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Editor’s Letter:

Greetings to All WHA members. We hope you are winding out 2012 with a real bang and on behalf of the WHA we would like to wish you a happy holiday season. We also want to remind you that the 2013 WHA winter camp will be February 22, 23 & 24 (Fri, Sat & Sun) in Santa Monica, California.

Camp will begin on Friday, February 22nd at 3:00 pm for WHA certified black belts; then all belt levels (including Black Belts) will start training at 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm with a black belt test starting at 6:15 pm.

Camp will begin on Saturday at approximately 9:30am and end at 6pm. Sunday we will start at 9:30am and finish at approximately 11:30am.

PLEASE NOTE: If you own an Official WHA Charter School or if you are a Certified WHA Black Belt and would like to request a private / semi-private lesson with Grand Master Jung then he will be available the Monday through Thursday before camp starts. Please call WHA Headquarters at 805-495-9622 for details and availability.

-Master Monty Hendrix
WHA Eastern U.S. Director
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The WHA Is Pleased To Announce
The Promotion To
Cho Dan / 1st Degree Black Belt:

James LeClair
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Jeff Hill
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Martial Arts Society, TX

Congratulations, Gentlemen!

Master Dan Piller
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Video Training Tip With
WHA Eastern U.S. Director
Master Monty Hendrix:

In this six and half minute video
WHA Master Monty Hendrix goes
over two techniques against a
“hay maker” wild punch. First, the
leg drag. Then he goes over the
standing arm triangle choke
followed by the cross leg sweep
which leads into a finish with the
arm triangle choke on the ground.
He also discusses correct body
positioning and self defense
theories. This short concept based
video is guaranteed to improve your
HapKiDo techniques while
expanding your repertoire.

Click Here To Link

-Master Hendrix
WHA Eastern USA Director

“In fighting and in everyday life you should
be determined though calm. Meet the situ-
ation without tenseness yet not recklessly,
your spirit settled yet unbiased. An elevated
spirit is weak and a low spirit is weak. Do
not let the enemy see your spirit.”

Miyamoto Musashi
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Thank you,
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‘2 + 2 = 4, 4 \times 4 = 16’, over and over do we practice this spoken mantra to memorize the bare essentials of mathematics. This founding, rudimentary routine is the very essence how the human is designed to learn. If the given goal is to memorize the times tables one would not set out to practice the mantra of ‘3 \times 3 is 9’ while at a rock concert. The human mind is better tuned to repetition via mundane chores. While cleaning his room a young boy repeats his times tables over and over as to learn them while he is doing his chores. However, one must ask how the child knows to do his chores so easily. Chores, a routine that he has developed by first trying then refining, he can clean his room in twenty minutes and still make it out to play. When he gets done with his chores he can now go out and play football and practice and refine another set of skills with his childhood friends.

There is a general pattern that is found in human behavior that I like to refer to as accept, adapt and overcome. We must first accept the given circumstances, loosely stated as our task or mission. As we make a simple plan to accomplish this task, we adapt with feedback from performing it over and over. The best, most efficient process is one that we can accomplish for ourselves. Once we have adapted to all given circumstances we begin to overcome the task itself and overcome its simple rubric of ‘step A to step B’ and develop a refined insight as to the process. This accept, adapt and overcome type of thinking allows us to have positive and negative feedback, refine the process to the given maximum threshold and overcome to a level never thought imaginable.

Imagine the first punch thrown towards your face during the innocence of childhood. Most of you didn’t see it coming and found yourselves on your rear end looking up dazed and confused. Analyzed over time however, the more punches thrown at you the more efficient you become out of the sheer necessity of not being hurt or hit. You may choose to fight back or simply evade and avoid. It is debatable as to which is the proper response and will always continue to be argued. However, what cannot be argued is the process of refining the learning of how to evade the right fist of the given bully in the neighborhood.

Continued
Active Meditation is simply stated as being aware of your given surroundings and learning to accept the given circumstances. Instead of letting rage and adrenaline (chemical neurotransmitters) take over our actions, we can learn to stand in the middle of a battle and be completely conscious and alert. Not attacking out of fear, but out of need and respect for the given situation. We must learn to face the danger and recognize it, train for it and find the best approach for our given self to react.

Instead of just walking, learn to find balance and comfort in the foot step. Connect with the ground that will provide support for all of your activities. Notice how if you flex your toes forward when walking how the weight in your body naturally transitions to keep the body in harmony. Observe your walking and perfect it. This sounds ridiculous for most, ‘I already know how to walk’. Do you? Do you know how to walk on your toes, backwards being chased? The skeptic would say that will never happen but as we all know with any basic grappling class this happens all the time.

The point is very simple, train from the bottom up not from the top down. Refine your foundation, being mindful that the roof will not be strong if the foundation of the house is sinking in the mud. Learn to take pride in the ability to perfect the simple task of standing without the need for movement. Let your mind be active in absorption via observation. Feel how your body tightens up before you even begin to counter the right hand punch from the bully. Take a breath. Learn to accept that the bully is not the enemy, your discipline and control over your actions is the skill to master.

Ask your training partner to throw 1000 punches next to your left ear and observe how you respond at first. Take the errors for what they are and accept it. Learn to refine those errors as you progress through the punches, take pride in the discipline, not the end result. Find respect in yourself and your partner for even having the opportunity to take on such a monumental task. Yes, many will not understand this practice. They may even chuckle. By the end of the 1000 punches you will have started to master the sheer ability to recognize the art of breathing, visually training and refining your reflexes to a given stimulus far greater than imaginable.

Meditation is not some type of mind control. It is the ability to clear one’s mind of unnecessary thought. We do not need rage to respond to the fist we need faith in our ability. We must discipline ourselves to always be humble. Open our minds to the possibility of failure and realize that landing on our rear end is not the end of the world but a beginning to a path that will lead us
to a greater outcome. This process of learning to breath, stay calm, open and relaxed no matter what the circumstance, will free us from the constraints of undisciplined reactions. Simply stated, there is more to learn from falling than how to throw a punch. The punch gives us only one option, the art of falling gives us the option to get back up again and again.

Meditation is a way of life that can be practiced at all times of life no matter what the circumstances. Be in the moment. Do not let your mind wander, when it does, come back to what is present. Learn to enjoy the emotions but do not lose control over oneself. Find the pleasure in the joke, enjoy the laughter and realize just how special that moment is. Take a breath and move forward with the moment waiting for the next opportunity to absorb. Breathe it in like a sponge does with moisture. Soak the moments in like moisture into the soul, allow the brain to process and breathe. You will find that you are learning control not over the moment or oneself but control of the process. This process is what many books and training videos are based upon.

Meditation is not about clearing one’s mind of all thought but allowing the thought to be clear. Ponder the concept of how easy it is to recite the ‘A, B, C’s' or the ‘times tables’. They become a part of us like another appendage that is always there. The same can be said for any thought or action. Practice with a disciplined mind, with clear, focused thoughts and you will find that you are not learning a martial art skill but adding to your ever growing repertoire of skill sets that you can use throughout your life.

Dr. William Tye
Doctor Of Oriental Medicine
WHA Brown Belt Under Mr. Maisonet In Florida

WHA Charter School
Essential Martial Arts
Holds November
HapKiDo Belt Promotion.

The Greensboro, North Carolina exam was overseen by WHA Eastern U.S.A. Director, Master Monty Hendrix along with WHA Director’s Assistant and 3rd Degree Black Belt Dr. Bruce McIllican.

Pictured from Left to Right:
Terrell Snead: Promoted to Yellow Belt - 9th Gup
Stephen Lovejoy: Promoted to Yellow Belt - 9th Gup
Cory Harris: Promoted to Yellow Belt - 9th Gup
Roland Moore: Promoted to Sr. Brown Belt - 3rd Gup
Carrie Hughes: Promoted to Green Belt - 6th Gup

Not Pictured:
Hayden Lawrence: Promoted to Sr. Brown Belt - 3rd Gup
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Come be part of the family! We look forward to seeing you in February in Santa Monica!

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Camp Schedule
Friday, February 22nd
  3:00 pm: Training For WHA Certified Black Belts Only
  4:30 pm - 6:00 pm: Training For All Belt Levels (Including Black Belts)
  6:15 pm: Black Belt Test

Saturday, February 23rd
  Start Time: 9:30am (All Belt Levels)
  End Time: 6pm

Sunday, February 24th
  Start Time: 9:30am (All Belt Levels)
  End Time: 11:30am

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Hapkido Korean Terminology
A Deeper Look Into The Words Of The Way

Three Principles Of Hapkido
원: Won - Meaning “Circle”
유; Yu - Meaning “Flow”
It can also be translated as ‘Flow of water” and “Principle of water” which describes that water runs from high point to low point, yields and reflects.
The principle of “Yu” is also a main characteristic of all soft style Martial Arts such as ‘Yu-Do” or “Judo” and “YuSool” or “Ju-jitsu”.
화: Hwa - Meaning “Harmony”
“Hwa” basically is the combination and balance of two extremes, such as EumYang(Yin-Yang) male and female, Sun and Moon, Hard style and Soft style Martial Arts...and only by the combination and balance of these extremes the perfection is to be created.
This principle also teaches us

‘중도”(Joong-Do), Meaning the “middle way”, which is a very important concept in Buddhism.

Four Elements of Hapkido
치기: Chi-ki  Meaning to ‘Hit”
차기: Cha-ki  Meaning to “Kick”
꺽기: Keuk-ki  Meaning to “Twist or Lock”
던지기: Dun-Chi-ki  Meaning to “Throw or Take-down”

If you have any further questions about hands or any other names of Hapkido techniques in Korean, please send your questions to HapkidoDictionary@worldhapkido.com and you will receive your answer by the next newsletter.
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Send us a bio on the school, instructor(s) and a photo and we will include it.

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