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Dojo student newsletter

WEST VALLEY MARTIAL ARTS



"Who, being loved, is poor?" ~ Oscar Wilde

February, 2020

Helpless Love

Once upon a time, all feelings and emotions went to a coastal island for a vacation. According to their nature, each was having a good time. Suddenly, a warning of an impending storm was announced and everyone was advised to evacuate the island.

The announcement caused sudden panic. All rushed to their boats. Even damaged boats were quickly repaired and commissioned for duty.

Yet, Love did not wish to flee quickly. There was so much to do. But as the clouds darkened, Love realised it was time to leave. Alas, there were no boats to spare. Love looked around with hope.

Just then Prosperity passed by in a luxurious boat. Love shouted, "Prosperity, could you please take me in your boat?"

"No," replied Prosperity, "my boat is full of precious possessions, gold and silver. There is no place for you."

A little later Vanity came by in a beautiful boat. Again Love shouted, "Could you help me, Vanity? I am stranded and need a lift. Please take me with you."

Vanity responded haughtily, "No, I cannot take you with me. My boat will get soiled with your muddy feet."

Sorrow passed by after some time. Again, Love asked for help. But it was to no avail. "No, I cannot take you with me. I am so sad. I want to be by myself."

When Happiness passed by a few minutes later, Love again called for help. But Happiness was so happy that it did not look around, hardly concerned about anyone.

Love was growing restless and dejected. Just then somebody called out, "Come Love, I will take you with me." Love did not know who was being so magnanimous, but jumped on to the boat, greatly relieved that she would reach a safe place.

Mat Chats

Good Manners

Week 1. Polite Greeting

Week 2. Showing respect

Week 3. Playground manners

Week 4. The magic words and how to say them

On getting off the boat, Love met Knowledge. Puzzled, Love inquired, "Knowledge, do you know who so generously gave me a lift just when no one else wished to help?"

Knowledge smiled, "Oh, that was Time."

"And why would Time stop to pick me and take me to safety?" Love wondered.

Knowledge smiled with deep wisdom and replied, "Because only Time knows your true greatness and what you are capable of. Only Love can bring peace and great happiness in this world."

"The important message is that when we are prosperous, we overlook love. When we feel important, we forget love. Even in happiness and sorrow we forget love. Only with time do we realize the importance of love. Why wait that long? Why not make love a part of your life today?"

Author Unknown



Parents:

We have set our 2020 summer camp schedule!

These camps are available for students of *all skill levels* ages 7 and up.

All camps run from 9:00am - 3:00pm

June 15-19 Special Black Belt Kata: Nipaipo
(never taught in camp before!)

July 13-17 WEAPONS Kata: Sekkiun no Tanto
(Wooden knife)**

August 3-7 Special Black Belt Kata: Chinte

All camps will include: **special camp t-shirt, snacks, and lunch on Friday. \$349.00**

- Camp sizes are limited.
- ** The July camp will have a \$10 materials fee for the wooden knife.

Sensei Dan Wakefield has been running youth summer karate camps for over 25 years. These camps always prove to be a *fun, rewarding experience for kids.*

New Up-Coming Kata Seminar Series!

This year we are implementing a regularly scheduled kata seminar that will explore the kata of our system on a much deeper level. Although students can still complete all of their lessons and obtain the necessary information in their normal classes, these seminars will allow us to really hone in on the foundation of Shorinji Ryu. It will be one hour of high-intense training on February 22nd here at the dojo.

This month, the seminar will be focusing on two katas:

- Pinan Sandan (10am - 11am)
- Seisan (11am - 12pm)

Requirements:

- Pinan Sandan:
 - Blue belt or higher (knowledge of the pattern is not necessary)
- Seisan:
 - 3rd level Brown belt or higher

Things we will go over:

- Advanced Pattern Details
- Bunkai (application)
- Advanced Body Dynamics

Price: \$20 Per Student



FEBRUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 IF IT	27 WVMADOJO.COM (408) 871-8180	28	29	30	31	1
2 IS TO	3 Adult Advanced Class	4	5	6	7	8
9 BE, IT	10 Leadership Class	11	12	13	14	15
16 IS UP	17 Closed	18	19	20	21	22 Kata Seminars (see above)
23 TO ME!	24 Adult Advanced Class	25	26	27 Testing Regular class times Thurs & Fri	28	29