techniques. It was six months after I got to third brown before I saw Oku again. As it turned out there were not enough people at my rank and a Police Class the dojo was presenting to city police interfered with continuing the colored belt only classes. There were a couple of new green belts and Sensei said I needed to help them get to brown so we could practice together. What I thought as a real delay in my training turned out for the best as my Shime became pretty good as well as my Nage really improved. It seemed however that I was not learning as much as I wanted and I had yet to catch up with those old guys. I was getting anxious about moving up. But, there was a lesson I still needed to learn about rank consciousness.

One night there was a visitor to the dojo who was very interested and as a new brown belt I felt I had a lot to say. He attended a couple of classes then disappeared. Shortly after receiving my second brown this young man showed up again, this time wearing a Black Belt. I was stunned. How could he possibly have made it to Black Belt in that short of a time period? I had gone from Sankyu to Nikyu in the same time period it took him to go from white belt to Shodan. He then told me about another dojo in a nearby city. That was enough for me. I am not sure what I told Sensei but I quit my lessons at his dojo and went to that other dojo. It wasn't long however before I realized the depth of knowledge, or should I say lack of it at this dojo. They had some outstanding instructors but I didn't get to work with them and instead got to work closely with one of their Nidans. In a few weeks' time it was obvious I knew more about training, technique, and execution than one of their second degree Black Belts. Sure he knew a few more moves but that was it. I felt he only mimicked the arts without understanding the real intent. I knew I had made a big mistake.

I returned to my original dojo with a sincere apology. Sensei accepted me back and told me that my desire for rank had been one of the things that had been keeping me back.

I finally realized what I had been told many times. Your belt holds your gi together. It is the knowledge gained from hard work and dedication to learning that is important, not the color of the belt. It was a lesson I never forgot.

By the time I got to Shodan those two old men made Sandan, but rank was no longer an issue.

In 1968 I left the dojo and moved to another city and opened my own dojo. I have been a school head and continually active in DanzanRyu ever since. As a school head and still seeking that knowledge, I expanded my cross training efforts. By keeping an open mind as well as open eyes, I found there was more to DanzanRyu than one single organization. I now belong to several national DanzanRyu organizations. I've trained with a great number of exceptional instructors and based on my lesson from Sensei, never asked for rank or recognition. However, over the years I have received both rank and recognition from hard work and dedication to the art.

When I first received recognition as a Professor of DanzanRyu, Professor Imi Okazaki Mullins, youngest daughter of Professor Henry Okazaki, bowed to me as she handed me a red and white belt and said, "My father would be proud." I would have not been so honored without the foundation training and early lessons I received from my Sensei.

TIME'S RUNNING OUT
REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND

**AJI's 70th BIRTHDAY
PARTY CELEBRATION**
July 10-13, 2009
in Waianae, Hawaii

The event will take place **July 10-13, 2009** at the Makaha Resort and Golf Club, 84-626 Makaha Valley Road, Waianae, Hawaii 96782. To call telephone (808) 695-9544, or call toll free at (866) 576-6447. To make reservations, contact reservations@makaharesort.net or go visit their website at <http://www.makaharesort.net>. Mention the AJI to get the group rates. Rates start at \$119 per night for a standard room and go up to \$269 for a parlor suite.

A tentative schedule is as follows: July 10 - Registration and a Night time get-together with no-host cocktails for the adults and a Swimming Pool Party for the kids. July 11 - All Day Clinics - all participants; Evening - Pupu Party at the BEACH. Yes, the real ocean! July 12 - Morning - Bus Adults to Honolulu to visit Prof. Okazaki's Gravesite and perhaps the Nikko. (The Nikko is not yet cleared with Hachiro.) Other sightseeing will take place. The kids will have a sutemi contest or additional clinics. (No kata, grappling, kumite, etc.) Depending on the interest, we may host more adult clinics in the morning, and do the gravesite visit in the afternoon. A Buffet Banquet will be held in the evening. July 13 - Morning - Breakfast Meeting; Afternoon - Classes for those interested at Waianae or Makakilo Dojo.

July 14 - 18 - Adults classes in the Koolau Mountains at Sensei Bruce Raney's home/dojo. Teahouse gathering to follow. These classes are a goodwill gesture and there will be no additional charge, or just a minimum charge to cover food and drinks. Most likely, this will be for black belts only. This portion is not yet confirmed, but is likely.

Hotel rates are good for the week prior to and the week after the event for those who want to hang around in the Waianae Coast. For those wanting to spend time in Waikiki, we will have rates at the Ocean Resort Hotel and Queen Kapiolani Hotels posted shortly.

A registration form can be found on page 15 of this newsletter, and is also available on the AJI Website.

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AJI 70th Anniversary – Registration Form

July 10-13 2009

Makaha Valley Resort – Hawaii

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ Age: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School or Organization: _____

Instructor: _____ email: _____

Hotel Information:

Makaha Resort Golf Club

84-626 Makaha Valley Road
 Waianae, Hi 96792
 For Reservations call 1-808-695-9544 Toll free: (866) 576-6447

Room Rates:

Standard Room \$ **119.00** Deluxe Room: \$ **129.00**
 Suite \$**249.00** Parlor Suite with Kitchen \$ **269.00**
*These rates will be honored for days prior to and after the event
 so that you could extend your stay and make it into a vacation!*

Mention the "AJI Anniversary Weekend" to receive these rates. Try and make your reservations no later the 30 to 90 days before the event. Within 30 days of the event, the number of available rooms at these rates will be reduced and may be harder to come by.

Reservations must be made and held by credit card.
 Cancellation must be made no later then 4 days before the event. Your credit card will be billed for one nights stay if cancellation is made within 72 hours before the event.

One Form Per Person Please!

Event	Cost	Amount
Child Clinic (16 yrs and under)	\$35.00	
Adult Clinic	\$70.00	
Child Banquet (11 yrs and Under)	\$ 35.00	
Adult Banquet (12 yrs and up)	\$ 47.00	
Youth T-Shirt ___SM ___M ___L ___XL	\$ 12.00	
Adult T-Shirt ___M ___L ___XL ___2XL ___3X	\$14.00	
Grappling Tournament – All Ages	\$20.00	
Okazaki Gravesite Visit	\$15.00	
AJI POLO Shirt ___M ___L ___XL ___2XL ___3X	25.00	

Make Checks Payable to: **AJI**

Do not send cash!

Web Site: <http://anniversary.americanjuitsuinstitute.org>

email: pra0005@hawaii.rr.com Event Coordinator:

Daniel W. Saragosa (808) 224-1142

Total:

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