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DOJO NEWS

SHORIN-RYU KARATE USA
under the direction of
Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro &
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Message from Kyoshi

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 35th Anniversary Celebration in NYC. Everyone involved did a tremendous job in the organization of the event, the demonstrations, the testing of Blackbelts, the Shihan/Club Owners meetings and the interaction/exchange of Karate. Let 1998 be even more eventful. We are just beginning. It is not too late to improve ourselves. Thank you Hanshi Ansei Ueshiro for taking the first step in the U.S.A. and for guiding us through all the steps we have taken to this date.

Domo arigato from Kyoshi Robert Scaglione

Downtown Karate Dojo Sensei Matt Kaplan, Denshi/Shihan

Aloha from Hawaii and the Downtown Karate Dojo. First of all we would like to say; Happy 35th anniversary Master Ueshiro! May we all have many more anniversaries to look forward to. Thank you Kyoshi and Shihan for planning such an event. Also, we would like to express our appreciation to all of those in New York who gave the visiting Hawaii group a place to stay and time from their busy schedules during the anniversary celebration. It was truly the spirit of aloha. Those returning from New York will have stories and training tips to last for years. (at least until the 40th anniversary celebration!). Everything from the weapons, demos and the incredible breaks, to the fantastic sushi dinner (we love sushi in Hawaii) will long be remembered. Arigato everyone.

Things are moving forward for the dojo here in the Aloha State. We have a huge demo on First Night, an alcohol free New Years Eve celebration close to Downtown Honolulu. Thousands are expected to attend the festivities. Arigato Sensei Kaplan for connecting us with this great event. We have some new white belts on the deck showing great spirit and some of our older hands are moving up through the ranks. The spirit on the deck is good. However, we could always use a helping hand from our friends on the mainland. Think of it as a combination Hawaiian vacation/Karate training experience! Our doors are always open so come anytime. (but let Sensei Kaplan know first!) Aloha.

East Meets West Okinawan Karate Dojo Sensei Robert Hodes, Denshi/Shihan

NEW YEARS MESSAGE: All the Deshi at East Meets West wish everyone in Shorin-Ryu Karate USA under the direction of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro a healthy, happy, and joyous new year!

"Arigato gozaimasu Hanshi!" Thank you for your leadership and wisdom, especially in this, your 35th anniversary in the United States. We are all poised, ready to launch your system of Karate into the next millennium! "Arigato gozaimasu Kyoshi!" We are all merely vessels. You are both the conduit and keeper of Master Ueshiro's legacy of knowledge and wisdom. It is through your generosity and kindness that each of us "KEEPS MOVING FORWARD"! "Arigato gozaimasu!" to each and everyone who played a part in making 1997 a year of learning and growth----and thereby SUCCESS! We look forward to ringing in 1998 with a renewed spirit of brotherhood, with each Deshi of the entire system viewing every other Deshi as a true member of one larger family!

Happy New Year everyone!!!!!!

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Congratulations to everyone who participated or was a spectator at the 35th anniversary celebration. It was such a treat! Thank you Sensei Judy, Sensei Seeger, and Sensei Baker for doing such an outstanding job organizing and producing this event! The spirit of Hanshi and Kyoshi was evident everywhere thanks to your efforts!

BLACK BELT TEST AND DINNER:

Congratulations to one and all who participated in the Black Belt test. It is a testament to the strength of SHORIN RYU KARATE USA UNDER THE DIRECTION OF GRAND MASTER ANSEI UESHIRO that so many candidates were sponsored and that so many other black belts participated to make this such a memorable test! Arigato gozaimasu to everyone! DOMO ARIGATO GOZAIMASU! to Sensei Judy for her outstanding helmsmanship in Kyoshi's absence!

ARIGATO GOZAIMASU! to Sensei Baker and the HOMBURU DOJO for sponsoring the celebration, the test and the Black Belt Dinner. We are all indebted to you for your kindness and hospitality!

EAST MEETS WEST SIXTH ANNUAL COMPAI:

The Deshi of East Meets West sincerely wish to thank all of the guests who graced our compai with their presence. Arigato gozaimasu Seeger Sensei! Arigato gozaimasu Mackay Sensei! Arigato gozaimasu Sempai Gonzalez! Arigato gozaimasu Sempai Passoja! Arigato gozaimasu Sempai Chaskelson! Arigato gozaimasu Sempai Robinson! Arigato gozaimasu

to all the other guests of all ranks! It was so much fun to work out with all of you and then to welcome you to share in our compai! Please return soon!

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO MRS. PATRICIA SCAGLIONE:

All the Deshi of East Meets West wish to convey their heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your mother. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

**Israel Karate Dojo
Mr. Shlomo Dadon, Sho Dan**

I have just returned from visiting the Hombu dojo for the 35th anniversary celebration. New York, it's a very big city, but Shorin-Ryu Karate USA, Under the Direction of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro, is a GIANT. I saw many wonderful things. I saw many new things and I learned a lot from my experience there. Now I am in Eliat, and I try to give to my students everything I saw in New York. In about eight weeks we have promotions, so we are working very hard and making many corrections. The children and adults in our dojo need Karate very much and I need them very much. We have to move forward.

Arigato,
Mr. Shlomo Dadon

**Midtown Karate Dojo
Sensei David Baker, Denshi/Shihan**

It's a good thing that endorphins are legal because we're still "high" from the 35th Year Celebration this past December. Congratulations to Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro for 35 years of Shorin-Ryu Karate, USA, and once again, for coming to the United States to teach us Karate. Domo Arigato Gozaimasu Hanshi.

Arigato to all our brothers and sisters in our extended Karate family for making the trek to New York City to share the special weekend of celebration with us. Your spirit, demonstrations, and sweat were inspiring and will help sustain us until we next meet. Please stay in contact, especially through electronic mail and also help us grow the web site so that it reflects the strong organization that we now deploy. Those in the New York metropolitan area - let us strengthen each other and feed off each other so that we exploit each other's strengths and abilities. As in Okinawa, we now have practitioners of a high level who each have their unique talents to share. Mackay Sensei conducts a bo class every Wednesday evening here at Midtown and Goldenberg Sensei will soon have a sai class for all Ik-kyu and above who train that weapon.

Congratulations to all participants in the recent Dan promotion and let us all remember the adage, "You never fail until you stop trying." Best of luck, also, to everyone involved in the upcoming Kyu level promotions this coming February. The New York City promotion will be held Sunday February 8.

Let's all try to make our family larger by going out to our friends, our co-workers, and our family to tell them what Shorin-Ryu Karate means to us. Your word means a lot to those closest to you and will help them understand what Shorin-Ryu Karate does for you, and therefore what it can also do for them. We always need more members, like the proverbial shark that needs to constantly be moving to survive.

Arigato to everyone for all your spirit and hard work during 1997 and let's make 1998 a far greater year for Shorin-Ryu Karate, USA, under the direction of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro. Compai.

Maple Leaf Karate Club

Mr. Kenneth Cheung, Sho Dan and David Silverman

This year marked the beginning of Shorin-ryu in Canada headed up by Kenneth Cheung (Sho Dan) and David Silverman (Ik-kyu). All members have shown a big spirit, and we will be looking forward to our first tip test in the new year.

We have been meeting at the Jewish Community Center which is located downtown at the corner of Spadina and Bloor. Most students train on Saturdays and Mondays with additional training available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Currently we have three white belts (soon to be

Ro-kyu!!!) and we expect to be adding new members in '98.

Many thanks to our respective Shihan and Kyoshi for their continued support and we look forward to bigger and better training for everyone in 1998. Best of luck.

Naples Karate Club

Mr. Dale Adamson, Sho Dan

Onegaishimasu Kyoshi, Sensei, and Deshi from the Naples Karate Club. I have just returned from NYC, for a wonderful experience celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Master Ueshiro bringing Shorin-Ryu Karate to the United States. There were many demonstrations and innovative ideas for teaching Karate shared amongst ourselves. It was great to see friends that I haven't seen for 2 or 3 years.

Every one is training here, preparing for the upcoming New Year. We wish to offer our condolences and sympathy to Kyoshi and his wife Patricia for their recent loss.

I would like to share a thought for the new year, I have it posted in our workout area, but I cannot take credit for this simple poem.

In dwelling, live close to the ground.

In thinking, keep to the simple.

In conflict, be fair and generous.

In governing, don't try to control.

In work, do what you enjoy.

In family life, be completely present.

Tao te Ching

Simple words, but a strong message, Happy New Year everyone.

Arigato, Dale Adamson, Sho Dan

Okinawan Karate Dojo
Sensei Judy Scaglione, Denshi/Shihan

Greetings to our family of Dojo from Hawaii to Israel! The Okinawan Karate Dojo under the direction of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro is ending the year on an up note. We have a strong group of dedicated instructors and students on the path to enlightenment through the practice of kata and only the exercises and courtesies that are included in the red book, the green book and the white book! We are very proud to announce that we have now at the level of green belt from Czechoslovakia Kamil Graca, who attends classes here 6 days a week and even though he will have trained with us not quite a year we are promoting him rapidly and he will probably attain the rank of Ni-kyu during our August Promotion at which point he will be leaving for Europe and he will bring Shorin-Ryu Karate USA back to his homeland and we will have a new spot on the globe to visit and train! He is a strong Deshi in his early 20's with a big spirit and the right attitude. We will miss his presence on the deck but enjoy that he is propagating our art! The experiment of having several one hour classes on our schedule of 23 classes per week has shown that the one hour class is the most popular time slot. The theory that in this day and age Deshi who work long hours, have children and a relationship and all the other things that lead to a hectic pace in the 90's, have a hard time finding two hours for Karate seems to be true but the one hour time slot works well with as many as 15 in a class as opposed to 3 or 4 at the longer 2 hour workouts. In the spirit of communicating and staying connected and enjoying our interdependence to other Dojo and Clubs (the theme of the 35th anniversary celebration in NYC) we are welcoming Mr. Hall from the Titusville Karate Club to conduct the mandatory Brown belt class here on Merritt Island Thursday nights at 7:30pm We in turn will continue our trips to the Titusville Karate Club and also enjoy some beach work outs with our Titusville family. It is a tradition in our Dojo to have 10am workouts on all major holidays except Christmas. An annual New Years Day workout at the Titusville Karate Club has also become a tradition with us. We will continue to support this event.

Museum News:

We now have Japanese Movies with English sub- titles that we watch on the third Saturday of every month. This is a fun night to share popcorn and soda with fellow Deshi and explore the cultural differences between the east and the west. Last month we watched THE SEVEN SAMURAI, a black and white classic from the 40's. It was very enjoyable. Classic Japanese movies are available from the library and local video stores. A big Arigato to Sensei Steve Bevil for starting a 3 week program in the Museum about self-defense (totally separate from the Karate and it generated \$'s for the Museum!) it was taught in the Museum (with no blood on the walls!) 1 hour on Wednesdays. It drew nearly 10 students from the local paper and we will probably have this program again from time to time. During the 35th anniversary celebration in NYC a generous donation was presented to Sensei Judy for the Building Fund. Arigato to all who attended! Donations of all different amounts are still being received and financially we are holding our own. Arigato! A visitor from Hodes Sensei's Dojo, Sharon Bach visited last week with her family. Sharon is an artist from NYC and she was blown away by the beautiful Karate artwork, 5 foot water fountain, wall of honor, meditation gardens etc. It was announced at the 35th celebration that the 40th celebration of Shorin-Ryu Karate USA will be held in the Museum. How exciting to be able to have a shared vision and common goals. Let's stay on the path together and bask in the feeling of harmony, respect and keeping the Tradition alive. Thanks to Hanshi and Kyoshi's efforts to clearly define what is and is not classic Karate we all have a strong foundation in the art as was demonstrated by all of us at the 35th celebration at the Hombu Dojo in NYC.

Project Friendship Karate Club

Sensei Mark Goldenberg, San Dan and Mrs. Deby Goldenberg Sho Dan

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season.

Again, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Hanshi, Kyoshi, all Shihan, Club Directors, Dan ranks and Deshi for making the 35th anniversary celebration a truly sensational event! Lets use this energy level as a base level and build from here.

We were honored by Sensei Kaplans presence on December 16, 1997, who conducted the workout. He displayed great ability in relating to the children by creating games with the training and keeping the pace moving. We all learned a great deal from him.

We also thank Sempai William Kolbert for his continued support.

On December 16, 1997 Sensei Kaplan, Sensei Goldenberg, and Sempai Deby met with some of the executives at family and childrens agency (FCA) to discuss possible research into the benefits of Karate training through Project Friendship Karate Club. They seemed very responsive and enthusiastic. This was the first step and we will have ongoing discussions and keep moving forward. We brought up the possibility of adding another day of training and again they seemed responsive to this.

We also discussed having a demonstration within FCA to expose the 170 Children in the program to our Karate club. We will subsequently have a Demo next year for the community and try to get community businesses to Sponsor the event. Its all very exciting. I will be asking for volunteers for the Demonstrations.

Again, everyone is always welcome and encouraged to train with us at Project friendship Karate club on Tuesday evenings. Please call or e-mail us for directions (passai@prodigy.net).

Lets dedicate this year to increasing the level of our training.

Domo arigato,
Goldenberg Sensei, Sempai Deby.

Pine Forest Karate School
Sensei David Seeger, Denshi/Shihan

Thank you Kyoshi, because of your guidance The 35th Anniversary Celebration was a huge success. It was great seeing all our friends from Shorin-Ryu Karate USA under the direction of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro. We enjoyed watching all the demonstrations and we learned a lot from all the Deshi of our system.

Here is an excerpt from the opening remarks on December 12, 1997 by our Shihan, Seeger Sensei, President of Shorin-Ryu Karate USA, 35th Year Anniversary Celebration Committee.

"...This weekend we intend to celebrate, commemorate, and do honor to the 35th anniversary of a very special journey. A journey that has changed the lives of many, including everyone in this room tonight.

The journey of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro and his mission, given to him by Nagamine Sensei, his teacher and Master in Okinawa, to bring Shorin-Ryu Karate to America. A mission which Master Ansei Ueshiro accepted, despite many hardships and personal sacrifice, and a mission which he accomplished, despite the odds.

35 years ago Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro brought Karate to America and the organization that has since resulted has had a tremendous impact on all our lives, making us all into better people, in our bodies and minds, as well as creating a family of friends who support each other in times of hardship, celebrate in times of happiness, and most of all, encourage each other to just keep training."

Arigato to Teresa Knight for your purchase of Tamashiwara 1997 (90 min video) You must be a member of Shorin-Ryu Karate USA \$50.00 includes shipping and \$5.00 donation to Museum in your name.

The video that was shown at the Opening Night 35th Year Celebration; Shorin-Ryu Karate USA, Schools, Clubs & Museum Video (43 minutes) \$35.00 plus 3.50 shipping \$5.00 donation to Shorin-Ryu USA in your name. Call toll free 1-888--889-1555 (M-F 9:00 -5:00) or e-mail todayvideo@aol.com American Express accepted. The cost associated with these videos is significant. Please do not duplicate or distribute.

Titusville Karate Club
Mr. Ed Hall, Ni Dan
Mr. Brian Siegel, Sho Dan

Akemashite Omedato Gozaimasu from the Titusville Karate Club. Congratulations to all the participants in the events of the 35th year anniversary celebration. Domo arigato to all those who helped make it happen. If you could not attend, start planning and saving now for the 40th year anniversary.

This is the "year of the tiger" in the Chinese Zodiac. Sempai Hall was born in the year of the tiger and 1998 marks Mr. Hall's 20th year in Shorin-Ryu Karate USA, under the direction of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro. This makes for a fortuitous 1998 for our dojo, a year that Sempai Siegel has dubbed "the year of improvement". We have many exciting schemes to hatch in this year, so stay tuned in for details.

Some of the upcoming events sponsored by the Titusville Karate Club:

- ☪ Second Anniversary Workout January 1st
- ☪ Third annual O-Tsuna-Hiki (tug-o-war) February
- ☪ Dawn beach workouts (every Sunday)
- ☪ 15th Annual Easter Beach Run (4 miles) April, Daytona Beach Fl.

We would again like to urge everyone to participate in SRUSAOL (Shorin-Ryu USA On-Line). You don't need to own a computer, you just need access to one. You could use a friends computer, rent one at a Cybercafe, or use one at your local college or library. Shelly Palmer will give you an e-mail account for FREE! If you need information or have questions, feel free to call us anytime.

Arigato,

Ed Hall and Brian Siegel

Hong Kong Karate Club
Mr Alan Lai, Sho Dan

Greetings from Hong Kong Karate Club. Congratulations to the great success of the 35th Anniversary Celebration Event. We are still training hard together in the Sear Roger International School in Hong Kong. Although it is a small group, we are certain that this club is solid and strong. We have launched a recruiting campaign in school and are ready to recruit more people. Around one week after receiving the news (from Kaplan Sensei) of

the death of Master Nagamine, we conducted a memorial workout in which we started with a moment of silence followed with a bow to the Okinawan side and then worked on only F1 interrupted in every 5 Kata with all the famous sayings from Master Nagamine.

Domo Arigato

Alan Lai Sho Dan

Westport Connecticut Shorin-Ryu Karate Club Mr. William Kolbert, Sho Dan

The Westport Shorin-Ryu Club would like to congratulate and thank Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro for 35 years of Shorin-Ryu in the United States.

The Westport club greatly enjoyed the 35th celebration. With 5 members of the club attending the event, we prepared four demonstrations:

- ☞ Kata Fukyugata ichi**
- ☞ Kata Fukyugata san**
- ☞ Bun-kai to Fukyugata ichi**
- ☞ Bun-kai to Pinan yondan**

As we reflect upon the 35th celebration and prepare ourselves for the New Year, we have set the following goals for the Westport club during 1998:

- 1. Increased attendance of classes at the New York Dojo(s). During calendar 1997, the Westport club made three official visits to the Midtown Dojo. in 1998 we will double that number.**
- 2. In 1997 members of the Westport Karate club periodically, at no formal schedule, attended classes with the Norwalk Shorin-Ryu Karate club. In 1998, we are establishing a schedule where we will assign members of the Westport club to attend classes at the Norwalk club.**
- 3. As of January 1998, all members of the Westport club will be required to be members of the Shorin-Ryu Karate USA.**
- 4. Increase the size of the club from its current size of 8 members to 10 or more.**

Finally, the Westport club would like to wish everyone in the Shorin-Ryu USA family a happy and healthy new year. We will see you all on the deck - Arigato.

Pine Forest Karate Club of Northampton Mr. Pat Moriarty, Sho Dan

Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone in the Shorin-Ryu family from the Pine Forest Karate Club of Northampton. The club has been in existence for over three months now and all is progressing rather smoothly. We train at 221 Pine Street Northampton, MA three times a week. The current schedule includes classes Tuesday & Thursday evenings and

Sunday mornings. The club has ten active Deshi consisting of two Ni-Dan (Pat Moriarty & Dan Gobillot) one Yon-kyu (Christine Gobillot) and seven white belts.

The members of the Pine Forest Karate Club would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all for a warm welcome back home to Shorin-Ryu Karate USA. We are indebted to Kyoshi for his encouragement and sound advice. Domo Arigato Kyoshi. A special arigato goes to Baker Sensei and Seeger Sensei for their support. Arigato Sensei Judy for inviting us to the 35th Anniversary celebration events.

In December we held a spirited workout and toshikai to celebrate Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro' s journey to America The occasion was enjoyed by all and will become an annual event to remind us how fortunate we are of Hanshi's endeavors and compai his courageous efforts .

The club would like to extend an invitation to anyone from the Shorin-Ryu Organization to come up and join us for a class

Friends of Shorin-Ryu

Check with your Shihan before you travel to one of the following cites. Train with other members of Shorin-Ryu Karate USA.

- ☪ Sensei Joe Roberts, Kansas City, MO, 913-236-8196.
- ☪ Mr. Chris Howsman, Phoenix, AZ, 602-789-8281.
- ☪ Mr. Chris Barnes Santa Monica, CA, 310-393-6686.
- ☪ Ms. Kathy McMahon, Tokanga, CA, 818-716-1557
- ☪ Mr. Michael Taint, Dayton, OH.
- ☪ Mr. William Friesell, Chicago, IL, 773-380-5455.
- ☪ [Shelley and Jeff Gucker](#), Denver, CO, (800) 722-2408. Denver Karate Club:16th & Lincoln St.
- ☪ Liz DiPaola, San Diego, CA, 619-273-2229
- ☪ [Robert Dudley](#), Basking Ridge, NJ, 908-766-7092.
- ☪ [Anders Backstrand](#), Segersjovagen 9, 2 tr.147 61 Uttran, Sweden.
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