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In the spotlight

The students of Sharkey's Karate Studios have been working very hard and have been quite busy in the month of December. On Friday, December 2nd, Sharkey's Karate Performance Team put on a half time show for the Momenca High School varsity basketball game. It was a big hit bringing the crowd to their feet. Thank you to Mrs. Pappas and Mr. Schaafsma for making it possible.

Saturday, December 17th, the Sharkey's Karate Performance Team and students of Sharkey's Karate Studios performed at a benefit, for Danny Peddycord, at Riverfront Ford, in Momenca. The students performed their Traditional Martial Arts combined with modern Extreme Martial Arts. The ages of students ranged from 4 to 35. Students from the Lil' Sharks Class (for ages 3-5) showed off basic karate techniques that they are learning during their class time.

At 5:00 pm, Santa Claus drew the winning name for the car that was raffled off. Mr. (Sensei) John Sharkey, of Sharkey's Karate Studios, was the winner. It was very exciting for him and all of his students, especially, for one student, who will soon be turning 16. Mr. Sharkey told this student, that if he won, he could have the car. Mr. Sharkey has never won anything in the past and was not expecting to win a car. But as luck would have it, this time - he won! And, like always, he is keeping his word.

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Quotes to Ponder

When we fail to praise someone who deserves praise, two sad things happen: We run a chance of driving him from the right road for want of encouragement, and we deprive ourselves of one of the very happiest of our privileges – the privilege of rewarding labor that deserves a reward.
— John Ruskin

Tribulation will not hurt you, unless as it too often does; it hardens you and makes you sour, narrow, and skeptical.
— Edwin Hubbel Chapin

Surely, in the light of history, it is more intelligent to hope rather than fear, to try rather than not to try.
— Eleanor Roosevelt

One great cause of failure is lack of concentration. —
Bruce Lee

Success --- seems to be connected with action. Successful men keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit. — Conrad Hilton

The first thing is to love your sport. Never do it to please someone else. It has to be yours.
— Peggy Fleming

In the spotlight

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Group photo taken with Dan Hampton

On Sunday, December 18th, the team performed for Trilla Steel Drum Corporation's Christmas party, at Nikos Restaurant, in Bridgeview. The students were treated to a delicious dinner and were able to meet Chicago Bear, Superbowl Champion, Dan Hampton. All the students and the parents were very excited to meet him and even more excited to get a picture with him!

Every one had a great time, and are continuing to work hard for upcoming tournaments and other performances. All of us from Sharkey's Karate Studios would like to thank Ken Hook, of Riverfront Ford, for allowing us to perform on Saturday, and to Susan, for asking our team to perform, on Sunday. We would also like to give a very special thank you, to Kim Dennison, for all of her efforts to make these performances possible.

Interested in having Sharkey's Karate Performance Team at your next business or organizational function? Contact Sensei Sharkey at Sharkey100@aol.com for more information.

Sideswipe goes to college

Members of Matt Mullin's Sideswipe Performance Team and Kids Sideswipe put on a half time show to a crowd of thousands during a Penn State Basketball game. Sensei Chris Brewster led the team through the performance where they demonstrated their talents in extreme martial arts and weapons. The crowd was a blazed with cheers after the team finished.

The Sideswipe Performance Team and Kids Sideswipe has played all over the country and has been seen on several television programs such as Ellen Degeneres Show, The Jerry Lewis Telethon, The Steve Harvey Show and Good Morning L.A. For more information about Sideswipe you can visit www.sideswipepro.com.



The Sideswipe group posing prior to the start of the game. (L-R Will Greenburg, Donald Mills, Chris Brewster, Brendon Huor, Emilio Velazquez, A.J. Blume, Dyana Huor)



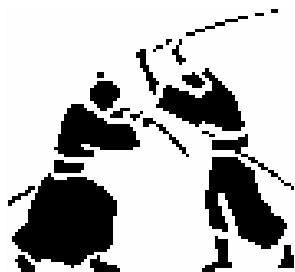
41st Annual AKA Banquet

Come join us as we celebrate the 41st Annual AKA Banquet on Saturday February 18th, 2006 beginning at 6pm. The AKA Banquet is a time to celebrate the achievement of its members and competitors for the 2004-2005 season. Plus we will be inducting new members into the AKA Hall of Fame. There will be DJ and Dancing as well as a buffet. Tickets are \$45.00 if purchased before February 1st and \$50.00 dollars if purchased after the first. All proceeds help benefit the American Karate Association which is a not-for-profit organization.

Stripe & Belt Testing

The next stripe testing for the Naperville location will be held Monday and Tuesday February 20th and 21st. Our next belt testing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday February 22nd. Applications can be picked up at the front desk for belt testing.

Kenjutsu Rank Testing



February 24th will be the next date for the sword class rank test. Review for the test will be held February 12th. All students should attend if they are wishing to participate in the rank testing.

Valentine Workout

Join us February 17 from 6pm—8pm as we celebrate Valentine's Day with our annual Valentine workout. This is for ranks and ages and students are encouraged to bring a friend. Pick up one of our Valentine cards and write your name on it and give it to a friend. This card will also entitle them to a free week of lessons. If that person signs up, we'll give you \$50.00! So don't delay and get those cards passed out.



Sparring Classes

For those who may have not noticed, we have begun implementing sparring into the classes. Just a reminder, that students must have their own sparring gear in order to participate. We are offering a group package for Century Student Gear sparring equipment for \$98.50 (plus tax). This includes the head gear, hand gear, foot gear, mouth piece, mouth piece carrying case and a tote bag. This is a 15% discount off of the entire set if you were to purchase each part separately. Please see Sensei Jeremy for more details.

For wishing to participate in the after class sparring sessions on Thursdays must sign up at the front desk. We must have a minimum of 5 people in order to hold this session. This session will be instructed by Sensei Jeremy, Sensei Ty or Sensei Brian. The class will be held from 7:15-7:45.



January/February Birthdays

Sergio Velazquez	1/14
Aaron Doud	1/14
Gideon Jonkman	1/29
Alyssa Hoevker	1/30
Misty Struble	2/4
Bill Simmons	2/15
Brandon Sayers	2/15
Maria Cryer	2/18
Tom Burbie	2/21
Juan Tobar	2/27

Happy Birthday everyone!