

House of Martial Arts Karate Academy

October 2009

HMA Booster Club

Up coming events for the balance of the year, mark your calendars and bring your cameras.

The booster club only holds 2 fund raisers a year that pay for all the functions that are held at the school (see some of our functions listed below). We have already started our second fund raiser, the Steelers tickets raffle. We are asking everyone to participate and try to sell tickets. Please remember that our fund raisers pay for all of our functions held at or for HMA and to buy equipment for HMA.

Steelers Raffle Tickets 2 chances for \$5.00 each.

Tickets are now available for sale. The winner is based off of the Daily number and will receive 2 tickets to the Sunday Game, December 27th game at 1:00 pm* against our rival the Baltimore Ravens and \$ 100.00 in cash for refreshments and parking. The seller of the winning ticket will receive \$ 50.00. See any booster club member for tickets.

* Time may change due to flexible scheduling

Halloween Karate Party during classes on October 28 & 29, 2009. Kids dress up for class and have fun. The Booster club will distribute candy at the end of the classes.

Hall of Fame Karate Master Visit is scheduled for Sunday, November 15th from 6-9 pm at the Oakdale Community Center. In the past we have had visitors from England, Ireland, Australia, and Mexico. Students will participate along with demonstrations from our guests.

4th Annual ROCK FOR FOOD – is December 1, 2009 will start at 7:30 pm. This event benefits the local food bank. Last years event was a huge success. We are hoping to raise more than we did last year. We hope to have another basket to raffle off and a 50/50. All proceeds are donated to the food bank.

The 8th Annual Sammy Tennyson Memorial Toy Drive – drop off a donation or gift at House of Martial Arts until December 18, 2009. See a letter from the Tennysons' on page 2.

Santa Claus is coming to town on in December 17, 2009 from 5:30 – 7pm, right after little kicks. Kids bring your lists for Santa. Parents bring your cameras.

Bowling Party is already booked for March 21, 2010 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. More details to follow.

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Email Listing if anyone would like to be added or deleted from the email list, please send an email to the address listed under comments or suggestions or contact Jo Mondine. Please note that your email address is not distributed to anyone they are strictly kept within the HMA booster club. Only emails sent from the HMA booster club will be regarding functions at the HMA or the newsletter. Also the tournament information is a separate email list. You will only be sent an email regarding tournaments if you have contacted Richelle Ferree and asked to be on that list. If you wish to be added removed from that list, please contact Richelle Ferree at the address under Karate Tournament Information.

Booster club members are: Sensei Gino Bovo, Sensei Rich Bole, Jo Mondine, Andrea Plubell, CJ Reinstadtler, Bill Engel, Jay Kanish, Heather Wickline, Laura Bonenfant and Richelle Ferree.

If anyone would like to join the booster club, contact any member or attend the meeting at 10:20 am on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

Comments and Suggestions Feel free to send any comments and/or suggestions to help us improve to the HMA Booster Club at hmaboosterclub@hotmail.com

HMA Karate Academy did well in the PKRA 2009 Final Rankings (as of August 2009 and not including C.S. Kim's May 2009 tournament). **Congratulations to all.** We are only listing 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. We do have others not listed.

Cody Reinstadtler ranked 1st for 13 & 14 boys in Kata, Sparring and 13 to 17 boys in Weapons. Christian Deisher ranked 3rd for 12 & under Junior Black Belts in Kata.

Karate Tournament Information

If any one would like to know about upcoming karate tournaments in the area, please contact Richelle Ferree at mrsanders5@aol.com and she will forward you any information available.

Changes to the Saturday schedule

Kickboxing is moved to 9:15 am
Karate is moved to 11:00 am

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Hall of Fame Seminar and Banquet

The booster Club with the assistance of Sensei Gino Bovo would like to send one of the following students to the Hall of Fame Seminars and Black Tie Banquet. Sensei Gino Bovo has selected the following potential students to go to this event. What we are asking the HMA family to do is pick one of the five listed below to go (one vote per person please). This is a great learning opportunity for the students to learn other forms and styles of martial arts. Please only vote once. Fill out the block to the right 2 and put it in the box by the rear door. (Extra forms will be available at the school.) Please sign your name so we know who voted. Please vote by October 16, 2009.

Vote for **ONE** only

Please turn in by October 16, 2009

- John Abbatico
- Christopher Azzaretto
- Sam Engel
- David Mondine
- Madison Gregord

Signed _____

8th Annual Sammy Tennyson Memorial Toy Drive of Oakdale

Our family is getting ready to load up the U-Haul and play Santa once again!

We are collecting new toys and donations to be hand delivered to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh before Christmas.

This is our 8th Annual toy collection drive in loving memory of our son Sammy Tennyson who passed away 4 days before Christmas in 2001. We decided that year to donate all of his Christmas presents to Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh since he spent so much time there. Our tradition has continued to grow over the years through the generosity of friends, family & wonderful support such as "The House of Martial Arts" and its members.

So, if anyone is interested in donating, we are accepting any kind of NEW Toy from: books, videos, board games, puzzles, Barbie's, stuffed animals and toys for teenage kids too! *All toys must be **new** but books & video games may be used if they are still in good shape.* We will also accept monetary donations that will be combined to purchase items such as Playstations, XBOX, Wii, video games, DVD players, etc. for the play rooms. Checks can be made payable to Lisa Tennyson and they will be combined together to purchase gifts donated in the name of our son, Sammy Tennyson.

The purpose of our toy drive is to brighten a child's life and let them forget about their pain even if it is only for a little while. Toy donations will be given to the Child Life Department, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. This department provides activities, toys, movies, and other special projects for the in-house patients. (Any and all donations that are not given out at Christmas will be used throughout the year for prizes such as Bingo or other games, birthdays, etc.)

All toys must be **"UNWRAPPED"** due to security reasons and this also gives the opportunity for the staff to give each child an age-appropriate toy.

Please bring your donation to "The House of Martial Arts". There will be a donation box set up at the studio and we will be taking donations up to Friday December 18th and will be delivering them to Children's Hospital on Monday, December 21st.

If you have any question please call us at 724-693-2705, email us at douglas.tennyson@verizon.net or contact Sensei Gino. We are also more than happy to come pick up any donations!

We'd like to thank everyone in advance and wish all of you a happy and healthy Holiday Season!

Happy Holidays!

Doug, Lisa, Brad & Lucas Tennyson