

The East Valley Kicker

"*Yii kutoo isugi.* /Do good things quickly." -Okinawan Proverb

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Welcome

- Jessie Lindner (adults)

Spring Camp Volunteers

We would greatly appreciate adult volunteers to help with the Spring Camp, especially around registration, start and end of the day (for set-up and clean-up), and meal times! We will have sign up sheets at the dojo, please let us know if you can help. This is a job especially fit for karate parents so the students can focus on participating in the camp.

We are also looking to borrow a few items to make the camp more comfortable. We could use: chairs, tables, shade canopies (like ez ups), large drink cooler/dispensers, electric woks, coffee makers and large crock pots. If you can loan any of these items, please let us know & thank you for your help!!

Porter Demo

We did it last year and we're doing it again! Porter Elementary School invited us back to demonstrate karate at their evening Spring Carnival, Fri. 3/27. Sign up at the dojo & come to practices!

The Free Karate Lesson by Jenifer Tull-

"Hi, My name is Karl Bayero from Sand ton, South Africa. I would like to know if you can take my colleague and I in private lessons during our vacation in Gilbert, AZ? How much do you charge? Regards, Karl."

This is the e-mail I got last November. I e-mailed back with a price for classes and private lessons for 3 months for 2 people.

He was agreeable to this, "We see this vacation as an opportunity to learn martial art. It would be paid for by our company as our vacation bonus. We can get the details to our boss and the form of payment would be a certified check. We would appreciate a quick response."

I was still skeptical, yet excited about the idea of visitors from South Africa joining us for a few months. Karl seemed very polite from his e-mails. I sent him our dojo address.

A check arrived expediently. It was from a Slim and Jim's Tool supply in Florida with a note saying it was from "Karl Bayeros Boss." I Googled Slim and Jim's and found a website for a company. I deposited

the check and the bank manager was there to hear the situation. He said to wait until it cleared. A couple days later I checked our account online and it looked like the check had cleared, saying "counter deposit."

Then I got this e-mail, "Hi, I received a sad news from my colleagues that his mother died. He will have to stay for the funeral. He will no longer be able to come for the vacation. I will be the only person coming down to Arizona. Since he will not be coming, he needs his training fees sent to him in Belgium. Please I need you to make a partial withdrawal of \$700, use \$80 as the western union charges and have it sent to my colleague through Western Union Money Transfer. I will balance up my training fees when I get there with you. Here is the information to send my colleagues refunds to ... Once you have send to him, please provide me with the Western Union details."

Not that I would wire money to a stranger anyway, but thanks to Craigslist warnings this was a huge red flag. I talked to our bank manager again. He called Slim & Jim's and

talked to the man named on the check, who said someone had been writing bad checks out of his account.

I wrote back to Karl immediately: "Karl, Our most important lessons come from the Dojo Kun. I know you will benefit yourself and others if you take these ones to heart: Strive for a good moral character; Keep an honest and sincere way; and Restrain my physical abilities through spiritual attainment. Physical abilities don't mean just punching someone, but they also include what you say, what you write and anything you do.

I am confident that you can find your prosperity using your gifts, talents and passions to help others. These words are from my heart, without any pretenses or lies, to your heart. Whether you choose to open your heart to them is up to you.

That lesson is free. I still wish you blessings Karl, or whoever you are.

Take care, Jenifer Tull-Gauger Shihan"

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KENSHIN KAN EVENTS

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Weapon of the month: Bo

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Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Early Registration Deadline for Spring Camp.
8	9	10 <i>Chase's Birthday</i>	11	12	13 7:10-8pm BBC. <i>Monica's B-day</i>	14 Last Day to place Century Orders this month. Adult Black Belts 1:15p
15 <i>Davydd's Birthday</i>	16	17 <i>Gauger Shihan's Birthday</i>	18	19	20 Spring Camp begins registration/open floor 4-6p. No regular class. <i>Adam's Birthday</i>	21 Spring Camp continues 7a. No regular class.
22 Spring Camp continues 8a. Potluck 12:30p. <i>Nick's & Joshua's B-day</i>	23 Kanji Class w/ Kaicho 6-8:30p, \$20 inc. pad & pen. No wpns./adults	24 Plan Demo & practice in 6:10p class. <i>Tull-Gauger Shihan's Bday</i>	25	26 Demo practice during class. Certs. & Test (full white uniform) 6:35p.	27 Demo at Porter. Practice time t.b.a. No regular class.	28
29 <i>Neubert Sensei's Birthday</i>	30	31	1 (April)	2 (April) Teen Meeting 6:35p.		