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Dai-Shihan Joseph Holck 1926 – 2011

Joichi Matsuno was born in 1926 in Hawaii, a product of his Japanese and Hawaiian parents. In the mid-1930s, He went to a local judo teacher with the intention of learning, but was turned away because of his mixed heritage.

In 1938 he found out about Professor Okazaki's class and promptly joined the dojo. He sold newspapers on a street corner to make enough money to take the class. That started his lifelong study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu and his dedication to Professor Okazaki.

He changed his name to Joseph Holck to avoid the anti-Japanese sentiment that pervaded the United States during World War II. He volunteered for the army in 1944. Because of his martial arts background, he served as a hand-to-hand combat instructor for his basic training unit and for the 9th Infantry Division Non-Commissioned Officers' Academy.

After serving in Europe during the war, he returned to Hawaii in 1947 and began studying with Professor Sig Kufferath. He received his instructor scroll from Professor Okazaki in 1949.

In the late 1940s, along with Peter Choo, Adriano Emperado, Clarence Chang, and Frank Ordenez, Dai-Shihan Holck was a co-founder of Kajukenbo.

In 1964 he moved to Tucson, Arizona, at the urging of his brother Roy, to help establish Danzan Ryu Jujitsu in the southwest.

Dai-Shihan Holck founded Kodenkan Yudanshakai in 1967. Today the organization has more than fifty black belts who practice Danzan Ryu around the United States.

In 1985, Dai-Shihan Holck surprised everyone at the Shoshin Ryu banquet by promoting Professor Chubb to the rank of Rokudan. Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai recognized both Professor Carl Beaver and Dai-Shihan Holck as Judans in 1988.

In recent years Dai-Shihan Holck has had trouble with any number of ailments that have kept him off the mat. He passed away on November 6, 2011, at 7:45 a.m. in Tucson, Arizona.

He was among the last living students to have learned from Professor Okazaki.

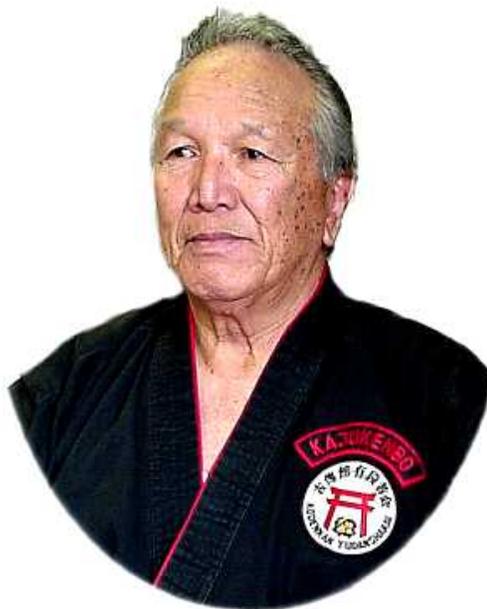


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Yudansha Notes

Letters for Donn Hearn

For seven years, Sensei Donn Hearn has taught the students of the Braille Institute judo, jujitsu, and karate. Many of Donn's students have been with him since he started teaching, and have learned so much from him. Some of those students wished to express what they learned in these letters to honor Sensei Donn.

Donn Hearn taught me there is more to see in the future than in the present. Also, to believe in your dreams. Responsibility is a privilege not a right. Sincerely, Daniel Munden

Donn Hearn is a person who is very helpful and inspirational. Another thing that I like about Donn is that he is very patient with the students at Braille. He is also very generous because he gives up his time to go and teach me and my classmates. He will sometimes ask me to help him teach the other students because I catch on very quickly and have a lot more sight than other students. Donn has taught me that, even though I do not have the use of both arms and legs, I am still able to defend myself with modified throws and techniques. He will always make sure that we are prepared for a tournament. Even though it takes a while to practice, he will still make sure that we are ready to bring home a medal. Thank you, Donn, for teaching me everything I know and I hope to learn much more. Sincerely, Hector Jauregui

Donn is a great judo teacher. He treats everyone with respect and helps us perfect our judo throws or moves. He may be tough sometimes, but that helps us move towards being a ready striker and not a hesitant fighter. However, he also teaches us that using judo is only for self-defense and not judo-flipping anyone who annoys you. I have learned a lot from Donn, and I hope he teaches the wisdom he taught us to anyone else who comes to judo. That's why Donn is a great and wise teacher. Sincerely, Allen Collins

I am personally thankful to Donn Hearn for all he has done for us here at the Braille Institute. I am proud and honored to have Donn as my instructor. He is an outstanding role model whom I deeply respect and proudly follow. He has not only taught me the throws, falls, and take downs in judo, but has taught me discipline and humility. He always encourages us to be better, to try harder, to succeed. He has never let our visual impairment be a handicap and is patient with each and every one of us. Before class begins, he always has some sort of advice to give us. He shares his knowledge and experiences with us so that we can be better martial artists and better people. I love being in Donn's class and hope to continue learning from him for a long time to come. With respect and sincerity, Adrian Vazquez

One of the greatest role models and inspirations in my life is Donn Hearn. Ever since I met him, he's been a wonderful instructor and an amazing person, teaching everything from falls to morals, take downs to humility, and throws to integrity. It's as if he doesn't even notice that my friends and I are visually impaired; he can adapt any technique for us and always treats us as he would anyone else. When Donn praises or promotes me, I know I truly earned it. Being in his class is both fun and educational, a combination that keeps me looking forward to every Wednesday. Words can't express how thankful I am to Donn for everything he has taught me and my peers. I am immensely proud and honored to be able to call myself his student. With much love and respect, Kimberly O'Campo

Promotions

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Just a Few Old Photos

By
Bryan Stanley

Some months ago, after my pestering him via e-mail and terse phone messages, Professor Bill Fischer downloaded a cornucopia of photos from the early days of Shoshin Ryu. Most of them are from banquets, competitions, or clinics from the early 80s and mid-90s.

He sent pictures of people who are no longer with us, pictures of young men who are now middle aged, and pictures of people who were part of Shoshin Ryu for only a short time.

Rather than have them sit on a computer, it may be better to share them with the world. Not all of them, but some of them, so we can see or remember what it was like way back when.



If your sensei was around in the mid-80s, he or she has probably told you about how the kata contests “used to be.” This picture was taken at the Jerome Center in Santa Ana. Notice a few things. First of all the mats covered the entire basketball court. That should be a clue as to the number of junior competitors present at a “normal old Saturday morning kata contest.”

The man addressing the crowd is Professor Bill Fischer. Yes, the same guy. He was young once. Really. I swear. But

it’s nice to have evidence anyway.

Every year Kodokan Yudanshakai would throw a formal sake ceremony in Tucson, Arizona, for black belts only. In this picture from 1989 (left to right) Professors Joe Ristrom, Mike Chubb, Bill Randle, Jim Marcinkus, and Roger Medlen were on hand for the ceremony.



Where are they now? Professor Ristrom is still practicing martial arts, most recently with Dan Inosanto. Professor Chubb is the Sensei of the Boulder City Jujitsu Club. Professor William Randle is Sensei of the Westside YMCA dojo in Santa Monica. Professor Jim Marcinkus passed away on February 2, 2000. Professor Roger Medlen is Sensei of the Mesa YMCA dojo and is preparing to run the Catalina Marathon in 2012.

After Ohana ’90, it was difficult to tell if the Shoshin Ryu reunion weekend was a Shoshin Ryu function or a mini-Ohana. The next picture from 1991 helps to illustrate that point. On the stage are Professor Francisco Limbago, Professor Wally Jay, and Professor Antone “Tony” Gonzales. Professors Limbago and Gonzales were part of the American Jujitsu Institute and Professor Jay was part of Jujitsu America.

(See “**Old Photos**” on page **SEVEN**)



Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai



Membership form

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Danzan Ryu Hall of Fame

Professor William Fischer Inducted in 2005

Professor Bill Fischer began his martial arts training in 1965 in Kodokan judo under Sensei Bill White. In 1966, he helped organize a Shotokan Karate club under sensei Robert Buschelman at Loyola High School, Los Angeles, the first of its kind in the nation. It is still in existence.

Following high school in 1967, he attended St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California, and joined the college judo team under its chief instructor, Clyde Zimmerman. He was appointed an assistant instructor in 1968 and, upon sensei Zimmerman's graduation in 1969, assumed the position of the team's Chief Instructor until 1971.

He moved to Fountain Valley, California, in 1971 to attend Pepperdine Law School in Santa Ana. He began training under Professor Mike Chubb shortly thereafter. He was awarded his first degree black belt in Danzan Ryu jujitsu in 1977. He is currently a kudan, ninth degree, in Danzan Ryu.

Prof. Fischer has served on the board of directors of the Southern California Jujitsu Association, the American Jujitsu Institute, and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai. He has been involved in a number of projects, including the formation of the Ohana weekends, the AAU National Jujitsu Championships, and the Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame. He has received service awards from several Danzan Ryu organizations and was the first two-time recipient of the Luciani Service Award, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai's highest honor.

Professor Fischer is a practicing attorney in Southern California.

Words of Wisdom

"Don't tell fish stories where the people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish." – *Mark Twain*

"Teach this triple truth to all: a generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity." – *Buddha*

"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass...It's about learning how to dance in the rain." – *Vivian Greene*

"One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon-instead of enjoying the roses blooming outside our windows today." – *Dale Carnegie*

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude." – *Thomas Jefferson*

"You are never a loser until you quit trying." – *Mike Ditka*

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends. To appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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Professor George Arrington has put together five books of Danzan Ryu philosophy and techniques. Be sure to visit his bookstore at:

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You can purchase a hard copy or an e-book of any of Professor Arrington's titles on his website.

(“Old Photos,” continued from page FOUR)

All three of these men were original students of Professor Okazaki’s. Professor Limbago passed away in 2004. Professor Jay passed away in 2011. Professor Gonzales passed away in 2001. We will not get to meet people like them again. They radiated good will and the Esoteric Principles. They were at Shoshin Ryu functions because they saw in Shoshin Ryu what they saw in themselves.

Next is an interesting picture from the early 1990s taken at the Downey YMCA after a Randori contest. The picture shows the three black belt winners. On the far left is Dennis Fortner from the Santa Ana Jerome Center Dojo, in the center is Professor Jon Jacques, and on the far right is Professor Rich Charlebois. The most important thing to notice is Professor Charlebois made it through the contest without breaking his nose. He has broken it several



times, but managed to avoid it that day.

So where are they? Dennis Fortner? No idea. Dropped off the map. Professor Jacques? He’s the sensei of the Downey YMCA Dojo in Downey, California, and has been for many years. Professor Charlebois is the sensei of the only Shoshin Ryu dojo in Maine.



Perhaps another fine point of this picture is Professor Jacques’ hair is brown, not grey, and Professor Charlebois HAS hair. Really, he did have hair until med school.

Finally, the picture below is from the early 1990s and shows the following people from left to right: Professors Roy Center, Helen Corollo, Joe Holck, Dominic Corollo, Carl Beaver, and Mike Chubb.

It is hard to pinpoint where this was taken but that mat had a lot of heavy hitters on it. Dai-Shihan Holck and Professor Beaver were original students of Professor Okazaki. Dominic and Helen Corollo were the most lethal husband and wife judo team on the planet. Professor Center? He did a technique on my wife once and made her cry, not from pain, but from the sheer precision and speed with which he did the art. Finally Professor Chubb has been practicing jujitsu since 1959 and fifty-plus years later, he’s still rolling along.



Hope you enjoyed the pictures from the old days. For those of us that have been around they are sure to jog some memories. For those of you who were not, maybe these pictures will inspire you, because today’s activities are tomorrow’s memories.