



The East Valley Kicker

“To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest.” -Mahatma Gandhi

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SEPTEMBER 2014

Welcome

- ♦ Gerardo Cuevas (Adults)
- ♦ Kenya Peralta (Kids)
- ♦ Lizbeth Peralta (Kids)
- ♦ Maria Peralta (Kids)

DOJO TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Teen movie night at Supersition Cinema will take place the evening of Saturday, Sept. 20th. Teens, watch your e-mail and/or texts that week to vote on which movie to see.

INSTRUCTOR CAMP

Kaicho's annual Instructor Camp at HQ in Missouri is Fri.-Sat.-Sun. Oct. 17th thru 19th.



The East Valley Kicker is provided courtesy of East Valley Martial Arts—Kenshin Kan

Head Instructors:
Kirk Gauger,
Renshi, 5th Dan &
Jenifer Tull-Gauger,
Renshi, 5th Dan

DON'T CALL ME LATE FOR DINNER

By Jenifer Tull-Gauger Renshi, 5th Dan

Some people say, “I don’t care what you call me, just don’t call me late for dinner.” Some parents don’t mind their kids calling them by their first names. Some aunts and uncles prefer their nephews and nieces to call them by their first names, with no endearing family title.

Gauger Renshi and I are not some people. We prefer our younger family to call us by a family title. We don’t like kids to call us simply by our first names. When it comes to our students, we have extremely special relationships which take more explaining than the above.

My teachers called me Jen or Jenifer. My parents and cousins, doctors and friends call me by my first name, so do telemarketers. There is nothing special about that. In so doing, they are doing nothing more

than getting my momentary attention.

However, when a student calls me Renshi (or Shihan, or Sensei), they are doing more than addressing me. They are reminding me of my responsibilities as a dojo leader, and as a martial arts instructor. Those responsibilities include: considering what is best for my students and our dojo; being the best martial artist I can be, in all facets of my life; being a mentor in any capacity that’s needed; and serving our community.

When I hear my title, Renshi, it’s a subconscious reminder that I am a role-model for many, young and old alike. I hold my students to a higher standard, and they hold me to one as well. Out of all the people I speak with, only a small percent are in the position to call me Renshi.

The relationship be-

tween a traditional martial arts instructor and his student is a special one unlike any other single relationship in a person’s life. A sensei is like a respected older family member, but a sensei also sweats with and works hard with her student. The sensei has a lot to teach and cares about the well-being and the training of his student. She is a sounding-board at times, and an advice-giver at others. He pushes his student to strive for excellence. At the same time, when the student respects his sensei, as can be evidenced by calling him by his title, the student pushes his sensei to strive for excellence as well.

Anyone can call me by my first name, but when you call me by me title as an instructor, you reaffirm that what I do every day is worthwhile and valuable to us both.

SEP. WEAPON: **Bo, Jo, etc.** (for Oct.: nunchaku),
 FOCUS: **Dojo Kun #2**



September 2014

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RENSHIS' CELL: (480) 330-8886

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No classes, Dojo Closed <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Japanese Language Lessons (Session 2), 7:10 to 8:10pm, **\$20 per 4-week session.	9	10	11	12	13 Black Belt Club for BBC members 9:10am.
14	15 Japanese Language Lesson, 7:10 to 8:10 pm**.	16	17	18	19	20 Last day to place Century orders for this month.
21	22 Japanese Language Lesson, 7:10 to 8:10 pm**.	23	24	25	26	27 Class at 9:10am only. Certificates* & Test* 10:10a.
28	29 Japanese Language Lesson, 7:10 to 8:10 pm**.	30				
<p>Certificate Ceremony & Testing takes place the last Saturday of each month, except holidays. There will be no 10:10am or 11:10am classes then; All Ranks are welcome to come to class at 9:10am that day and train separate from Black Belts.</p>						

* = Wear full formal gi / uniform.